



19 February 2020

To: Each Member of the Council

Dear Member

MEETING OF ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBAY BOROUGH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council will be held in the **Round Tower, Antrim Civic Centre on Monday, 24 February 2020 at 6.30pm.**

You are requested to attend.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jacqui Dixon".

Jacqui Dixon, BSc MBA

Chief Executive, Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council

PLEASE NOTE:

Fork buffet will be available from 5.15 pm in the cafe.

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AGENDA

- 1 Bible Reading and Prayer (In accordance with Standing Orders, Members are not required to attend for this part of the meeting and, following this part of the meeting, Members outside the Chamber will be called to the meeting).
- 2 Apologies.
- 3 Declarations of Interest.
- 4 To take as read and confirm the minutes of the proceedings of the Council Meeting of the Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council held on Monday, 27 January 2020, a copy of which is **enclosed**.
- 5 To approve the minutes of the proceedings of the Operations Committee Meeting of Monday, 3 February 2020, a copy of which is **enclosed**.
- 6 To approve the minutes of the proceedings of the Policy and Governance Committee Meeting of Tuesday, 4 February 2020, a copy of which is **enclosed**.
- 7 To take as read and confirm the minutes of the proceedings of the Special Council Meeting of the Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council held on Monday, 10 February 2020, a copy of which is **enclosed**.
- 8 To approve the minutes of the proceedings of the Community Planning Committee Meeting held on Monday, 10 February 2020, a copy of which is **enclosed**.
- 9(a) To approve Part 1 of the minutes of the proceedings of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Monday, 17 February 2020, a copy of which is **enclosed**.
- (b) To take as read and confirm the Part 2 of the minutes of the proceedings of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Monday, 17 February 2020, a copy of which is **enclosed**.
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REPORT ON BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2020

10. ITEMS FOR DECISION

10.1 TO APPROVE THE SEALING OF DOCUMENTS

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

- Lease for Premises within Lough Neagh Gateway Centre between Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council and Lough Neagh Rescue Ltd
- Agreement to Surrender Licence relating to lands at Loughshore Park, Antrim between Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council and Lough Neagh Rescue Limited
- Form of Agreement - Playground improved Access and Inclusive Play Works
- Form of Agreement – Design and Supervision Rathcoole Play Park Works

RECOMMENDATION: that the documents be signed and sealed.

Prepared by: Deirdre Nelson, Paralegal

Agreed by: Paul Casey, Head of Legal Services and Borough Lawyer

10.2 PT/CI/029 CORPORATE IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2020-21 DRAFT FOR CONSULTATION

Members are reminded that Part 12 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 puts in place a new framework to support the continuous improvement of Council services, in the context of strategic objectives and issues.

Section 85 of the Act requires a Council, for each financial year, to set itself improvement objectives for improving the exercise of its functions and to have in place arrangements to achieve those objectives. These objectives must be framed so that each improvement objective so as to bring about improvement in at least one of the specified aspects of improvement as defined in Section 86:

Strategic Effectiveness; Service Quality; Service Availability; Fairness; Sustainability; Efficiency; Innovation.

Officers have prepared a Corporate Improvement Plan 2020-21 (Draft for Consultation) and this is **enclosed** for Members' consideration.

The Corporate Improvement Plan 2020-21 includes:

- Improvement objectives and measures of success;
- Corporate improvement Indicators for all Council services;
- Statutory Indicators and measures of success;
- Governance arrangements.

This document provides a strategic overview of the major projects and measures of success for the forthcoming year. The Plan identifies the lead Head of Service, thus providing transparency / accountability at a Head of Service level.

Departmental guidance, indicates that Councils should '*develop an on-going dialogue with our communities and areas that it serves, so that the setting of improvement objectives is a jointly owned process centred on a balanced assessment of the needs of the community as a whole, rather than any particular organisation or interest group within it.*'

To this end, it is proposed to conduct a twelve-week consultation period to encourage feedback from our stakeholders.

Following the consultation, a revised draft will be brought to Members' attention in June 2020.

Elected Members are reminded that it was agreed that quarterly progress reports are submitted to the Audit Committee for scrutiny and challenge and to ensure that an evaluation of risk and an assessment of performance is carried out, prior to a subsequent Council meeting for approval.

Performance against the Corporate Improvement Plan is reported using a traffic light system.

Where items are confirmed as 'green' (already achieved or on track to achieve), no further information need be provided.

Where items are assessed as 'amber' (at risk) or 'red' (not achieved), further detailed information and an action plan will be provided to the most appropriate Committee/Council.

The Plan has been screened for equality and there are no implications to the equality of opportunity or good relations of the Section 75 equality categories. A copy of the Screening Form, is **enclosed** for Members' consideration.

A Rural Needs Impact Assessment of the Plan has been carried out to ensure Rural Proofing and is **enclosed** for Members' consideration.

RECOMMENDATION: that the Corporate Improvement Plan 2020-21 (Draft for Consultation), Equality Screening Form and Rural Needs Impact Assessment are approved, subject to consultation with key stakeholders.

Prepared by: James Porter, Performance Improvement Officer

Agreed by: Helen Hall, Head of Performance and Transformation

Approved by: Sandra Cole, Director of Finance and Governance

10.3 G/MSMO/17 NO-ARC21 - REQUEST TO PRESENT TO COUNCIL

Members are advised that correspondence (**enclosed**) has been received from No-Arc21, a community group which opposes the building of a waste incinerator at the Hightown Quarry in Newtownabbey, requesting the opportunity to make a presentation to Council to set out their views on the proposed incinerator and detail why they consider that incineration runs contrary to moves towards a more eco-friendly society.

The letter states that the presentation would take around 45 minutes followed by a short Q&A session in which No-Arc21 would be happy to answer any questions raised by Councillors. Members will be aware that Standing Orders limit the time of presentations from deputations to 10 minutes.

The Council's instructions are requested.

Prepared by: Member Services

Approved by: Jacqui Dixon, Chief Executive

10.4 CP/GEN/037 COMMUNITY FESTIVALS GRANT AID PROGRAMME RECOMMENDATIONS 2020/2021

Members are advised that the closing date for receipt of applications under the Community Festivals Grant Aid Programme for 2020/21 was 13 December 2019. To support applications to this grant aid programme, officers delivered 4 grant workshops and offered one-to-one support to any interested groups.

Members will be aware that a pass threshold of 50% applies to applications to the Community Festivals Fund and that groups are not required to demonstrate match funding however where a group evidences match funding this is reflected in the scoring. Members should also note that proposed awards are subject to the receipt of all relevant supporting documentation, or the offer of funding will be withdrawn.

The total budget available for the 2020/21 Community Festivals Fund is £80,000 as provided for in the estimates, of which £27,400 (similar to the amount awarded in 2019/20) is expected from the Department for Communities (DFC) under its Community Festivals Programme for 2020/21 and the remaining £52,600 from the Council. Notification of the 2020/21 award is expected from DFC in March 2020 and will be reported to the Council in April.

In total 25 applications were received and assessed by a panel of Officers, a full list of all the applications received and the scores awarded is enclosed for Members' information. The total amount requested from all 25 applications is £109,248.42.

21 applications successfully achieved the required 50% pass threshold requesting £92,438.42. If all 21 applications are to be funded at the level requested then an additional £12,438.42 is required.

The Department for Communities are unable at this moment to commit any additional financial resources to the Community Festivals Grant Aid Programme therefore officers have drawn up a number of options to address this shortfall as follows:

- Option 1:** To fund all successful, eligible requests at 100% (£92,438.42) with Council increasing the established budget by an additional £12,438.42.
- Option 2:** To rank all applications in descending order in relation to their score and identify a cut-off point to which applications can be funded based on the budget available. On this occasion this option would mean that only 18 groups out of the 21 that achieved the 50% pass threshold would get funded with the last three groups in the ranked order, who each scored 52%, receiving a reduced award of £4,187.19.
- Option 3:** To reduce all successful requests by 13.5% to achieve allocation within the existing budget.

As in previous years Officers will arrange to meet with any unsuccessful groups to provide feedback on their applications and to signpost to other relevant funders.

If Members decide to commit an additional £12,438.42 this would be funded through efficiency savings in the Community Planning budget.

The Council's instructions are requested.

Prepared by: Jonathan Henderson, Community Services Officer

Agreed by: Diane Clarke, Temporary Head of Community Planning

Approved by: Nick Harkness, Director of Community Planning

10.5 CP/GEN/036 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT AID PROGRAMME - RECOMMENDATIONS 2020/2021

Members are advised that the closing date for receipt of applications under the Community Development Grant Aid Programme for 2020/21 was 13 December 2019. To support applications to this grant aid programme, Officers delivered 4 grant workshops and offered one-to-one support to any interested groups.

Members will be aware that a pass threshold of 50% applies to applications to the Community Development Grant Aid Programme and that groups are not required to demonstrate match funding, however where a group evidences match funding this would be reflected in the scoring.

In relation to insurance for programme/activities, successful applicants under Community Outreach and Involvement, Summer Schemes and Technical Assistance would also be entitled to financial assistance towards insurance cover up to a maximum of £500. Members are also advised that proposed awards are subject to the receipt of all relevant supporting documentation, or the offer of funding will be withdrawn.

The total budget available for the 2020/21 Community Development Grant Aid Programme is £240,000 as provided for in the estimates, of which £50,428.20 (similar to the amount awarded in 2019/20) is expected from the Department for Communities (DFC) under its Community Support Programme for 2020/21. Notification of the 2020/21 award is expected from DFC in March 2020 and will be reported to the Council in April.

In total 70 applications were received and assessed by a panel of Officers. The total amount requested from all 70 applications is £164,093.93. 58 applications successfully achieved the 50% pass threshold requesting £134,438.93.

In addition 29 premises grant recipients, who were successful in achieving 3 year funding in 2019, submitted expenditure profiles for 2020/21 and as the financial award for year 2 has increased from £3,500 to £5,000 the total amount requested for year 2 is £135,640.00.

The total amount requested therefore under the Community Development Grant Aid Programme for 2020/21 across all categories is £270,078.93

A detailed summary of the applications and score sheets is **enclosed** for members' information. A breakdown of the different grant categories is also provided in the table below.

Summary of Community Development Grant Aid 2020/21 Year Two Premises Grants				
Grant Stream	Number of Applications	Successful Applications (Scored 50% and above in 2019/20 Year One)	Total Requested Year Two	Total Recommended Awarded Year Two
Premises (Year 2)	29	29	£135,640.00	£135,640.00
Summary of Community Development Grant Aid 2020/21				
Grant Stream	Number of Applications	Successful Applications (Scored 50% and above)	Total Requested	Total Recommended
Premises (New)	9	8	£ 42,548.45	£ 37,348.45
CO&I (Including Additional Insurance)	34	29	£ 70,670.48	£ 61,870.48
Summer Scheme (Including Additional Insurance)	20	17	£ 29,875.00	£ 23,220.00
Technical Assistance (Including Additional Insurance)	7	4	£ 21,000.00	£ 12,000.00
Sub Total	70	58	£164,093.93	£134,438.93
Total Including Year 2 Premises	n/a	n/a	n/a	£270,078.93
Overspend	n/a	n/a	n/a	£ 30,078.93

Setting aside the Year 2 Premises Grants totalling £135,640.00 which have been committed for 2020/21 if all successful applications are to be funded at the current level then an additional £30,078.93 will have to be required. In addition a further £10,000 will have to be secured to deliver the Small Grants Programme in 2020/21.

The Department for Communities are unable at this moment to commit any additional financial resources to the Community Development Grant Aid programme therefore officers have drawn up a number of options to address this shortfall as follows:

Option 1: To fund all successful, eligible requests at 100% (£270,078.93) with Council increasing the established budget by an additional £40,078.93 to include £10,000 for the Small Grants Programme in 2020/21.

Option 2: To rank all applications in descending order in relation to their score and identify a cut-off point to which applications can be funded based on the budget available. On this occasion this option would mean that 43 groups out of the 58 that achieved the 50% pass threshold would get funded. An

additional £10,000 would also be required to deliver the Small Grants Programme later in 2020/21.

Option 3: To reduce all successful requests by 22.4% to achieve allocation within the existing budget. An additional £10,000 would also be required to deliver the Small Grants Programme later in 2020/21.

Option 4: To reduce all successful requests by 29.9% this would fund all applications and leave £10,118.31 to deliver the small grants programme later in 2020/21.

As in previous years Officers will arrange to meet with any unsuccessful groups to provide feedback on their applications and to signpost to other relevant funders.

If Members decide to commit an additional £40,078.93 or £10,000 this would be funded through efficiency savings in the Community Planning budget.

The Council's instructions are requested.

Prepared by: Jonathan Henderson, Community Services Officer

Agreed by: Diane Clarke, Temporary Head of Community Planning

Approved by: Nick Harkness, Director of Community Planning

10.6 CP/P4/047 PEACE PLUS STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Members are reminded PEACE PLUS is the upcoming new cross border EU funded programme that will contribute to a more prosperous and stable society in Northern Ireland and the border region of Ireland. The programme will achieve this by funding peace building activities, and activities that contribute to the cross border economic development across the region.

The PEACE PLUS programme will combine previous PEACE and INTERREG funding streams in a single programme. Members are reminded that the Council has a proven track record of administering, co-ordinating and delivering both PEACE and INTERREG programmes.

SEUPB is currently open for stakeholder engagement on the PEACE PLUS programme. The purpose of the stakeholder engagement is to get input from stakeholders on potential funding themes for PEACE PLUS programme as well as feedback on delivery options as proposed in the regulations.

The combination of the PEACE and INTERREG type activities in a single programme means there is an opportunity to strategically cut across many council departments whilst supporting the Corporate and Community plans with focus on People, Place and Prosperity across the Borough and any associated applications.

SEUPB have hosted a number of stakeholder consultation events in recent weeks that have been attended by Council Directors and Officers to ascertain the programme objectives, themes and potential benefits to Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council.

The engagement process closes on Tuesday 25 February 2020. With Members' agreement, an online survey will be completed by Officers as a corporate response for the Council with particular focus and emphasis on our own corporate plan. It is proposed that the Council's response will emphasise the importance of educational and skills attainment (People) to ensure legacy through economic and socially sustainable communities across the Borough.

It is also suggested that Council's responses should highlight the importance of a focus on social enterprise development (Place & Prosperity) and empowering communities to be prosperous.

RECOMMENDATION: that Members approve officers to complete the PEACE PLUS online survey on behalf of the Council and so doing to highlight the desire for a focus on education and skills attainment, social enterprise and socially and economically sustainable communities.

Prepared by: Ronan McKenna, Community Planning Manager

Approved by: Nick Harkness, Director of Community Planning

10.7 CD/PM/084 and L/LEI/00/014 RANDALSTOWN PITCH DEVELOPMENT

Members are reminded that in September 2018, Council agreed that a 3G pitch would be developed on the grass pitches in Neillsbrook, Randalstown. Following an extensive consultation process with local hockey, rugby and football clubs, it was finally proposed that the rugby club would consider the development of a 3G facility on one their leased pitches.

There are currently three grass pitches at Neillsbrook, two of which are leased to Randalstown Rugby Football Club on a 25 year lease (£500 per annum). The lease expires in 2022. The clubhouse is separately leased on a 99-year lease. The remaining pitch is operated by council and used mainly by local football teams.

Following a recent EGM to discuss the proposal, correspondence has been received (**enclosed**) to advise Council that the Club does not wish to proceed. In relation to the lease for the pitches, the Club has also indicated that it would like to begin negotiations regarding renewal of the lease for the pitches.

RECOMMENDATION: that the correspondence be noted, and that the Head of Leisure liaise with Randalstown RFC in regards to the renewal of leases for the two aforementioned grass pitches at Neillsbrook.

Prepared by: Vicki Kyles, Executive Assistant to Director of Operations

Agreed by: Matt McDowell, Head of Leisure

Approved by: Geraldine Girvan, Director of Operations

10.8 ED/ED/080/VOL4 CORPORATE EVENTS SPONSORSHIP – IRISH GAME FAIR

An application has been received from Country Lifestyle Exhibitions Ltd, a summary of the assessment process carried out by Officers is outlined in the table below.

The Council has funded this event since 2013 and it has become a recurring event in the Borough's event programme. Event organisers are forecasting event attendance in excess of 25,000 with 2,600+ bed nights. The 2020 event funding request is for £15,000 which represents 7.5% of the overall event budget. The application projects a total visitor and participant spend of £581,514 to be generated.

APPLICANT	EVENT NAME	LOCATION/DATE	SCORE (PASS RATE = 50%)	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AWARD RECOMMENDED
Country Lifestyle Exhibitions Ltd	Irish Game Fair and Fine Food Festival	Shane's Castle 27-28 June 20	87.5%	£15,000	£15,000

Members are reminded that at the Council meeting in January 2020, it was agreed to introduce a number of interim measures as outlined below until completion of the Events Review:

- (a) The ceiling for Corporate Events Sponsorship will increase from £10,000 to £15,000 per event
- (b) The funding award will be offered for Year 1 (2020) with an indicative offer at a similar level for the following two years, 2021 and 2022, subject to the outcome of an annual evaluation, therefore negating the need to reapply each year.
- (c) The following scoring thresholds will apply:

0-49	= 0% funding
50-59	= 50%
60-75	= 75%
76+	=100%

RECOMMENDATION: that the Council provides

- a) sponsorship in the sum of £15,000 to Country Lifestyle Exhibitions Ltd for the Irish Game Fair and Fine Food Festival 2020 from the Corporate Events budget;**
- b) an indicative funding offer at a similar level for the event in 2021 and 2022 subject to the outcome of an annual evaluation.**

Prepared by: Karen Steele, Tourism, Town Centre & Regeneration Manager

Agreed by: Colin McCabrey, Head of Economic Development

Approved by: Majella McAlister, Director of Economic Development and Planning

10.9 ED/ED/159 GILBERT SISTER CITIES STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

Members are reminded that following a competitive recruitment process two students were approved to take part in the Sister Cities Student Exchange Programme by Council in January 2020. Post-approval, one of the successful candidates withdrew from the process for personal reasons. This has resulted in a reserve candidate being offered a place on the Student Exchange Programme.

Subsequent to this, Gilbert Sister Cities has contacted the Council to ask if Members would consider a further two students whose original exchange with China has been postponed indefinitely. They are currently only at the stage of exploring alternative options. Officers have engaged with potential reserve participants arising from the Council's recent application process and gained a commitment from a further two students.

Provision for this programme has been made in the Economic Development Budget.

RECOMMENDATION: that, subject to satisfactory references and Access NI checks,

- a) **Ella-Beth Faulkner and Christian Perry, take part in the 2020 Student Exchange Programme.**
- b) **the Council supports two reserve candidates to participate in Gilbert Sister Cities Student Exchange Programme if confirmed by Sister Cities at an indicative additional cost of £2,500.**

Prepared by: Carly Long, Economic Development Project Officer

Agreed by: Colin McCabrey, Head of Economic Development

Approved by: Majella McAlister, Director of Economic Development and Planning

10.10 HR/LD/024 HR/LD/024 ONUS, BESPOKE ACCREDITATION PROGRAMME

Members are advised that a funding request has been received from ONUS to enable the delivery of its bespoke accreditation scheme known as Pathways for Participation programme. This programme will complement the ongoing work currently supported by the Council to enable awareness raising about domestic violence and sexual violence or abuse, with key stakeholders through the active engagement of community groups.

ONUS was established as a social enterprise by Women's Aid Antrim, Ballymena, Carrickfergus, Larne and Newtownabbey (ABCLN) in 2007 and offers specialist training and consultancy services on domestic violence and/or abuse. Its Workplace Charter on Domestic Violence is a bespoke accreditation scheme which recognises organisations, businesses, churches and communities, for their support to anyone affected by domestic violence and/or abuse.

It has a range of supported pathways to empower communities to recognise and respond to those affected by domestic or sexual violence or abuse.

The bespoke accreditation programme is designed to ensure that those affected by domestic abuse are directed to the support services that they need.

The extensive range of pathways are well established (see [Appendix 1](#)) and are known as:

- Safe Place
- Safe School
- Safe Church
- Safe Employer
- Safe Community
- Safe Village
- Safe Borough/City

With the support of ONUS, the Council has achieved Platinum Charter Status and Safe Borough Charter Status, which supports the Council's overarching vision to build a resilient and socially responsible community as reflected in its Community Plan.

To enable the delivery of programme, ONUS has requested that Members consider its funding request of £20,000. This will allow the Council to maintain and retain Platinum Charter Status and Safe Borough Charter Status and ONUS to provide certified training programmes across its established pathways.

RECOMMENDATION: that funding of £20,000 be approved for ONUS to deliver its bespoke accreditation scheme.

Prepared and Approved by, Andrea McCooke, Director of Organisation Development

10.11 ED/ED/040/VOL2 CRANFIELD SCULPTURE

The Lough Neagh Landscape Partnership has secured £2,500 to install a small sculpture at Cranfield that will reflect the history of the fishing culture and the families who were involved in the industry. After a period of community consultation, a concept for content was agreed and Diane McCormick Ceramics was appointed to prepare a series of design options.

The selected option **enclosed** comprises a 1m high cylindrical structure on a concrete base with the top made from natural stone. The ceramic finish will have images of boats, maps, eels, and pollan with the stone inscribed with “In memory of the generations of families who fished from Cranfield and the north shore of Lough Neagh”. The Sculpture will be installed at the location **enclosed**.

Officers have liaised with the Parks Department to ensure the location and manufacture of the artwork does not cause any operational management concerns.

RECOMMENDATION: that the Council approves the installation of the sculpture at Cranfield.

Prepared by: Karen Steele – Tourism, Town Centre & Regeneration Manager

Agreed by: Colin McCabrey, Head of Economic Development

Approved by: Majella McAlister, Director of Economic Development & Planning

10.12 CE/OA/033 TRANSLINK – REQUEST FOR ROADSHOW

Members are advised that correspondence (**enclosed**) has been received from Translink requesting the opportunity to progress engagement with Members by facilitating a “roadshow” type event ahead of a full Council meeting. The Roadshow would involve a small stand, manned by local Translink bus and rail staff, in an appropriate area promoting services in the area, as well as Northern Ireland-wide corporate issues.

The Roadshow would be in place for 60-90 minutes before the start of the Council meeting to give Elected Members and officials an opportunity to engage on local public transport matters prior to the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: that the request from Translink to provide a Roadshow prior to the March Council meeting be approved.

Prepared by: Member Services

Approved by: Jacqui Dixon, Chief Executive

10.13 G/MSMO/011 DRAINAGE COUNCIL NORTHERN IRELAND

Members are reminded that at the Annual General Meeting of Council in May 2019, the position of responsibility for the Drainage Council was selected by Sinn Féin and subsequently Cllr Logue was nominated.

The table below shows where the position was selected:

Position Number	Party	Councillor	Position	Year Selection
53	Sinn Féin	Cllr Logue	Drainage Council	Term
54	Alliance	Cllr Kelly	arc21	Term
55	DUP	Cllr Bennington	arc21	Term

Subsequent to this the Drainage Council informed Council that appointments to the Drainage Council are made by the Minister of Infrastructure and that they wish to extend Cllr Webb's appointment to May 2020.

The Drainage Council now require Council to put forward two nominees to go forward for a public appointments process.

At Group Party Leaders meeting on 23rd January 2020 it was agreed that the Drainage Council would be removed from the Positions of Responsibility and Council would nominate two Elected Members to go forward for public appointment to the Drainage Council.

The removal of the Drainage Council from the Positions of Responsibility would leave the remaining two places to arc21. The revised positions of responsibility table is set out below:

Position Number	Party	Councillor	Position	Year Selection
53	Sinn Féin		arc21	Term
54	Alliance	Cllr Kelly	arc21	Term

RECOMMENDATION: that

- 1. the revised Positions of Responsibility be noted;**
- 2. Sinn Féin select a Councillor for arc21;**
- 3. Council nominates two Elected Members to go forward for public appointment to the Drainage Council**

Prepared by: Liz Johnston, Head of Governance

Approved by: Sandra Cole, Director of Finance & Governance

10.14 ED/ED/038/A INTERNATIONAL LINKAGES – INVITATION FROM THE MAYOR OF DORSTEN

An invitation has been received from the Mayor of Dorsten, Tobias Stockhoff, for the Mayor and a representative from the twinning association to attend a commemorative event to mark the 75th Anniversary of the end of the Second World War. The event will be held over the weekend of 21st and 22nd March 2020 and will acknowledge the enduring desire for peace and understanding between nations which is reflected in the eight twinning relationships which Dorsten supports.

RECOMMENDATION: that the Mayor and Cllr McWilliam along with an appropriate Officer attend the event.

Prepared and Approved by: Majella McAlister, Director of Economic Development and Planning

11. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

11.1 FI/FIN/4 BUDGET REPORT – JANUARY 2020

A budget report for January 2020 is enclosed for Members information.

The Council's variance on Net Cost of Services for the period to the end of January is £503k favourable.

In setting the Estimates for the year, Council has budgeted to apply a credit balance from reserves of £700k, equating to £583k for the period of the report.

Taking account of the credit balance application, the favourable variance to date and the income from District Rates and the De-Rating grant being on budget for the period, the overall position of the Council is a decrease of £80k to the General Fund rather than a budgeted decrease of £583k.

RECOMMENDATION: that the report be noted.

Prepared by: Richard Murray, Management Accountant

Agreed By: John Balmer, Head of Finance

Approved by: Sandra Cole, Director of Finance and Governance

11.2 CE/OA/013 NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSING COUNCIL BULLETIN – FEBRUARY 2020

As agreed at the August 2019 meeting of the Council, the Northern Ireland Housing Council's February 2020 monthly bulletin is **enclosed** for Members' information.

RECOMMENDATION: that the report be noted.

Prepared by: Member Services

Approved by: Jacqui Dixon, Chief Executive

11.3 ED/ED/140 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP AND WORKING GROUP MINUTES

Members are advised that the Partnership and Working Group Minutes as listed below can be viewed in the new electronic folder called "**Partnership Minutes for Members Information**" on Members iPads.

Economic Development		
File Ref	Date of Meeting	Name of Partnership
ED/MI/250	14 December 2018 AGM	GROW Local Action Group Meeting
ED/MI/250	13 September 2019	GROW Local Action Group Meeting
ED/MI/250	19 December 2019	GROW Local Action Group Meeting

RECOMMENDATION: that the GROW Local Action Group Minutes listed be noted.

Prepared by: Kim Murray, Business Support

Agreed by: Colin McCabrey, Head of Economic Development

Approved by: Majella McAlister, Director of Economic Development and Planning

11.4 ED/EUP/2 RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME: EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Members are reminded that GROW South Antrim is responsible for delivering the Northern Ireland Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 (NIRDP) across the Borough to include grant aid funding to support rural businesses, community organisations and village renewal projects. It is also responsible for working in cooperation with other Rural Development clusters across Europe. The GROW South Antrim programme budget of £2,248,000 has now been fully allocated across the Borough of Antrim and Newtownabbey and is closed for new applications.

However, the Programme Managing Authority, the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) has identified remaining funds in the overall NIRDP and invited Expressions of Interest for additional Village Renewal projects. The maximum grant aid available in this Expression of Interest call per project is a grant of up to £500,000 at a maximum grant rate of 75%. Match funding can come from a variety of non-EU sources, including the Council, contribution in kind, other government departments or private funding. Councils are the only eligible applicant under the Village Renewal Scheme, but the project must be identified in the Village Plan which was produced following extensive village community consultation.

Having reviewed the projects completed to date, the remaining projects within Village Plans and the timescale restrictions to complete projects, Officers have submitted five Expressions of Interest to DAERA for their consideration:

Village & Project	Project Cost Estimate	Potential NIRDP funding (75%)	Potential match funding (25%)
Ballynure: Linking the Village to the proposed Greenway project, including footpath and a walking route around McCreary's Wood	£312,000	£234,000	£78,000
Creggan: Works to Cranfield jetty and slipway, toilet block, natural play area and visitor services	£410,000	£307,500	£102,500
Doagh: Public realm and environmental improvement works in the village centre, including shopfront and signage works	£340,000	£255,000	£85,000
Templepatrick: Improvement works to two roundabouts at either entrance of the village	£70,000	£52,500	£17,500
Toome: Riverwalk improvements, viewing platform and facilities for outdoor activity development	£155,000	£116,250	£38,750
TOTAL	£1,287,000	£965,250	£321,750

If successful in the Expression of Interest stage, the Council will be invited to submit a full application for projects by 30th September 2020, which will include full procurement of the project via tendering, full planning permission in place, match funding secured and an application form and business-case for the project. Projects will have to be completed by 30th September 2021.

Officers will report back to Members on the outcome of the Expression of Interest stage prior to progressing any successful projects to full application.

RECOMMENDATION: that the report be noted.

Prepared by: Emma Stubbs, Economic & Rural Development Manager

Agreed by: Colin McCabrey, Head of Economic Development

Approved by: Majella McAlister, Director of Economic Development and Planning

11.5 ED/ED/040 V2 LOUGH ROAD TRAFFIC SOLUTION

Members are reminded that it was agreed in October 2019 that Officers should acknowledge the letter received from the DfI Network Development Manager (enclosed) regarding a traffic management solution at the Lough Road and advise that it falls short of what is required to manage traffic in the area. Members also requested that the Department be asked to introduce a temporary one-way system until a better system has been identified.

A response has now been received from the Network Development Manager, (enclosed) which indicates that the Traffic Management section in Ballymena has been asked to consider if introducing a ban on right-turn movements out of Lough Road is an appropriate measure, given that the delays appear to be confined to a very limited period of the day. This proposal would be subject to a consultation process if it were to be progressed.

RECOMMENDATION: that the report be noted.

Prepared & Approved by: Majella McAlister, Director of Economic Development and Planning

11.6 G/MSMO/14 MOTION – NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Members are advised that correspondence has been received from Newry, Mourne and Down District Council regarding a Motion adopted by that Council requesting Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council's support.

A copy of the letter is **enclosed** for Members' information.

RECOMMENDATION: that the correspondence from Newry, Mourne and Down District Council be noted.

Prepared by: Member Services

Approved by: Jacqui Dixon, Chief Executive