



23 March 2022

To: Each Member of the Council

Dear Member

MEETING OF ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBAY BOROUGH COUNCIL

A meeting of Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council will be held on **Monday 28 March 2022 at 6.30 pm.**

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

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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 Special Council Meeting of Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council held on Monday 28 February 2022, a copy of which is **enclosed**.
- 5 To take as read and confirm the minutes of the proceedings of the Council Meeting of Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council held on Monday 28 February 2022, a copy of which is **enclosed**.
- 6 To approve the minutes of the proceedings of the Operations Committee Meeting of Monday 7 March 2022, a copy of which is **enclosed**.
- 7 To approve the minutes of the proceedings of the Policy and Governance Committee Meeting of Tuesday 8 March 2022, a copy of which is **enclosed**.
- 8 To approve the minutes of the proceedings of the Community Planning Committee Meeting held on Monday 14 March 2022, a copy of which is **enclosed**.
- 9(a) To take as read and confirm the Part 1 of the minutes of the proceedings of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Monday 21 March 2022, a copy of which is **enclosed**.
- 9(b) To approve Part 2 of the minutes of the proceedings of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Monday 21 March 2022, a copy of which is **enclosed**.
- 10 To approve the minutes of the proceedings of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on Monday 22 March 2022, a copy of which is **enclosed**.
- 11 Presentation by Northern Ireland Water
- 12 ITEMS FOR DECISION
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- 13.2 End of Emergency Period - Planning (Development Management) (Temporary Modifications) (Coronavirus) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020

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- 14.1 Scheme of Delegation: Local Development Plan
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- 14.3 Antrim Levelling Up Fund Lease Agreement
- 14.4 Consultation on Parks Resources Proposals
- 14.5 Strategic Communications Review

15 NOTICE OF MOTION

Proposed by Councillor Roisin Lynch
Seconded by Councillor Ryan Wilson

This Council notes:

1. That the Real Living Wage is a level of pay based on the principle that full-time work should guarantee a decent standard of living.
2. That even in difficult financial circumstances, more and more Councils are now paying or have committed to pay the Real Living Wage.
3. That the Real Living Wage is set annually and independently.

4. That the current level is £9.90 an hour.

Therefore this Council:

1. Supports the introduction of a Real Living Wage to all directly engaged, contracted and sub-contracted staff.
2. Will undertake investigations into the cost of fully implementing the Real Living Wage including the number of staff currently paid below the Living Wage, by how much and in what roles they work.
3. Will adopt a policy of supporting the Real Living Wage in procurement on a case by case basis.
4. Will seek accreditation as a Real Living Wage employer through the Living Wage Foundation.

**REPORT ON BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED
AT THE COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY 28 MARCH 2022**

11 G/MSMO/007 VOL 5 PRESENTATION BY NORTHERN IRELAND WATER

Following a request from NI Water, it was agreed at the January Council Meeting that representatives be invited to make a presentation to update Members on the outcome of Price Control 21 (2021-2027) Final Determination agreed with the NI Utility Regulator.

NI Water will also take this opportunity to outline development constraints within the Council area and advise how they are addressing this challenge.

Dr Stephen Blockwell, Head of Investment Management, and Mr David McCullough, Head of Wastewater Services, will be in attendance via Zoom

Prepared by: Member Services

Approved by: Jacqui Dixon, Chief Executive

12 ITEMS FOR DECISION

12.1 G/MSMO/008 VOL 3 CONSULTATION ON MINIMUM UNIT PRICING FOR ALCOHOL IN NI

Correspondence (**enclosed**) has been received from the Department of Health advising of the launch of a public consultation on the introduction of Minimum Unit Pricing for Alcohol in Northern Ireland.

Full details of the consultation and a link to the response questionnaire are available at : www.health-ni.gov.uk/MUP-consultation. The questionnaire will be open until 17 May 2022.

Contacts in relation to the consultation are : HDPB@health-ni.gov.uk

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Members may wish to respond on a corporate, individual or party political basis.

The Council's instructions are requested

Prepared by: Member Services

Approved by: Jacqui Dixon, Chief Executive

12.2 G/MSMO/007/VOL 3 NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSING EXECUTIVE – REQUEST FOR PRESENTATION

Members are advised that a request has been received from the Northern Ireland Housing Executive (copy **enclosed**) requesting the opportunity to present the Housing Investment Plan for the area at a future Council Meeting between August to October 2022. This has been provisionally arranged for the September Council meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: that the Northern Ireland Housing Executive Representatives be invited to address a future Council Meeting.

Prepared by: Member Services

Approved by: Jacqui Dixon, Chief Executive

12.3 ED/ED/102 ESF MATCH FUNDING REQUESTS (APRIL 2022 – MARCH 2023)

Members will recall that in January 2022, the Council was advised that ten organisations had requested match funding for 2022-23 under the European Social Fund Programme. This Programme funds activities to enhance and extend employment opportunities, in particular for those groups at a disadvantage in the labour market who are unemployed or economically inactive or aged 16-24 and not in employment, education or training (NEETS). Since then four of these organisations have secured funding from DfE and no longer require Council support.

The Programme is core funded by European Social Fund (50%) and the Department for the Economy (15%), with the successful organisations expected to source the remaining 35% of match funding. Typically, this has been through a combination of additional funding from the Department for the Economy, the Department for Communities, local Councils and the organisation's own funding sources. The Department of the Economy has written to the Chief Executive to determine what funds will be available from the Council for projects operating in the Borough. A summary of the projects and their current funding status is noted below. The first 4 organisations have previously been supported by the Council in the 2018 – 2022 period, with £67,528 committed to them collectively in 2021. Between April 2018 – December 2021, 159 residents of Antrim and Newtownabbey have been supported into new jobs as a result of participating in ESF funded programmes supported by Council. The final 2 projects, The Bytes project and Access Centre NI have requested match funding from the Council for the first time in 2022-23.

Project	Project Promoter	Theme	Total Project Cost	CORE Funding: ESF and DfE Funding (65%)	Match funding Required (35%)	Outstanding Balance of Funds to be Secured as at 24.2.22	Total Match Funding Requested from ANBC 2022/23	Total Match Funding provided by Council in 2021/22
1	Ulster Supported Employment Limited (Usel)	Persons with a Disability	1,002,338	651,519	350,818	112,500	12,500	12,500
2	The Prince's Trust NI Project 1	NEETS	1,988,249	1,292,362	695,887	76,771	35,497	36,313
3	The Prince's Trust NI Project 2	UE / EI*	789,817	513,381	276,436	138,218	13,910	Included in above
4	Enterprise Northern Ireland	UE / EI	459,892	298,930	160,962	143,413	22,741	6,215
5	NOW Group	Persons with a Disability	1,301,526	845,992	455,534	162,767	25,000	12,500
	SUBTOTAL							
6	The Bytes Project	NEETS	355,271	230,926	124,345	104,345	10,595	0
7	Access Centre NI	UE / EI	145,737	94,729	51,008	51,008	14,574	0
	SUBTOTAL							
	TOTAL		6,042,830	3,927,839	2,114,990	789,022	134,817	67,528

RECOMMENDATION: that the Council approves the match funding requested of £134,817

Prepared by: Emma Stubbs, Business Development Manager

Agreed by: Colin McCabrey, Head of Economic Development

Approved by: Majella McAlister, Deputy Chief Executive of Economic Growth

12.4 ED/ED/001 INVESTMENT STRATEGY FOR NORTHERN IRELAND CONSULTATION

The Strategic Investment Board (SIB) has developed a new draft Investment Strategy for Northern Ireland (ISNI) on behalf of The Executive Office which is currently open for consultation until 20 April 2022. A copy of the draft Strategy is **enclosed**.

The Department for the Economy has highlighted that this is a critical strategy for Northern Ireland which recognises the need to transition to a Circular Economy as part of its objective to 'Decarbonise our economy and society'. Consultation responses are invited by the closing date of 20 April 2022. Officers have drafted a response for Members' consideration **enclosed**.

RECOMMENDATION: that the draft response be approved.

Prepared and Approved by: Majella McAlister, Deputy Chief Executive of Economic Growth

12.5 P/PLAN/083 DEPARTMENT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE – PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON WATER, FLOODING AND SUSTAINABLE DRAINAGE

The Department for Infrastructure has issued a consultation on policies relating to water, flooding and sustainable drainage. These policies are being considered for future amendments to primary legislation (**enclosed**).

There are nine topics included within the consultation covering a range of proposed new or amended powers for the Department and NI Water. In summary topics being consulted upon are:

- (i) Powers for NI Water to implement wider water shortage measures;
- (ii) Powers for NI Water to enter onto private land to carry out works, for flood risk management purposes including construction of sustainable drainage systems (SuDS);
- (iii) Provision of an enabling power for the Department to introduce arrangements to encourage developers to use sustainable drainage systems (SuDs) as the preferred drainage solution in new developments;
- (iv) Powers for NI Water to adopt certain drainage infrastructure, which is in private ownership and was constructed prior to 1st October 1973;
- (v) Enhanced powers for NI Water to deal with drain and sewer misconnections;
- (vi) Power for NI Water to register Article 161 Agreements in the Statutory Charges Register;
- (vii) Powers for the Department to grant fund Homeowner Flood Protection measures;
- (viii) Powers to provide for easements and additional compensation arrangements for affected landowners to facilitate flood storage; and
- (ix) Technical amendments to enable future amendment of subordinate legislation - Powers for the Department to amend, update or revoke the Drainage (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations Northern Ireland) 2017 and the Water Environment (Floods Directive) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009.

The consultation started on 11 March 2022 for a period of 12 weeks ending on 3 June 2022.

Details on how to respond is available at <https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/consultations/water-flooding-and-sustainable-drainage-consultation>.

Members may wish to respond on a corporate, individual or party political basis.

The Council's instructions are requested.

Prepared by: Sharon Mossman, Deputy Director of Planning

Approved by: Majella McAlister, Deputy Chief Executive of Economic Growth and Planning

12.6 ED/GEN/017 CCTV GRANT PROGRAMME FOR BUSINESS OPERATORS

Members are reminded that approval was previously granted to progress arrangements for a CCTV programme for business operators.

Following an invitation for Expressions of Interest (EOIs) in the Programme, 286 responses were received from across the Borough. As a first phase, Officers have prioritised the EOIs received from businesses located in town centres as summarised in the table below:

Town Centre	Number of EOIs
Ballyclare	20
Crumlin	15
Randalstown	29
Antrim	33
Glengormley	27
TOTAL	124

As the objective of the programme is to improve security for town centre businesses and make the areas more welcoming and attractive, it is proposed that these businesses now be invited to proceed to the application stage under Phase 1 of the CCTV Grant Programme.

A specification has been developed for the CCTV equipment with an estimated cost of £2,500 per business. It is suggested that the Council supports the programme at a funding rate of 75% with the remaining 25% contributed by the businesses themselves.

RECOMMENDATION: that Phase 1 of the CCTV Grant Programme be progressed.

Prepared & Agreed by: Majella McAlister, Deputy Chief Executive of Economic Growth

12.7 G/MSMO/007/VOL 3 HUB AND SPOKE – CONSULTATION

Correspondence (**enclosed**) has been received from the Department of Health advising that a consultation has opened on the option for all community pharmacies to use a 'hub and spoke' dispensing model.

Full details of the consultation and a link to the survey are available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/hub-and-spoke-dispensing>

The survey will be open until 8 June 2022.

The contact in relation to the consultation is Cathy Foster at pharmacyconsultations@health-ni.gov.uk

Members may wish to respond on a corporate, individual or party political basis.

The Council's instructions are requested.

Prepared by: Member Services

Approved by: Jacqui Dixon, Chief Executive

12.8 CP/CP/200 UKRAINIAN REFUGEE SCHEME

Members are advised that The Executive Office is leading an emergency response process in Northern Ireland working in partnership with Councils and other statutory agencies in relation to responding to the needs of Ukrainian refugees entering Northern Ireland.

This is anticipated to be a significant exercise requiring partnership across government central and local and with other sectors.

An initial meeting was held on 14 March 2022 when key actions were discussed. At this meeting Councils were asked to design and deliver Welcome Centres in their local areas in partnership with public sector organisations and the community and voluntary sector. This will include orientation centres as well as centres with short stay accommodation.

It is recognised that there may be financial and resource implications related to such a request. This will be discussed further with local and central government as actions are costed.

All existing Council assets are fully occupied. It is proposed that the Chief Executive be given delegated authority to identify a suitable asset to be used as a Welcome Centre for the Borough in line with TEO guidance as the situation develops in real time.

It is anticipated that an asset in close proximity to International Airport with least disruption to customers will be most suitable.

RECOMMENDATION: that the Chief Executive be granted delegated authority to identify a Council asset for use as a Welcome Centre as part of the co-ordinated emergency response to the Ukrainian Refugee crisis.

Prepared and Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

12.9 CP/CD/441 BYE-LAWS FOR CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL IN DESIGNATED PLACES

Members are reminded of the bye-laws that prohibit the consumption of alcohol in designated places throughout the Borough, including Council Parks.

Two requests from Community Groups wishing to host events, which will include alcohol, in Council facilities covered by such bye-laws have been received as follows:

- Rathcoole Sons of Kai Band - 50th Anniversary Family Fun Day at Sir James Craig Park on 21 May 2022 from 1pm - 7pm.
- Newtownabbey Arts and Culture Network (NACN)- V-Fest at V36 on Saturday 25 June 2022 from 6pm - 11pm.

Rathcoole Sons of Kai Band will not be selling alcohol as part of their event, but will be serving alcohol free of charge to event guests. NACN wish to include alcohol sales as part of their event and they will require Council permission to obtain an appropriate licence.

In the first instance, both groups require Council permission to set aside the bye-laws prohibiting consumption of alcohol at both venues on the date of the events.

Pending Members' approval, Officers will inform local PSNI to make them aware of the suspended bye-laws.

RECOMMENDATION: that the bye-laws prohibiting the consumption of alcohol are set aside at Sir James Craig Play Park and V36 at The Valley on 21 May and 25 June respectively and NACN be permitted to apply for an alcohol licence for their event.

Prepared by: Ronan McKenna, Head of Community Planning

Agreed by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

Approved by: Geraldine Girvan, Deputy Chief Executive of Operations

12.10 WM/WM/040 KEEP NORTHERN IRELAND BEAUTIFUL – CORRESPONDENCE

Members are reminded that during the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) consultation, the UK Government and devolved administrations had proposed that producers would be responsible for full net costs of managing packaging waste, including litter management costs.

In recently received correspondence from Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful (KNIB), **enclosed**, concern is expressed regarding pressure from the packaging producers on the UK Government and other devolved administrations to exclude litter payments entirely from the EPR scheme. This letter sets out that this is based on the packaging producers' belief that the blame for litter lies solely with the individuals who drop it. While there is clear responsibility on the individual who drops the litter, the composition of littered waste indicates that the majority of it is packaging waste.

The removal of litter payments entirely from the EPR scheme would have a significant adverse financial impact on Council's budgets and Officers are of the opinion that it would be a missed opportunity for the packaging producers to take their share of the cost of collecting and disposing of their products.

KNIB has jointly written with Keep Britain Tidy, Keep Wales Tidy, and Keep Scotland Beautiful to the relevant environment Ministers in the UK and devolved administrations urging the Governments to include litter payments in the EPR scheme and has requested that Northern Ireland Councils endorse this letter.

While timing did not allow for the request to be considered in Council's governance process, Members may wish to consider forwarding, if approved. A copy of suggested joint KNIB letter to the Ministers is **enclosed**.

RECOMMENDATION: that Members approve the joint letter as provided by Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful and submit once approved.

Prepared by: Lynsey Daly, Head of Waste Strategy and Contracts

Agreed by: Michael Laverty, Deputy Director Operations (Waste & Fleet)

Approved by: Geraldine Girvan, Deputy Chief Executive of Operations

13 ITEMS FOR NOTING

13.1 CE/OA/013 NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSING COUNCIL

As agreed at the August 2019 meeting of the Council, the Northern Ireland Housing Council's March 2022 monthly bulletin is **enclosed** for Members' information. A copy of the minutes of the Housing Council meeting in February is also **enclosed**.

RECOMMENDATION: that the report be noted.

Prepared by: Member Services

Approved by: Jacqui Dixon, Chief Executive

13.2 P/PLAN/083 END OF EMERGENCY PERIOD - PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT) (TEMPORARY MODIFICATIONS) (CORONAVIRUS) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2020

Members will be aware that the Planning (Development Management) (Temporary Modifications) (Coronavirus) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 temporarily removed the requirement for a public event (and its associated advertising) as part of the pre-application community consultation process associated with planning applications for major developments. This applied where a proposal of application notice, which triggers the pre-application community consultation process is given to a council / the Department before, or during, the defined emergency period. This was introduced from 1 May 2020 to 30 September 2020, but has been subsequently extended three times, initially to 31 March 2021, then to 30 September 2021 and finally to 31 March 2022.

Correspondence a copy of which is **enclosed** has now been received from the Chief Planner (Department for Infrastructure) advising that there will be no further extension and the current arrangements will end on 31 March 2022.

Following the recently published review of the Implementation of the Planning Act (NI) 2011, consideration will be given to how innovative solutions may be applied in the future to areas such as community consultation.

RECOMMENDATION: that the report be noted.

Prepared and Approved by: Majella McAlister, Deputy Chief Executive of Economic Growth