



**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN  
MOSSLEY MILL ON MONDAY 29 FEBRUARY 2016 AT 6:30 PM**

- In the Chair** : The Mayor (Councillor T Hogg)
- Members Present** : Aldermen - F Agnew, W Ball, P Barr, T Burns, T Campbell, M Cosgrove, B DeCourcy, M Girvan, J Smyth and R Swann
- Councillors - D Arthurs, A Ball, T Beatty, J Bingham, J Blair, P Brett, L Clarke, H Cushinan, B Duffin, M Goodman, P Hamill, N Kells, A M Logue, R Lynch, M Magill, M Maguire, J Montgomery, N McClelland, V McWilliam, P Michael, M Rea, D Ritchie, S Ross and W Webb
- Officers Present** : Chief Executive - Mrs J Dixon  
Director of Operations – Ms G Girvan  
Director of Organisation Development – Mrs A McCooke  
Director of Community Planning & Regeneration – Ms M McAlister  
Head of Communication and Customer Services – Mrs T White  
Head of Governance - Mrs L Johnston  
Head of Arts and Culture – Mrs U Fay  
Media and Marketing Officer – Mrs J McIntyre  
Senior Mayor/ Member Services Officer – Mrs K Smyth  
Senior Admin Officer – Mrs S McAree  
Media and Marketing Officer - Mrs N McCullough  
Legal Advisor – Paul Casey  
ICT Officer - Mr A Cole

**1 BIBLE READING, PRAYER AND WELCOME**

The meeting opened with a Bible reading and prayer by Rev Campbell Dixon MBE.

(Councillors Cushman, Goodman and Logue arrived following this item.)

### **MAYOR'S REMARKS**

The Mayor conveyed best wishes for a speedy recovery to Councillor Hollis following his recent hospital admission and also welcomed Alderman DeCourcy to the meeting following his recent illness.

Councillor Brett congratulated Councillor Webb on his recent award for Trustee of the Year.

### **2 APOLOGIES**

Councillors Hollis, T Girvan, Kelly, Kelso and Scott

### **3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Item 10.9 – Councillor McClelland  
Item 12 – Councillor Blair

### **4 MINUTES OF THE ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBEY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**

Moved by Alderman Smyth  
Seconded by Alderman M Girvan and

**RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council Meeting of 25 January 2016 be taken as read and signed as correct.**

*NO ACTION*

### **5 MINUTES OF THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**

Moved by Alderman Smyth  
Seconded by Councillor McWilliam and

**RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Operations Committee of 1 February 2016 be approved and adopted.**

*NO ACTION*

### **6 MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

Moved by Councillor Arthurs  
Seconded by Alderman Barr and

**RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Policy and Governance Committee of 2 February 2016 be approved and adopted.**

*NO ACTION*

Noted: request for the Legal Advisor to liaise with the Information Commissioner regarding redacting of material.

ACTION BY: Paul Casey

**7 MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

Moved by Councillor Beatty  
Seconded by Councillor Webb and

**RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Special Council Meeting of 8 February be read and confirmed.**

*NO ACTION*

**8 MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY PLANNING AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE**

Moved by Councillor Brett  
Seconded by Councillor Lynch and

**RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Community Planning and Regeneration Committee of 8 February 2016 be approved and adopted.**

*NO ACTION*

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

Moved by Alderman Swann  
Seconded by Alderman Campbell and

**RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Planning Committee of 15 February 2016, Part 1 be taken as read and signed as correct.**

*NO ACTION*

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

Moved by Alderman Swann

Seconded by Alderman Campbell and

**RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Planning Committee of 15 February 2016, Part 2 be approved and adopted.**

NO ACTION

#### **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:-

- Contract for the restoration of historic pump chamber
- Tunnel at Antrim Castle Gardens (two contracts)
- Antrim Golf Club - Licence Agreement

Moved by Councillor Bingham  
Seconded by Councillor Duffin and

**RESOLVED – that the sealing of documents be approved.**

*ACTION BY: Paul Casey,*

#### **10.2 CE/OA/8 NICE EQUALITY SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRE MYELOMA DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT**

Members were advised that correspondence had been received from the Quality Regulation Policy and Legislation Branch, DHSSPS inviting participation in the local review process for assessing the applicability of NICE guidance to HSC.

The correspondence outlined the following:

NICE had recently published the following guidance:

Myeloma: diagnosis and management.

<http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng35>

NICE guidance is designed and developed for the NHS in England and is therefore not automatically applicable to Northern Ireland. On 1 July 2006 the Department established links with NICE whereby all technology appraisals and clinical guidelines published from that date are locally reviewed for applicability to Northern Ireland and, where appropriate, are endorsed for implementation in health and social care. The local review does not reassess the clinical and cost evidence used by NICE in forming its advice. This link has ensured that Northern Ireland has access to up-to-date, independent,

professional, evidence-based guidance on the value of health care interventions.

It was reported that the circular providing details of the process for the endorsement, implementation, monitoring and assurance of NICE Clinical Guidelines in Northern Ireland could be found at <https://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/dhssps/hsc-sqsd-3-13.pdf>

Members were further advised that the attached questionnaire should be returned to [sgu-niceguidance@dhsspsni.gov.uk](mailto:sgu-niceguidance@dhsspsni.gov.uk) no later than Tuesday 22nd March 2016.

Moved by Councillor Brett  
Seconded by Councillor Kells and

**RESOLVED – that members respond on individual or party political basis.**

*NO ACTION*

### **10.3 CE/OA/8 NICE EQUALITY SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRE - CANCER OF THE UPPER AERODIGESTIVE TRACT: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT IN PEOPLE AGED 16 AND OVER**

Members were advised that correspondence had been received from the Quality Regulation Policy and Legislation Branch, DHSSPS inviting participation in the local review process for assessing the applicability of NICE guidance to HSC.

The correspondence outlined the following:

NICE had recently published the following guidance:

Cancer of the Upper Aerodigestive Tract: Assessment and Management in People Aged 16 and over

<http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng36>

NICE guidance is designed and developed for the NHS in England and is therefore not automatically applicable to Northern Ireland. On 1 July 2006 the Department established links with NICE whereby all technology appraisals and clinical guidelines published from that date are locally reviewed for applicability to Northern Ireland and, where appropriate, are endorsed for implementation in health and social care. The local review does not reassess the clinical and cost evidence used by nice in forming its advice. This link has ensured that Northern Ireland has access to up-to-date, independent, professional, evidence-based guidance on the value of health care interventions.

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Moved by Councillor Brett  
Seconded by Councillor Duffin and

**RESOLVED – that members respond on individual or party political basis.**

*NO ACTION*

#### **10.4 G/MSMO/8 CONSUMER COUNCIL'S DRAFT CORPORATE PLAN 2016-21 AND DRAFT FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME – 2016-2017**

It was reported that correspondence had been received from the Consumer Council advising of a public consultation on both its draft Corporate Plan 2016-21 and draft Forward Work Programme 2016-17.

The Consumer Council has set up two Survey Monkey questionnaires to log responses:

Corporate Plan 2016-21: <http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/7X932P6>  
Forward Work Programme <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/FFNCL2>

Alternatively, responses can be sent to Keelin Kelly at [keelin.kelly@consumercouncil.org.uk](mailto:keelin.kelly@consumercouncil.org.uk)

Responses are to be forwarded by 17 March 2016.

Members were advised that the Consumer Council intended to hold a meeting on 8 March at their offices to discuss the consultation documents and if members wished to attend they should inform Keelin Kelly before 2 March 2016.

Moved by Councillor Brett  
Seconded by Councillor Hamill and

**RESOLVED – that members respond on individual or party political basis.**

*NO ACTION*

#### **10.5 G/GEN/1 POST OFFICE - NEW POST OFFICE**

It was reported that correspondence has been received from the Post Office confirming a new Post Office will open at the Spar Shop at 15 Ballymena Road, Antrim, BT41 4JG on Wednesday 9 March 2016 at 1.00pm.

Moved by Councillor Kells  
Seconded by Councillor Ritchie and

**RESOLVED – that members respond on individual or party political basis**

*NO ACTION*

**10.6 CE/GEN/4 BUS LANES - STATION ROAD AND SHORE ROAD AT WHITEABBEY**

Members were advised of correspondence received from Transport NI regarding proposed changes to the existing bus lanes on Station Road, Whiteabbey and Shore Road through Whiteabbey Village.

Proposals are to remove the short section of bus lane through Whiteabbey Village that leads to the traffic signals at A2 Shore Road and reduce the hours of operation of the bus lane on the Station Road from 7.30 am to 9.30 am to 8 am to 9 am.

Moved by Councillor Hamill  
Seconded by Councillor Webb and

**RESOLVED – that the proposed changes be accepted.**

*ACTION BY: Member Services*

**10.7 ED/GEN/1 BUSINESS START-UP PROGRAMME 2016-BUDGET PROVISION**

As reported to the Community Planning & Regeneration Committee on 8 February, Invest NI had offered to continue running the current business start provision on behalf of the 11 Councils through an extended Service Level Agreement to the end of October 2016. The outcome of the application submitted by all 11 Councils to resource the new programme with EU funding would not be known until May at the earliest and at least 4 further months would be required to go through the EU tendering processes.

Invest NI has now asked the Council to provide written confirmation that it agrees to the terms of the proposed extension to the end of July 2016 initially, and to the end of October once a new programme marketing campaign has been agreed. The indicative budget for the proposed extension is estimated at around £40,000 (plus VAT) which will assist up to 90 local entrepreneurs to develop a business plan for their new venture. The budget includes a contribution from the Council towards the central marketing and media costs of the extended programme to October 2016 (however the marketing costs may be subject to change as a new marketing campaign is to be designed and agreed from 1 August).

Moved by Alderman Cosgrove  
Seconded by Councillor Brett and

**RESOLVED – that**

- a) the Council extends the Service Level Agreement with Invest Northern Ireland from 1 April to October 2016 at an estimated cost of around £40,000 (plus VAT), provision for which exists in the Economic Development estimates for 2016-17.**
- b) Officers bring a further report on estimated costs for the Council to consider once a new marketing campaign has been designed.**

*ACTION BY: Paul Kelly*

**10.8 ED/TOU/13 BALLYCLARE MAY FAIR 2016**

Members were reminded that the Ballyclare May Fair would take place from 24-28 May 2016. At a debrief meeting with the former May Fair Working Group in 2015, it was agreed that splitting activities between The Square and The Leisure Centre was detrimental to the atmosphere of the event. It was therefore proposed that additional activities should be located in the Harrier Way Car Park area, if possible.

Following discussions with the operator it was proposed to relocate the amusements from Market Square Car Park to Harrier Way Car Park; the site at the Sixmile Leisure Centre would remain as before. The amusements operator was prepared to test the commercial viability of this arrangement for one year, with a review following the event.

Members were advised that following an application to the Northern Ireland Regional Food Programme, the Council had been awarded £10,000 towards a sustainable food fair at this year's May Fair. The food fair was to take place on 28 May and the grant covered a marquee, catering equipment, chefs, advertising, and a recipe booklet.

It was proposed that the marquee was located at Market Square Car Park during the May Fair week however this would necessitate a partial closure of the car park, approximately 36 car parking spaces would remain available to the public. A programme of food themed workshops including cookery, 'grow your own vegetables' and making use of leftover food would take place in the marquee for the local community and schools during the week prior to the food fair.

It was also proposed to locate the stalls in The Town Hall Car Park, Market Square Car Park and Harrier Way Car Park on Tuesday 24 May. This would mean that roads in Ballyclare could remain open on May Fair day. Parking would be available at The Six Mile Leisure Centre and private car parks on that day. Local churches and schools would be encouraged to make their car parks available and Officers can investigate a 'park and ride' service.



The BBC Radio Hugo Duncan roadshow normally comes on the Tuesday of the fair and is located on the road around on The Square, however, this could be relocated to The Square Car Park.

As there are traditionally less stalls on the Saturday of May Fair week, it was proposed that the stalls were located within the grounds of Ballyclare Comrades Club. As there would be over 20 food stalls at the food fair, it was proposed that no further food vans or stalls were present at the event that day.

The Square Car Park would be used for a music concert running alongside the food fair. Family fun activities could be hosted at Ballyclare Comrades Club and The Town Hall on the Tuesday and Saturday.

Members were reminded that due to health and safety precautions, the horse fair was relocated to the Council Yard at Sixmile Water Park in 2015. It was proposed to hold the horse fair in this area again.

Members were further advised that Ballyclare Town Team intended to run an It's A Knockout event on Monday 30 May, which was a bank holiday. It was proposed that the marquee would remain in place for this event, thereby reducing the costs. Most activities for the It's a Knockout event would take place at The Square and Ballyclare Comrades Club. The amusements operator for the May Fair would remain on site for that event as well, which would add to the activities on offer in the town.

Moved by Councillor Arthurs  
Seconded by Alderman M Girvan and

**RESOLVED – that**

- 1) No parking is available at Harrier Way Car Park from Sunday 22 May to Monday 30 May inclusive to accommodate the amusements and stalls;**
- 2) A marquee is located in the Square Car Park from Monday 23 May to Monday 30 May inclusive;**
- 3) No parking is available at The Square Car Park on Monday 23 May, Tuesday 24 May and Monday 30 May;**
- 4) Hot food stall applications be invited for Tuesday 24 May only;**
- 5) General stall applications be invited for Tuesday 24 May and Saturday 28 May.**

ACTION BY: Lisa O'Kane

Councillor McClelland withdrew from the Chamber, having declared an interest in the next item.

#### **10.9 CP/CD/62 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY**

Members were reminded of the Notice of Motion agreed at the Council meeting in November 2015 which confirmed the Council's support for the National White Ribbon Campaign Pledge *never to commit, condone or remain silent about violence against women*. The Council demonstrated its commitment to the Campaign by providing assistance to Women's Aid Antrim, Ballymena, Carrickfergus, Larne and Newtownabbey (ABCLN) to host an event in Mossley Mill on 25 November 2015 to celebrate and promote the White Ribbon Campaign.

Members were advised that a further event to celebrate International Women's Day would take place on 8 March 2016 in Ballyearl Arts and Leisure Centre. This Event had also been organised by Women's Aid, ABCLN as part of a global campaign to celebrate the economic, political and social achievements of women past, present and future.

The first International Women's Day (IWD) took place in 1911 in Austria, Denmark, Germany and Switzerland. More than one million women and men attended IWD rallies campaigning for women's rights to work, vote, be trained, to hold public office and end discrimination.

A key element of this Event is the unveiling of charters, to be signed by Councillors and staff of Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council, in support of this Campaign as signatories pledge:

*to never commit, condone, or remain silent about men's violence against women.*

It was reported that the Notice of Motion, referred to previously, also committed the Council to work with Women's Aid ABCLN to attain 'Safe Borough' status for Antrim and Newtownabbey. The Council's progress in achieving 'Safe Borough' status would be highlighted at this event on 8 March 2016. The Council was asked to consider supporting the Event by waiving the cost of the venue hire and provision of hospitality for approximately 85 guests at a total cost of £600, provision for which existed in the Community Planning and Regeneration budget.

Invitations to the Event have been issued to Members.

Moved by Alderman Barr  
Seconded by Councillor A M Logue and

**RESOLVED – that the Council waives the cost of the venue hire and provide hospitality at a total cost of £600.**

Councillor McClelland returned to the chamber.

ACTION BY: Louise Moore

**10.10 CP/CD/3 DRAFT BONFIRE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME**

Members were reminded of the process undertaken to formulate a Bonfire Management Programme for the new Council from 2016 onwards. As this would be the first operational year of the new programme Members had indicated that a review would take place in August, at which point any adjustments could be made to improve the delivery for forthcoming years.

To devise the new programme consultations were held with Elected Members and local individuals/groups who have been involved in the delivery of previous Bonfire Management Programmes within the legacy Antrim and Newtownabbey Councils. The feedback from these discussions has been incorporated into the draft options papers, a copy of which was enclosed.

It was reported that consensus was reached on the majority of issues however, to reflect the differing opinions which had emerged, 2 options had been formulated, in relation to the objectives of the programme and non-compliance.

In order to meet the desired 'sign up' date of 1 April 2016, Members were asked to select the preferred option for implementation.

Moved by Alderman Cosgrove  
Seconded by Councillor Kells that

**Option 1 be approved for implementation of the new programme.**

**AMENDMENT**

Moved by Councillor Goodman  
Seconded by Councillor A M Logue that

Option 2 be approved for implementation of the new programme.

On the Amendment being put to the meeting and a recorded vote having been requested members voted as follows:

<b>In favour of the Amendment 10 Members viz</b>	<b>Against the Amendment 25 Members viz</b>	<b>Abstentions no members viz</b>
Aldermen –Burns and Campbell Councillors – Blair, Cushman, Duffin, Goodman, Logue,	Aldermen – Agnew, W Ball, Barr, Cosgrove, DeCourcy, M Girvan, Smyth and Swann Councillors – Arthurs, A Ball, Beatty, Bingham,	

Lynch, McClelland and Webb	Brett, Clarke, Hamill, Hogg, Kells, Magill, McWilliam, Maguire, Michael, Montgomery, Rea, Ritchie and Ross	
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The amendment was accordingly declared lost.

On the proposal from Alderman Cosgrove being put to the meeting and a recorded vote having been requested members voted as follows:

<b>In favour of the Amendment 25 Members viz</b>	<b>Against the Amendment 10 Members viz</b>	<b>Abstentions no members viz</b>
Aldermen – Agnew, W Ball, Barr, Cosgrove, DeCourcy, M Girvan, Smyth and Swann Councillors – Arthurs, A Ball, Beatty, Bingham, Brett, Clarke, Hamill, Hogg, Kells, Magill, McWilliam, Maguire, Michael, Montgomery, Rea, Ritchie and Ross	Aldermen – Burns and Campbell Councillors – Blair, Cushinan, Duffin, Goodman, Logue, Lynch, McClelland and Webb	

**The proposal was accordingly declared carried.**

*ACTION BY: Majella McAlister*

#### **10.11 L/LEI/VLC/1 USE OF THE VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE FOR THE EUROPEAN UNION REFERENDUM COUNT ON 23 JUNE 2016**

Members were advised that the Valley Leisure Centre had been booked for the European Union Referendum count to be held on 23 June 2016.

The Centre will be affected as follows:

- (a) the main sports hall and ancillary halls will be closed from 6.30 am on Thursday 23 June 2016 to allow the building to be secured.
- (b) total closure of the centre from 6.30 pm on Thursday 23 June 2016.
- (c) total closure of the centre on Friday 24 June 2016.

The Centre will re-open from 9.00 am on Saturday 25 June 2016.

The Zest soccer and 3G pitch will remain open as they can be independently operated from the pavilion. Fitness members will be informed of the alternative facilities at Crumlin, Antrim Forum, Sixmile and Ballyearl.

Moved by Councillor Brett  
Seconded by Councillor McClelland and

**RESOLVED - that the Valley Leisure Centre is closed, as outlined, to facilitate the European Union Referendum count.**

ACTION BY: Ivor McMullan

#### **10.12 AC/GEN/40 CONSULTATION ON A CULTURE AND ARTS STRATEGY**

Members were advised that correspondence, accompanied by a consultation document, was received from the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure (DCAL) regarding Consultation on an Arts and Culture Strategy, both of which were enclosed for members' information. DCAL requested a response from the Council on this consultation exercise by 12 February 2016.

Members were reminded that it had been agreed at the February meeting of the Operations Committee that a response to the Consultation on the Arts and Culture Strategy be developed by the deadline of 12 February 2016 and copied to members, subject to ratification at February Council meeting.

The response, a copy of which was enclosed, was submitted by the deadline.

The consultation document and questionnaire are framed around a number of strategic themes and key aims and a stakeholder engagement programme will complement the consultation.

Moved by Alderman M Girvan  
Seconded by Alderman Smyth and

**RESOLVED - that the response to the Consultation on a Culture and Arts Strategy, submitted to the Department of Culture Arts and Leisure on 12 February 2016, be ratified retrospectively.**

ACTIONBY: Ursula Fay

#### **10.13 G/MSMO/7 CLANMIL HOUSING GROUP – REQUEST FOR PRESENTATION**

Members were advised of correspondence received from Clanmil Housing Group requesting:

- 1 the opportunity to give a presentation to Council with a view to informing members about their property and investment proposals in our Council area, and

- 2 if Council would be willing to explore with Clanmil opportunities for partnerships to increase the sites available for developing social and affordable housing.

Moved by Councillor Brett  
Seconded by Councillor Hamill and

**RESOLVED – that Clanmil Housing Group be invited to make a presentation to a future Council meeting**

*ACTION BY: Member Services*

**10.14 AC/EV/8 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY BATTLE OF THE SOMME WORKING GROUP**

A second meeting of the Battle of the Somme Working Group was held on Tuesday 2 February in Antrim Civic Centre and the minutes were enclosed.

Moved by Councillor Brett  
Seconded by Alderman Cosgrove and

**RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Somme Working Group be approved subject to the amount of funding available for a large scale public event be raised from £500 to £2,000**

*ACTION By: Ursula Fay*

**10.15 AC/ GEN/33 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY THE EASTER RISING - COMMEMORATIVE PROGRAMME WORKING GROUP**

A reconvened meeting of the Easter Rising Commemorative Programme Working Group was held on Monday 22 February in Antrim Civic Centre and the minutes were enclosed.

**AC/GEN/33 EASTER RISING COMMEMORATIVE PROGRAMME**

Members were reminded that it had been agreed at the December Council meeting that the Council formed a working group consisting of members using the D'hondt method, and officers to establish a proportionate Easter Rising Commemorative Programme and that a budget be decided by the Council after an initial meeting of the working group to discuss its proposals.

Members were advised that elected members nominated to the group were as follows:

Councillor David Arthurs  
Alderman Tom Campbell  
Councillor Ben Kelso

Councillor Annemarie Logue  
Councillor Roisin Lynch  
Councillor Jim Montgomery

The first meeting of the group was held in Antrim Civic Centre on Wednesday 3 February with Councillor Arthurs elected as Chairman and Councillor Lynch Vice Chairman.

The meeting was adjourned after a lengthy discussion on possible events and budget with officers asked to report back at a reconvened meeting on 22 February with some possible event ideas and programme activities with indicative costs. A copy of the minutes of the meetings was enclosed for members' information.

The group agreed to a number of programme activities to be recommended to Council, as set out in the minutes with indicative costs, as follows:

- Historical Bus Tours to Dublin - Facilitated bus tours focused on the Easter Rising events as they impacted upon all involved at a cost of £3,500 (to be made available to local community groups)
- Lecture Series focusing on the Easter Rising led by a range of expert speakers, for example, Philip Orr, Dr Eamon Phoenix, Dr Feargal McGarry. £2,000
- Halfway House, a play by Philip Orr - set in 1966, which looks at the legacy of 1916, both The Somme and The Easter Rising, and how it impacted locally. Cost to be confirmed.
- Nell and Elizabeth Corr Family Exhibition - This exhibition focuses on their history association with the Easter Rising and the Suffrage Movement. No Cost
- Community History Programme This programme would have six workshop sessions with two programmes running in Antrim and two in Newtownabbey:  
Home Rule  
The Politics in January 1916  
The Easter Rising  
Countdown to the Somme  
Irish Connections until the end of the Great War  
When heroes returned £4,800
- A series of films accompanied by discussion with titles still to be agreed but to include film made by Newtownabbey Arts and Culture Network The Rose and the Fusilier £2,000

The meeting concluded with the working group recommending a budget of £10,000 to be proposed for delivery of a proportionate Easter Rising Commemorative Programme.

Moved by Councillor Arthurs  
Seconded by Councillor Montgomery that

the minutes of the Easter Rising Working Group, including all recommended actions, programme elements and a budget of £10,000 be approved.

## AMENDMENT

Moved by Councillor Logue  
Seconded by Councillor Lynch that

a budget of £40,000 for the Easter Rising Commemorative Programme, be approved.

On the Amendment being put to the meeting and a recorded vote having been requested members voted as follows:

<b>In favour of the Amendment 7 Members viz</b>	<b>Against the Amendment 27 Members viz</b>	<b>Abstentions 1 members viz</b>
Aldermen –Burns Councillors –Cushinan, Duffin, Goodman, Logue, Lynch and McClelland	Aldermen – Agnew, W Ball, Barr, Cosgrove, DeCourcy, M Girvan, Smyth and Swann Councillors – Arthurs, A Ball, Beatty, Bingham, Brett, Campbell, Clarke, Hamill, Hogg, Kells, Magill, Maguire, McWilliam, Michael, Montgomery, Rea, Ritchie, Ross and Webb	Councillor Blair

The Amendment was accordingly declared lost.

## AMENDMENT

Moved by Councillor Webb  
Seconded by Alderman Campbell that

the minutes and a budget of £10,000 be approved with the exception of the proposed series of films made by Newtownabbey Arts and Culture at a cost of £2,000 which should be referred back to the Working Group.

On the Amendment being put to the meeting and a recorded vote having been requested members voted as follows:

<b>In favour of the Amendment 27 Members viz</b>	<b>Against the Amendment no Members viz</b>	<b>Abstentions 8 members viz</b>
Aldermen – Agnew, W Ball, Barr, Campbell,		Alderman Burns Councillor Blair



Cosgrove, DeCourcy, M Girvan, Smyth and Swann Councillors – Arthurs, A Ball, Beatty, Bingham, Brett, Clarke, Hamill, Hogg, Kells, Magill, Maguire, McWilliam, Michael, Montgomery, Rea, Ritchie, Ross and Webb		Cushinan, Duffin, Goodman, Logue, Lynch and McClelland
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The amendment was accordingly declared carried and became the substantive motion.

### **AMENDMENT**

Moved by Councillor Brett  
 Seconded by Councillor Kells that

the minutes of the Easter Rising Commemorative Working Group be noted and that no funding allocation be made.

On the Amendment being put to the meeting and a recorded vote having been requested members voted as follows:

<b>In favour of the Amendment 14 Members viz</b>	<b>Against the Amendment 20 Members viz</b>	<b>Abstentions 1 members viz</b>
Aldermen – W Ball, Barr, DeCourcy, M Girvan and Smyth Councillors – A Ball, Beatty, Brett, Clarke, Hamill, Hogg, Kells, Magill and Ross	Aldermen –Burns, Campbell, Cosgrove and Swann Councillors – Arthurs, Bingham, Blair, Cushinan, Duffin, Goodman, Logue, Lynch, Maguire, McClelland, McWilliam, Michael, Montgomery, Rea, Ritchie and Webb	Alderman Agnew

The Amendment was accordingly declared lost.

The previous amendment was then put to the meeting as the substantive motion and with a show of hands, 13 members voted in favour, 17 members voted against and 5 members abstained.

The Substantive motion was accordingly declared lost.

*ACTION BY: Ursula Fay*

**10.16 G/MSMO/26 ULSTER SCOTS AGENCY – TRIP TO TENNESSEE**

It was reported that correspondence had been received from the Ulster Scots Agency inviting the Mayor to attend a weekend of events in Maryville, Tennessee, on 19/20 March 2016, to commemorate Sam Houston.

Sam Houston was and still is an iconic figure in the United States and has family links to the Ballynure area.

The Mayor would be accompanied by the journalist and Ulster Scots author Billy Kennedy who is a noted authority on Sam Houston.

The Ulster Scots Agency would make the necessary arrangements and cover the cost of the Mayor's travel and accommodation for the visit.

Moved by Councillor Bingham  
Seconded by Councillor Magill and

**RESOLVED - that the Mayor attends the events in Tennessee as an approved duty.**

*ACTION BY: Member Services*

**10.17 CE/GEN/40 CORPORATE IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

Members were 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.

It was reported that officers had prepared a Corporate Improvement Plan (Working Draft) and this was enclosed.

Guidance from the Department of the Environment, 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 was proposed to conduct an eight week consultation period to encourage feedback from our stakeholders.

It was proposed to do this in a number of ways, utilising existing consultation sessions already planned and events and meetings already scheduled with a variety of stakeholders. Additionally, social media would be used and the website to signpost to the consultation online and also consult with those stakeholders who already were on our lists of consultees for other initiatives.

Moved by Councillor Brett  
Seconded by Councillor Duffin and

**RESOLVED - that the Corporate Improvement Plan (Working Draft), be approved, subject to consultation with key stakeholders.**

*ACTION BY: Helen Hall*

#### **10.18 CE/STC/SC/10 PAY AWARD FOR PLANNING EMPLOYEES**

Members were advised that the last pay award within the Planning Service was effective from 1 August 2014 for a period of 12 months. The Minister for Finance and Personnel had approved the following package, effective from 1 August 2015:

- (a) All eligible satisfactory performers receive one step progression with effect from 1 August 2015, subject to band maximum
- (b) All eligible satisfactory performers receiving less than a 1% consolidated increase will receive a non-consolidated non-pensionable payment to bring them up to the equivalent value of 1%.

Since incremental increases are a contractual entitlement, subject to satisfactory performance, incremental increases have been applied with effect from 1 August 2015.

To align pay awards for Planning employees with those of other Council employees Members might wish to consider to pay the non-consolidated and non-pensionable 1% increase pro rata to relevant Planning employees for the period 1 August 2015 to 31 March 2016 after which date all Planning staff would receive any pay award agreed through the NJC for all other Council employees. The number of employees concerned was 17 and the total gross increase in salaries would be £2,506.

Moved by Councillor Brett  
Seconded by Alderman Smyth and

**RESOLVED – that the pay award, as outlined, for Planning employees be approved.**

*ACTION BY: Andrea McCooke*

**10.19 CE/OA/6 THE DISABLED PERSONS (BADGES FOR MOTOR VEHICLES)  
(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS (NI) 2016**

Members were advised of correspondence received from the Department for Regional Development advising that The Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 would come into operation on 1 April 2016.

Moved by Councillor Brett  
Seconded by Alderman M Girvan and

**RESOLVED - that the correspondence be noted.**

*NO ACTION*

**10.20 CE/OA/7 ELECTORAL COMMISSION – RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE THE  
EFFICIENCY AND MANAGEMENT OF SINGLE TRANSFERABLE VOTE  
ELECTION COUNTS IN NORTHERN IRELAND**

Members were advised of correspondence received from The Electoral Commission regarding the publication of its recommendations to the Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland on how improvements could be made to the efficiency and management of single transferable vote election counts in Northern Ireland.

Moved by Councillor Brett  
Seconded by Alderman M Girvan and

**RESOLVED - that the correspondence be noted.**

*NO ACTION*

**10.21 G/MSMO/2 NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE TO MEMBERSHIP OF POLICY &  
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

Members were advised that as delegated nominating officer of the Ulster Unionist Party Alderman Mark Cosgrove had formally notified the Chief Executive that as of immediate effect Councillor Jim Bingham would replace Councillor Ben Kelso on the Policy and Governance Committee.

Moved by Councillor Brett  
Seconded by Alderman M Girvan and

**RESOLVED - that Councillor Bingham replaces Councillor Kelso on the Policy and Governance Committee.**

*ACTION BY: Member Services*

Councillor Brett withdrew from the Chamber, having declared an interest in the next item.

#### **10.22 CE/OA/9 DEFENCE INFRASTRUCTURE ORGANISATION – SURPLUS HOUSING**

Members were advised of correspondence received from the Defence Infrastructure Organisation of the Ministry of Defence advising on proposals for their surplus housing stock throughout Northern Ireland.

Moved by Councillor Brett  
Seconded by Alderman M Girvan and

**RESOLVED - that the correspondence be noted.**

Moved by Councillor Michael  
Seconded by Councillor Logue and

**RESOLVED – that a meeting be arranged with the Ministry of Defence and the Airport DEA members to discuss their proposals.**

Councillor Brett returned to the chamber.

*ACTION BY: Minnie Aiken/Member Services*

#### **10.23 G/MSMO/27 ELECTED MEMBER DEVELOPMENT STEERING GROUP**

It was reported that the Elected Member Development Steering Group (EMDSG) was a sub group of the Local Government Training Group (LGTG), NILGA had 2 representatives and NAC had 2 representatives.

The function of the EMDSG is to advise the LGTG on the training and development needs of elected members and to request support for courses, programmes, projects etc. as necessary.

A long-standing item on the EMDSG agenda has been to try to raise the profile of Member development needs across councils.

At a recent meeting it was agreed that Reports and Action Notes from the LGTG EMDSG meetings be used as one method of raising awareness and keeping elected members informed of Member development activity. Action notes from the most recent meeting were attached.

Moved by Councillor Brett  
Seconded by Alderman M Girvan and

**RESOLVED - that the report be noted.**

*NO ACTION*

**10.24 HR/HR/8 NATIONAL MINIMUM WAGE**

Members were advised that the National Minimum Wage (NMW) was the minimum pay per hour most workers were entitled to by law. The rate would depend on a worker's age and if they were an apprentice.

Members were further advised that a compulsory National Living Wage was due to be introduced on 1st April 2016 for all working people aged 25 and over, and would be set at £7.20 per hour. The current National Minimum Wage for those under the age of 25 would continue to apply.

It was reported that the implementation of the compulsory NLW would see an increased hourly rate of pay for a very small number of staff because the hourly rate for all other staff was currently above £7.20 per hour.

Moved by Councillor Brett  
Seconded by Alderman M Girvan and

**RESOLVED – that the report be noted.**

*NO ACTION*

**10.25 CE/OA/10 BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR NORTHERN IRELAND**

It was reported that correspondence, a copy of which was enclosed, had been received from the Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland providing information on the 2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies.

The Commission hopes to publish proposals for Northern Ireland Parliamentary constituency boundaries towards the end of this year and at this stage will invite comments.

Moved by Councillor Brett  
Seconded by Alderman M Girvan and

**RESOLVED – that the report be noted.**

*NO ACTION*

**11 A Motion in the name of Councillor Matthew Magill, seconded by Alderman Tom Campbell -**

"That this Council notes the importance of curtailing tax avoidance and evasion to create a sound market economy in which all traders can compete on a level playing field. Notes further the wider impact that tax avoidance has on the local and international economy, especially its cost to the world's poorest countries, and also the steps already taken by Westminster to tackle

tax abuse by companies seeking to secure public contracts through the 'Procurement Policy Note 03/14: promoting tax compliance'. That this Council accordingly, agrees to amend its procurement policies to ensure that all bidders for Council contracts, above current European Union thresholds, self-certify that they are fully tax compliant, in line with central government practice, and that the Council actively publicises this policy."

Moved by Councillor Magill  
Seconded by Alderman Campbell and

**RESOLVED – that the Notice of Motion be unanimously declared carried.**

*ACTION BY: Catherine McFarland*

Councillor Blair withdrew from the Chamber, having declared an interest in the next item.

**12 A Motion in the name of Councillor Michael Goodman -**

" That this Council notes that Woodburn Reservoir in Carrickfergus supplies water to a significant portion of the Newtownabbey area and expresses concern that Infrastrata have been granted permission to conduct exploratory petroleum drilling at this location using harmful chemicals; it notes that the current law governing permitted development in Northern Ireland is less robust than in England, where petroleum exploration requires planning permission and notes further that 75% of fossil fuel reserves must be left in the ground to prevent dangerous climate change and does not regard this process as in line with the legal requirement of the DOE in Article 1 of the 2011 Planning Act to further sustainable development.

This Council therefore expresses concern that no Strategic Environmental Assessment has been conducted by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Industry ahead of the adoption of a petroleum exploration plan or the issuing of the East Antrim Petroleum Exploration License.

Accordingly, the Council calls upon the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Investment, the Minister for the Environment and Mid and East Antrim Council to urgently review the decision to grant permitted development for exploratory drilling in Woodburn Forest with a view to reversing that permission and for the Minister for the Environment to amend the law so that petroleum exploration always requires full planning permission."

Moved by Councillor Goodman  
Seconded by Councillor McClelland that

the Motion be carried.

**AMENDMENT**

Moved by Councillor Brett  
Seconded by Alderman Cosgrove that

**the Council notes that Woodburn Reservoir in Carrickfergus supplies water to a significant number of properties in the Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough and that representatives from the opposition groups and Northern Ireland Water be invited to present to a future meeting.**

On the Amendment being put to the meeting 24 members voted in favour and 6 against.

**The Amendment was carried as the substantive motion.**

#### **AMENDMENT**

Moved by Councillor Duffin  
Seconded by Councillor McClelland that

the Council notes that Woodburn Reservoir in Carrickfergus supplies water to a significant portion of the Newtownabbey area and expresses concern that Infrastrata have been granted permission to conduct exploratory petroleum drilling at this location using harmful chemicals; it notes that the current law governing permitted development in Northern Ireland is less robust than in England, where petroleum exploration requires planning permission and notes further that 75% of fossil fuel reserves must be left in the ground to prevent dangerous climate change.

This Council expresses concern that no Strategic Environmental Assessment has been conducted by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Industry ahead of the adoption of a petroleum exploration plan or the issuing of the East Antrim Petroleum Exploration License.

Accordingly, the Council calls upon the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Investment, the Minister for the Environment and Mid and East Antrim Council to urgently review the decision to grant permitted development for exploratory drilling in Woodburn Forest with a view to reversing that permission and for the Minister for the Environment to amend the law so that petroleum exploration always requires full planning permission."

On the amendment being put to the meeting 7 members voted for, 22 against and 1 abstention.

The Amendment was accordingly declared lost.

Councillor Blair returned to the chamber.

*ACTION BY: Geraldine Girvan/Majella McAlister*

#### **MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN COMMITTEE'**

Moved by Councillor Brett  
Seconded by Councillor Beatty and



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

**ITEMS IN COMMITTEE**

**10.26 CD/PM/2            IN COMMITTEE LOUGH NEAGH GATEWAY CENTRE & DEVELOPMENTS  
FI/PRO/TEN/12**

Members were reminded that in August 2015, it was agreed that a Sub-Committee be established to explore and research options for the Gateway Centre development. It was also agreed that a revised business case be produced which included consideration of community provision within the centre.

Subsequently a number of workshops were undertaken during the period October 2015 to February 2016 to which all members were invited, due to the level of interest in the scheme. Members considered the provision that would be required in the future to meet the needs of visitors to the Loughshore and how the area could be enhanced as a tourist destination.

Following discussion it was agreed that a broad range of facilities were desirable at the Loughshore and that these should be provided through the existing budget of [REDACTED]. The facilities should include:

- Gateway Centre
- Play Area with a maritime theme
- Bandstand
- Hard and soft landscaping
- Public art

The budget available for the Gateway Centre building itself would therefore be informed by the cost of the additional facilities to be provided and the priority activities which members identified as key to the centre.

Table 1 below summarises the key requirements of the Centre, following feedback from the members' workshops. The main points to be highlighted are as follows:

- Ground floor café removed to leave a café/restaurant area on the first floor
- Activity area on ground floor removed to leave a multi-purpose room which can be used for community/council or private use
- Reception and circulation/store areas reduced

These amendments would result in a reduction of floor space from 1,010 square metres to 790 square metres, however should members wish to include public

showers as discussed, this would add a further 18 square metres, bringing the total space to 808 square metres.

Table 1

Room	original area	proposed area	Comments
<b>GROUND FLOOR</b>			
Café	65	0	30 covers
Activity Area	74	75	Community and Council use to be explored
Multi-purpose Room	51		
Lough Neagh Rescue	136	136	remains
Public WCs / Showers	68	50	WCs only
Reception	54	18	reduced
Circulation / Stores	120	75	18% approx.
Plant services	70	70	Switch/ Comms/ Plant
sub-total	638	424	
<b>FIRST FLOOR</b>			
Restaurant / Servery / Store / WCs	146	146	75 covers to accommodate Café and Restaurant
Kitchen / Stores / staff WCs	90	90	remains
Circulation + lift	80	80	
sub-total:	316	316	
Total internal floor area:	954m <sup>2</sup>	740m <sup>2</sup>	
<b>EXTERNAL</b>			
Terraces - ground and first floors	56	50	
AREA:	1010m <sup>2</sup>	790m <sup>2</sup>	
<b>ADDITIONAL MEMBER REQUIREMENTS</b>			
Showers	0	18	
TOTAL AREA:	1010 m <sup>2</sup>	808m <sup>2</sup>	4no. cubicles

Please note the core area requirements now identified at concept stage may adjust marginally to accommodate the revised shape and form of the building.

#### IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Members were reminded that at the Development and Leisure Committee of the legacy Antrim Borough Council in November 2013 approval was granted to procure design and build professional services (including sub-

consultants) with Faithful and Gould through a Delivery Agreement under the SCAPE Framework. Approval was also granted to appoint the design and build contractor through the SCAPE Framework if this provided the best option for the Council.

SCAPE is a local authority based organisation acting as a Contracting and Central Purchasing Body as defined in the EU Procurement Directives.

To deliver the Gateway Building it is proposed that the Council continues with the existing design and build procurement route and extends the current Delivery Agreement with Faithful and Gould, which is considered to be the best value option for the Council.

It was further proposed that Council Officers continued to explore the potential of also appointing the design and build contractor for the Gateway Visitor Centre through a Delivery Agreement under the SCAPE framework. This had the benefit of early contractor involvement and programme delivery. If this was not suitable the traditional procurement process will be followed.

The Play Area and Bandstand are considered to be best delivered through the traditional procurement route via separate packages of work.

#### **COST PLAN SUMMARY**

With the Sub-Committee request to include the range of elements (i.e. building, car parking, bandstand, play area, art etc.) from the overall masterplan, it is necessary to reduce the area/footprint of the Gateway Visitor Centre building to deliver the full scope of works within the original approved budget of [REDACTED].

This will require a revised building design which will attract an increase in professional services fees. Council Officers have been successful in negotiating a 20% reduction in the additional fees required to undertake the revised building design. The estimated increase in fee is in the order of [REDACTED]. The revised total professional services fees are estimated to be [REDACTED] and are covered within the overall budget of [REDACTED].

The cost of the Gateway Visitor Centre includes at this stage for very basic Category A fit-out to the kitchen and restaurant (ie. ventilation, extractor, protection systems, floor and ceiling finishes) and shell finish only to the Lough Neagh Rescue and Activity/Multi-Purpose areas. Officers plan to evaluate further the best option for the Council (i.e. shell only or up to Category A fit-out) and further to agreement with members include this within the building contract award.

Costs detailed in Table 2 are indicative only at this stage of the process until a further site appraisal and detailed design are undertaken. Each core elemental cost may vary marginally, however the plan is to deliver all elements within the total approved budget.

Table 2

<b>Core Elemental Costs</b>	<b>Estimated Costs</b> (March 2016 790/808m <sup>2</sup> )
Gateway Building including ancillary works	
Professional fee for the revised scheme *abortive fee	
Statutory, specialist services and supervisor fee	
Desirable items (bandstand, play area, public art, hard and soft landscaping)	
<b>BUDGET TOTAL currently approved (without showers 790m<sup>2</sup>)</b>	
Additional Showers	
<b>BUDGET TOTAL to be approved (with showers 808m<sup>2</sup>)</b>	

The Sub-Committee request for shower provision involves an additional cost of [REDACTED]. Members may wish to consider the option of including this within the overall budget of [REDACTED] or increasing the budget to [REDACTED].

#### **FUNDING**

An application for funding for the Gateway project in the order of [REDACTED] is currently being submitted to DARD under the Rural Development Programme. A Consultant has been appointed to undertake an Economic Appraisal to support this application.

#### **PROGRAMME**

The application for funding towards the Loughshore project including the Gateway Centre Building is a key opportunity for the Council. It has been assumed that a response will be received by June 2016. An 18 month design and build programme has also been assumed.

Council Officers are evaluating both the traditional and SCAPE framework procurement routes for the building. The SCAPE framework route has been accepted by DARD for the contractor. If funding is secured, then completion of the Gateway Visitor Centre is potentially achievable by December 2017 at the earliest. Using the traditional route, completion is achievable by March 2018.

Members were advised that the completion dates for the Play Area and Bandstand were achievable by April 2017 and July 2018 respectively.

Table 3

<b>LOUGHSHORE DEVELOPMENT – PROCUREMENT TIMETABLE</b>		
<b>GATEWAY</b>	<b>TRADITIONAL</b>	<b>SCAPE FRAMEWORK</b>
Design and Build		
Council approval	March 2016	

Planning process	April –June 2016 approval	
Funder letter of offer	June 2016	
Council approval for Design and Build tender/Contractor award	October 2016	August 2016
Start works on site	February 2017	November 2016
Completion	March 2018	December 2017
<b>BANDSTAND</b>		
On site post Gateway Completion	Complete July 2018	
<b>PLAY PARK</b>	Complete April 2017 (dependant on Community consultations)	

#### **OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

During the workshops with members, concerns were raised about access to the Loughshore and Antrim Forum as key Council sites. Officers subsequently met with Transport NI representatives who confirmed that traffic signals at the Lough Road and Dublin Road junction could be installed at an estimated cost of [REDACTED]. This cost is considerably more favourable than the provision of a roundabout. Members might now wish to meet with Transport NI representatives to lobby for traffic signals at this junction.

Moved by Councillor Webb  
Seconded by Councillor Kells and

#### **RESOLVED – that the Council**

- 1) Approves the revised Gateway requirements scheduled in Table 1 including confirmation that showering facilities be included at an additional cost of [REDACTED] giving a total area of 808m<sup>2</sup> enabling Council Officers to progress to detailed design stage
- 2) Approves the budget of [REDACTED] for the Loughshore Development to include the Gateway Centre and ancillary works, Play Area, Bandstand, hard and soft landscaping and Public Art inclusive of all professional, specialist and statutory fees
- 3) Approves the continued Delivery Agreement with Faithful and Gould under the SCAPE Framework for professional services including sub-consultants for the Gateway Centre and Ancillary Works
- 4) Further approves the additional approximate fees of [REDACTED] for Faithful and Gould to undertake the revised building design giving a total estimated fee of [REDACTED]

- 5) Approves officers to explore the Delivery Agreement of a Design and Build Contractor through the SCAPE Framework or alternately to deliver the scheme through the traditional procurement process
- 6) Meets with Transport NI to discuss further the potential for traffic signals at the Lough Road/Dublin Road Junction.

*ACTION BY: Reggie Hillen*

**10.27 TQ/703 IN COMMITTEE TENDER FOR THE PROVISION OF TEMPORARY RECRUITMENT SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD 1 MAY 2014 TO 30 APRIL 2015 (WITH AN OPTION BY THE COUNCIL TO EXTEND FOR A FURTHER TWO PERIODS OF 12 MONTHS)**

Members were reminded that at the Policy & Governance Committee (former Newtownabbey Borough Council) held on 23 April 2014, the tenders for the provision of temporary recruitment services submitted by Premier Employment Group Ltd, Brook Street UK Ltd, Grafton Recruitment and Servisource Recruitment Ltd. were accepted for the period 1 May 2014 to 31 April 2015 (with an option by the Council to extend for a further two periods of 12 months).

Officers reported that they wished to exercise the option to extend the contracts for a further period of 6 months to allow the necessary time to review the service provision and confirm the requirements for a new tender process.

Moved by Councillor Brett  
Seconded by Councillor Duffin and

**RESOLVED - that the contracts for the provision of temporary recruitment services, as detailed above, be extended for a further period of 6 months to 31 July 2016, at the tendered rates.**

*ACTION BY: Sharon Logue*

Noted: The Director of Organisation Development undertook to provide members and the relevant committee with an average weekly cost of recruitment services.

*ACTION BY: Andrea McCooke*

**10.28 IN COMMITTEE WM/WM/2 ARC21 RESIDUAL WASTE TREATMENT FACILITY**

A confidential report was tabled together with copies of the Waste Workshop presentation slides from 25 February 2016.

The request from arc21 to the Planning Appeals Commission to request an adjournment to allow proper governance to be followed, (ie that the prior

consent of all participant Councils is required before the appeal can proceed), was noted.

All Members were encouraged to become familiar with the full content of the circulated documents including the economic implications for Council, before the item was brought again brought before Council on 21 March 2016.

Moved by Councillor Brett  
Seconded by Alderman Cosgrove and unanimously

**RESOLVED - that the Council reviews the economic implications of the Residual Waste Treatment Facility, subject to concluding legal and specialist advice.**

*ACTION: Jacqui Dixon*

#### **10.29 IN COMMITTEE CE/STC/88 ORGANISATION STRUCTURE**

A confidential report relating to Voluntary Severance was tabled at the meeting.

Moved by Councillor Brett  
Seconded by Councillor Webb and

**RESOLVED – that the severance cases in Appendix 1 be approved and that a suitable termination date be agreed with the post holders.**

A confidential report relating to Organisation Design Structures was tabled at the meeting.

Moved by Councillor Webb  
Seconded by Councillor Duffin and

**RESOLVED - that**

- a) the final structure for Property Services be approved;**
- b) the proposed structure for Waste be approved in principle, subject to consultation with staff and Trade Unions.**

*ACTION BY: Andrea McCooke*

#### **10.30 IN COMMITTEE CE/STC/88 STAFFING ISSUES**

A request from the Deputy Chief Executive, and Director of Finance and Governance was approved.

*ACTION BY: Jacqui Dixon*

**MOTION TO PROCEED 'OUT OF COMMITTEE'**

It was

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

There being no further business the Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 10.15pm

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MAYOR

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