



**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD
AT MOSSLEY MILL ON MONDAY 19 DECEMBER 2022 AT 6.30 PM**

- In the Chair** : Mayor (Alderman S Ross)
- Members Present (In Person)** : Aldermen – T Burns, T Campbell, L Clarke, M Cosgrove, M Girvan and J McGrath
- Councillors – J Archibald-Brown, A Bennington, P Bradley, M Brady, J Burbank, M Cooper, H Cushinan, P Dunlop, S Flanagan, R Foster, J Gilmour, N Kelly, R Lynch, A McAuley, V McWilliam, M Magill, B Mallon, J Montgomery, N Ramsay, V Robinson, L Smyth, B Webb and R Wilson
- Members Present (Remote)** : Councillors – M Goodman, A Logue, T McGrann, M Stewart and R Swann
- Officers Present** : Chief Executive - J Dixon
Director of Economic Development and Planning - M McAlister
Director of Operations – G Girvan
Director of Waste Operations – M Laverty
Director of Parks and Leisure Operations – M McDowell
Director of Finance and Governance – S Cole
Director of Community Planning - U Fay
Director of Organisation Development – D Rogers
Head of Communications and Customers – N McCullough
Borough Lawyer and Head of Legal Services – P Casey
ICT Systems Support Officer – C Bell
ICT Helpdesk Officer – D Mason
Member Services Manager – A Duffy
Member Services Officer – L Irwin

Although the COVID restrictions had been relaxed, to manage numbers and minimise risk, members of the public and press could continue to access those parts of the Council meetings which they are entitled to attend through the livestream on the Council's website.

1 BIBLE READING, PRAYER AND WELCOME

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

The meeting opened with a Bible reading and prayer by Reverend Robert Ginn.

Reverend Ginn prayed for Jean Crilly a former Councillor, who sadly passed away in December and expressed his condolences to her family.

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

2 APOLOGIES

Aldermen - Agnew, Michael and Smyth
Councillor - McClelland

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Motion 14 – Councillor Montgomery
Item 12.5 – Alderman McGrath; Councillor Wilson

4 MINUTES OF THE ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBEY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

Moved by Councillor Montgomery
Seconded by Alderman Clarke and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council Meeting of Monday 28 November 2022 be taken as read and signed as correct.

5 MINUTES OF THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Moved by Councillor Kelly
Seconded by Councillor Ramsay and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Operations Committee Meeting of Monday 5 December 2022 be approved and adopted.

6 MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Moved by Alderman Girvan
Seconded by Councillor Magill and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Policy and Governance Committee Meeting of Tuesday 6 December 2022 be approved and adopted.

7 MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Moved by Councillor Gilmour
Seconded by Alderman McGrath and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Community Planning Committee Meeting of Wednesday 7 December 2022 be approved and adopted.

8 MINUTES OF THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING

Moved by Councillor Bennington
Seconded by Councillor Wilson and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting of Monday 12 December 2022 be approved and adopted.

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

Moved by Councillor Archibald-Brown
Seconded by Councillor Bennington and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Planning Committee Meeting of Monday 12 December 2022 Part 1 be taken as read and signed as correct.

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

Moved by Councillor Archibald-Brown
Seconded by Councillor Bennington and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Planning Committee Meeting of Monday 12 December 2022 Part 2 be approved and adopted.

10 ITEMS FOR DECISION

10.1 CP/CP/217 AN AWARD WINNING BOTANICAL BOROUGH

Members were advised that the Council's engagement with Diarmuid Gavin had continued since his delivery of the Platinum Jubilee Garden earlier this year. The Council was pleased that Diarmuid had agreed to become an ambassador for Garden Show Ireland both as an advisor and a guest speaker at the event planned for June 2023.

Diarmuid has been a frequent visitor to the Borough over the past few months exploring the many green spaces and parks including the stretch of coastline from Jordanstown to Hazelbank and Gideon's Green as well as the Newtownabbey Way through to Threemilewater Park with the aim of creating something exceptional for our Borough.

He has proposed a unique and distinctive concept – **An Award Winning Botanical Borough.**

This aligns with the People, Place and Prosperity themes which are central to the Corporate and Recovery Plans. The concept would add to the

attractiveness of the Borough through the creation of vibrant and welcoming towns, villages, neighbourhoods and rural areas, whilst also protecting the environment's natural habitats and promoting biodiversity.

These commitments translate into a significant variety of schemes, programmes and approaches which include; improvements in planting, creation of paths, public artworks, improving accessibility, partnership working with businesses and community groups, animation of open spaces, the development of town centre projects, the pledge to plant 1 million trees, focus on biodiversity, promotion of Best Kept Garden Competition and participation in Ulster in Bloom and the Northern Ireland Amenity Council Best Kept awards.

Improved wellbeing, increased civic pride and an enriched quality of life for residents are all key outcomes of the Council's current Corporate and Recovery Plan and the proposed Award Winning Botanical Borough would offer a once in a generation opportunity to build upon this solid foundation. It would enhance our Local Biodiversity Action Plan, contribute to sustainability and the Climate Change Action Plan and support both tourism and economic development.

This simple, yet transforming concept would make a difference in the streets, coastline, towns, roadsides, roundabouts and in the heart of communities. To be successful it needs buy in and support from our residents, groups and businesses. It is an ambitious plan and truly unique. Adopting a number of initiatives that have been a great success nationally and globally, would set our Borough apart from any other.

Botanical Gardens, the inspiration behind the concept, are among the most visited cultural organisations globally with their ultimate mission to support present and future plant life on the Earth. A variety of images illustrating some of the Award Winning Botanical Borough ideas and projects were circulated for Members' information.

To begin the creation of the Botanical Borough a number of initiatives were proposed Under the following headings:

- **Creation of Wildflower Meadows;** transforming parks, road, verges, waste ground to flowering meadows which would not only look great but would be great for wildlife.
- **Creation of Cherry Blossom Tree Avenues;** Through the simple planting of these trees it would create places of beauty and create a cosmopolitan feel to the area.
- **Botanical Wall Art and Floral Themed Reimaging;** – Bringing the beauty of Botanical art to town centres, housing estates softening the appearance and making it more visually attractive for everyone to enjoy.
- **Gardening in the Community;** by creating urban spaces where residents can grow fruit and vegetables empowering Communities bringing people together in the community from all different walks of lives who paths would not normally cross.

An Action Plan with detailed proposals has been developed and was circulated for Members' information. Members were advised that existing Parks budgets would be used to deliver the Meadows and Cherry Blossom Avenues. Funding opportunities for the reimaging projects would be explored.

The King Charles III Coronation Sub Committee met on 29 November 2022 with the minutes approved at the Community Planning Meeting earlier this month. The sub committee at its meeting on 29 November approved the delivery of a specially designed mechanical Coronation Pleasure Garden at Hazelbank Park Newtownabbey (two images were circulated) This has the potential to be a major tourist attraction for the Borough.

Members would be aware that the Council had already agreed to invest £1.1 million in a capital scheme at Hazelbank Park and it was proposed that the new Coronation Pleasure garden be incorporated as a first stage in this development given the time sensitivity of the forthcoming Coronation and the cost of the project is capitalised.

The proposal for the Coronation Pleasure Garden design from Diarmuid Gavin is his original creation for which he has full intellectual property rights. Therefore, it was appropriate to procure his services for the delivery of this project through a single tender action.

Members were reminded that there are a range of significant funding opportunities available to the Council including Peace Plus and The Shared Prosperity fund which would be explored in relation to ongoing delivery of the Award Winning Botanical Borough concept including specific projects in Town Centres and villages.

Moved by Alderman Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

RESOLVED - that the Council approves the following

- (a) the development and delivery of 'An Award Winning Botanical Borough' concept**
- (b) the delivery of the initial Action Plan of Award Winning Botanical Borough initiatives for each DEA**
- (c) the appointment of Diarmuid Gavin Designs by single tender action to deliver the Mechanical Coronation Pleasure Garden**

ACTION BY: Matt McDowell, Director of Parks and Leisure Operations

11 ITEMS FOR NOTING

11.1 CE/OA/013 – NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSING COUNCIL

Members were advised that correspondence had been received from Northern Ireland Housing Council for Members' information. A copy of the Northern Ireland Housing Council's December Bulletin and Minutes from their November Meeting were (circulated).

Moved by Councillor Kelly
Seconded by Councillor Dunlop and

RESOLVED - that the correspondence be noted.

NO ACTION

11.2 G/MSMO/008 VOL 3 CONSULTATION REPORT – CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S STRATEGY (CYPS) DELIVERY PLAN 2021 - 2024

Correspondence (circulated) had been received from the Department of Education advising that the consultation report for the Children and Young People's Strategy (CYPS) had now been published on the Department of Education website via the following links:

- 1) [Children and Young People's Strategy Initial 3-year Delivery Plan 2021-2024 - Consultation Report | Department of Education \(education-ni.gov.uk\)](https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/children-and-young-people/strategy/initial-3-year-delivery-plan-2021-2024-consultation-report)
- 2) [Children and Young People | Department of Education \(education-ni.gov.uk\)](https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/children-and-young-people/)

Contact details in relation to the consultations are Donna McDowell, Children and Young People's Strategy Team, Department of Education, Rathgael House, 43 Balloo Road, Bangor, BT19 7PR. E-mail donna.mcdowell@education-ni.gov.uk, Tel: (028) 9185 8009/Ext 68009.

Moved by Councillor Kelly
Seconded by Councillor Dunlop and

RESOLVED - that the Consultation Report for the Children and Young People's Strategy (CYPS) Delivery Plan 2021 – 2024 be noted.

NO ACTION

11.3 EH/PHWB/005 COST OF LIVING BOOKLET

Members were reminded that at the November 2022 meeting of the Operations Committee, a report was brought highlighting that the Environmental Health and Well Being Service had produced a Cost of Living Support Booklet. The booklet provides useful information and contact details of statutory, community and voluntary bodies that could assist Members and residents with information on food, energy bills, financial advice and wellbeing.

Due to difficulties with the layout of the booklet, there was a delay in circulating a copy of the booklet to Members.

The booklet (circulated) would now be uploaded to Flux for Members to access, uploaded to the Council's website and promoted through Council's

social media channels. Printed copies would be available for residents who are unable to access the online versions.

Moved by Councillor Kelly
Seconded by Councillor Dunlop and

RESOLVED - that the report be noted.

NO ACTION

11.4 ED/ED/130 FULL FIBRE NI PROJECT UPDATE

Members would be aware that since 2018 the Council had been involved in the delivery of the Full Fibre Northern Ireland project in collaboration with nine other councils.

This was the final report to Members following the successful delivery of the DCMS-funded LFFN (£14.1m) and RGC (£9m) projects under the FFNI Consortium, seeking to upgrade local broadband infrastructure across Northern Ireland.

At a Borough-wide level, 30 Council sites were connected to the value of £283,316.85 via FFNI. In addition, a further 24 Business Services Organisation (BSO) sites (such as GP surgeries, fire and ambulance stations) were also connected in the ANBC area. The full list of ANBC sites were circulated at Appendix A.

The project has supported the development of the digital infrastructure across the Borough and provided many benefits for our residents and businesses including:

- Access to the next generation of ultrafast products, delivering download speeds up to 1,000Mbps (1Gb).
- Improved digital public services utilising FFNI infrastructure which can provide greater accessibility to public sector services for rural and remote citizens aligning with the Council's Regeneration and Economic Development Strategy 2020-2025.

The programme has also continued to increase our economic competitiveness supporting our ambition to attract £1bn of investment to the Borough. Digital connectivity and access to high speed, quality broadband was a key pillar of our strategy to continue to attract and retain businesses.

The project has also vastly improved Council infrastructure by moving from an old copper network to new reliable gigabit-capable fibre network. Fibre can be more easily upgraded than copper, and its headroom is hugely greater with the potential to run several sites to 10Gb per second future proofing Council networks, thereby futureproofing the infrastructure.

An official formal PR event was held and a closure report would be developed shortly with key stakeholders across the Consortium to celebrate

the success of the project and highlight the benefits and opportunities that full fibre can bring to Council(s) and the surrounding areas for residents and businesses. A local press release had been planned to highlight the achievements and opportunity linked to this project.

As part of the DCMS grant condition, Councils are required to put the fibre into use by December 2022. Each of the public-sector organisations that are part of the LFFN and RGC projects under the FFNI programme operate a "Wide Area Network" (WAN), and Council's IT team would seek to optimise the new and improved broadband infrastructure.

Glossary of Terms

FFNI – Full Fibre Northern Ireland Consortium
LFFN – Local Full Fibre Network Programme
RGC – Rural Gigabit Capable Programme
WAN – Wide Area Network

Moved by Councillor Kelly
Seconded by Councillor Dunlop and

RESOLVED - that Members note the contents of the update on DCMS projects managed under FFNI.

NO ACTION

11.5 PBS/PS/001 SHORT TERM ENERGY ACTION PLAN

Members were reminded that in addition to the Energy Management Action Plan which was approved in April 2022, circulated, update reports are regularly presented to the Policy and Governance Committee, the most recent being at the December meeting. As a result of the Action Plan, the top 5 energy using buildings were identified and actions prioritised in these buildings.

Managing energy use is important in the Council's drive to reduce its carbon footprint, deliver on its sustainability commitments and, in the current cost of living crisis, as a means of reducing energy consumption to drive down costs. In addition to the prioritisation of the top 5 energy users, there are a range of measures which are being progressed in parallel including audits, feasibility studies relating to alternative energy sources and benchmarking.

A short term Energy Action Plan - More Sustainable Action, circulated, had been developed in line with discussions at the Corporate Workshops.

Some of the short term actions included would need to be adapted over time to ensure that a culture is created whereby every member of staff takes responsibility for energy usage and takes action accordingly. It would also ensure that those who use our facilities are made aware of our commitment to sustainability and that we as an organisation are energy conscious.

The Action Plan sets out a range of practical measures which are being implemented currently or would be underway in January in the following areas:

1. Promotion/Awareness to change behaviours/culture
2. Building Management Systems
3. Facility Programme Management
4. Tariffs

Moved by Councillor Kelly
Seconded by Councillor Dunlop and

RESOLVED - that the report be noted.

NO ACTION

13 NOTICE OF MOTION

Proposed by Councillor Goodman
Seconded by Councillors – Cushinan, Kinnear, Logue and McGrann

“This council is deeply concerned that the £600 energy support payment due to people across the North of Ireland who are enduring severe cost-of-living pressures has not yet been made, despite DUP assurances it would be paid in November.

Notes that as a result of the DUP boycott of power-sharing, responsibility for delivering this payment rests with the British government.

Is further concerned that as temperatures drop and winter deepens, many families struggling to pay soaring energy bills will have budgeted for this payment being made before Christmas as promised.

And therefore calls on the British government to urgently provide clarity on the delivery of the payments, it is well past time that these were delivered with no more broken promises.”

AMENDMENT

Moved by Councillor Magill
Seconded by Councillor Wilson that

“This Council is deeply concerned that the £600 energy support payment due to people across Northern Ireland, many of whom are enduring severe cost of living pressures, has not yet been made, despite continuing Government assurances.

Is further concerned that as temperatures drop and winter deepens, many families struggling to pay soaring energy bills will have budgeted for this payment being made before Christmas as promised by the Government.

Notes that Government has responsibility for funding and delivery of the energy relief payment and has already commenced delivery of such payments for all other devolved regions.

Welcomes today's announcement to commence the roll out of payments to Northern Ireland households from January, calls on the Government to deliver on this commitment and asks officers to bring an urgent report to the relevant committee to consider what additional help can be provided to our residents during the cost of living pressures being faced at this time".

On the Amendment being put to the meeting, 31 Members voted in favour, 4 against and 0 abstentions.

The Amendment was declared carried and became the Substantive Motion.

On the Motion being put to the meeting, 31 Members voted in favour, 4 against and 0 abstentions.

The Motion was declared carried and it was

RESOLVED – that officers bring an urgent report to the relevant committee to consider what additional help can be provided to our residents during the cost of living pressures being faced at this time.

ACTION BY: Jacqui Dixon, Chief Executive

Having declared an interest in the following Motion, Councillor Montgomery left the Chamber

14 NOTICE OF MOTION

Proposed by Councillor Flanagan
Seconded by Councillor Bradley

"This Council acknowledges the great sacrifice of the men and women who served, dutifully and bravely, in the Royal Ulster Constabulary George Cross, and in this, the centenary year of that organisation and of policing in Northern Ireland, commits to make provision for tangible and lasting commemorative tribute within the Borough.

The council thus invites officers to present an options paper to the relevant committee for consideration.

On the Motion being put to the meeting 27 Members voted in favour, 4 against and 3 abstentions and

The Motion was declared carried and it was

RESOLVED – that officers present an options paper to the relevant committee for consideration.

ACTION BY: Jacqui Dixon, Chief Executive

Councillor Montgomery returned to the Chamber

MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN COMMITTEE'

Moved by Councillor Wilson
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

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

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

Councillor Bradley left the meeting.

12 ITEMS IN COMMITTEE

12.1 IN CONFIDENCE WM/WM/36 STRATEGIC WASTE MANAGEMENT UPDATE

[REDACTED]

On the proposal being put to the meeting, and a recorded vote being requested by Councillor Bennington, Members voted as follows:

| In favour of the Motion Members viz 25 | Against the Motion Members viz 4 | Abstentions Members viz 5 |
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| Aldermen – Cosgrove, Burns, Campbell, and McGrath, Councillors – Burbank, Cooper, Cushinan, Flanagan, Foster, Gilmour, Goodman, Kelly, Logue, Lynch McAuley, McGrann, McWilliam, Magill, Montgomery, Ramsay, Stewart, L Smyth, Swann, Wilson and Webb | Aldermen – Clarke and Ross Councillors – Bennington, Robinson | Alderman – Girvan Councillors – Archibald-Brown, Brady, Dunlop, Mallon, |

The Motion was declared carried as it was

RESOLVED - that Council approves:

[REDACTED]

ACTION BY: Lynsey Daly, Head of Waste Strategy and Contracts

12.2 IN CONFIDENCE ED/ED/195 Vol.2 MINUTES OF THE GOVERNANCE MEETINGS OF THE LEVELLING UP FUND PROJECT BOARD HELD ON 13 AND 27 OCTOBER 2022

The Levelling Up Fund award required that a governance structure be put in place to oversee the management and implementation of the approved schemes:

- LUF0037 Glengormley Integrated Economic and Physical Regeneration Scheme
- LUF0080 Antrim Integrated Economic and Physical Regeneration Scheme

This included an internal project board made up of relevant Officers involved in delivery: Capital Development; Economic Development; Public Relations & Marketing; Legal Services; Building Control.

The Levelling up Fund Project Board met on the 13 and 27 October 2022 to monitor progress and to provide direction for the schemes.

Copies of the minutes from the meetings were circulated for Members consideration.

Moved by Councillor Bennington
Seconded by Councillor Webb and

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Levelling Up Fund Project Board meetings held on 13 and 27 October 2022 be approved.

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

12.3 IN CONFIDENCE ED/ED/17 OUR PROSPERITY OUTCOME DELIVERY GROUP MINUTES

The Our Prosperity Outcome Delivery Group met on the 15 December 2022 to review progress on strategic economic development and tourism matters and to consider priorities as a result of the pandemic and its economic impact. A copy of the minutes from the meeting held on 15 December 2022 were circulated for Members consideration.

Moved by Councillor Lynch
Seconded by Councillor Cosgrove and

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Our Prosperity Outcome Delivery Group of 15 December 2022 be approved.

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

12.4 IN CONFIDENCE ED/ED/2014 GLENGORMLEY PUBLIC REALM SCHEME – GLENWELL ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

An update report was provided to members in August 2022, at which point it was agreed that given the linear nature of the town and the importance of the commercial areas on the Antrim and Ballyclare roads, the public realm scheme should seek to include the full extent of these areas even though they were outside the town centre boundary.

Officers therefore progressed on the basis that the scheme would commence at the new Office/Workspace Hub and extend through the town and up the Ballyclare and Antrim Roads, incorporating the main commercial areas and linking to Lilian Bland Park. The public realm would also continue through the Tramways Centre to provide a quality link through to the improved Farmley Car Park, which would be critical to the connectivity of the scheme.

At that time, the budget for the Public Realm Scheme was estimated at £■■■■. Discussions are ongoing with the Department for Communities (DfC)

with a view to the Department providing £[REDACTED] towards the total costs. Work was being undertaken to update this budget in light of the current inflationary pressures and challenges in progressing capital schemes. In order to secure the match funding required from the Department, a bid/business case must be submitted and approved by DFC and the Department of Finance (DoF) due to the scale of investment. This process was estimated to take a minimum of 16 weeks, should there be no significant queries raised by the economists. A draft business case had been completed by independent consultants and is currently being reviewed by Officers.

In October, as members would be aware, the then Minister of the Department for Infrastructure announced that the Antrim Road was his preferred route option for the expansion of the Belfast Rapid Transit (Glider) into Antrim and Newtownabbey. He instructed his officials to progress further detailed design work in Glengormley town centre with a view to Glider following a route through the town. DfC officials have asked that the public realm scheme takes account of any requirements for the Glider expansion, should it be the case that this route was progressed.

With respect to the planning application for the public realm scheme, a pre-application community consultation process was undertaken in November 2022 and it was intended that the planning application would be submitted prior to Christmas or early New Year. Should any requirements arise as a result of the Glider discussions, these would be considered in the context of the planning application submitted.

One particular aspect of the Public Realm scheme affected by the timing of the approvals outlined was the Right Hand Turning Lane at the Antrim Road/Glenwell Road. Due to the need to progress this development in advance of the Farnley Car Park improvements / New Road and to facilitate the one-way system, the Council approved a budget of £[REDACTED] in August for Civil Engineering/Utilities work which would otherwise have been included within the bid/business case to DfC, had the timing permitted. DFI (Roads and Traffic sections) committed to covering the other aspects of the scheme including the remaining civil engineering works, traffic light signalisation, resurfacing of the road).

In August, it was also agreed that Officers should proceed to progress the scheme 'at risk' and report back in due course. At that time, it was anticipated that this work would be completed within 6 weeks however the scheme was affected by a diversion of traffic from the M2 and DFI would not permit commencement until early New Year.

In the intervening period, work had been ongoing with DFI to fully develop and specify the scope of the work at the Antrim Road/Glenwell Road junction and to secure the required funding to take it forward. As outlined in the tender report below, an additional £ [REDACTED] is requested from the Council for this element of the scheme, bringing the Council contribution to £[REDACTED]. The other costs associated with these works are being met by DFI at an approximate cost of £[REDACTED].

The overall total cost of the public realm scheme has therefore increased, at this point to just over £[REDACTED], with the Council contribution increasing to £[REDACTED]. The remainder of the funding required would be sought from DfC. A further update report would be provided to members in the New Year when there was further certainty in relation to the budget projections.

The tender exercise and proposed appointment was summarised as follows:

PROCUREMENT

ITT documents were issued to the three contractors on the 9 November 2022. Three completed ITT submissions were received by the closing date of 30 November 2022.

TENDER ANALYSIS

Tenders received were evaluated on price only. Northstone (NI) Limited submitted the lowest acceptable tender assessment total price as detailed below.

| Contractor | Tendered Total of the Prices | Model Compensation Event Total* | Tender Assessment Total Price** |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Northstone (NI) Limited | £[REDACTED] | £[REDACTED] | £[REDACTED] |
| [REDACTED] | £[REDACTED] | £[REDACTED] | £[REDACTED] |
| [REDACTED] [REDACTED] | £[REDACTED] | £[REDACTED] | £[REDACTED] |

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

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

The tender from Northstone (NI) Limited is the lowest. No errors had been found in this tender. The prices submitted within the Tendered Total of the Prices are competitive and offer value for money to the Council.

Northstone (NI) Limited have confirmed they can stand over their tendered price to meet the specification and construction programme.

COST SUMMARY

Based on the lowest tender the predicted total project cost was summarised below.

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|--------------------------------|--|
| Tendered Total of Prices | £ [REDACTED] |
| Model Compensation Event Total | £ [REDACTED] |
| Tender Assessment Total Price | £ [REDACTED] |
| Traffic Signalisation | £ [REDACTED] (to be confirmed by Dfl) |
| Utilities information) | £ [REDACTED] (provisional due to limited information) |
| Total Predicted Works Cost | £ [REDACTED] |
| Dfl Funding | £ [REDACTED] (estimate) |
| Council Works Contribution* | £ [REDACTED] (anticipated) |

*includes Model Compensation Event Total of £ [REDACTED] which may not be fully utilised and some of which some may be recovered from Dfl.

Due to the lack of information on existing utilities a sum of £ [REDACTED] had been included to allow for the high risk.

The anticipated Council contribution had increased from £ [REDACTED] (agreed in August 2022) to £ [REDACTED] due to inflation and the uncertainties in works associated with utilities.

PROGRAMME

The start date for the works would be dictated by the completion of the M2 motorway refurbishment works which has the impact of re-routing traffic through Glengormley. Liaison was ongoing with Dfl and it is anticipated the right hand turn lane works would commence in January 2023 with completion by May 2023 subject to normal approvals. It should be noted due to the lack of information on the condition of the existing utilities, the completion date was a high risk.

Moved by Alderman McGrath
Seconded by Councillor Cosgrove and

RESOLVED - that

- **The Tendered Total of the Prices of £ [REDACTED] (exc. VAT) from Northstone (NI) Limited for package 2A (Right Hand Turn Lane) be approved giving a Tender Assessment Total Price of £ [REDACTED]**
- **The anticipated Council Works Contribution for Package 2A in the sum of £ [REDACTED] be approved**

ACTION BY: Majella McAlister, Director of Economic Development and Planning and Sandra Cole, Director of Finance and Governance

Having declared an Interest in the following Item Alderman McGrath and Councillor Wilson left the Chamber

12.5 IN CONFIDENCE FI/FIN/043 COST OF LIVING, FINANCIAL HEALTH, ESTIMATES 23/24 UPDATE

Members were reminded that at the Council meeting on 28 November 2022, it was agreed to defer the Joint Trade Union's counter offer (circulated) pending consideration of the Council's financial position.

As a reminder the offers were as follows:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Moved by Councillor Robinson
Seconded by Councillor Webb and

RESOLVED – that:

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ACTION BY: Sandra Cole, Director of Finance and Governance/ Debbie Rogers, Director of Organisation Development

MOTION TO PROCEED 'OUT OF COMMITTEE'

Moved by Councillor Dunlop
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

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

The Mayor thanked everyone for attending and the meeting concluded at 7.52 pm.

MAYOR

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