



21 February 2018

To: Each Member of the Council

Dear Member

MEETING OF ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBAY BOROUGH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council will be held in the **Chamber, Mossley Mill on Monday 26 February at 6.30pm.**

You are requested to attend.

Yours sincerely

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

Jacqui Dixon, BSc MBA
Chief Executive, Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council

PLEASE NOTE:

Fork buffet will be available in the Pre-Meeting Rooms from 5.30 pm.

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A G E N D A

- 1 Bible Reading and Prayer (In accordance with Standing Orders, Members are not required to attend for this part of the meeting and, following this part of the meeting, Members outside the Chamber will be called to the meeting).
- 2 Apologies.
- 3 Declarations of Interest.
- 4 To take as read and confirm the minutes of the proceedings of the Council Meeting of the Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council held on Monday 29 January 2018, a copy of which is **enclosed**.
- 5 To approve the minutes of the proceedings of the Operations Committee Meeting of Monday, 5 February 2018, a copy of which is **enclosed**.
- 6 To approve the minutes of the proceedings of the Policy and Governance Committee Meeting of Tuesday, 6 February 2018, a copy of which is **enclosed**.
- 7 To approve the minutes of the proceedings of the Special Council Meeting held on Monday, 12 February 2018, a copy of which is **enclosed**.
- 8 To approve the minutes of the proceedings of the Community Planning and Regeneration Committee Meeting held on Monday, 12 February 2018, 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, 19 February 2018, a copy of which is **enclosed**.
- (b) To approve Part 2 of the minutes of the proceedings of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Monday, 19 February 2018, a copy of which is **enclosed**.
10. Report on business to be considered:

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- 10.1 To approve the Sealing of Documents

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- 10.2 Boundary Commission for N Ireland
- 10.3 Department for Communities Correspondence – Tackling Paramilitary Activity, Criminality and Organised Crime

- 10.4. William McFadzean VC Commemoration Society Sportsman's Dinner
- 10.5 Northern Ireland Housing Executive – Request for Presentation
- 10.6 Department of Health – Consultation on Promoting Human Organ Donation and Transplantation in Northern Ireland and Draft Local Government Code of Practice
- 10.7 Aqua slides – Valley Leisure Centre
- 10.8 Leisure Grant Aid: Every Body Active Grants
- 10.9 Corporate Improvement Plan 2018-19 (draft for consultation)
- 10.10 Street Name Plates In Languages other than English

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- 10.11 Budget Report – January 2018
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- 10.13 Annual Business Report 2017-18 Quarter 3 update
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- 10.15 Strategic Economic Development Projects and Economic Think Tank Update

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- 10.16 PEACE IV - Out of Schools Life Skills Programme
- 10.17 PEACE IV – Arts Engagement Programme
- 10.18 PEACE IV - Sports Engagement Programme
- 10.19 PEACE IV - Cultural Expressions Key Institutions Programme
- 10.20 PEACE IV Growing Understanding Programme
- 10.21 Optimal Programme Procurement
- 10.22 Dunanney Centre - Tenancy Rental
- 10.23 Cash Transportation and Lodgement Service 2018
- 10.24 Catering Franchise at Antrim Forum

- 10.25 Supply & Delivery of Horticultural Materials
- 10.26 Provision of Legal Services
- 10.27 Framework for the Supply and Fit of Tyres RM3767
- 10.28 Recycling and Recovery of Residual Civic Amenity, Street Litter, Commercial and Bulky Waste.
- 10.29 Provision of Dog Pound Facilities & Related Services
- 10.30 Kerbside Collection of Organic and Residual Waste
- 10.31 Organisation Structures

**REPORT ON BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY 26
FEBRUARY 2018**

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10.1 TO APPROVE THE SEALING OF DOCUMENTS

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

To approve the Sealing of Documents:

- Contract between Land & Property Services (LPS) and Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council for the Supply of Property Surveys.
- Deed of sale for lands at Lakeview Crumlin from NIE to the Council
- Contract for the sale of Toome Sewage Pumping Station to the Council from NIE.

ITEMS FOR DECISION

10.2 CE/GEN/035 BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR NI

Members are advised that the Boundary Commission for NI has published a Revised Proposals Report for Consultation.

The Consultation is available online at www.boundarycommission.org.uk and closes on Monday, 21 March 2018.

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

The Council's instructions are requested.

10.3 CP/CP/027 TACKLING PARAMILITARY ACTIVITY, CRIMINALITY AND ORGANISED CRIME

Members are advised that correspondence has been received from the Department for Communities asking the Community Planning Partnerships to address issues around the rule of law and embedding a culture of lawfulness (copy enclosed).

The Department is offering each Community Planning Partnership approximately £900 as assistance to consider this matter.

Officers have reviewed the Community Plan and these issues have not been raised as a priority within the Plan.

RECOMMENDATION: that the correspondence be noted as this has not been highlighted as a priority within the Community Plan and that the matter be dealt with via the Police and Community Safety Partnership.

Prepared by: Jacqui Dixon, Chief Executive

10.4 G/MSMO/23 ANCRE SOMME ASSOCIATION – WILLIAM MCFADZEAN VC SPORTSMAN'S DINNER

Correspondence has been received from the Ancre Somme Association on behalf of the William McFadzean VC Commemoration Society (**copy enclosed**) providing details of a fund raising Sportsman's Dinner to be held on Friday 16 March 2018 in Craigavon Civic and Conference Centre.

The event will be hosted by the Lord Mayor of Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council with special guests, including Glasgow Rangers, AC Milan & England legend Mark Hateley, Manchester United, Newcastle United and Northern Ireland legend Keith Gillespie and BBC Sport NI pundit Liam Beckett, MBE.

Tickets for the event are priced at £50 per person or £450 per table of 10. Alternatively, the Association provides details to facilitate financial donations.

The Council's instructions are requested.

Prepared by: Member Services

Approved by Jacqui Dixon, Chief Executive

10.5 G/MSMO/7/Vol 3 NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSING EXECUTIVE – REQUEST FOR PRESENTATION

Members are advised of correspondence received from the Northern Ireland Housing Executive (copy **enclosed**) requesting the opportunity to present the Housing Investment Plan for the area at the October Council Meeting.

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

Prepared by: Member Services

Approved by: Liz Johnston, Head of Governance

Agreed by: Andrea McCooke, Director of Organisation Development

10.6 EH/PHWB/11 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – CONSULTATION ON PROMOTING HUMAN ORGAN DONATION AND TRANSPLANTATION IN NORTHERN IRELAND AND DRAFT LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF PRACTICE

Members are advised under Part 4 of the Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 the Department of Health has a duty to promote organ donation and transplantation.

The Department is consulting with the transplant community, the wider public, clinicians, patient representatives and other stakeholders about the development of a draft policy to implement its statutory duty to promote and report on organ donation and transplantation in Northern Ireland. The consultation seeks comments on two primary objectives to be implemented through six key commitments to drive increased rates of organ donation in Northern Ireland.

The consultation proposes: -

Objective 1: Encouraging positive actions and behaviours in relation to organ donation and the Department commits to increasing awareness of organ donation and the rate of consent by families by:

- Developing a long term integrated Health and Social Care Communications Programme;
- Providing ring-fenced funding to co-ordinate and deliver communications activity;
- Utilising the potential of civic society to engage with all sectors of the community;
- Working with Local Government to engage with local community based initiatives;
- Engaging with key target audiences including older citizens and children and young people, to ensure greater levels of awareness and responsibility by the current and future adult population.

Objective 2: Developing appropriate training for healthcare professionals to increase levels of consent in order to achieve the 2020 strategy target of 80%. The Department commits to increasing awareness of organ donation and the rate of consent by families by:

- Providing high quality organ donation awareness training for healthcare professionals.

The Department has also issued a draft Code of Practice for Local Government that sets out guiding principles and activities relating to the promotion of organ donation through closer collaboration between local Councils and the Health and Social Care Trusts.

A copy of the full Consultation can be found via the following link and the draft Council's response to the 12 question consultation paper is **enclosed**.

In addition, a Workshop was held in January 2017 hosted by the Organ Donation Clinical Advisory Group for local government. The paper produced following the workshop is also **enclosed** together with comments for consideration by Committee. If approved, this will also be submitted. The purpose of the workshop was to discuss the potential for closer collaboration in the promotion of organ donation with the aim of developing a code of practice for Councils to help increase awareness of organ donation levels.

<https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/doh-healthcare-policy-group/promoting-human-organ-donation-and-transplantation/>

RECOMMENDATION: that the responses to the Department of Health Consultation on Promoting Human Organ Donation and Transplantation and comments on the Draft Local Government Code of Practice be approved.

Prepared by: Wendy Brolly, Environmental Health Manager (Health and Wellbeing)

Approved by: Clifford Todd, Head of Environmental Health

Agreed by: Geraldine Girvan, Director of Operations

10.7 L/GEN/65 AQUA SLIDES – VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE

Following the postponement of repair works scheduled for December 2017 at the Valley and Sixmile Leisure Centres due to contractor constraints on programme time, it has now been confirmed that the repair work will proceed on a phased approach.

Repair work at the Valley Leisure Centre will take place between 26 March 2018 – 13 April 2018 with Sixmile scheduled for late December (specific dates to be confirmed). Officers have specified the repair work be conducted at these times to ensure there is limited service disruption. The April dates will avoid impacting the swimming lessons and late December is historically a time of year which sees a considerable reduction in usage due to the festive period.

Work at both pools will necessitate pool closure. Centres will take advantage of the closures by scheduling additional maintenance work and deep cleaning alongside the repair works. Valley Leisure Centre has been prioritised, as the aqua slide is not currently operational, in addition repair work is scheduled to be complete to coincide with the launch of our new leisure swim product called Aquasplash in April 2018.

Aquasplash will ensure programmed times for family swims at all three Centres with the full range of activities available at Sixmile including the Lazy River and new features at the Valley and Antrim Forum including inflatable obstacle courses. This will increase the programming for the 5,000+ family members currently subscribed to the “More” membership as well as attract new users from within and outside the Borough.

RECOMMENDATION: that the pool at the Valley Leisure Centre be closed from 26th March – 13th April 2018 to accommodate the planned works to Aqua Slides.

Prepared by: Matt McDowell, Head of Leisure

Approved: Geraldine Girvan, Director of Operations

10.8 L/LEI/418 LEISURE GRANT AID: Every Body Active Grants

INTRODUCTION

Members are reminded that Officers had 5 months to design and deliver this funding programme through the Every Body Active Programme. This was extremely challenging and Officers aimed to maximise grant uptake through a targeted marketing campaign, drop in 'clinics' and open workshops the programme has been promoted to local sports clubs and subject to approval of the applications recommended for approval in this report, a total of 94% of the funding will have been committed. The funding, which has now closed to allow time for project delivery, spend and vouching by the deadline, has reached 25 projects, benefitting 1,260 participants from underrepresented groups.

FINAL BATCH OF APPLICATIONS

A total of 21 eligible applications have been approved to date, with 4 new applications this month.

Every Body Active 2020 Small grants	Approved to date (21 applications)		4 Applications this call (February 2018)		
	Annual budget	Approved spend to date	No. of apps.	Proposed funding award this call	Balance after approvals
	£35,907	£25,916	4	£4,400	£5,591
Totals					
Total grant allocation				£35,907	
Total spend to date including this call, if approved:				£30,316	
10% Administration payment to Council				<u>£3,590</u>	
				£33,906	

Number of participants benefitting from funding, including this call.

Women and Girls	1,189
People with a Disability	420
People from areas of High social Need	1,131
Total number of Participants	1,260

A summary of Every Body Active grant award recommendations is enclosed.

RECOMMENDATION: that the Every Body Active grant awards as detailed be approved.

Prepared by: Janine Beazley, Grants and Special Projects Officer

Approved by: Geraldine Girvan, Director of Operations

10.9 PT/CI/013 CORPORATE IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2018-19

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

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

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

Officers have prepared a Corporate Improvement Plan 2018-19 (Draft for Consultation) and this **is enclosed** for Members' consideration.

The Corporate Improvement Plan 2018-19 includes:

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

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

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

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

Following the consultation, a revised draft will be brought to Members' attention in June 2018.

As part of its audit of November 2017, The Northern Ireland Audit Office stated that "the Council's Audit Committee has responsibility to ensure that arrangements for good governance are in place and operating efficiently". To this end, it is proposed that quarterly progress reports are submitted to the Audit Committee for scrutiny and challenge and to ensure that an evaluation of risk and an assessment of performance is carried out, prior to a subsequent Council meeting for approval.

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

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

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

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

RECOMMENDATION: that the Corporate Improvement Plan 2018-19 (Draft for Consultation), and Equality Screening Form be approved, subject to consultation with key stakeholders.

Prepared by: Helen Hall, Head of Performance and Transformation

Approved by: Jacqui Dixon, Chief Executive

10.10 CE/GEN/083 STREET NAME PLATES IN LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH

Members are advised that a request has been received from Abbeyville Residents Association requesting 5 street signs to be expressed in Irish (**copy enclosed**).

The Council currently does not have a policy in place to deal with this request and this report seeks to provide the background and context to allow the Council to decide whether it requires a policy on this matter.

Legal Position

Article 11 of The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 provides councils with a discretionary power to erect street nameplates in a language other than English. Article 11 states as follows:

11. (1) A council may erect at or near each end, corner or entrance of any street in its district a nameplate showing the name of the street; and a nameplate erected under this paragraph—
 - (a) shall express the name of the street in English; and
 - (b) may express that name in any other language.
- (2) A council may, immediately adjacent to a nameplate erected under paragraph (1) which expresses the name of a street in English only, erect a second nameplate expressing the name of the street in a language other than English.
- (3) Neither this Article nor anything done by a council thereunder authorises or requires the use of the name of a street expressed in a language other than English as, or as part of—
 - (a) the address of any person; or
 - (b) the description of any land;for the purposes of any statutory provision.
- (4) In deciding whether and, if so, how to exercise its powers under paragraph (1)(b) or (2) in relation to any street, a council shall have regard to any views on the matter expressed by the occupiers of premises in that street.

Therefore there is no legal requirement for the Council to provide street signs expressed in a language other than English. However, should the Council decide to provide street signs expressed in another language then, rather than consider requests on a case by case basis, the Council may wish to introduce a policy, having regard to Article 11 of the 1995 Order, setting out the required criteria which must be satisfied for such an application.

Equality

Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 (the Act) requires public authorities designated for the purposes of the Act to comply with two statutory duties.

The first duty is the Equality of Opportunity duty, which requires public authorities in carrying out their functions relating to Northern Ireland to have due regard to the need to promote equality of opportunity between the nine equality categories of persons of different religious belief, political opinion, racial group, age, marital status or sexual orientation; men and women generally; persons with a disability and persons without; and persons with dependants and persons without.

The second duty, the Good Relations duty, requires that public authorities in carrying out their functions relating to Northern Ireland have regard to the desirability of promoting good relations between persons of different religious belief, political opinion and racial group.

While language is not a specific section 75 category, people of different racial groups, whose first language is not English, have potential to directly benefit from dual language signage. In addition, people of different religious beliefs and political opinion also have potential to benefit from dual language signage.

The Committee of Experts which monitors the application of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages emphasises that 'adoption of special measures in favour of regional or minority languages aimed at promoting equality between the users of these languages and the rest of the population is not to be considered an act of discrimination against the users of more widely used languages' (Source: Council of Europe (2010) – Report of the Committee of Experts on the Charter (UK 3rd Monitoring Cycle), 21.04.10, paragraph 123).

In terms of equality of opportunity, any potential positive impact of dual signage for people of any specific political opinion does not automatically create an adverse negative impact on people with other political opinions.

Statistics

In determining whether there is a need for the Council to introduce a policy Members may wish to take account of the following statistics from the 2011 Census. Although not yet fully configured to 2015 local government boundaries, the following figures provide a close approximation of the correct figures for Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council.

On Census Day on 27 March 2011, in Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council the resident population was represented as follows:

- 2.10% were from an ethnic minority population and the remaining 97.90% were white (including Irish Traveller);
- 29.74% belong to or were brought up in the Catholic religion and 61.10% belong to or were brought up in a 'Protestant and Other Christian (including Christian related)' religion;
- 62.17% indicated that they had a British national identity, 16.01% had an Irish national identity and 30.86% had a Northern Irish national identity*. (*Respondents could indicate more than one national identity);
- 6.52% had some knowledge of Irish; (aged 3+);
- 9.30% had some knowledge of Ulster-Scots (aged 3+); and
- 2.72% did not have English as their first language (aged 3+).

The 2011 Census also provides the following information:

Place of birth of residents in Antrim and Newtownabbey District Area

Place of birth	No. of Residents
Northern Ireland	124,343
United Kingdom (Other) + Channel Islands, Isle of Man	6,866
Republic of Ireland	1,483
Europe (outside UK and RoI)	2,984
Africa	476
Middle East	101
Asia	1,568
North America and Caribbean	433
Central and South America	65
Oceania and Antarctica	247
Other	1
All Usual Residents	138,567

Of the 138,567 people resident in Antrim and Newtownabbey District Area, 5,875 were born outside the UK or Ireland. This represents 4.2% of the population, which is slightly below the Northern Ireland average of 4.5%.

Languages spoken within Antrim and Newtownabbey District Area

First Language	No. of residents aged 3+	First Language	No. of residents aged 3+
English	129,013	Malayalam	162
Polish	1,165	Tagalog/Filipino	135
Lithuanian	309	Hungarian	87
Slovak	229	Portuguese	64
Chinese	228	Russian	58

Irish (Gaelic)	176	Latvian	29
		Other	965

The above table shows the range of languages currently spoken as a main language within Antrim and Newtownabbey District Area. 3,431 residents aged 3+ speak a language other than English or Irish as their main language. Of those whose main language is not English or Irish, 26% cannot speak English, or cannot speak it well.

The cost of providing a Street Name sign is approximately £250.

The Council's instructions are requested.

Prepared by Paul Casey, Borough Lawyer

Approved by Jacqui Dixon, Chief Executive

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

10.11 FI/FIN/4 BUDGET REPORT – JANUARY 2018

A budget report for January 2018 is **enclosed** for Members' information.

For the period, the Council's variance on Net Cost of Services was £1.4m favourable, with income from the District Rates and De-Rating Grant being in line with their respective budgets.

Should this favourable variance on services continue to the end of the financial year, this would result in an increase to the General Fund of £653k against a budgeted decrease of £757k.

RECOMMENDATION: that the report be noted.

Prepared by: Richard Murray, Management Accountant

Agreed by: John Balmer, Head of Finance

Approved by: Jacqui Dixon, Chief Executive

10.12 CP/CD/197 & CP/CD/178 NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL AND AREAS AT RISK 2018/19

Members will be aware that the current funding from the Department for Communities (DFC) for Neighbourhood Renewal and Areas at Risk ends on 31 March 2018.

Correspondence has been received from the Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ian Snowden, a copy of which is **enclosed**, explaining that whilst the DFC budgets for 2018/19 remain undecided, based on the budgetary scenarios outlined in the Department of Finance's Budgetary Outlook paper, issued in December 2017, it would be reasonable to assume that programmes such as Neighbourhood Renewal and Area at Risk are likely to see reductions of approximately 11%.

On this basis Councils have been asked to review the budgets for Neighbourhood Renewal in Rathcoole and Areas at Risk programmes in Newtownabbey for 2018/19 and submit these to DFC by 16 February 2018. The Department has clarified that this does not necessarily mean that every project will be cut by 11% but that decisions will be made on a project by project basis. Other considerations would include ensuring that funding to support salary costs would continue to meet the new National Living Wage which comes into effect from 1 April 2018. Members are advised that no such request has been received from DFC in relation to Neighbourhood Renewal in Ballyclare, which is administered by a different directorate than the Greater North Belfast programmes.

Neighbourhood Renewal in Rathcoole and Grange

Councils have been advised not to submit budget reduction proposals by the deadline of 16 February, pending the outcome of representation made to the Department by a delegation of Chairpersons of the North Belfast Neighbourhood Renewal Area Partnerships. This body has written to the Permanent Secretary highlighting the impact of further reductions and requesting that the Neighbourhood Renewal budget be protected until such time as a more comprehensive plan on future delivery has been adopted. A copy of the letter is **enclosed** for Members' information

Areas at Risk

In 2017/18 a budget of £75,000 was allocated from DFC to support programmes in Newtownabbey. In light of the letter from Mr Snowden, Officers have reviewed the current Areas at Risk budget and identified potential reductions to achieve the 11% reduction, a copy of the draft submission to DFC showing these potential reductions is **enclosed** for Members' consideration. In undertaking this exercise Officers have looked at programmes that have come to a natural end and identified where potential cuts could be made with minimum impact to programme delivery.

A further update on 2018/19 DFC budgets will be provided to Members in due course.

RECOMMENDATION: that the report be noted

Prepared by: Jonathan Henderson, Community Services Officer

Agreed by: Elaine Manson, Community Services & Tackling Deprivation
Manager

Approved by: Majella McAlister, Director of Community Planning &
Regeneration

10.13 PT/CI/3 ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN – QUARTER THREE UPDATE

Members will recall that at the Council meeting on 30 May 2017, Members agreed a new approach to business planning.

The consolidated Annual Business Plan replaced the separate Service business plans that were produced in previous years. The Plan contains all key projects to be undertaken in the 2017/18 financial year and therefore includes, inter alia, the seven projects identified as Corporate Improvement projects.

In summary, the revised Annual Business Plan approach has proved a more streamlined method of tracking and analysing performance, providing enhanced visibility.

The approved Annual Business Plan 2017-18 contains 217 actions to be delivered and a detailed progress report (as at 31 December 2017) in terms of the achievement of these actions is enclosed for Members' attention. Where items are assessed as 'amber' (at risk), further detailed information will be provided to the most appropriate Committee.

RECOMMENDATION: that the quarter three update of the 2017-18 Annual Business Plan be noted.

Prepared by: Helen Hall, Head of Performance and Transformation

Approved by: Jacqui Dixon, Chief Executive

10.14 CE/GEN/079 PREPARATIONS FOR EU EXIT UPDATE

As reported to the November 2017 Council meeting the NI Executive Office are preparing for the EU Exit and have been engaging with local government in relation to Business Continuity Planning and Legislation. As part of this ongoing engagement, Council Officers attended a series of presentations from DAERA/DfE on Wednesday 10 January 2018. A copy of Victor Dukelow's presentation from the Department for the Economy on EU Exit, Trade and Migration Division is **enclosed** for your information. If you would like details of other presentations given please contact Denise Waddell on 028 9034 0003 or by email on Denise.Waddell@antrimandnewtownabbey.gov.uk.

Members are also advised that Council Officers have engaged with Intertrade Ireland to assist with the organisation of a workshop for local businesses and to promote their Brexit Advisory Service.

RECOMMENDATION: that the report be noted.

Prepared by Jacqui Dixon

10.15 ED/REG/18 STRATEGIC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND ECONOMIC THINK TANK UPDATE

1. CITY DEAL FOR THE BELFAST REGION

Members will be aware of the Council's participation in the City Deal proposition for the Belfast Region. It is intended that this ambitious proposition will generate a step change in economic growth delivering in a balanced and inclusive manner. The deal seeks to deliver:-

- More and better jobs
- Inclusive growth
- Improved skills and
- Increased domestic business and foreign direct investment

The deal proposition is set in the context of the Belfast Region Strategic Industrial Framework, channelling investment into projects that align to high growth sectors which include:-

- Digital, Cyber security and Creative Industries.
- Financial Services and Fin Tech
- Advanced Manufacturing Materials and Engineering
- Life and Health Science
- Agri Food

The 6 Council areas which make up the City Deal Region share a number of opportunities and challenges which will shape the bid submitted. Following the submission of a long list of 65 potential projects, KPMG worked with the partner Councils to refine this to a medium list of 40 schemes, and are currently working through a further prioritisation process based on detailed project templates submitted by the Councils. Projects proposed must be capable of being delivered within the next 12 years and focus on economic infrastructure and innovation.

Following consideration of the assessment framework, the following projects were submitted for the Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council area by the 9 February deadline.

- i Global Point Development
- ii Making Work More Accessible; Park and Ride and Railway Halt provision
- iii Belfast International Gateway; Access Strategy
- iv Belfast Rapid Transit; Glider Project Phase II

The Council will also be part of a number of other collaborative project submissions which are currently under development including:

- v Digital Infrastructure
- vii Skills and Employability

KPMG will now review the submissions and seek to produce a further refined medium list of circa 25 projects, following which a consultation with

the Northern Ireland Civil Service will take place to explore the deliverability of the projects.

In order to promote awareness of the City Deal process a recent event was held in Downpatrick attended by nominated Elected Members from across the City Deal region. A presentation was delivered by representatives of the City Deal region providing an overview of the proposition and by Gordon Matheson CBE on the Glasgow City Deal. Copies of the presentations from the event are **enclosed** for Members' information.

Officers will provide Members with further updates as the process progresses.

2. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THINK TANK

Members are advised that 2 meetings of the Economic Development Think Tank have taken place and have been well attended by local businesses and a range of Business Support Agencies.

A number of actions arising from these meetings are currently being progressed by Officers including:

- a) Teleconferencing facilities at Mossley Mill to be made available for use by local businesses
- b) Jobs Fairs to take place in May and October 2018
- c) Antrim and Newtownabbey Facebook Jobs search page to be live by end March 2018
- d) Awareness of Council procurement exercises raised via Borough Life and Social Media

Further regular updates will be provided to Members.

3. TRADE VISIT TO GREATER PHOENIX/GILBERT

Members are reminded that in February 2017, it was agreed that a Trade Visit would be organised to further develop the economic linkages between the Greater Phoenix and Antrim and Newtownabbey areas. Officers have engaged with a range of stakeholders including Invest NI, Ulster University, NI Chamber of Commerce, Mallusk and Antrim Enterprise agencies and a range of other stakeholders including Arizona Commerce Authority, Phoenix Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Gilbert to consider how this initiative might be progressed. An investment portfolio for the Borough is also being produced as a promotional tool for this event.

Given the experience of Invest NI and other Councils who have engaged in such Trade Visits recently it is proposed that 8-12 businesses/organisations

be selected to take part in the visit, in November 2018. The visit will take place from approximately 15 – 22 November. A matching exercise has been commenced to identify key sectors and businesses within Antrim and Newtownabbey and Greater Phoenix who could potentially 'do business' together, develop shared capabilities/knowledge, learn from best practice/industry leaders etc. The results from this exercise will inform a targeted recruitment drive which will commence with a 'Doing Business in the USA' workshop provided by Invest NI on the 22 March 2018. This event will also act as the launch for the Trade Visit. Further preparatory workshops including Sales Prospecting and Pitch Optimisation will be produced in advance of the visit to ensure that businesses are equipped and ready to engage with their counterparts in Arizona.

RECOMMENDATION: that the report be noted.

Prepared by Jacqui Dixon, Chief Executive