



21 November 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, Antrim Civic Centre** on **Monday 26 November 2018 at 6.30 pm.**

You are requested to attend.

Yours sincerely

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

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

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
**Hot fork buffet will be available in the café 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 October 2018, a copy of which is **enclosed**.
- 5 To approve the minutes of the proceedings of the Operations Committee Meeting of Monday 5 November 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 November 2018, a copy of which is **enclosed**.
- 7 To approve the minutes of the proceedings of the Community Planning and Regeneration Committee Meeting held on Monday 12 November 2018, a copy of which is **enclosed**.
- 8(a) To take as read and confirm the Part 1 of the minutes of the proceedings of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Thursday 22 November 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 Thursday 22 November 2018, a copy of which is **enclosed**.
- 9 Report on business to be considered:

## **PRESENTATION**

- 9.1 Department for Infrastructure Roads – Autumn Consultation

## **LEGAL**

- 9.2 To approve the Sealing of Documents

## **ITEMS FOR DECISION**

- 9.3 Corporate Workshop 2018

- 9.4 Ballyclare Bid
- 9.5 Belfast Region City Deal Update
- 9.6 Corporate Events Sponsorship Programme
- 9.7 Application For Grant of an Entertainment Licence (14 Day Occasional Licence) University of Ulster Students Association, Shore Road, BT37 0QA
- 9.8 Social Enterprise
- 9.9 Shared Cyclepath A57 Ballyclare Road – Paradise Walk Templepatrick – DfI Correspondence
- 9.10 Nominations for Britain In Bloom 2019
- 9.11 Rural Development Programme: Application
- 9.12 Ballyclare High Social Enterprise

#### **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

- 9.13 July Flooding - Multi-Agency Meeting
- 9.14 Appointment of Independent Members to the Northern Ireland Policing Board – Correspondence from Secretary of State
- 9.15 Budget Report – October 2018
- 9.16 Motion - Ards and North Down Borough Council

#### **ITEMS IN COMMITTEE**

- 9.17 Extension of Tender for Operated Plant Hire
- 9.18 Tender for Summer Bedding Plants
- 9.19 Tender for Sixmilewater Caravan Park Upgrade Works
- 9.20 Supply and Delivery of Cleaning Products
- 9.21 Tender for the Supply, Delivery and Maintenance of Mobile Plant and Machinery
- 9.22 Organisation Structures

10. Motion in the name of Councillor Noreen McClelland, seconded by Councillor Roisin Lynch -

*"This Council notes the Concluding Observations of the United Nations Committee on the Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Council recognises the valuable contribution that those living with disabilities make to our society and will undertake to prepare a review on how the council meets local obligations within the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities."*

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

**PRESENTATION**

**9.1 DEPARTMENT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE ROADS – AUTUMN CONSULTATION**

Members are reminded that it was agreed at the September Council meeting to grant a request from the Department for Infrastructure Roads to address Members.

The address will be to provide an update on the current year's work and to consult the Council about priorities for next year's programmes. A copy of the report is **enclosed**.

David Porter, Divisional Roads Manager, and Stephen Gardiner, Section Engineer, for Antrim and Newtownabbey will be in attendance to make the presentation.

## **LEGAL**

### **9.2 TO APPROVE THE SEALING OF DOCUMENTS**

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

To approve the Sealing of Documents:

- Agreement - Design and Supervision Consultants, Threemilewater Woodland Path Works
- Agreement – Design and Supervision Consultants, Lilian Bland Refurbishment Works
- Agreement – Design and Supervision Consultants, Rathcoole Play Parks

Prepared by: Paul Casey, Borough Lawyer

Agreed by: Liz Johnston, Head of Governance

Approved by: Sandra Cole, Director of Finance and Governance

## **ITEMS FOR DECISION**

### **9.3 CE/GEN/61 CORPORATE WORKSHOP 2018**

Members are reminded that the Corporate Workshop was held in Mossley Mill, Council Chamber on Friday 19 October 2018.

The Workshop focused on Performance 2018/19 and included the Council's approach to growing our economy. Members reviewed the Corporate Plan progress and reports were provided on Capital Projects and Capital Expenditure, Corporate Financial Position and Proposed Draft Estimates.

A workshop report including appendices is **enclosed**, along with the presentation slides, for Members' information.

**RECOMMENDATION: that the 2018 Corporate Workshop Report be approved.**

Prepared by: Laura Campbell, PA to Director of Organisation Development

Approved by: Andrea McCooke, Director of Organisation Development

#### 9.4 ED/ED/133/VOL 2 BALLYCLARE BID

Members will be aware of the ongoing process being supported by the Council regarding the establishment of a Ballyclare Business Improvement District (BID). Following the report to the August Council meeting it has been agreed that the BID ballot should now take place in February 2019. The main emphasis of the work at this point in the process is the development of the business plan for the BID area which includes both the operational arrangements of the BID partnership and the delivery of actual projects/services. This plan will indicate how the levy will be collected and the related cost implications.

##### (a) Levy Collection

The Council is required through BID legislation to collect the levy either directly or by appointing an appropriate organisation to undertake this task. If executed directly, this will be through the Council's Finance Section with invoicing likely to take place once per year. Due to the nature of the ballot and the BID legislation, 'no' voters will be required to pay the levy if there is a successful 'yes' vote and the BID is established, therefore in Year 1 the volume of non-payers, or late payers, is expected to be quite high, requiring resources to chase this bad debt.

As stated, the Council may either undertake this role itself or alternatively appoint a provider to do so, the cost of which (up to £3,500) may be claimed back from the total BID levy.

The Council's Finance and Legal sections have considered the resource implications and would propose that a charge of £3,500 be applied and recouped from the levy.

##### (b) Additional Contribution/support by the Council

The Council may also wish to consider how additional support might be provided, beyond the payment of the required levy for Council properties.

Additional support may be in the form of a financial contribution or 'in kind' support towards the staff/operational costs and/or additional money to support the proposed projects to be delivered. A copy of the draft business plan is enclosed for members information. Currently £100,000 from the projected levy of approximately £137,000 is ring-fenced for projects with an estimated £27,000 for operational costs and a contingency of around £10,000.

Should the ballot be successful, a BID Company will be established in Spring 2019 and the Council will be invited to nominate a member, or members, to the company.

#### **RECOMMENDATION: that**

**(a) a charge of £3,500 be applied and recouped from the BID company for the Council services related to the collection of the levy;**



**(b) a further report be provided in relation to additional contributions/support by the Council after the ballot has taken place.**

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

## 9.5 ED/REG/018/VOL 3 BELFAST REGION CITY DEAL UPDATE

Members will be aware of the announcement as part of the Autumn Statement that a City Deal for the Belfast region of £350 million has been approved. The amount of £350 million represents the UK Treasury contribution to the overall deal which will include Central Government, Local Government and private sector contributions. This commitment is a major step towards achieving the overall target investment package of £1 billion which includes Central Government, Local Government, Universities and private sector support.

A copy of the final proposition document and a letter of thanks from the Chief Executive of Belfast City Council are **enclosed** for Members' information. A video illustrating the City Deal bid is also available to view via the following link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pvflJJjN-I4>.

The Secretary of State met with the Chief Executives and Mayors of the 6 partner Councils on Wednesday, 31 October 2018, to discuss the Bid and the next steps required. Central to progressing to the next stage is the approval of 'Heads of Terms' which must be signed off by each partner within 5 weeks of the announcement of the funding.

Members are reminded that the allocation from the UK Treasury will fund projects under the Digital and Innovation Pillar of the City Deal which includes the QUB Advanced Manufacturing Innovation Centre. Officers are working closely with Queens University to provide the information required in relation to the global Point site and it is hoped that a final decision in relation to the project location will be made before Christmas.

Other City Deal projects that will benefit the Borough include the extension of the Belfast Rapid Transit (BRT) scheme into the Borough. From discussion with key officers in the BRT team it is envisaged that the business case development will take 12-18 months and cost in the region of £700-800,000. This business case will include Route Selection Analysis, Traffic Modelling, Community Consultation, etc. A copy of the executive summary for the current BRT scheme in Belfast is **enclosed** for Members' information. In determining the route for the Glider service it will be important to maximise the number of passengers that can be serviced whilst seeking to keep the route under 1.5km to ensure customer satisfaction with the transport experience. The route will end with a Park and Ride facility which should ideally be able to facilitate up to 1,000 cars. Officers working on the City Deal BRT project would like to engage formally with the Council early in the new year regarding the project.

With respect to the HBO Moneyglass Tourist Experience, Members are advised that work is progressing on the planning application for the facility with a target date of July 2019 for the facility to open. Officers are engaging with the promoters regarding council support for the scheme and will present a further report in December. Plans are also underway to schedule a visit to the site in early December when Members will hear further detail in relation to the plans for the attraction.

Further work is also progressing in relation to the Regional Innovators Network and the Infrastructure Enabling Fund alongside the Employability and Skills programmes which will operate across the 6 Council areas.

The next stage in the process will require the development of detailed business cases for each project, which will take place over the next 6-12 months. It is proposed that the Council agrees in principle to contribute towards the costs of the business cases for the QUB Advanced Manufacturing Innovation Centre and the HBO Moneyglass Tourist Experience subject to confirmation of the budget required.

**RECOMMENDATION: that the Council delegates authority to the Mayor and Chief Executive to sign up to the Heads of Terms required to progress the City Deal for the Belfast Region.**

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

## 9.6 ED/ED/80/VOL 3 CORPORATE EVENTS SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME

The Northern Ireland Open, hosted annually at Galgorm Castle, is NI's national annual professional golf tournament and one of the region's core international tourism events. The organiser advises that the NI Open delivers significant international exposure with the majority of companies involved in providing services being local companies, which augments the local economic benefit and civic pride created by delivering a world class event. The organiser NI Open Golf Ltd is a not for profit organisation and in 2019 proposes to include the Massereene Golf Club as a venue for part of the event. Massereene has been approved by the European Tour as a venue for the NI Open and will be used by the European Challenge Tour and Ladies European Tour professionals from Monday to Friday of the event week. Further details are included within the correspondence received, a copy of which is enclosed.

In line with the proposal to incorporate Massereene Golf Club the organiser is requesting funding support of £80,000 from the Council plus a range of 'in kind' support including car parking and advertising.

Members will be aware that, to date, requests for support of this nature are considered through the Flagship Sponsorship fund, which the Council had agreed to make separate budgetary provision for to accommodate any applications for special events that may come in during the year. No upper limit was set as each request was to be considered on its individual merit. In the current financial year 2 events have been supported by the Council as follows:

- Easter Stages Rally       £20,000
- Ulster Rally               £35,000

In addition, a range of other events have been supported under the Council's mainstream Corporate Events programme in 2018-19, out of a total budget available of £50,000 (maximum award of sponsorship is £10,000 per event), as follows:

- Antrim Festival           £8,700 offered. Paid out £5,875
- Atlantic Challenge       £5,000
- Battle of Antrim         £5,000 offered but event did not go ahead
- Irish Game Fair          £10,000
- May Day Steam Rally     £10,000

The total budget for the 2018-19 programme is £50,000 of which just £30,875 has been allocated by the Council to date following two calls for applications. It is therefore proposed to release a third call for applications in December to attract proposals for any events that will take place in the Borough before 31 March 2019.

Members are also reminded of the agreed principles for the Corporate Events Sponsorship Programme against which applications are assessed as set out below:-

- Applications from community based and voluntary organisations and groups to fund festivals and local events to be directed to the Community Development and Festivals grant programme in the first instance;
- Sponsorship will be awarded up to a maximum of £10,000 per event, subject to applicants demonstrating evidence of need (deficit funding);
- Applicants must indicate how the event furthers the Council's corporate objectives to develop and promote tourism opportunities in the Borough;
- Applications must demonstrate economic benefit to the Borough from the event using an economic calculator (the post project evaluation report must detail evidence of bed nights, increase in visitor numbers and visitor spend);
- Events must enhance the visitor experience and raise the profile of the Borough.

Event organisers have requested that the Council releases calls for applications as early as possible to assist with the event planning process. It is, therefore proposed that applications for Corporate Events Sponsorship in 2019-20 be invited by public advertisement in December 2018 with a further call to be made in April 2019 for events to be held before 31 March 2020, subject to budget availability.

**RECOMMENDATION: that the Council**

- i. approves third call for applications be released in December 2018 for events that can take place before 31 March 2019, along with a new call for applications for events that will be held from 1 April 2019, subject to budget availability;**
- ii. agrees to provide a total budget for the Corporate Events Sponsorship Programme in 2019-20 of £50,000, subject to the annual estimates process;**
- iii. considers the request from the organisers of the NI Open to provide £80,000 in sponsorship towards the 2019 event plus in kind support towards promotion/advertising and car parking.**

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

**9.7 EH/EL/183 APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF AN ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE (14 DAY OCCASIONAL LICENCE) UNIVERSITY OF ULSTER STUDENTS ASSOCIATION, SHORE ROAD, BT37 0QA**

An application has been received for the grant of an Entertainment Licence (occasional licence) for the following area.

<b>Licensee</b>	<b>Location of Premises</b>	<b>Type(s)and hours of entertainment</b>	<b>File Number</b>	<b>New Application or Renewal</b>
Conor Keenan	University of Ulster Students Association, Shore Road, BT37 0QA	Singing, Music, dancing or entertainment of a like kind  Monday to Sunday 10 am to 1am  Number of persons 250	EL183	New

In line with the Council Protocol for the hearing of Entertainment Licence applications, approved in December 2016, the application must be considered at a full meeting of the Council.

The Council can decide the following:

- i. Grant the licence
- ii. Grant the licence with specific additional terms, conditions and restrictions
- iii. Refuse the licence
- iv. Defer an application for further consideration or to obtain further information.

If the Council makes a decision against an Officer's recommendation then members must state their reasons for doing so. In such circumstances, a recorded vote will be taken.

**RECOMMENDATION: that an Entertainment Licence (occasional licence) is granted to the applicant; Mr Conor Keenan, for University of Ulster Students Association, Shore Road, BT37 0QA**

**Operating hours: Monday to Sunday – 10am to 1am**

Prepared by: Clifford Todd, Head of Environmental Health

Approved by: Geraldine Girvan, Director of Operations

## 9.8 ED/ED/20 SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

Members are reminded that the function of local economic development, which included responsibility for supporting social enterprise, transferred to the Council under the Review of Public Administration. The Council is providing specific assistance to the sector through the Pilot Social Enterprise Programme and is a member of Social Enterprise NI, being shortlisted in the 2018 awards for 'Council of the Year'.

Social Enterprise NI are planning to hold their annual conference on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019, under the theme of 'Supply and Demand'. They are expecting an audience of approximately 160 people, bringing together a range of personnel from all sectors to hear from topical speakers and promote the good work of Social Enterprises.

A request has been received from Social Enterprise NI to host the annual conference at Theatre at the Mill, together with tea and coffee for attendees upon arrival. The proposed layout would cost £1,300, together with an estimated cost for catering of £165.00.

**RECOMMENDATION: that the Social Enterprise NI Annual Conference is held at Theatre at The Mill on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019, at an estimated cost of £1,465.00, provision for which exists within the Economic Development budget.**

Prepared by: Seonaid Rooney, Economic Development Officer

Agreed by: Emma Stubbs, Economic and Rural Development Manager

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

**9.9 CE/GEN/004/VOL2 SHARED CYCLEPATH A57 BALLYCLARE ROAD – PARADISE WALK TEMPLEPATRICK – DEPARTMENT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE CORRESPONDENCE**

Members are advised that correspondence has been received from the Department for Infrastructure outlining a proposal for a shared cyclepath on the south side of the A57 Ballyclare Road from Ballymartin Park and Ride to Paradise Walk Roundabout and on the south west side of Paradise Walk for 360m in a north westerly direction (copy and map enclosed).

The Department has requested a letter confirming that the Council is in agreement with the proposal.

**The Council's instructions are requested.**

Prepared by: Member Services

Approved by: Jacqui Dixon, Chief Executive



## **9.10 PK/GEN/30 NOMINATIONS FOR BRITAIN IN BLOOM 2019**

Correspondence has been received from the Northern Ireland Local Government Association (NILGA) following the success of Antrim and Randalstown in the Translink Ulster in Bloom competition.

To take the success further, NILGA proposes, with Council's support, to nominate both Antrim and Randalstown to represent Northern Ireland in the 'Town' and 'Small Town' categories of the 2019 Royal Horticultural Society, Britain in Bloom Competition. Involvement in competitions such as this generates a huge amount of enthusiasm, boosting civic pride and community involvement.

Council's support is required for these nominations which are subject to RHS approval. Details on the date and venue of the award ceremony will be provided in the event that nominations are confirmed by RHS.

Members are reminded that both Antrim and Randalstown are previous winners; Randalstown achieved a Gold and Overall Winner in the Small Town category in 2017 and Antrim Town achieved Silver Gilt success in 2015 in the Town category.

**RECOMMENDATION: that Council supports the nomination of both Antrim and Randalstown for the RHS Britain in Bloom Competition 2019.**

Prepared by: Lindsay Houston, Parks Development Officer

Approved by: Geraldine Girvan, Director of Operations

## 9.11 ED/EUP/2 RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME: APPLICATION

Members are reminded that GROW South Antrim is responsible for delivering the Northern Ireland Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 across the Borough to include grant aid funding to support rural businesses, community organisations and village renewal projects and for working in cooperation with other Rural Development clusters across Europe.

### **Village Renewal: Rural Speed Project**

Members are reminded that villages and hamlets across the Borough created or updated Village Plans in 2017. All areas identified speeding as a major concern for their village. Working alongside the Community Planning Outcome Group for Safe, Clean and Vibrant Places, an opportunity has been identified to work in partnership with PCSP, PSNI and the Department of Infrastructure to purchase a portable speed detection unit for each village. This unit will display the speed of oncoming cars, flashing if the car is speeding, and will record traffic speed (not number plates) to be used by PSNI to appropriately allocate resources. One unit will be purchased per participating village, and the Village Committee will agree with the Department of Infrastructure appropriate sites for the speed indicator devices and will take responsibility for moving the portable device to the various agreed village entry points. The Village may also take on charging of any battery units (if required) for the operation of the units. Formal agreement will be sought by the Village Committee before a device is purchased for that village.

The villages and hamlets which have identified speeding in their Village Plan and have expressed an interest to take part in the project are:

Ballyeaston	Ballynure	Ballyrobert
Burnside	Cranfield	Doagh
Killead	Groggan	Moneyglass
Parkgate	Straid	Templepatrick
Toome		

The estimated cost of each unit is £3,000, and with 13 villages, the estimated cost is £39,000. It is intended to apply to the GROW Village Renewal Scheme for 75% of project costs, so £29,250 and to PCSP for the balance of £9,750. In kind support will be provided by the other project partners for posts to position the units and to assist with installation and movement of the units. The only eligible applicant under the Rural Development Programme to the Village Renewal Scheme is Council, and therefore it is proposed that Council make the formal application for funding to GROW South Antrim, in partnership with PCSP, PSNI and the Department of Infrastructure.

**RECOMMENDATION: that the Council agrees to apply to GROW South Antrim for a Rural Village Speed Project for up to 13 villages, subject to formal agreement with each Village Committee. Project to be funded in full by GROW South Antrim and the PCSP.**

Prepared by: Emma Stubbs, Economic & Rural Development Manager

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

## 9.12 ED/ED/120 BALLYCLARE HIGH SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

Members are reminded that the function of local economic development along with a significant budget transferred to the Council under the Review of Public Administration, and this includes responsibility for supporting social enterprises. Council is currently running a Social Enterprise Programme to offer workshop and mentoring support to those thinking of setting up a social enterprise, and those who are already running a social enterprise.

Members may be aware that Ballyclare Group Practice intend to move from current premises in George Avenue, Ballyclare to new premises in the town, which will render the current premises and site vacant. An opportunity has been identified by the premise owners and Ballyclare High School to develop the site to benefit the school and to provide opportunities for the social economy sector. Representatives from the school will be taking part on the Councils Social Economy Programme to explore the potential of setting up a social enterprise to support the school and its activities.

In order to establish the development opportunities for the site and to determine its suitability for use to support the school development and for social economy initiatives, it is proposed to undertake a feasibility assessment of the site. The assessment will include consultation with a range of key stakeholders including the school, Education Authority, Board of Governors, PTA, building owner, Ballyclare Town Team, Local Enterprise Agencies, local businesses, elected members and community organisations and a site options assessment with cost estimates.

It is anticipated that the cost of this study will be approximately £16,000. As the site has the potential to create a vacant site in the town, an application will be made to Department for Communities for up to 90% of the costs of the feasibility study, with the remainder funded through budget provision which exists through the Economic Development budget.

### **RECOMMENDATION: that**

- a) The Council appoints a multi-disciplinary team for the technical assistance project at a cost of up to £16,000.**
- b) The Council makes an application to the Department for Communities for up to 90% of the project costs and provides the match funding required to deliver the study.**

Prepared by: Emma Stubbs, Economic & Rural Development Manager

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

## **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

### **9.13 G/BCEP/3 JULY FLOODING - MULTI-AGENCY MEETING**

On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October, a meeting took place involving Elected Members from Antrim Town and Airport DEA's following a request from Members for a meeting to discuss the flooding which impacted these areas in July.

Prior to this, an internal review was held with Council departments involved in the response and a subsequent debrief held with multi-agency partners. Both reviews looked at what went well during the response and what improvements could be made.

At the Elected Members' meeting, representatives from the Drainage Agencies, namely Northern Ireland Water, Department for Infrastructure Roads and Rivers sections were in attendance as well as the Met Office. Members raised concerns about areas where flooding had occurred, however the main aim of the discussion was to prevent recurrences of flooding in the future. A summary of agreed actions is listed below:

1. Councillor Dunlop to share exact locations of drainage issues within Garden Village with Department for Infrastructure for follow-up;
2. Alderman Burns to share exact locations of culverts in Crumlin where flooding was experienced with Department for Infrastructure for follow-up;
3. Department for Infrastructure to provide Household Flood Protection Grant Scheme leaflets to Council for circulation to Members in attendance.
4. Borough Life to be used to share information with residents on available Emergency Schemes and Grants following severe weather. This is currently planned to be included within the January 2019 edition.

*(Action 3 has been completed and this information has been uploaded to Council's website).*

At a regional level recovery is becoming an area of focus and Council will be involved in developing our own specific recovery plan following direction of the Regional Working Group.

The main outcome of the debriefing process was the proposal for a Community Resilience project to be progressed with the community in Garden Village, as they have experienced recurring flooding in the last five years. The success of this project requires commitment of both the community and the drainage agencies and will be co-ordinated and facilitated by Council. Members will be kept up to date on any progress.

**RECOMMENDATION: that the report be noted.**

Prepared by: Liz Johnston, Head of Governance

Approved by: Sandra Cole, Director of Finance and Governance

**9.14 G/BCEP/3 APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBERS TO THE NORTHERN IRELAND POLICING BOARD – CORRESPONDENCE FROM SECRETARY OF STATE**

Members are advised that correspondence has been received from the Rt Hon Karen Bradley MP, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, advising that, under the terms of the Northern Ireland (Executive Formation and Exercise of Functions) Act 2018, the Secretary of State has interim responsibility for urgent appointment functions normally exercised by Northern Ireland Ministers including the Northern Ireland Policing Board.

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

**RECOMMENDATION: that the correspondence be noted.**

Prepared by: Member Services

Approved by: Jacqui Dixon, Chief Executive

#### **9.15 FI/FIN/4 BUDGET REPORT – OCTOBER 2018**

A budget report for October 2018 is enclosed for Members' information.

The Council's variance on Net Cost of Services for the period to the end of September is £150k favourable, with income from District Rates and the De-Rating grant being on budget for the period, resulting in an increase to the Council's General Fund of £150k.

This includes a contribution of £436k to the Council's Strategic Projects and Rates Appeal Reserves.

**RECOMMENDATION: that the report be noted.**

Prepared by: Richard Murray, Management Accountant

Agreed by: John Balmer, Head of Finance

Approved by: Sandra Cole, Director of Finance and Governance

#### **9.16 G/MSMO/14 MOTION – ARDS AND NORTH DOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Members are advised that correspondence has been received from Ards and North Down Borough Council regarding a Motion adopted by that Council requesting support in lobbying central government in relation to financial cuts in the provision of community transport introduced since 2015.

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

**RECOMMENDATION: that the correspondence from Ards and North Down Borough Council be noted.**

Prepared by: Member Services

Approved by: Jacqui Dixon, Chief Executive