



**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE CHAMBER, MOSSLEY MILL
ON 20 APRIL 2026 AT 6.00 PM**

- In the Chair** : Councillor S Flanagan
- Committee Members Present (In Person)** : Alderman - M Magill
Councillors – A Bennington, S Cosgrove, H Cushinan, R Foster and AM Logue
- Non-Committee Members Present (In Person)** : Councillors – R Lynch, H Magill, A O’Lone and B Webb
- Non-Committee Members Present (Remotely)** : Councillor J Gilmour
- Public Speakers** :
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| Councillor P Dunlop | In Support (Supporter, Item 3.5) |
| Councillor R Lynch | In Support (Supporter, Item 3.5) |
| Councillor A O’Lone | In Support (Supporter, Item 3.5) |
| Azman Khairuddin | In Support (Agent, Item 3.5) |
| Declan Donaghy | In Support (Applicant, Item 3.5) |
| Mark Smyth | In Support (Agent, Item 3.6) |
| Michael Small | In Support (Applicant, Item 3.7) |
| John Linden | In Support (Supporter, Item 3.7) |
| Luke Vogan | In Support (Agent, Item 3.10) |
| Luke Vogan | In Support (Agent, Item 3.11) |
- Officers Present** : Director of Economic Development and Planning - M McAlister
Deputy Director of Planning & Building Control – S Mossman
Borough Lawyer – P Casey
Head of Planning Development Management – B Diamond
Senior Planning Officer – J McKendry
Senior Planning Officer – A Wilson
Senior Planning Officer – A Leathem
ICT Helpdesk Officer – D Mason
ICT Business Support Officer – Daniel Graham
Member Services Officer – L McDonald

CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

In the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson welcomed Committee Members to the April Planning Committee Meeting. The Chairperson reminded all present of the protocol for speaking, timeframes accorded and of the audio recording procedures.

The Chairperson advised Members that Addendum reports relating to Items 3.2, 3.5, 3.6, 3.7, 3.9 & 3.21, the Site Visit report, and an updated speakers' list had been circulated to Members in advance of the meeting, with hard copies being made available in the Chamber.

The Chairperson further advised Members that Item 3.3, 3.4 and 3.8 had been withdrawn by the applicants.

The Borough Lawyer reminded Members about a number of issues in relation to their role as Members of the Planning Committee and their obligations under the Code of Conduct.

1 APOLOGIES

Alderman T Campbell
Councillor Archibald-Brown

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 3.2 – Councillor Foster

PART ONE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

ITEM 3.1 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2025/0716/F

PROPOSAL:	Proposed subdivision, partial change of use and reconfiguration of Unit 6 to provide 3 no. units, to accommodate bulky goods retail (6a) and leisure swim facility (6b) on the ground floor and the use of the first floor (6c) as leisure, including alterations to external elevations
SITE/LOCATION:	Unit 6 Longwood Retail Park, Newtownabbey, BT37 9UF
APPLICANT:	Longwood Park Limited

Alicia Leathem, Senior Planning Officer, introduced the Planning Report to the Committee and made a recommendation to grant planning permission.

There were no public speakers to address this item.

Proposed by Councillor Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor Foster that planning permission be granted.

On the proposal being put to the meeting 7 Members voted in favour, 0 against and 0 abstention, and it was unanimously agreed

that planning permission be granted for the application subject to the Conditions set out in the Planning Report.

ACTION BY: Sharon Mossman, Deputy Director of Planning and Building Control

Having declared an interest in Item 3.2 Councillor Foster left the Chamber.

ITEM 3.2 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2025/0078/F

PROPOSAL:	Upgrade of existing sports facilities to provide synthetic pitches, replacement floodlighting; canopy covering to cricket training area and associated works.
SITE/LOCATION:	Ballyclare Rugby Football Club, The Cloughan, Doagh Road, Ballyclare, BT39 9JD
APPLICANT:	Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council

Alicia Leathem, Senior Planning Officer, introduced the Planning Report and associated Addendum Report to the Committee and made a recommendation to grant planning permission.

There were no public speakers to address this item.

Proposed by Councillor Cosgrove

Seconded by Alderman Magill that planning permission be granted.

On the proposal being put to the meeting 5 Members voted in favour, 1 against and 0 abstention, it was agreed

that planning permission be granted for the application subject to the Conditions set out in the Planning Report.

ACTION BY: Sharon Mossman, Deputy Director of Planning and Building Control

Councillor Foster returned to the Chamber.

ITEM 3.3 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2025/0512/F

PROPOSAL:	Erection of a Tourist Facility (Langarve Cycle Hub) including accommodation, solar panels and associated structures (incl. Cycle Storage Pods/Underground Rainwater Tank), construction of new access taken from Lurgan Road, along with new access road, cycle paths and associated landscaping/amenity areas/carparking.
SITE/LOCATION:	Land approx. 360m SE of 43 Lurgan Road, Crumlin, BT29 4LA
APPLICANT:	Langarve Cycle Hub

The Chairperson advised Members that the application had been withdrawn by the

applicant.

ITEM 3.4 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2025/0529/F

PROPOSAL:	Proposed Equestrian Hub and associated development (incl. Farm Manager's Dwelling/Stables/Outdoor Menage/Yard/Horsewalker), access roads/cycle paths and associated landscaping/amenity areas/carparking
SITE/LOCATION:	Land approx. 540m SW of 40 Glenavy Road, Crumlin, BT29 4LA
APPLICANT:	Mr & Mrs BF & AR Mulholland

The Chairperson advised Members that the application had been withdrawn by the applicant.

ITEM 3.5 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2025/0122/F

PROPOSAL:	Retention of coffee dock, external seating, landscaped accessible entrance to football grounds and coffee dock, new club office and registration point and equipment stores, including proposed changing facilities within a shipping container
SITE/LOCATION:	15m east of 51 Castle Road, Antrim, BT41 4NA
APPLICANT:	Declan Donaghy

Ashleigh Wilson, Senior Planning Officer, introduced the Planning Report and the associated addendum report to the Committee and made a recommendation to refuse planning permission.

The undernoted Elected Members and public speakers addressed the Committee and responded to enquiries from Members as requested –

Councillor Paul Dunlop	In Support/Supporter
Councillor Roisin Lynch	In Support/Supporter
Councillor Annie O'Lone	In Support/Supporter
Azman Khairuddin	In Support/Agent
Declan Donaghy	In Support/Applicant

Proposed by Councillor Flanagan

Seconded by Councillor Bennington that the application be deferred until June 2026 Planning Committee to allow the applicant to provide further information to address the planning refusal reasons.

On the proposal being put to the meeting 7 Members voted in favour, 0 against and 0 abstention, it was unanimously agreed

The application be deferred to allow the applicant to provide further information to

address the planning refusal reasons.

ACTION BY: Sharon Mossman, Deputy Director of Planning and Building Control

ITEM 3.6 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2025/0720/F

PROPOSAL:	Retrospective application for retention of hard standing, fencing and associated works for extension to external vehicle display and sales area associated with existing vehicle dealership
SITE/LOCATION:	J D Forktrucks Ltd, 5 Sentry Lane, Newtownabbey, BT36 4XX
APPLICANT:	JD Fork Trucks

Ashleigh Wilson, Senior Planning Officer, introduced the Planning Report and associated Addendum Report to the Committee and made a recommendation to refuse planning permission.

The undernoted public speaker addressed the Committee and responded to enquiries from Members as requested –

Mark Smyth

In Support/Agent

Proposed by Councillor Foster

Seconded by Councillor Cosgrove that planning permission be refused.

on the proposal being put to the meeting 5 Members voted in favour, 2 against and 0 abstentions, it was agreed

that planning permission be refused for the following reasons:

- 1. The proposal is contrary to paragraph 6.280 of the Strategic Planning Policy Statement (Edition 2) and policies SP 2.12 and DM 7 of the Antrim and Newtownabbey Plan Strategy, in that it has not been demonstrated that the development is acceptable in an out of centre location and that edge of centre options have been assessed and discounted as unsuitable, unviable or unavailable.**
- 2. The proposal is contrary to paragraph 6.205 of the Strategic Planning Policy Statement (Edition 2) and policies SP 5.2 and DM 23 of the Antrim and Newtownabbey Plan Strategy, in that the development if permitted would result in a loss of an area of open space.**
- 3. The proposal is contrary to paragraphs 6.107 and 6.111 of the Strategic Planning Policy Statement (Edition 2) and policies SP 10 and DM 47 of the Antrim and Newtownabbey Plan Strategy, in that it has not been demonstrated that the proposal would adequately mitigate flood risk.**
- 4. The proposal is contrary to paragraphs 6.176, 6.180, 6.183, and 6.192 of the Strategic Planning Policy Statement (Edition 2) and policies SP 8, DM 37, DM 38, DM 39, and DM 42 of the Antrim and Newtownabbey Plan Strategy in that it has**

not been demonstrated that the proposal would not impact upon priority and protected species, and designated sites and in that the proposal would lead to a loss of mature trees and a replacement planting scheme has not been provided.

ACTION BY: Sharon Mossman, Deputy Director of Planning and Building Control

ITEM 3.7 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2026/0078/S54

PROPOSAL:	Proposed residential development comprising 41 no. units including associated road layout, car parking and landscaping. (Variation of Condition 2 from planning approval LA03/2021/0914/F) regarding mains sewer and Wastewater Treatment Works)
SITE/LOCATION:	Land 30m Northeast of no.146 and opposite Nos. 141-147 Staffordstown Road, Randalstown, BT41 3LH
APPLICANT:	Creeve Construction Ltd

Ashleigh Wilson, Senior Planning Officer, introduced the Planning Report and associated Addendum Report to the Committee and made a recommendation to grant Section 54 planning permission.

The undernoted public speakers addressed the Committee and responded to enquiries from Members as requested –

John Linden	In Support/Supporter
Michael Small	In Support/Applicant

Proposed by Councillor Logue
Seconded by Councillor Cushinan that Section 54 planning permission be granted.

on the proposal being put to the meeting 6 Members voted in favour, 1 against and 0 abstentions, it was agreed

that Section 54 planning permission be granted for the application subject to the Conditions set out in the Planning Report.

ACTION BY: Sharon Mossman, Deputy Director of Planning and Building Control

ITEM 3.8 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2026/0042/F

PROPOSAL:	Proposed Infill Dwelling
SITE/LOCATION:	Land approximately 45m southwest of No. 95 Craigstown Road, Randalstown
APPLICANT:	Seamus Heffron

The Chair advised Members that the application had been withdrawn by the

applicant.

ITEM 3.9 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2025/0850/F

PROPOSAL:	Offsite replacement dwelling and garage (replacement of 17A Cloghogue Road, Toomebridge, Antrim, BT41 3PW)
SITE/LOCATION:	35m south of 15 Cloghogue Road, Toomebridge, Antrim, BT41 3PW
APPLICANT:	Mark Carey

Johanne McKendry, Senior Planning Officer, introduced the Planning Report and associated Addendum Report to the Committee and made a recommendation to refuse planning permission.

There were no public speakers to address this item.

Proposed by Councillor Cushinan
Seconded by Councillor Logue that the application is deferred until May 2026 Planning Committee due to the applicants' personal circumstances to allow them to represent their application.

on the proposal being put to the meeting 7 Members voted in favour, 0 against and 0 abstention, and it was agreed

that the application is deferred until May 2026 Planning Committee due to the applicants' personal circumstances to allow them to represent their application.

ACTION BY: Sharon Mossman, Deputy Director of Planning and Building Control

Councillor Cushinan left the Chamber during item 3.10 and therefore was unable to vote on Item 3.10 and 3.11 as these were taken together.

ITEM 3.10 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2026/0066/A

PROPOSAL:	Erection of a freestanding Street Hub, comprising two digital 75-inch LCD display screens each side of the unit, to replace a BT payphone kiosk
SITE/LOCATION:	Approx. 5m west of No.5 Ballyclare Road, Glengormley, BT36 5EU
APPLICANT:	Global UK

Johanne McKendry, Senior Planning Officer, introduced the Planning Report to the Committee and made a recommendation to grant Advertisement Consent.

The undernoted public speaker addressed the Committee and responded to enquiries from Members as requested –

Luke Vogan

In Support/Agent

Proposed by Councillor Flanagan
Seconded by Councillor Cosgrove that Advertisement Consent be granted.

on the proposal being put to the meeting 6 Members voted in favour, 0 against and 0 abstention, and it was agreed

that Advertisement Consent be granted subject to the Conditions set out in the Planning Report.

ACTION BY: Sharon Mossman, Deputy Director of Planning and Building Control

Councillor Cushinan returned to the Chamber.

ITEM 3.11 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2026/0065/F

PROPOSAL:	Erection of a freestanding Street Hub, comprising two digital 75-inch LCD display screens each side of the unit, to replace a BT payphone kiosk
SITE/LOCATION:	Approx 5m west of No.5 Ballyclare Road, Glengormley, BT36 5EU 4
APPLICANT:	Global UK

Ashleigh Wilson, Senior Planning Officer, introduced the Planning Report to the Committee and made a recommendation to grant planning permission.

The undernoted public speaker addressed the Committee and responded to enquiries from Members as requested –

Luke Vogan

In Support/Agent

Proposed by Councillor Flanagan
Seconded by Councillor Cosgrove that planning permission be granted.

on the proposal being put to the meeting 6 Members voted in favour, 0 against and 0 abstention, and it was agreed

that Advertisement Consent be granted subject to the Conditions set out in the Planning Report and to include an additional condition requiring that the pavement surrounding the unit be reinstated on a like for like at the time of construction, the wording of which is delegated to officers.

An informative was also to be added to the decision notice requesting that the applicant liaise with the Economic Development Section to ensure that the proposed works would not clash with future environmental improvement scheme.

ACTION BY: Sharon Mossman, Deputy Director of Planning and Building Control

ITEM 3.12 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2026/0053/F

PROPOSAL:	Installation of access control barriers and 2 No. ticketing
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SITE/LOCATION: Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council, Mossley Mill Civic Centre, Carnmoney Road North, Newtownabbey, BT36 5QA

APPLICANT: Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council

Ashleigh Wilson, Senior Planning Officer, introduced the Planning Report to the Committee and made a recommendation to grant planning permission.

There were no public speakers to address this item.

Proposed by Councillor Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor Bennington that planning permission be granted.

on the proposal being put to the meeting 7 Members voted in favour, 0 against and 0 abstention, and it was unanimously agreed

that planning permission be granted subject to the Conditions set out in the Planning Report.

ACTION BY: Sharon Mossman, Deputy Director of Planning and Building Control

ITEM 3.13 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2026/0054/LBC

PROPOSAL: Installation of access control barriers and 2 No. ticketing machines

SITE/LOCATION: Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council, Mossley Mill Civic Centre, Carnmoney Road North, Newtownabbey, BT36 5QA

APPLICANT: Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council

Ashleigh Wilson, Senior Planning Officer, introduced the Planning Report to the Committee and made a recommendation to grant listed building consent.

There were no public speakers to address this item.

Proposed by Councillor Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor Bennington that listed building consent be granted.

on the proposal being put to the meeting 7 Members voted in favour, 0 against and 0 abstention, and it was unanimously agreed

that listed building consent be granted subject to the condition set out in the Planning Report .

ACTION BY: Sharon Mossman, Deputy Director of Planning and Building Control

PART TWO

OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

ITEM 3.14

P/PLAN/1 DELEGATED PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPEALS MARCH 2026

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to update Members on the planning applications decided under delegated powers and decisions issued by the Planning Appeals Commission (PAC) during the month of March 2026.

2. Delegated Decisions of Council

A list of planning decisions issued by Officers during the month of March 2026 under delegated powers together with information relating to planning appeals were circulated for Members' information.

3. Planning Appeal Commission Decisions

One (1) appeal was withdrawn during March by the Planning Appeals Commission.

Planning application:	LA03/2025/0374/S54
PAC reference:	2025/A0086
Proposed Development:	Extension to vehicle accident repair centre (Variation of condition 2 from approval LA03/2024/0507/F regarding completion of drainage)
Location:	40 Ballymena Road, Doagh, Ballyclare, BT39 0QR
Date of Appeal Submission:	11/11/2025
Date of Appeal Withdrawn:	02/03/2026

One (1) Enforcement Notice appeal was upheld (as varied) during the month of March by the PAC.

Enforcement Reference:	LA03/2025/0297/CA
PAC reference:	2025/E0039
Alleged Development:	The unauthorised change of use of the land and buildings to manufacture and sales of blinds (including the unauthorised erection of building)
Location:	Land/premises to the rear (north) of 17 Ballyginniff Road, Crumlin.
Date of Appeal Submission:	07/08/2025
Date of Appeal Decision:	31/03/2026
Decision:	The Enforcement Notice (as varied) is upheld – Council Decision Upheld

A copy of the decision was circulated.

Proposed by Councillor Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor Foster and agreed that

the report be noted.

NO ACTION

ITEM 3.15

P/PLAN/1 PROPOSAL OF APPLICATION NOTICES MARCH 2026

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to update Members on the Proposal of Application Notices received during March 2026 .

2. Background

Under Section 27 of the 2011 Planning Act prospective applicants for all development proposals which fell into the Major development category were required to;

- give at least 12 weeks' notice to the Council that an application for planning permission is to be submitted.
- consult the community in advance of submitting a Major development planning application.

Where, following the 12-week period set down in statute, an application was submitted this must have been accompanied by a Pre-Application Community consultation report outlining the consultation that had been undertaken regarding the application and detailing how this had influenced the proposal submitted.

3. Proposal of Application Notice

PAN Reference:	LA03/2026/0178/PAN
Proposal:	Proposed specialist infrastructure operations and maintenance depot to include new office building incorporating training facility, secure storage and distribution area for equipment and designated waste management area and shed, vehicle parking and workshop/garage for maintenance of vehicles, plant and equipment.
Location:	Lands at 50 Moira Road, Crumlin
Applicant:	Greentown
Date Received:	13 March 2026
12 week expiry:	5 June 2026


Proposed by Councillor Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor Foster and agreed that

the report be noted.

NO ACTION



Legend

Site Boundary 

LA03/2026/0178/PAN

Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council

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ITEM 3.16

P/PLAN/1 NISRA THIRD QUARTER PLANNING STATISTICS OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2025

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to update Members on the NISRA Planning Statistics 2025/2026 – Third Quarter Statistical Bulletin for the period October to December 2025.

2. Key Issues

The third quarterly provisional planning statistics for 2025/26 produced by the Analysis, Statistics and Research Branch of Department for Infrastructure (DfI), a copy of which was circulated, were released on 1 April 2026.

The figures showed that in Quarter 3 2025/2026 the total number of planning applications received in Northern Ireland was 2,489 an increase of 6 percent from the previous quarter and nearly six percent on the same period a year earlier. This comprised of 2,426 local, 61 major and two regionally significant planning applications.

In relation to performance against statutory targets, DfI figures showed that the Council was within the 30-week target time in the third quarter of 2025/26 for Major planning applications, with an average processing time of 24.7 weeks. This performance ranked first amongst the 11 Councils and reflected well against the average processing time of 38.6 weeks across all Councils.

The number of local applications decided in the third quarter of 2025/26 was 2,282, up over the quarter (1,930) and down marginally when compared with the same period a year earlier (2,288). Three of the 11 Councils were within the 15-week target with Antrim and Newtownabbey (13.4 weeks) ranked third. This reflected well against the average processing time of 19.6 weeks across all Councils.

The number of enforcement cases opened in NI during the third quarter of 2025/26 was 648; down by 23.0% over the quarter (842) and up by 11.1% when compared to the same period a year earlier (583). The number of cases closed during Q3 2025/26 was 674; up by 17.8% from the previous quarter (572) and 9.4% from the same period a year earlier (616). Antrim and Newtownabbey recorded the highest percentage of cases processed within 39 weeks, with 95.5% processed within target during the first nine months of 2025/26.

Proposed by Councillor Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor Foster and agreed that

the report be noted.

Members congratulated the Planning team on their performance particularly in relation to Majors and Enforcement

NO ACTION

ITEM 3.17

P/PLAN/1 DEPARTMENT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE CORRESPONDENCE PLANNING REFERENCE LA03/2018/0605/O, SPD/2024/0052/F

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to advise Members that correspondence (circulated) had been received from the Department for Infrastructure in respect of Planning Application LA03/2018/0605/O SPD/2024/0052/F at land adjacent to the north-west of Ballyclare including lands bounded by Cogry Road/Rashee Road north of Ross' Avenue/Clare Heights and northeast and west of Ballyclare Rugby Club.

2. Correspondence

Correspondence had been received from the Department for Infrastructure advising that Planning permission was granted by the Department for the proposed variation of the wording of Conditions 10 (change in trigger point for Ballyrobert crossroads junction works) and Condition 32 (part removal of wording to delete reference to town park).

The granting of the Section 54 would remove the provision of a town park and amend the trigger for road works and signalisation of Longshot Road/Ballyclare Road/Ballyrobert Road/Mossley Road junction to the occupation of the 1318 dwellings of the overall Ballyclare West Development (the previous trigger was 750). A copy of the Department's response to the Council's objection was circulated for information.

A copy of the Department's Statement under Regulation 27(2) of the Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017 was also circulated for information.

Proposed by Councillor Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor Foster and agreed that

the report be noted.

NO ACTION

ITEM 3.18

PT/CI/073 PLANNING AND BUILDING CONTROL DIRECTORATE BUSINESS PLAN 2026/27

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to recommend to Members to approve the Planning and Building Control Directorate Business Plan 2026/27.

2. Background

Part 12 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 put in place a framework to support the continuous improvement of Council services.

Specifically, the duties in the Act relate to Section 84(1), 85(2) and 85(9) whereby the Council had a statutory duty to make arrangements to:

- Secure continuous improvement.
- Secure achievement of its improvement objectives; and
- Exercise its functions so that any Departmental specified standards are met.

3. Previous Decision of Council

In January 2026 the Council approved a strategic performance framework as part of the Corporate Performance and Improvement Plan 2026/27 (draft for consultation).

4. Business Planning

Business planning played a vital role in the Council's performance management and delivery processes. It offered a more efficient and cohesive approach to monitoring and evaluating performance while improving overall visibility.

The purpose of the Directorate Business Plans were to:

- Demonstrate how each of the Directorates were supporting and achieving Council's priorities.
- Provide a clear sense of purpose of the Directorate and the challenges it faced.
- Illustrate how it was aligning its resources to meet the challenges ahead.
- Measure performance and hold ourselves to account to ensure we delivered for the Council and its residents.

Business Plan for; Planning and Building Control is circulated for approval.

5. Governance

Progress reports on the Council's Directorate Business Plans 2026/27 would be reported quarterly to CLT and biannually to relevant Committees.

Proposed by Councillor Flanagan
seconded by Councillor Bennington and agreed that

the Planning and Building Control Directorate Business Plan 2026/27 be approved.

ACTION BY: Allen Templeton, Performance Improvement Officer

3.19 ANY OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS

There were no items of any other relevant business raised.

PROPOSAL TO PROCEED 'IN CONFIDENCE'

Proposed by Councillor Cushman
Seconded by Councillor Cosgrove and agreed that

the following Committee business be taken In Confidence.

The Chairperson advised that the livestream and audio recording would now cease.

PART TWO

OTHER PLANNING MATTERS – IN CONFIDENCE

ITEM 3.20

P/FP/LDP/01 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATE – IN CONFIDENCE

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to provide Planning Committee Members with an update on the Council's Local Development Plan, specifically progress on the Council's response to the Department for Infrastructure's Section 14 Plan Strategy Amendment, and the emerging Draft Local Policies Plan.

2. Introduction/Background

A – Section 14 Amendment to the Plan Strategy, Abbey Centre

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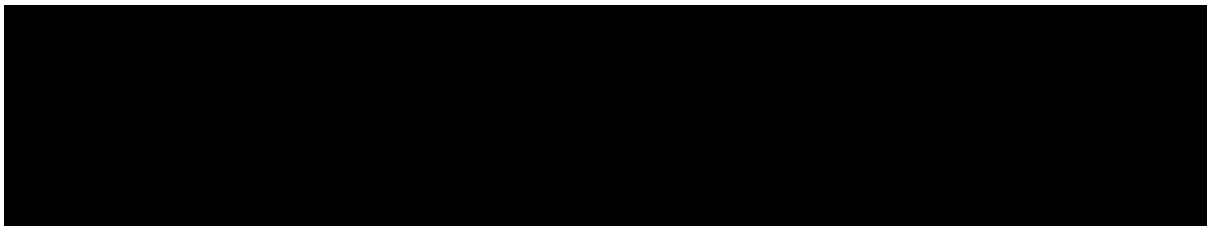
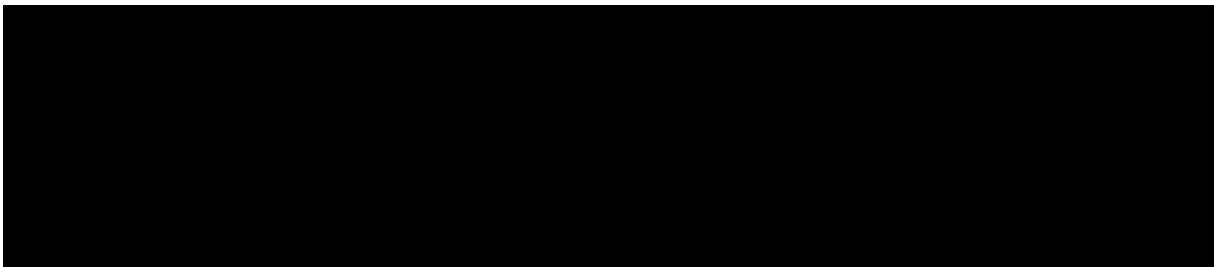
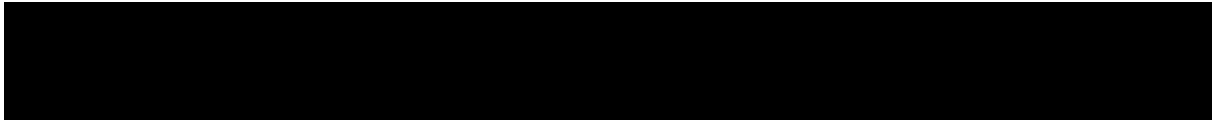
B – Draft Local Policies Plan, Members Workshops and Emerging Evidence

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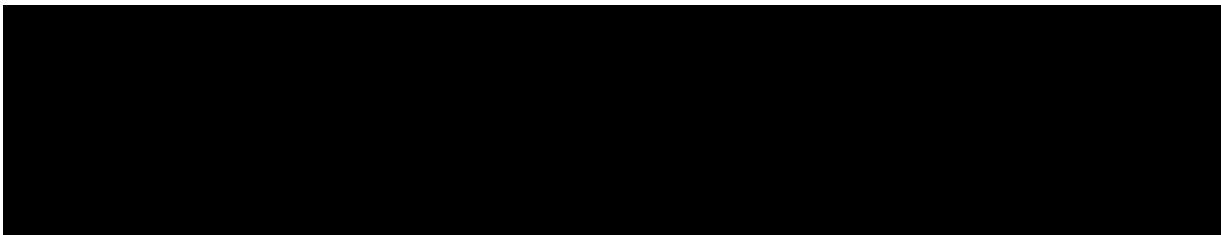
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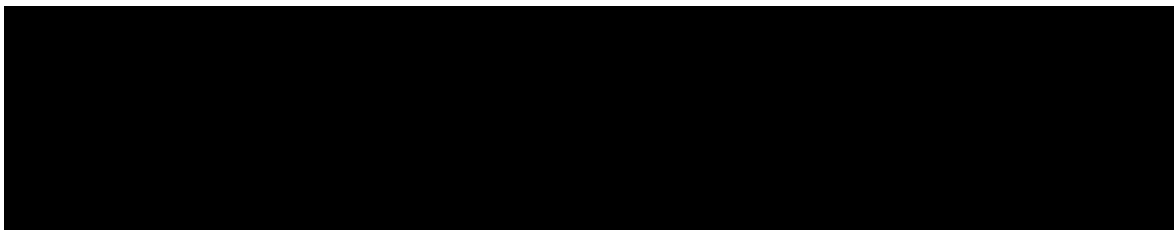
C – (1) Call for Sites Exercise, Strategic Employment and Homes, and (2) Strategic Housing Study, Emerging Evidence, Landowner Engagement



D – Local Development Plan, Working Groups



E – The Department for Infrastructure, Strategic Planning – Planning Improvement Programme, Update of Development Plan Practice Notes



[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Proposed by Councillor Bennington
Seconded by Councillor Cosgrove and agreed that

the report be noted and regarding the latest Development Plan Practice Notes published by the Department for Infrastructure, Planning, that Officers respond on behalf of the Planning Section with any Member wishing to raise any comments to contact Simon Thompson before the 30 April 2026.

ACTION BY: Simon Thompson, Local Development Plan and Enforcement Manager

Councillor Logue left the meeting at Item 3.21.

ITEM 3.21

G/LEG/3/352, P/PLAN/1 CRAIGHILL PLANNING APPEALS - IN CONFIDENCE

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Proposed by Councillor Flanagan
Seconded by Councillor Bennington that

Members approve the following:

[REDACTED]

On the proposal being put to the meeting 4 Members voted in favour, 2 against and 0 abstentions.

In favour: Alderman Magill
Councillors – Bennington, Cushinan and Flanagan

Against: Councillors - Cosgrove and Foster

It was agreed that Members approve the following:

[REDACTED]

ACTION BY: Barry Diamond, Head of Planning Development Management and Ashleigh Wilson, Senior Planning Officer.

PART ONE DECISIONS ON ENFORCEMENT CASES – IN CONFIDENCE

ITEM 3.22 IN CONFIDENCE ENFORCEMENT CASE: [REDACTED]

The recommendation was that enforcement action be progressed in this case as outlined in the report with the detail of this delegated to appointed Officers.

Proposed by Councillor Flanagan
Seconded by Councillor Bennington and unanimously agreed that

enforcement action be progressed in this case as outlined in the report with the detail of this delegated to appointed Officers.

ACTION BY: Simon Thompson, Local Development Plan and Enforcement Officer

PROPOSAL TO MOVE OUT OF 'IN CONFIDENCE'

Proposed by Councillor Flanagan
Seconded by Councillor Bennington and agreed that

any remaining Committee business be conducted in Open Session.

The Chairperson advised that the audio recording would recommence.

There being no further Committee business the Chairperson thanked Members, for

their attendance and the meeting concluded at 8.12pm.

MAYOR

Council Minutes have been redacted in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Data Protection Act 2018, the General Data Protection Regulation, and legal advice.