



**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD
AT MOSSLEY MILL ON MONDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2023 AT 6.30 PM**

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

1 BIBLE READING, PRAYER AND WELCOME

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

The meeting opened with a Bible reading and prayer by Reverend Robert Ginn who expressed sincere condolences to Alderman McGrath, his family and wider family circle on the passing of his father on the 8 February 2023. He also expressed his condolences to the family of Colin Crowley a member of the council area who sadly lost his life on the 15 February 2023.

Reverend Ginn prayed for the people of Turkey and Syria and the consequences of the devastating earthquake that occurred in February 2023.

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

2 APOLOGIES

Alderman McGrath
Councillors Burbank and Cooper

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 10.3 – Alderman Michael

4 MINUTES OF THE ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBEY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

Moved by Councillor Foster
Seconded by Councillor Montgomery and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council Meeting of Monday 30 January 2023 be taken as read and signed as correct.

5 MINUTES OF THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

AMENDMENT TO THE MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Lynch
Seconded by Alderman Burns that

Item 4.10 be amended to include that the pitch strategy be approved and in addition that the Council develops a wider sport pitch and facilities strategy in collaboration with the relevant Sporting Governing Bodies, Education Authority and key stakeholders. To make a fit for purpose Borough wide supply and demand strategy for our playing fields.

On the amendment being put to the meeting 10 Members voted in favour, 27 against and 0 abstentions.

The amendment was declared not carried.

AMENDMENT TO THE MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Goodman

Seconded by Councillor Wilson that

Item 5.7 be amended that the funding of £55,000 for the Office for Product Safety & Standards be accepted to cover the costs of the work already completed or intended to be done between November 2022 and end of March 2023.

On the amendment being put the meeting and a recorded vote having been requested by Councillor Logue, Members voted as follows:

In favour of the Amendment 15 Members viz	Against the Amendment 22 Members viz	Abstentions 0 Members viz
Aldermen – Burns and Campbell Councillors – Goodman, Lynch, Cushinan, Gilmour, Kelly, Kinnear, Logue, McAuley, McClelland, Taylor, Stewart, Webb, and Wilson	Aldermen – Cosgrove, Agnew, Clarke, Girvan, Michael, Smyth and Ross Councillors – Archibald-Brown, Bennington, Bradley, Brady, Dunlop, Flanagan, Foster, McWilliam, Magill, Mallon, Montgomery, Ramsay, Robinson, Swann and Smyth	

The amendment was declared not carried.

On the request of a Member it was agreed that the Borough Lawyer and Head of Legal services would provide legal advice regarding the implications of the rejection of funding and associated liabilities for Members.

ACTION BY: Paul Casey, Borough Lawyer and Head of Legal Services

Moved by Councillor Ramsay
Seconded by Alderman Smyth and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Operations Committee Meeting of Monday 6 February 2023 be taken as read and signed as correct.

6 MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Moved by Councillor Magill
Seconded by Alderman Girvan and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Policy and Governance Committee Meeting of Tuesday 7 February 2023 be approved and adopted.

7 MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Moved by Councillor Gilmour

Seconded by and Councillor Dunlop

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Community Planning Committee Meeting of Monday 13 February 2023 be approved and adopted.

8 MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Moved by Alderman Girvan
Seconded by Councillor Foster and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Special Council Meeting of Monday 13 February 2023 be taken as read and signed as correct.

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

Moved by Alderman Agnew
Seconded by Councillor Archibald-Brown and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Planning Committee Meeting of Monday 20 February 2023 Part 1 be taken as read and signed as correct.

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

Moved by Alderman Agnew
Seconded by Councillor Archibald-Brown and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Planning Committee Meeting of Monday 20 February 2023 Part 2 be approved and adopted.

10 ITEMS FOR DECISION

10.1 G/MSMO/008 VOL 3 CONSULTATION ON DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS FOR A RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY SUPPORT SCHEME FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

Correspondence circulated had been received from the Department for the Economy renewable electricity team advising that a consultation had been launched on the design considerations for the development of a renewable electricity support scheme for Northern Ireland.

This consultation was the first step towards the implementation of a support scheme that can ensure electricity generation from a diverse range of renewables in Northern Ireland to deliver on the Northern Ireland Executive's Energy Strategy targets as well as ensure Northern Ireland can effectively attract investors to benefit from green growth opportunities while also protecting consumers from global price shocks.

Full details can be found by clicking on the following link [Design considerations for a Renewable Electricity Support Scheme for Northern](#)

[Ireland | Department for the Economy \(economy-ni.gov.uk\)](https://economy-ni.gov.uk). The consultation closes on 27 April 2023.

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

Moved by Councillor Lynch
Seconded by Councillor Wilson and

RESOLVED – that Members respond corporately through the Sustainability Working Group.

ACTION BY: Stephen Hipkins, Head of Property and Building Services

10.2 G/MSMO/008 VOL 3 CONSULTATION: DRAFT DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL ABUSE STRATEGY

Correspondence circulated had been received from the Department of Health advising that a consultation had been launched on a draft Domestic and Sexual Abuse strategy developed jointly by the Department of Health and the Department of Justice.

This consultation seeks views on the content of the proposed strategy which is available on the following link

<https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/doj/domestic-and-sexual-abuse-strategy/> along with a consultation document and response form.

It would be supported by a number of online public engagement events during March. To book for an information event and for further information, please click on [DoH Domestic and Sexual Abuse Strategy consultation](#) or [DoJ Domestic and Sexual Abuse Strategy consultation](#). The consultation responses must be submitted no later than Tuesday 2 May 2023.

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

Moved by Councillor Webb
Seconded by Councillor Goodman and

RESOLVED – that Members respond on a corporate, individual or party political basis.

ACTION BY: Member Services

Having declared and an interest in Item 10.2 Alderman Michael left the Chamber.

10.3 EL/012 APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF AN ENTERTAINMENTS LICENCE (ANNUAL LICENCE) ANTRIM ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, 2 LOUGH ROAD, ANTRIM

An application had been received for the grant of an Entertainments Licence (annual licence) for the following premises:

Licensee	Location of Premises	Type(s) and hours of entertainment	File Number	New Application or Renewal
Paul Michael	2 Lough Road, Antrim, BT41 4DG	Singing, Music, dancing or entertainment of a like kind Monday to Saturday – 11:30am to 11:30pm Sunday – 12:30pm to 10:30pm Number of persons No greater than 110	EL012	New

In line with the Council Protocol for the hearing of Entertainments 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 would be taken.

Moved by Councillor Dunlop
Seconded by Councillor Montgomery and

RESOLVED – that an Entertainments Licence (Annual licence) be granted to the applicant, Paul Michael, Antrim Royal British Legion, 2 Lough Road, Antrim, BT41 4DG, with the following conditions;

- That all relevant licensing requirements are met
- That statutory consultees have no objections to approval

OPERATING HOURS

Monday to Saturday – 11:30am to 11:30pm

Sunday – 12:30pm to 10:30pm

ACTION BY: Clifford Todd, Deputy Director of Operations (Environmental Health, Property and Building Services)

Alderman Michael returned to the Chamber

10.4 EL/206 APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF AN ENTERTAINMENTS LICENCE (ANNUAL LICENCE) THE RAILWAY BAR, 401-403 BALLYCLARE ROAD, NEWTOWNABBEY

A new application had been received for the grant of an Entertainments Licence (annual licence) for the following premises:

Licensee	Location of Premises	Type(s)and hours of entertainment	File Number	New Application or Renewal
Debbie Hill	401-403 Ballyclare Road Newtownabbey BT36 4TH	Singing, Music, dancing or entertainment of a like kind Monday to Thursday - 11:30am to 11:30pm Friday to Saturday - 11:30am to 01:00am Sunday - 11:30am to 12:00am Number of persons No greater than 100	EL206	New

In line with the Council Protocol for the hearing of Entertainments 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 would be taken.

Moved by Councillor Montgomery
Seconded by Councillor Foster and

RESOLVED – that an Entertainments Licence (Annual licence) be granted to the applicant, Debbie Hill, The Railway Bar, 401-403 Ballyclare Road, Newtownabbey, with the following conditions;

- That all relevant licensing requirements are met
- That statutory consultees have no objections to approval
- That a satisfactory electrical report is submitted

OPERATING HOURS

Monday to Thursday - 11:30am to 11:30pm

Friday to Saturday - 11:30am to 01:00am

Sunday - 11:30am to 12:00am

ACTION BY: Clifford Todd, Deputy Director of Operations (Environmental Health, Property and Building Services)

10.5 G/MSMO/008/VOL3 PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE PRINCIPLES FOR VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS IN NORTHERN IRELAND

Members were reminded that the public consultation on the principles for vocational qualifications in Northern Ireland was published in December 2022 by the Department for the Economy (DfE). The consultation take direction from the determination to work towards the vision for a 10X economy, and aims to define the best approach to take in providing a highly skilled workforce to meet the needs of our small, advanced economy, to improve productivity and to support our role as a global leader in defined sectors. The Council's response to the questions outlined in the paper was circulated for Members information.

Vocational qualifications currently underpin a wide range of departmental programmes such as apprenticeships and traineeships and were delivered in a range of educational settings including our network of further education colleges, training organisations, businesses and schools. The purpose of the consultation was to present a set of underpinning principles required to ensure that vocational qualifications in Northern Ireland:

- Continue to support employer-led and high quality programmes and initiatives, including apprenticeships
- Support delivery of DfE's Skills Strategy and support the Department's vision for economic growth

- Provide appropriate learner pathways at all stages that are valued by all key stakeholders including employers, parents, learners, educators and policy makers both in Northern Ireland and elsewhere; and
- Can adapt to market changes brought about by policy decisions in England, and unexpected events such as COVID-19 pandemic

The proposed principles for vocational qualifications in Northern Ireland are the result of extensive research and internal and external stakeholder engagement. CCEA Regulation was commissioned by the Department to undertake a series of research projects including case studies on best practice in vocational education systems and approaches to vocational reform and design principles.

The Department also worked with Edge Foundation to host a series of online workshops where nearly 100 stakeholders representing groups across the sector participated in interactive surveys and plenary discussions on the future of vocational qualifications in Northern Ireland. The proposed principles were also subject to review by the Vocational Qualifications Reform Project Board and Skills Council.

The consultation was running simultaneously with the consultation on Level 4 and 5 provision and Higher Education in Further Education. Some of the key principles identified in this consultation may be relevant to the options and recommendations for level 4 and 5 provision and higher education in further education (HE in FE), given much of HE in FE provision was vocationally focused. The Council was asked to consider reviewing both consultations as they run parallel with future planning education provision.

Members would be aware that the Council's Labour Market Partnership (LMP) was working to improve accessibility of employers to those in the Labour Market locally and to develop the skills base within the Borough. Accordingly apprenticeships, degree apprenticeships and traineeships would form a key part of our 23/24 Action Plan. Work was continuing on how the Council could support the long term success of apprenticeships to support the continuing growth of businesses in the Borough, including working with our HE and FE providers and network of training providers.

A copy of the full consultation could be found using the link below;

<https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/consultations/economy/Principles-Vocational-Qualifications-Northern-Ireland-Consultation.pdf>

Moved by Councillor Lynch
Seconded by Councillor Webb and

RESOLVED – that the enclosed response be approved for submission to the Department.

ACTION BY: Chris Doyle, Investment Officer

10.6 G/MSMO/008/VOL 3 CONSULTATION ON LEVEL 4 AND 5 PROVISION AND HIGHER EDUCATION IN FURTHER EDUCATION

Members were reminded that the consultation on Level 4 and 5 Provision and Higher Education in Further Education was published in November 2022 by the Department for the Economy (DfE). The consultation was seeking views on level 4 and 5 provision and higher education in further education (HE in FE) – these are higher education courses and qualifications, such as foundation degrees, HNDs and HNCs undertaken by learners aged 18 and over.

The provision was primarily vocational in nature, was offered in a range of subject areas and was delivered mostly by further education colleges in partnership with universities and awarding bodies. Qualifications at this level can lead directly into employment or on to further study, including undergraduate degrees. Level 4 and 5 provision and HE in FE was therefore critical in helping to ensure the widest possible range of people could access higher education and it also provides a vital pipeline for our economy to help businesses grow and adapt.

The consultation outlines a range of considerations and proposals including:

- **Purpose and principles-** DfE want to establish a framework to guide future policy and delivery of level 4 and 5 provision and establish a clearly defined role for FE and the HE landscape.
- **Which qualifications to deliver-** Currently the Foundation Degree (a level 5 qualification) is the preferred qualification for delivery in this space. DfE wish to decide whether this should continue to be the case and have proposed two possible ways forward.
- **Who should deliver the HE qualifications-** questions whether the further education colleges should deliver undergraduate degrees (level 6 qualifications) currently this is permitted in exceptional circumstances. With the proposal to retain this position but to set some clear criteria to better help everyone understand when level 6 degrees can be delivered by a FE college.
- **Foundation Degree policy-** two key policy areas are under consideration, a foundation degree must have at least one undergraduate (level 6) on which students can undertake. Should a learner who has successfully completed a Foundation Degree be exempt from the first two years of an undergraduate degree, as this is a degree in its own merit. The Foundation Degree is the Department's preferred higher education qualification at level 4 and 5. With the proposal on alternative options to traditional undergraduate degree pathways, with a focus on technical and professional needs. The other policy area DfE have considered is whether to keep the current policy that FE colleges must partner with a local university in the delivery of Foundation Degrees unless they are unable or unwilling. The proposed option is to set some criteria for when further education colleges can seek a partnership with a university outside of Northern Ireland.
- **Funding for students undertaking level 4 and 5 qualifications-** HE student support funding for level 4 and 5 students is currently restricted to specific qualifications, primarily Foundation Degrees, Higher National Certificates

and Diplomas and Certificates and Diplomas of Higher Education. Subject to a full assessment of cost a proposal for financial support should be available to all qualifications on the Regulated Qualifications Framework which have been subjected to i.e. separate quality assurance process.

If DfE was to deliver the decade of innovation and growth envisaged in 10X and address the skills imbalances highlighted in their Skills Strategy, then the challenges outlined must be addressed and increased including the number of people successfully undertaking learning at Level 4 and 5 through higher education. The consultation paper aims for an education and skills appraisal in Higher Education that delivers widely recognised and valued qualifications, a system that can be agile and responsive to changing economic needs and one that leads to qualified individuals with skills to support our economy and boost its global competitiveness. The Council's response to the questions outlined in the paper is to follow for Members information.

The consultation is running simultaneously with the public consultation on the principles for vocational qualifications in Northern Ireland. Some of the key principles identified in this consultation may be relevant to the options and recommendations for vocational qualifications in Northern Ireland. The Council was asked to consider reviewing both consultations as they run in parallel with the future planning of education provision.

Members would be aware that the Council's Labour Market Partnership (LMP) was working to improve access of employers to those in the labour market locally. Access to a range of training and an academy approach would form a key part of 2023/2024 Action Plan. The Council continues to work closely with education providers to ensure a comprehensive level of provision for level 4 and 5. The Council would be keen that the proposed changes offer the best options to both students and employers, enabling the Borough to attract, train and retain the best employees.

A copy of the full consultation can be found using the link below;

<https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/consultations/economy/Consultation-Level-4-5-Provision-HE-in-FE.pdf>

Moved by Councillor McClelland
Seconded by Councillor Lynch and

RESOLVED - that the enclosed response be approved for submission to the Department for the Economy.

ACTION BY: Chris Doyle, Investment Officer

10.7 CE/CA/001 CORPORATE AFFAIRS AUDIT REPORT SUMMARY

Members were reminded of the new Corporate Affairs Service which was established in April 2022 to increase the profile of the Council.

Members would recall the presentation regarding the progress that had been made to date by this new service which was shared at the Corporate Workshop in November 2022 - <https://vimeo.com/user120103851/profile>

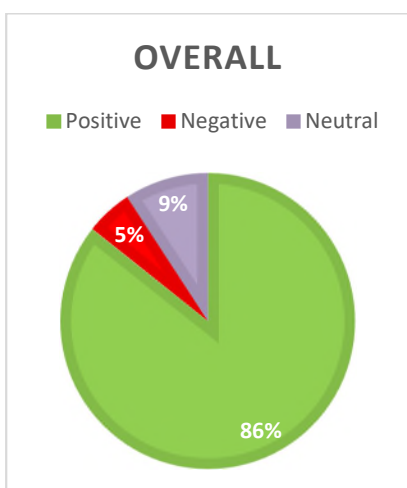
In order to assess the effectiveness of the new service, MCE was appointed to conduct an audit and make recommendations regarding further improvements.

The audit also provided feedback on the Council's website and marketing social media which had already been reported to the Policy and Governance Committee.

In relation to Corporate Affairs, the feedback and proposed priority actions are presented under the following headings;

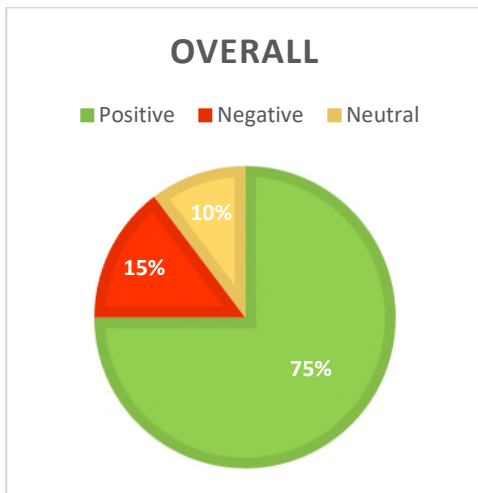
1. COVERAGE ANALYSIS - LOCAL WEEKLY PRESS - Four news outlets, Newtownabbey Times, Antrim Guardian, North Belfast News and Antrim & Ballymena Times

- ANBC coverage in the local press was overwhelmingly positive – 86% positive



2. COVERAGE ANALYSIS – REGIONAL DAILY PRESS - Four news outlets, Belfast Telegraph, Irish News, Newsletter and Belfast Live.

- The majority of coverage was positive – Overall, 75% of coverage was positive and 15% was negative.

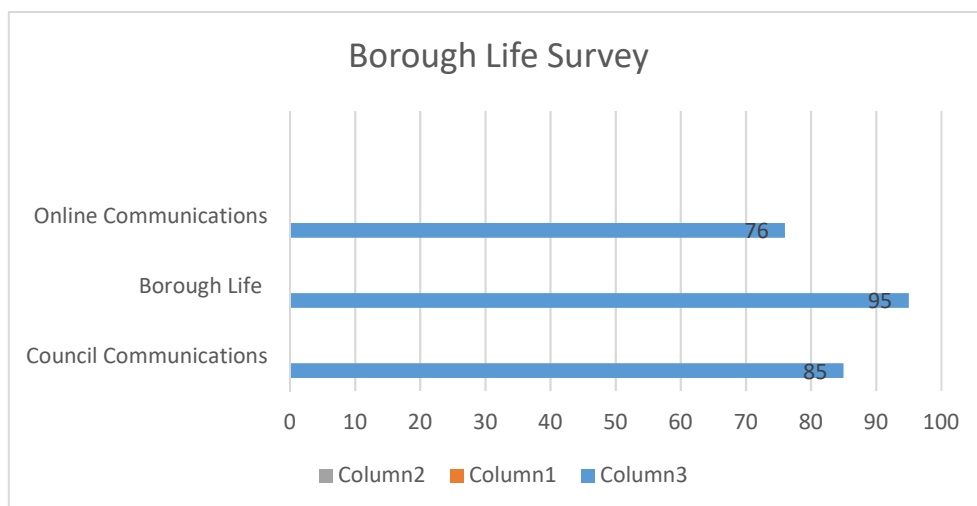


Stories focused on the Economy, Community and Environment featured most often.

Action: Weekly/Daily Press Coverage - Continue to maintain and build on the positive news stories and building relationships with press outlets.

3 GENERAL PUBLIC – BOROUGH LIFE SURVEY

- c.85% of respondents were extremely, very or just satisfied with how the Council communicates with residents.
- Online was the most popular way to find out about Council services. Social Media was the most popular (76%)
- c.95% were extremely / very or just satisfied with Borough Life although there were some comments about the necessity of printing it.



Action: Very positive feedback –continue to review this with further surveys and monitor any recommendations.

4 COMMUNICATION SERVICE USERS (COUNCILLORS & OFFICERS) & SERVICE PROVIDERS

- Overall the feedback was satisfactory but there were opportunities for improvement which the new Corporate Affairs Service is making good progress. As one Member put it, the service was “*On a journey going in the right direction*”.

5 INTERNAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE PROVIDERS

- The creation of a new Corporate Affairs unit was welcomed and credited with an improvement in activity for major Council initiatives.

Action: The Corporate Affairs unit should continue to develop and raise awareness of high level Council initiatives and events.

6 COUNCIL IMAGE

Action: To help address impressions that the Council's image is too 'corporate' there may be scope to promote more positive / human interest stories focused on Council employees and the local community – these can be directed at both press and the Council's own platforms.

CONCLUSION

The new Corporate Affairs service was performing well and delivering its key objectives which are to promote high profile events, economic development, investment and the high performance of the Council's planning function.

Moved by Councillor Webb
Seconded by Councillor Lynch and

RESOLVED – that the report be noted and the actions approved.

ACTION BY: Jeanette McIntyre, Head of Corporate Affairs

11 ITEMS FOR NOTING

11.1 CE/OA/013 NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSING COUNCIL

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

Moved by Councillor Robinson
Seconded by Alderman Clarke and

RESOLVED – that the correspondence be noted.

NO ACTION

13 NOTICE OF MOTION

Proposed by Councillor Bradley
Seconded by Councillor Smyth

"As we approach International Women's Day 2023 this Council commits to being a prime organisation for women to be part of and represent. Furthermore, we will work to maintain a deep and continuous focus on equity, diversity and inclusion of women all year round. International Women's Day provides a key moment to celebrate the achievements of women and highlight the disparity that still exists. We commit to delivery of an annual event to mark International Women's Day from 2023 onwards".

MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN COMMITTEE'

Moved by Councillor Robinson
Seconded by Councillor Goodman and

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

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

Alderman Clarke left the meeting.

12 ITEMS IN COMMITTEE

12.1 **IN CONFIDENCE** G/INS/PROP/023/VOL 2 STEEPLE COMPLEX UPDATE REPORT

Members were reminded that at the February 2022 Council Meeting an update was provided on the comprehensive plans for the Steeple site including the investment by the private sector.

Since then officers have progressed options for Steeple Complex.

A site visit was organised for Antrim DEA members on 13th December 2022 and this was followed up by a further meeting on the 27th January 2023 to consider further the options.

The project is being progressed on a phased basis:

Phase 1 – Carpark, Parkland & Access

Phase 2 – Steeple House

Phase 3 – Steeple Outbuildings

Phase 4 - Apricot Healthcare proposals

PHASE 1 – CARPARK, PARKLANDS & ACCESS

An update was provided to the Community Planning Committee in June 2022 in relation to the Heritage Conservation Project for the Park including an application to the Heritage fund.

Work was progressing on the funding application to the National Lottery Heritage Fund. The works for the park include:

- Park restoration and path construction
- Drainage and wetland creation
- Tree planting and conservation
- New heritage entrance feature
- Landscaping
- Round Tower refurbishment
- Signage and interpretation

Application was required to be submitted by May 2023 and the outcome would be provided in September 2023 at which time this works could commence.

In relation to the Gatelodge, the Antrim DEA Members were content that this could be demolished and that this area would be the focal point for entrance to the Gardens. The boundary wall at Steeple Road is of more historic significance than the Gatelodge.

Members also agreed that the caretaker's bungalow would be demolished as it has no historic significance and had been a location for ASB.

Officers were also progressing the Traffic Management Study to confirm the carparking requirements, traffic flow and access options for the site.

A conservation management plan was being procured to inform the Heritage Lottery Funding application.

PHASE 2 – STEEPLE HOUSE

Members had reviewed the options for the three floors within Steeple House and had asked officers to progress the options as follows:

- Ground floor - Flexible Space/Civic Function Suite
- First Floor – Mayor Parlour/ Mayors Staff/ Conferencing Facility
- Basement – storage/plant/maintenance room

Officers were now progressing more detailed design and costings around this proposal.

PHASE 3 – STEEPLE OUTBUILDINGS

The following options were being considered for inclusion in the outbuildings area of the site

- 1) Temporary Flexible Exhibition Space
- 2) Starter Business units
- 3) Café
- 4) Toilets
- 5) Glasshouses/gardens/commercial

Further detailed design and costings were being worked up for the above.

PHASE 4 – APRICOT HEALTHCARE PROPOSALS

Members were reminded that at the November 2021 Council Meeting it was agreed to accept the offer of £[REDACTED] from Apricot Healthcare Ltd for the 3.07 acre site at the back of Antrim Civic Centre and their offer of up to £[REDACTED] contribution for infrastructure for the new car parking facilities in and around the site.

A meeting was held in February 2023 with the private sector developer of Healthcare Hub to ascertain the current position in relation to their proposal, in particular their requirement for access and parking facilities, which would inform the traffic management plan.

BUDGETS

Indicative budgets for each of the phases were shown below

Phase	Works to be Progressed	Indicative Budget *	Potential Funding	Proposed Timeline for Works
Phase 1	Parklands & Access	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Q4 2023
Phase 2	Steeple House	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	TBC
Phase 3	Steeple Outbuildings	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	TBC
Phase 4	Apricot Healthcare Proposal	-		TBC

**Note - these are high level indicative costs and budget costs will become more accurate as specification, design and procurement progress.*

Moved by Councillor Montgomery
Seconded by Councillor Kelly and

RESOLVED – that

- I. **Elected Members note the update in relation to the Steeple Complex**

- II. **Members approve the progression of a detailed designed cost plan and Business case for Steeple Complex.**
- III. **Further reports be brought back to Council to obtain approval for the Business Cases.**

ACTION BY: Sandra Cole, Director of Finance and Governance

12.2 IN CONFIDENCE ED/ED/195 Vol.2 MINUTES OF THE GOVERNANCE MEETINGS OF THE LEVELLING UP FUND PROJECT BOARD HELD ON 19 AND 25 JANUARY 2023

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

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

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

The Levelling up Fund Project Board met on the 19 and 25 January 2023 to monitor progress and to provide direction for the schemes.

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

Moved by Councillor Webb
Seconded by Alderman Smyth and

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Levelling Up Fund Project Board meetings held on 19 and 25 January 2023 be approved.

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

12.3 IN CONFIDENCE WM/ARC21/008 RESIDUAL WASTE TREATMENT PROJECT

Members were reminded that at the Council meeting in January the following was resolved:

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Moved by Alderman Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor McAuley and

RESOLVED – [REDACTED]

ACTION BY: Michael Laverty, Director of Waste Operations and Paul Casey, Borough Lawyer & Head of Legal Services

MOTION TO PROCEED ‘OUT OF COMMITTEE’

Moved by Alderman Smyth
Seconded by Councillor Goodman and

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

The Mayor thanked everyone for attending and the meeting concluded at 7.40 pm.

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.