



**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN
MOSSLEY MILL ON MONDAY 25 JANUARY 2016 AT 6:30 PM**

- In the Chair** : The Mayor (Councillor T Hogg)
- Members Present** : Aldermen - F Agnew, W Ball, T Burns, T Campbell,
B DeCourcy, M Girvan, R Swann and J Smyth
- Councillors - D Arthurs, A Ball, T Beatty, J Bingham, J Blair, P
Brett, L Clarke, H Cushinan, B Duffin, T Girvan, M Goodman,
P Hamill, D Hollis, N Kells, N Kelly, B Kelso, R Lynch, M Magill,
M Maguire, J Montgomery, N McClelland, V McWilliam, P
Michael, M Rea, D Ritchie, S Ross and W Webb
- In Attendance** : **Representatives from the Housing Executive**
Frank O'Connor – Regional Manager North
Sharon Crooks – Area Manager
Alice McAteer – Regional Planner
- Officers Present** : Chief Executive - Mrs J Dixon
Director of Finance & Governance - Mrs C McFarland
Director of Operations – Ms G Girvan
Director of Community Planning & Regeneration – Ms M
McAllister
Senior HR Officer – Mrs J Cowan
Senior Admin Officer – Mrs S McAree
Member Services Officer – Mrs D Hynes
Media and Marketing Officer - Mrs N McCullough
Legal Advisor – Paul Casey
ICT Officer - Mr G Smyth

1 BIBLE READING, PRAYER AND WELCOME

The meeting opened with a Bible reading and prayer by Alderman Agnew
MBE.

(Councillors Cushinan, Goodman and Kelly arrived following this item.)

MAYOR'S REMARKS

The Mayor paid tribute to the AP McCoy and offered congratulations on his recent Knighthood.

Members also congratulated A P McCoy on behalf of their parties and it was

Proposed by Councillor McClelland
Seconded by Alderman Swann and

RESOLVED – that the Council hosts a celebration event for A P McCoy, in recognition of his Knighthood and contribution to sport, in his home village of Moneyglass.

ACTION BY: Tracey White

2 APOLOGIES

Aldermen P Barr and M Cosgrove
Councillors Scott and A M Logue

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Chief Executive – Item 3.6 of Policy and Governance Minutes
Councillor P Brett – Item 9.1
Councillor Bingham - Item 9.20

4 MINUTES OF THE ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBEY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

Moved by Councillor Beatty
Seconded by Councillor Kelso and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council Meeting of 29 December 2015 be taken as read and signed as correct.

Councillor McClelland requested an update on Item 11. The Chief Executive responded that some nominations to the working group were still outstanding.

NO ACTION

5 MINUTES OF THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Moved by Alderman Smyth
Seconded by Councillor McWilliam and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Operations Committee of 4 January 2016 be approved and adopted.

NO ACTION

Following a request from Councillor Ritchie, the Director of Operations undertook to investigate the flooding of the path at the Loughshore Park, Antrim.

ACTION BY: G Girvan

6 MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Moved by Councillor Arthurs
Seconded by Councillor Brett and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Policy and Governance Committee of 5 January 2016 be approved and adopted.

NO ACTION

7 MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY PLANNING AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE

Moved by Councillor Brett
Seconded by Councillor Lynch and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Community Planning and Regeneration Committee of 11 January 2016 be approved and adopted.

NO ACTION

8(a) MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE, PART 1

Moved by Alderman Swann
Seconded by Alderman Campbell and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Planning Committee of, 18 January 2016, Part 1 be taken as read and signed as correct.

NO ACTION

8(b) MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE, PART 2

Moved by Alderman Swann
Seconded by Alderman Campbell and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Planning Committee of 18 January 2016, Part 2 be approved and adopted.

NO ACTION

9.1 PRESENTATION OA/RD/1 NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSING EXECUTIVE

Members were reminded that the Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE) presented the Antrim and Newtownabbey Housing Investment Plan 2015-2019 to the Council on 27 July 2015.

Following the presentation the Council requested projected figures on the five year social housing need in the Borough.

These figures were reported to the Council and it was agreed at the October 2015 Council meeting to invite representative of the Housing Executive to a future meeting to complete their presentation following the provision of these figures.

The following representatives were in attendance:

- Frank O'Connor – Regional Manager North
- Sharon Crooks – Area Manager
- Alice McAteer – Regional Planner

The Chairman welcomed the representatives to the meeting and Councillor Brett congratulated Alice McAteer on her new post and offered sincere thanks to Sharon Crooks for her work.

The representative answered members questions following which they left the meeting.

9.2 TO APPROVE THE SEALING OF DOCUMENTS

Members were advised there were no items to seal this month.

9.3 G/MSMO/23 THE SOMME ASSOCIATION - COMMEMORATION OF THE CENTENARY OF THE BATTLE OF THE SOMME

Members were advised of receipt of correspondence from David Campbell CBE (Chairman of Centenary Committee) and Carol Walker (Director) from The Somme Association, a copy of which was enclosed together with a provisional itinerary.

It was reported that the 2016 tour would be different from previous years and Members' attention was drawn to the correspondence for full details.

Councils are offered a place on the Association's tour as part of the Council's membership of the Association and also **four** places in 2016 on the Centenary Trip. The Somme Association are aware that some Council's may wish to have more places allocated and some less. Councils are advised to contact The Somme Association before 31 January 2016 to secure places and also allow reallocation of unwanted places. *(Places will only be secured once deposits are received).*

The Commemoration Tour also includes tickets to the Ulster Memorial Tower Service, the "Beat the Retreat" musical event and Reception on the 2nd July and meals.

There are two hotel options and based on the option chosen estimated prices to attend the 2016 Somme Commemorations are as follows:

- £730.00 per person (excludes personal insurance) 2+ Star Hotel
- £900.00 per person (excludes personal insurance) 3 Star Hotel.

Moved by Councillor Brett
Seconded by Councillor Rea that

a) the Council books five places on the 2016 Somme Tour

b) the places be allocated as follows:

- 2 x UUP (to include the Mayor serving at the time)**
- 1 x SDLP (as the SDLP will hold the position of Deputy Mayor at the time)**
- 2 x DUP**

The Motion was accordingly declared carried.

ACTION BY: Member Services

9.4 AC/EV/8 THE SOMME CENTENARY - ABF THE SOLDIERS' CHARITY COMMEMORATION CONCERT

Members were advised that correspondence had been received from ABF The Soldiers' Charity advising that they intended to commemorate the centenary of the Battle of Somme by holding a flagship event "The 'Parting Glass' concert" at the Belfast Waterfront at 8 pm on Saturday 7 May 2016.

The concert will be hosted by UTV's Paul Clark MBE and will be a showcase of home-grown talent featuring the Band, Bugles, Pipes and Drums of the Royal Irish Regiment, plus a number of other accomplished artistes.

A bespoke VIP package for the evening has been designed specifically for representatives from local councils. The package, which will be hosted by serving personnel, includes seats in the designated VIP area of the auditorium, finger food and drinks during a pre-concert reception and during the interval.

Council are invited to support this event by sending Councillors and officers to attend. Tickets cost £38 per person and will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis.

Moved by Councillor Brett
Seconded by Councillor Kells and

RESOLVED – that the Mayor and his guest attend, as an approved duty, and other members attend, if they wish, at their own expense.

ACTION BY: Member Services

9.5 G/LAN/2 PUBLIC CONSULTATION - REVIEW OF THE NON DOMESTIC RATING SYSTEM

Members were reminded that the Department of Finance and Personnel had now formally commenced a Public Consultation on a review of the Non-Domestic Rating System.

A copy of the draft response was attached for consideration.

Moved by Alderman Smyth
Seconded by Councillor Lynch and

RESOLVED – that the Council approves the draft response to the Review of the Non Domestic Rating system.

ACTION BY: Member Services

9.6 UPDATED 2016 SCHEDULE OF COUNCIL / COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Members were reminded that the Schedule of Council/Committee Meetings had been approved in September 2015 and subsequently updated in October 2015.

Members were asked to note the undernoted changes (highlighted in yellow) to the Schedule.

Calendar updates will be progressed accordingly.

Council / Committee Meetings	Date of Meeting
Operations Committee	Monday 4 January 2016
Policy & Governance Committee	Tuesday 5 January 2016
Community Planning & Regeneration Planning Committee	Monday 11 January 2016
	Monday 18 January 2016
Council Meeting	Monday 25 January 2016

Operations Committee	Monday 1 February 2016
Policy & Governance Committee	Tuesday 2 February 2016
Community Planning & Regeneration	Monday 8 February 2016
Special Council Meeting	Thursday 11 February 2016
Planning Committee	Monday 15 February 2016
Council Meeting	Monday 29 February 2016
Operations Committee	Tuesday 1 March 2016*
Policy & Governance Committee	Wednesday 2 March 2016*
Community Planning & Regeneration	Monday 7 March 2016
Planning Committee	Monday 14 March 2016
Audit Committee	Tuesday 15 March 2016
Council Meeting	Monday 21 March 2016*
Operations Committee	Monday 4 April 2016
Policy & Governance Committee	Tuesday 5 April 2016
Community Planning & Regeneration	Monday 11 April 2016
Planning Committee	Monday 18 April 2016
Council Meeting	Monday 25 April 2016
Operations Committee	Tuesday 3 May 2016*
Policy & Governance Committee	Wednesday 4 May 2016*
Community Planning & Regeneration	Monday 9 May 2016
Planning Committee	Monday 16 May 2016
Council Meeting	Monday 23 May 2016*
Annual Meeting	Monday 6 June 2016
Policy & Governance Committee	Tuesday 7 June 2016
Operations Committee	Wednesday 8 June 2016
Community Planning & Regeneration	Monday 13 June 2016
Planning Committee	Monday 20 June 2016
Audit Committee	Tuesday 21 June 2016
Council Meeting	Monday 27 June 2016
Planning Committee	Monday 18 July 2016
Council Meeting	Monday 25 July 2016
Planning Committee	Monday 15 August 2016
Council Meeting	Monday 22 August 2016*

Operations Committee	Monday 5 September 2016
Policy & Governance Committee	Tuesday 6 September 2016
Community Planning & Regeneration Planning Committee	Monday 12 September 2016
Audit Committee	Tuesday 20 September 2016
Council Meeting	Monday 26 September 2016
Operations Committee	Monday 3 October 2016
Policy & Governance Committee	Tuesday 4 October 2016
Community Planning & Regeneration Planning Committee	Monday 10 October 2016
Council Meeting	Monday 17 October 2016
	Monday 31 October 2016
Operations Committee	Monday 7 November 2016
Policy & Governance Committee	Tuesday 8 November 2016
Community Planning & Regeneration Planning Committee	Monday 14 November 2016
Council Meeting	Monday 21 November 2016
	Monday 28 November 2016
Operations Committee	Monday 5 December 2016
Policy & Governance	Tuesday 6 December 2016
Community Planning & Regeneration	Monday 12 December 2016
Audit Committee	Tuesday 13 December 2016
Planning Committee	Wednesday 14 December 2016*
Council Meeting	Monday 19 December 2016*

* Denotes change of date due to bank/public holiday.

Moved by Councillor Brett
Seconded by Councillor Hamill and

RESOLVED – that the updated 2016 Schedule of Meetings be approved with the exception that the Special Council Meeting be moved from Thursday 11 February 2016 to prior to the Community Planning and Regeneration Committee on Monday 8 February 2016.

ACTION BY: Member Services

9.7 CE/GEN/4 TRANSPORT NI - PROPOSED DISABLED PARKING BAY - NO. 46 MULL ROAD, ANTRIM

It was reported that correspondence had been received from Transport NI outlining details regarding their proposal to reserve an on-street disabled parking space to the side of number 46 Mull Road, Antrim.

Comments to be forwarded to Traffic Management at County Hall, Ballymena, BT42 1QG.

Moved by Alderman Smyth
Seconded by Councillor McClelland and

RESOLVED – that the Council supports the proposal.

ACTION BY: Member Services

9.8 CE/OA/5 NILGA SUBSCRIPTION

Members were advised that correspondence had been received from NILGA regarding their subscription.

Members were reminded that in March 2015, the Council agreed to subscribe to NILGA, subject to an independent review being commissioned in consultation with the 11 new Councils.

This review was completed and circulated to the Council at the Policy and Governance meeting in October 2015.

The review recognised that given the current context of local government reform, NILGA should concentrate on its 'core' purpose as a representative body.

It has also been recognised that the cost and size of NILGA has reduced by 50% over the last 4 years and that it should focus on a more sector-led and sustainable solution in the future. During recent years their number of employees reduced from 23 to 8.

There is currently no consensus among the 11 new Councils about what other functions NILGA might or should perform, this can be considered/developed over time.

It should be noted that in addition to acting as a "representative body" of local Councils, NILGA has been instrumental in supporting the Partnership Panel in Northern Ireland and facilitating Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council in the achievement of the Members' Development Charter.

The Council has nominated Councillor Roisin Lynch to its Community Planning and Wellbeing Network, which is chaired by Councillor Brett, and Alderman R Swann to its Planning Regeneration Member Network.

A number of members have attended their regular events and annual conference.

The annual Ulster in Bloom competition is administered, supported and coordinated by NILGA. Both the legacy councils and the new council have

participated in Ulster in Bloom, successfully for many years. Council staff, particularly Parks teams but including street cleansing and regeneration teams, as well as many local community volunteers, contributes significantly to Council's recent successes.

In 2015 Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough was placed in 5 categories and interest in the completion is growing annually.

The Chair and Vice Chair of CP&R Committee travelled to the Brussels EU Open Days/European Entrepreneurial Region Event (12-14 October) and attended various seminars as part of this event. Hosted by NILGA, these sessions were intended to help promote awareness of trans-national economic development, the EER initiative and to outline the benefits of a possible NI taskforce currently under consideration at EU level which is focussed on key corporate and economic issues including skills development and youth entrepreneurship.

Moved by Councillor Goodman
Seconded by Alderman Swann that

as per the Independent review of NILGA, the Council supports the annual costs of NILGA's core services at a cost of approximately £43,000 per annum for the term of the Council.

On the Motion being put to the meeting 21 members voted in favour of the Motion, 4 against and 10 abstentions.

The Motion was accordingly declared carried.

ACTION BY: Member Services

9.9 CE/OA/5 NILGA - ROLE OF NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSING EXECUTIVE

It was reported that correspondence had been received from NILGA seeking Council's views on the role of the Northern Ireland Housing Executive and whether its previous role as a builder of social housing should be reinstated.

To enable the formation of a regional local government view on the matter a response is required by Monday 29 February 2016.

Moved by Councillor Brett
Seconded by Councillor Kells and

RESOLVED – that the Council supports the proposal that the Northern Ireland Housing Executive be reinstated as a builder of social housing.

ACTION BY: Member Services

9.10 G/MSMO/17 ROUTES EUROPE 2016 EVENT

Members were reminded of the presentation to the December Policy and Governance Committee Meeting by Belfast International Airport representatives. Mr Graham Keddie (Managing Director) highlighted the "Routes Europe 2016" Event and, particularly that Northern Ireland (Belfast) is the host for the 2017 Routes Europe Conference.

Routes Europe, the annual gathering of European air service decision makers, attracts the region's senior decision makers, positioning it as the must attend event for those interested in meeting with the industry's key players. In 2016, Routes Europe is expected to attract over 1,200 delegates representing 110 airlines, 350 airports and 45 tourism authorities along with a number of other industry stakeholders from across the region to discuss air service development. The event consists of four main elements:

Meetings

Airlines, airports and tourism authorities from across Europe and beyond have the opportunity to meet and discuss both new market opportunities and existing services at pre-scheduled Face-to-Face meetings. These meetings are arranged online prior to the event based on delegate requests, and a personal diary is issued on arrival available as a paper copy or via the Routes Europe event app.

Networking

Routes events encourage all delegates to network as much as possible and this is facilitated in a number of ways:

- Formal Face-to-Face meetings either pre-scheduled or arranged via the on-site Extra Meetings System that allows all delegates to request meetings with other delegates during the event itself
- A number of hospitality events including the Host Welcome Reception and Networking Evening along with lunches and refreshment breaks during the working days of the event. This social programme allows business networking in a more informal environment

Routes Europe Strategy Summit

Taking place on Sunday 24 April 2016 and open to all attending delegates, The Routes Europe Strategy Summit will open the event in Kraków. The Strategy Summit will provide a valuable insight into aviation across the region as panels of leading industry experts take part in a number of moderator led discussions addressing key air service development issues effecting commercial aviation across the entire region.

Route Exchange Briefings

Delivered by senior network planners and exclusively open to attending airports and tourism authorities, Route Exchange Airline Briefings are an opportunity for attendees to gain a unique insight into the planning structure of the airline along with an overview of the carriers, allowing them to view, first-hand, what information the airline requires from the airports and destinations when making route proposals.

The 2016 event runs from Saturday 23 April to Tuesday 26 April and takes place in Krakow, Poland. Members can refer to the undernoted link for further event, tour, hotel and networking information.

<http://www.routesonline.com/events/181/routes-europe-2016-/>

The early bird delegate fee for Tourism/Economic Authorities is £1,550 (approx.) and does not include "face to face" meetings. This rate is available until 31 January and thereafter increases to £1,785 (approximately). In addition, return flight costs are estimated at £200 per person (including cabin baggage).

A copy of the event programme was attached.

Moved by Councillor Kells
Seconded by Councillor Michael and

RESOLVED – that the Deputy Mayor and the appropriate officer attend the Route Europe 2016 event

ACTION BY: Member Services

9.11 G/MSMO/8 CONSULTATION ON PROPOSALS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF UROLOGY SERVICES IN WESTERN AND NORTHERN TRUSTS

It was reported that a Consultation had been received from the Northern Health and Social Care Trust on Proposals for the Implementation of Urology Services in Western and Northern Trusts.

The consultation period closes on 29 January 2016.

Moved by Councillor Brett
Seconded by Councillor McClelland and

RESOLVED – that members' respond on an individual or party political basis.

ACTION BY: Member Services

9.12 ST/G/156/V.2 PUBLIC SECTOR EXIT PAYMENT RECOVERY REGULATIONS

Members were advised that notification was sent to employers in the Local Government Pension Scheme (NI) by the HM Treasury Consultation on the Public sector exit payment recovery regulations, which sought views on allowing for the recovery of exit payments when a high earner returns to the public sector shortly after exit. The full consultation document could be accessed at <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/public-sector-exit-payment-recovery-regulations>.

Following consultation, these regulations will go through Parliamentary scrutiny with the intention that the policy will take effect from April 2016.

Some elements of policy included in this consultation include:

- lowering the minimum earnings threshold for individuals subject to the recovery provisions
- applying the policy to qualifying returns to any part of the public sector, instead of only returns to the same part of the public sector
- the recovery amount will be reduced over time for a return at any point up to 12 months from exit
- and recovery will include employer funded pension 'top up' payments made under the Local Government Pension Scheme to align with the recovery of other similar payments.

The draft regulations also list the public sector organisations that are in scope of the regulations and those that are proposed to be exempt.

Moved by Councillor Magill
Seconded by Councillor Duffin and

RESOLVED – that members' respond on an individual or party political basis.

ACTION BY: Andrea McCooke

9.13 WM/WM/1 REFUSE & RECYCLING PUBLIC HOLIDAY COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS 2016

It was reported that Officers had been assessing refuse and recycling bin collection options for the Public Holidays in 2016 with the aim of minimising disruption to the service for residents.

At this stage arrangements for legacy Antrim collections have been agreed up to 29 August 2016 and are set out below.

The proposed alternative collection days are:

Public Holiday	Legacy Antrim
17 March 2016 <i>(St Patrick's Day)</i>	17 March 2016 <i>(Tuesday)</i>
25 March 2016 <i>(Good Friday)</i>	<i>No alternative collection* required</i>
28 March 2016 <i>(Easter Monday)</i>	1 April 2016 <i>(Friday)</i>
29 March 2016 <i>(Easter Tuesday)</i>	29 March 2016 <i>(Tuesday)</i>
2 May 2016 <i>(May Bank Holiday)</i>	2 May 2016 <i>(Monday)</i>
30 May 2016	30 May 2016

<i>(Spring Bank Holiday)</i>	<i>(Monday)</i>
12 July 2016 <i>(Twelfth July)</i>	15 July 2016 <i>(Friday)</i>
13 July 2016 <i>(13th July)</i>	13 July 2016 <i>(Wednesday)</i>
29 August 2016 <i>(Summer Bank Holiday)</i>	29 August 2016 <i>(Monday)</i>

* Former Antrim staff work a four day week – Monday – Thursday.

Once approved a calendar can be issued for collections up to 30 November 2016

Discussions with the Trade Unions are at a preliminary stage and Officers will report proposed dates for the legacy Newtownabbey collections in due course. The black bin service only is to be agreed as recycling is collected through a contract with Bryson Recycling and brown bin organic waste is collected by Avenue Recycling who will replicate Councils' black bin collection arrangements.

The proposed arrangements relate to the bin collection service only and street cleansing operations may be reduced in order to ensure bins are collected on these dates. Any priority street cleansing requests will be actioned through a daily response process with resources allocated as and when required.

Moved by Councillor Kells
Seconded by Councillor Beatty and

RESOLVED – that collection arrangements for public holidays for black, brown and blue bins in legacy Antrim are approved 17 March 2016 -29 November 2016 inclusive. A calendar will be issued in line with agreed dates to former Antrim residents.

ACTION BY: Michael Lavery

9.14 L/LEI/AC/3, L/LEI/AC/4 ACTIVE COMMUNITIES/EVERYBODY ACTIVE 2020

It was reported that since 2010 Sport Northern Ireland had invested £956, 826 in the Active Communities programme in the Antrim and Newtownabbey Consortium. In addition to Sport NI's investment, both the legacy councils, and the new council, had contributed in excess of £200,000 over the lifetime of the programme. This investment had enabled the employment of a Development manager and 11 coaches, six of whom were employed by Council and five who are employed by Sporting Governing Bodies. The Development Manager post had developed, taking on responsibility for oversight of other programmes (e.g. swimming and gymnastics) which operate outside of Active Communities in the past 2 years.

Members were reminded that the Active Communities Programme was implemented initially by the legacy Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Councils through a consortium.

Active Communities is a Sport Northern Ireland National Lottery Funded initiative that aims to increase participation in sport and physical recreation in Northern Ireland, especially among underrepresented groups. The model for delivery adopted by the Antrim and Newtownabbey consortium consists of a Development Manager and a team of 6 coaches employed directly by council and 5 employed directly by participating governing bodies. The Programme in the current year costs in the region of £235,000 met by grant from Sport NI of Sport NI £199,359, contribution by council of £28,700 and governing body contributions totalling £7,200.

The Active communities Programme in Antrim and Newtownabbey has exceeded all targets and the model for employing coaches has been acknowledged by Sport Ni as best practice. A total of 32,270 participants have been through the programme in since the programme started in 2011, contributing significantly to the legacy councils' and new council's Corporate Plan achievements under the well- being theme. In addition, income in council facilities has increased through the success of the programmes run by coaches at various council facilities. It is estimated that in the current year income from the various classes etc. run by coaches will be in the region of £45,000 by 31st March. This is aside from any indirect income which cannot be quantified as people who begin to participate in sport and physical activity take part in other activities offered by council.

Sport NI have indicated that the Active Communities programme will expire on 31 March 2016 and a new programme "Everybody Active 2020" will be implemented. They have confirmed that District Councils are being asked to lead on the delivery of the new programme subject to submission of an action plan for year 1 with sufficient flexibility going forward to meet any needs arising from council's Community Plan in years 2-4. The budget allocation is significantly less than that of the Active Communities Programme and has been confirmed as follows:

Year 2016/17	1: Year 2 2017/18	Year 3 2 018/19	Year 4 2019/20	Total over 4yrs
£139,413.19	£92,382.33	£57,109.02	£47,030.96	£335,935

Note: current funding by Sport NI for Active Communities – as set out above – is £199,359 in the current year).

Sport NI have advised that the key objectives of Everybody Active 2020 are to increase quality opportunities for targeted groups and to develop and sustain participation in Sport across key-life transitions. Targeted groups are: People with a disability, high social need, women/girls, older people and sustained participation.

Officers have assessed the achievements of the Active Communities Programme and how the current delivery model could meet the needs of the new programme in the context of reducing grant aid. The significant impact of the current and new programme and its potential to assist Council in meeting its commitments as set out in the Corporate Plan should be acknowledged as follows:

People

Our Communities will have access to high quality council services and facilities. The support we provide will lead to a more active, healthy and empowered community.

It will also help to contribute to how we measure success as a council through this theme. In line with the current and proposed breakdown of costs in Appendix 2 enclosed it proposed that council considers:

1. increasing its annual contribution to the programme to £46,000 for the next two years of the programme at which point a full review should be carried out prior to council committing to the remainder of the programme
2. that the reduced funding allocations for the governing bodies are awarded on the basis that each body devises a programme around the award and supplements activities itself as deemed appropriate
3. That income levels are kept under review and opportunities to increase income are focussed on activities where trained coaches run classes – not at classes in care homes for example.

Moved by Councillor McClelland
Seconded by Councillor Lynch and

RESOLVED – that

- a) the Council agrees to lead on "Everybody Active" for the first two years of the programme at an increased contribution of £46,000 each of the two years with a decision to proceed to years 3 and 4 deferred until a review at year 2**
- b) the Officers progress with the action plan submission, performance measurement and management arrangements to improve sustainability of the programme in partnership with Sporting Governing bodies and other agencies.**

ACTION BY: G Girvan

9.15 D/GEN/1 SCHEDULE OF CHARGES 2016-17

Members were advised that following discussion at the January Operations Committee and a recommendation that details charges for remaining three years of the Council term be brought to Council for

Officers have considered the issue on the context of the discussion.

Spa and Fitness Memberships

The proposed pricing schedule for fitness memberships recommends the following:

4 centre membership	Ballyearl, Sixmile, Valley & Crumlin	£26
5 centre membership	Ballyearl, Sixmile, Valley, Crumlin & Forum	£31.70

The proposed prices bring the 4 smaller centres into line with comparable facilities. The five centre membership proposal was the cost originally agreed by legacy Antrim Borough Council as a fair price for the standard and range of facilities at Antrim Forum and the inclusion of a wide range of classes. The additional benefit that members now get is access to 4 other facilities.

Pricing for remainder of Council Term

Officers have compared prices in other public and private facilities and would recommend proposals considered by Operations Committee as representing good value for money.

Increases for the remainder of the Council term will be considered in the context of inflation year on year.

As already agreed at Operations Committee, the issue of opening hours is being progressed and will be brought to Committee for consideration in due course.

Moved by Alderman Smyth
Seconded by Councillor Kells and

RESOLVED – that the Leisure and Arts and Culture Pricing Policies and Schedule of Charges be approved.

ACTION BY: Geraldine Girvan

9.16 ES/G/112 THE PRIVATE TENANCIES (NI) ORDER 2006

Members were advised that the Department for Social Development had produced a discussion paper entitled "Review of the Role and Regulation of the Private Rented Sector"

The Housing Strategy Action Plan 2012-2017 commits the Department to undertake a review of the private rented sector and this discussion paper is the first step in the process which will consider both the role and regulation of the sector.

The aim of the review is to consider the current and potential future role of the sector and assess the effectiveness of current regulation, identifying where improvements can be made to help make the private rented sector a more attractive housing option.

Moved by Alderman Smyth
Seconded by Councillor McWilliam and

RESOLVED – that the response questionnaire on the Review of the Role and Regulation of the Private Rented Sector is approved.

ACTION BY: Clifford Todd

9.17 CE/CD/38 NATIONAL AWARENESS WEEK ON SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND ABUSE

It is reported that correspondence had been received from The Rowan, Sexual Assault Referral Centre for Northern Ireland, a copy of which was enclosed, advising of the first national awareness week on sexual awareness and abuse.

In addition, The Rowan Centre are planning an "Open Morning" on **Thursday 4th February 2016** to mark this campaign. The Detective Chief Superintendent leading the Public Protection Branch within the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) will be present to welcome visitors along with the Rowan Team on-site that morning and the Mayor and Members are also invited to join them in their promotion of the campaign which would also include a tour of the facility.

To facilitate catering requirements confirmation of numbers to be in attendance have been requested.

Members were also advised that the Rowan Centre had offered Tuesday 12th April or Tuesday 19th April 2016 as potential dates for a future visit, if Members are unable to attend their "Open Morning".

Moved by Councillor McClelland
Seconded by Councillor Kells and

RESOLVED – that any member who would like to attend the open morning on Thursday 4 February 2016 do so as an approved duty and inform Member Services by 29 January 2016

ACTION BY: Member Services

9.18 D/CS/1 DEA FUNDING PROGRAMME UPDATE

Members were reminded that approval had been granted in December 2015 for a pilot District Electoral Area (DEA) funding programme. £50,000 was approved

for each DEA in the current financial year with 'in principle' approval granted for the projects proposed, subject to further information being provided to the Committee.

A summary of the projects agreed 'in principle' with further details on the scope and likely budgets was enclosed. As noted in a number of cases, preparatory work is required to establish the parameters of proposed schemes, the specification for the works and the likely costs. This information when complete will assist Members in determining the actual delivery costs should these projects be considered from the 2016/17 budget of £100,000 per DEA.

Moved by Alderman Campbell
Seconded by Councillor Kelso and

RESOLVED – that the projects, as outlined, and the associated budgets be approved, and the future consideration of improvements to Threemilewater Park.

ACTION BY: Majella McAlister

9.19 PBS/PS/2 PLAYPARK AUDIT

Members were reminded that as part of the ongoing convergence process an audit of Playpark provision across the Borough was undertaken by the Property Services team. A copy of the audit was available on the Members ipads, and a summary was enclosed.

Both legacy Councils operated different policies in relation to providing playparks which has influenced current provision. The legacy Newtownabbey Borough Council had also commenced a refurbishment programme in 2013/14 and a number of older playparks have benefitted from this.

The audit illustrates that there are 34 playparks across the new Borough varying in age, scale and condition. The table below shows a breakdown by District Electoral Area (DEA) and population and also highlights the number of 0-15 year olds living within each DEA as a potential indicator of demand for this type of provision.

DEA	Playparks	Total Population	0-15	Nursery – P3	P4 – P7
Dunsilly	2	16,938	3,889	775	895
Antrim	5	22,191	4,705	1070	1165
Airport	3	19,538	4,661	1260	1300
Ballyclare	7	17,531	3,710	785	940
Macedon	10	19,479	3,711	815	805
Threemilewater	5	21,172	4,255	890	1075
Glengormley Urban	2	21,685	4,348	780	830
		138,534	29,279	6375	7010

Based on the audit the 10 highest ranking playparks in terms of the scope and value of works required to improve the facilities to an acceptable standard are as follows:

1. Rathcoole, Peoples Park	£160,000
2. Erskine & Rashee	£24,750
3. Jordanstown Playpark	£18,200
4. Kings Park	£10,970
5. Mossley	£10,900
6. Rathcoole, The Diamond	£9,300
7. Burns Memorial, Crumlin	£6,105
8. William Morrison	£4,750
9. Monkstown	£3,900
10. Muckamore	£3,375

At a recent workshop members discussed the following options to proceed:

- (i) Rathcoole People's Park – due to the scale of refurbishment work involved at this site, full replacement may be a more feasible option should this be agreed. In order to inform any future decision, members requested that a separate exercise be undertaken for this site to include establishing usage figures and the extent and type of vandalism and Anti-Social Behaviour experienced. Alongside this a community consultation process was proposed to engage with those living in close proximity and those who utilise or may wish to utilise the playpark in the future. At this point therefore this site should not form part of the refurbishment programme.
- (ii) Burn's Memorial Crumlin – Members were advised of the difficulties experienced at this site and the recent submission of a petition with 125 signatures asking for redevelopment of the playpark. 2 particular items of equipment cause regular difficulties due to vandalism including a zip-wire and a multi-unit. In order to replace these 2 items with new pieces it is estimated that a further £25,000 would be required. At a meeting with local parents, it was requested that any new equipment as far as possible should reflect the needs of children with disabilities using the facility.
- (iii) Glengormley Urban – Members noted that there were only 2 playparks in this DEA and that the Council did not own land in this area. Members recognised the need to commission an exercise to investigate potential sites in the Greater Glengormley area (Mayfield, Hightown, Mallusk etc) which might be suitable for playpark development. It was also suggested that a community consultation process be undertaken with regard to the preferred location and requirements of a playpark. This preparatory work had also been reflected as part of the Council's DEA Pilot programme.

As this exercise is likely to take some time it was suggested that playpark facilities at Lilian Bland should be further enhanced in the interim.

Provision of £125,000 exists in the 2015/16 and 2016/17 budgets for playpark improvements. On this basis it is proposed that the remedial works outlined for the top 9 ranked at a cost of £117,250 (including the additional £25,000 for the Burns Memorial playpark) be progressed.

Members will be aware that the new Council has yet to agree a policy on the provision of playparks or the adoption/maintenance of playparks created by other bodies. Based on a more detailed analysis of the audit information a draft policy will be presented to a future meeting for consideration. As an interim measure, in light of the provision which currently exists across the Borough it is recommended that the Council considers each request on a case by case basis from external bodies to adopt and/or maintain any additional playparks.

With respect to the request from Clanmill Housing Association for the Council to adopt and maintain a new playpark in the Felden development, members are advised that 10 playparks exist in the Macedon DEA, servicing a population of 3,711 children in the 0-15 years age range.

Moved by Councillor Brett
Seconded by Councillor Kells and

RESOLVED – that

- a) The remedial works outlined at a cost of £117,250 provision for which exists in the 2015/16 and 2016/17 budgets be progressed**
- b) A Working Group be established to investigate the requirements of the Rathcoole People's park and this facility be prioritised in the 2017/18 budget**
- c) The further development of the Lillian Bland playpark be approved and a further report presented to the Council with a view to progressing this work in 2016/17**
- d) A draft policy on future playpark provision be presented to a future meeting of the Council**
- e) As an interim policy any requests to adopt and/or maintain any additional playpark be considered on a case by case basis**
- f) The Council doesn't adopt and maintain a playpark in the Felden Housing development on behalf of Clanmill Housing Association.**

ACTION BY: Bronagh Doonan

9.20 G/MSMO/24 THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WHITEABBEY CLUB

Members were advised that correspondence had been received from The Royal British Legion advising that with effect from Friday 1st January 2016, Whiteabbey Royal British Legion Club would change its name to:

- **Whiteabbey Royal British Legion Club Limited**

They have requested that this title should be used for any future correspondence or dealings with the Club.

Moved by Councillor Brett
Seconded by Councillor Beatty and

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

NO ACTION

9.21 CE/GEN/17 DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS LAND AND PROPERTY AT 2 SHORE ROAD, GREENISLAND

Members were advised that notice had been received from Land and Property Services regarding the disposal of land and property at 2 Shore Road, Greenisland which was surplus to the requirements of Transport NI.

Should the Council wish to express an interest this must be submitted by **Friday 5 February 2016**.

Moved by Councillor Magill
Seconded by Councillor Bingham and

RESOLVED – that the correspondence be noted.

NO ACTION

MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN COMMITTEE'

Moved by Councillor McWilliam
Seconded by Councillor Arthurs and

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

ITEMS IN COMMITTEE

9.22 WM/WM/3 ARC 21 RESIDUAL WASTE TREATMENT FACILITY PLANNING APPLICATION AT HIGHTOWN QUARRY

The Chief Executive advised that correspondence had been received from the Minister of the Environment, Mark H Durkan the contents of which were noted.

The Chief Executive further advised that, as agreed at the previous Council Meeting, similar correspondence had been sent to the Planning Appeals Commission. The Planning Appeals Commission had responded to say that it has noted the content of the letter.

The Chief Executive also advised that further to discussions between officers of the 6 Councils which comprise arc21 and arc21 officials, it has been confirmed that the Council will be consulted as to whether the Planning Appeal should proceed.

The Chief Executive assured Members that there would be an opportunity for all Members to be briefed in detail regarding the Council's future waste management arrangements and it was agreed that this would be particularly beneficial for new Members.

It was agreed that the Chief Executive should advise arc21 not to make any expenditure in relation to the Appeal in the meantime.

The Chief Executive advised that any Member who is contacted by the media should liaise with the Council's Public Relations and Marketing team.

There was a general consensus amongst Members that this process should be concluded by the end of March 2016.

Moved by Councillor Kells
Seconded by Councillor Goodman and

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

NO ACTION

9.23 L/LEI/BE/3 BALLYEARL DRIVING RANGE BALL-STOP FENCING

Members were advised that following a routine assessment of Ballyearl driving range and golf course it had been recommended that a 15m high ball stop fence was installed between the two facilities.

Moved by Councillor Kelso
Seconded by Councillor Bingham and

RESOLVED – that a 15m high ball-stop fence is erected at the Ballyearl driving range at the estimated cost outlined in the report.

ACTION BY: Paul Holly

9.24 FI/PRO/TEN/50 TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF SUMMER BEDDING 2016

It was reported that tenders for the Supply and Delivery of Summer Bedding 2016 were opened via the E-Sourcing NI Portal on 19 January 2016 and referred to the Evaluation Panel for assessment. The one tender received was evaluated on a two stage basis as follows:

STAGE 1 – SELECTION STAGE

The tender was evaluated using criteria such as mandatory exclusion, ability to meet the delivery timescale and declaration and form of tender. The tender met the requirements of Stage 1 of the assessment and proceeded to Stage 2.

STAGE 2 – AWARD STAGE

The tender was evaluated on the basis of ability to meet the specification (Pass or Fail) and cost (100%).

Moved by Councillor McClelland
Seconded by Councillor Hollis and

RESOLVED – that the highest scoring tender, with 100% from Hanna's Nursery, be appointed for the supply and delivery of bedding plants 2016.

ACTION BY: Julia Clarke

9.25 CE/STC/88 ORGANISATION STRUCTURE

A report relating to Organisation Structures was tabled at the meeting.

Moved by Councillor Brett
Seconded by Councillor Hamill and

RESOLVED – that

- a) the revised structure for Environmental Health be approved**
- b) the proposed structure for Property & Building Services be approved, in principle, subject to consultation with staff and trade unions.**

ACTION BY: Andrea McCooke

MOTION TO PROCEED 'OUT OF COMMITTEE'

Moved by Councillor Hollis
Seconded by Councillor Beatty and

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

There being no further business the Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance.

The meeting ended at 9.05pm

MAYOR