



**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN
ANTRIM CIVIC CENTRE ON MONDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2020 AT 6.30 PM**

- In the Chair** : The Mayor (Alderman J Smyth)
- Members Present** : Aldermen – F Agnew, P Brett, T Campbell, L Clarke,
M Cosgrove and M Girvan
Councillors – J Archibald, A Bennington, M Cooper,
H Cushinan, P Dunlop, R Foster, G Finlay, J Gilmour,
M Goodman, P Hamill, N Kelly, R Kinnear, R Lynch, M Magill,
P Michael, J Montgomery, V McAuley, N McClelland,
D McCullough, T McGrann, S Ross, M Stewart, L Smyth,
R Swann, B Webb and R Wilson
- Officers Present** : Chief Executive – J Dixon
Director of Organisation Development – A McCooke
Director of Operations – G Girvan
Director of Finance and Governance – S Cole
Director of Community Planning – N Harkness
Borough Lawyer and Head of Legal Services – P Casey
ICT Projects Officer – J Higginson
ICT Helpdesk Officer – J Wilson
Media and Marketing Officer – J McIntyre
Member Services Officer – S Boyd
Member Services Manager – V Lisk

1 BIBLE READING, PRAYER AND WELCOME

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised Members of the audio recording procedures.

The meeting opened with a Bible reading and prayer by the Reverend Campbell Dixon.

Councillors Cushinan, Goodman, Kelly, Kinnear, McAuley and McGrann joined the meeting at this point.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

The Mayor advised that he had recently attended the Young Enterprise Trade Fair where 10 local schools had an opportunity to sell products to the public and congratulated the pupils on their innovation and entrepreneurial spirit. He also attended the Taste the Borough event, a month long celebration of our cafes and restaurants, and an opportunity to help local businesses stimulate lunch time and evening economies

The Mayor had met with Danny Brown, who was awarded the Dame Barbara Windsor Award at Good Morning Britain's first one million minutes awards held in London, and congratulated him on his work on breaking down the stigma around dementia and helping others in the community living with the condition.

The Mayor congratulated all the staff at the Valley Leisure Centre who had been awarded the Quest accreditation, a fantastic achievement which demonstrated the high levels of excellence across the facility.

The Mayor congratulated Alderman Fraser Agnew on his long service award for 39 years' service from the National Association of Councillors at the recent Northern Ireland Local Government Awards Ceremony and presented him with his award.

2 APOLOGIES

Aldermen – T Burns, D Kinahan and J McGrath
Councillor - S Flanagan, A Logue, V McWilliam and V Robinson

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 10.5 - Alderman J Smyth
Item 10.10 - Councillor McAuley
Items 10.5 and 12.7- Councillor Foster
Item 10.7 – Councillor Swann
Item 10.10 – Councillor McClelland
Item 10.5 – Councillor Dunlop
Items 10.4 and 10.5 – Councillor Cooper

4 MINUTES OF THE ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBEY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Alderman Girvan and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council Meeting of Monday 27 January 2020 be taken as read and signed as correct.

NO ACTION

5 MINUTES OF THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Moved by Councillor Cooper

Seconded by Alderman Girvan and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Operations Committee Meeting of Monday 3 February 2020 be approved and adopted.

NO ACTION

6 MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Moved by Councillor Dunlop
Seconded by Councillor Magill and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Policy and Governance Committee Meeting of Tuesday 4 February 2020 be approved and adopted.

NO ACTION

7 MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Moved by Alderman Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor Lynch and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Special Council Meeting of Monday, 10 February 2020 be approved and adopted.

8 MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Moved by Alderman Clarke
Seconded by Councillor Dunlop and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Community Planning Committee Meeting of Monday, 10 February 2020 be approved and adopted.

NO ACTION

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

Moved by Alderman Brett
Seconded by Councillor Lynch and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Planning Committee Meeting of Monday, 17 February 2020 Part 1 be approved and adopted.

NO ACTION

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

Moved by Alderman Brett
Seconded by Councillor Lynch and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Planning Committee Meeting of on Monday, 17 February 2020 Part 2 be taken as read and signed as correct.

NO ACTION

10. ITEMS FOR DECISION

10.1 TO APPROVE THE SEALING OF DOCUMENTS

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

- Lease for Premises within Lough Neagh Gateway Centre between Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council and Lough Neagh Rescue Ltd
- Agreement to Surrender Licence relating to lands at Loughshore Park, Antrim between Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council and Lough Neagh Rescue Limited
- Form of Agreement - Playground improved Access and Inclusive Play Works
- Form of Agreement – Design and Supervision Rathcoole Play Park Works

Proposed by Alderman Campbell
Seconded by Councillor Magill and

RESOLVED: that the documents be signed and sealed.

ACTION BY: Deirdre Nelson, Paralegal

10.2 PT/CI/029 CORPORATE IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2020-21 DRAFT FOR CONSULTATION

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

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

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

Officers have prepared a Corporate Improvement Plan 2020-21 (Draft for Consultation) and this was circulated for Members' consideration.

The Corporate Improvement Plan 2020-21 includes:

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

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

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

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

Following the consultation, a revised draft will be brought to Members' attention in June 2020.

Elected Members were reminded that it was agreed that quarterly progress reports are submitted to the Audit Committee for scrutiny and challenge and to ensure that an evaluation of risk and an assessment of performance is carried out, prior to a subsequent Council meeting for approval.

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

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

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

The Plan had been screened for equality and there were no implications to the equality of opportunity or good relations of the Section 75 equality categories. A copy of the Screening Form was circulated for Members' consideration.

A Rural Needs Impact Assessment of the Plan had been carried out to ensure Rural Proofing and was circulated for Members' consideration.

Proposed by Councillor Webb
Seconded by Councillor Hamill and

RESOLVED: that the Corporate Improvement Plan 2020-21 (Draft for Consultation), Equality Screening Form and Rural Needs Impact Assessment are approved, subject to consultation with key stakeholders.

ACTION BY: James Porter, Performance Improvement Officer

Councillor Finlay joined the meeting during the next Item.

10.3 G/MSMO/17 NO-ARC21 - REQUEST TO PRESENT TO COUNCIL

Members were advised that correspondence (circulated) had been received from No-Arc21, a community group which opposes the building of a waste incinerator at the Hightown Quarry in Newtownabbey, requesting the opportunity to make a presentation to Council to set out their views on the proposed incinerator and detail why they consider that incineration runs contrary to moves towards a more eco-friendly society.

The letter stated that the presentation would take around 45 minutes followed by a short Q&A session in which No-arc21 would be happy to answer any questions raised by Councillors. Members were aware that Standing Orders limit the time of presentations from deputations to 10 minutes.

Proposed by Alderman Campbell
Seconded by Councillor Goodman and

RESOLVED: that the request from No-arc21 to make a presentation be approved, that this be in accordance with Standing Orders and that arc21 be advised of this presentation.

ACTION BY: Member Services

Having declared an interest in either Item 10.4, 10.5 or both, Alderman Smyth, Councillor Foster, Councillor Dunlop and Councillor Cooper left the Chamber. The Mayor requested Items 10.4 and 10.5 be heard together and requested that the Chief Executive take the Chair whilst he left the Chamber.

10.4 CP/GEN/037 COMMUNITY FESTIVALS GRANT AID PROGRAMME RECOMMENDATIONS 2020/2021

Members were advised that the closing date for receipt of applications under the Community Festivals Grant Aid Programme for 2020/21 was 13 December 2019. To support applications to this grant aid programme, officers delivered 4 grant workshops and offered one-to-one support to any interested groups.

Members were aware that a pass threshold of 50% applies to applications to the Community Festivals Fund and that groups are not required to demonstrate match funding however where a group evidences match funding this is reflected in the scoring. Members also noted that proposed awards are subject to the receipt of all relevant supporting documentation, or the offer of funding will be withdrawn.

The total budget available for the 2020/21 Community Festivals Fund is £80,000 as provided for in the estimates, of which £27,400 (similar to the amount awarded in 2019/20) is expected from the Department for Communities (DFC) under its Community Festivals Programme for 2020/21 and the remaining £52,600 from the Council . Notification of the 2020/21 award is expected from DFC in March 2020 and will be reported to the Council in April.

In total 25 applications were received and assessed by a panel of Officers, a full list of all the applications received and the scores awarded was circulated for Members' information. The total amount requested from all 25 applications was £109,248.42.

21 applications successfully achieved the required 50% pass threshold requesting £92,438.42. If all 21 applications were to be funded at the level requested then an additional £12,438.42 was required.

The Department for Communities were unable at this time to commit any additional financial resources to the Community Festivals Grant Aid Programme therefore officers had drawn up a number of options to address this shortfall as follows:

- Option 1:** To fund all successful, eligible requests at 100% (£92,438.42) with Council increasing the established budget by an additional £12,438.42.
- Option 2:** To rank all applications in descending order in relation to their score and identify a cut-off point to which applications can be funded based on the budget available. On this occasion this option would mean that only 18 groups out of the 21 that achieved the 50% pass threshold would get funded with the last three groups in the ranked order, who each scored 52%, receiving a reduced award of £4,187.19.
- Option 3:** To reduce all successful requests by 13.5% to achieve allocation within the existing budget.

As in previous years Officers would arrange to meet with any unsuccessful groups to provide feedback on their applications and to signpost to other relevant funders.

If Members decided to commit an additional £12,438.42 this would be funded through efficiency savings in the Community Planning budget.

Proposed by Alderman Brett
Seconded by Councillor Webb and

RESOLVED: that Option 1 be approved and a further call for applications be made.

ACTION BY: Jonathan Henderson, Community Services Officer

10.5 CP/GEN/036 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT AID PROGRAMME - RECOMMENDATIONS 2020/2021

Members were advised that the closing date for receipt of applications under the Community Development Grant Aid Programme for 2020/21 was 13 December 2019. To support applications to this grant aid programme, Officers delivered 4 grant workshops and offered one-to-one support to any interested groups.

Members were aware that a pass threshold of 50% applies to applications to the Community Development Grant Aid Programme and that groups are not required to demonstrate match funding, however where a group evidences match funding this would be reflected in the scoring.

In relation to insurance for programme/activities, successful applicants under Community Outreach and Involvement, Summer Schemes and Technical Assistance would also be entitled to financial assistance towards insurance cover up to a maximum of £500. Members were also advised that proposed awards were subject to the receipt of all relevant supporting documentation, or the offer of funding would be withdrawn.

The total budget available for the 2020/21 Community Development Grant Aid Programme was £240,000 as provided for in the estimates, of which £50,428.20 (similar to the amount awarded in 2019/20) was expected from the Department for Communities (DFC) under its Community Support Programme for 2020/21. Notification of the 2020/21 award was expected from DFC in March 2020 and will be reported to the Council in April.

In total 70 applications were received and assessed by a panel of Officers. The total amount requested from all 70 applications was £164,093.93. 58 applications successfully achieved the 50% pass threshold requesting £134,438.93.

In addition 29 premises grant recipients, who were successful in achieving 3 year funding in 2019, submitted expenditure profiles for 2020/21 and as the financial award for year 2 had increased from £3,500 to £5,000 the total amount requested for year 2 is £135,640.00.

The total amount requested therefore under the Community Development Grant Aid Programme for 2020/21 across all categories was £270,078.93

A detailed summary of the applications and score sheets was circulated for Members' information. A breakdown of the different grant categories was also provided in the table below.

Summary of Community Development Grant Aid 2020/21 Year Two Premises Grants				
Grant Stream	Number of Applications	Successful Applications (Scored 50% and above in 2019/20 Year One)	Total Requested Year Two	Total Recommended Awarded Year Two
Premises (Year 2)	29	29	£135,640.00	£135,640.00
Summary of Community Development Grant Aid 2020/21				
Grant Stream	Number of Applications	Successful Applications (Scored 50% and above)	Total Requested	Total Recommended
Premises (New)	9	8	£ 42,548.45	£ 37,348.45
CO&I (Including Additional Insurance)	34	29	£ 70,670.48	£ 61,870.48
Summer Scheme (Including Additional Insurance)	20	17	£ 29,875.00	£ 23,220.00
Technical Assistance (Including Additional Insurance)	7	4	£ 21,000.00	£ 12,000.00
Sub Total	70	58	£164,093.93	£134,438.93
Total Including Year 2 Premises	n/a	n/a	n/a	£270,078.93
Overspend	n/a	n/a	n/a	£ 30,078.93

Setting aside the Year 2 Premises Grants totalling £135,640.00 which have been committed for 2020/21 if all successful applications were to be funded at the current level then an additional £30,078.93 would be required. In addition a further £10,000 would have to be secured to deliver the Small Grants Programme in 2020/21.

The Department for Communities was unable at this time to commit any additional financial resources to the Community Development Grant Aid programme therefore officers had drawn up a number of options to address this shortfall as follows:

Option 1: To fund all successful, eligible requests at 100% (£270,078.93) with Council increasing the established budget by an additional £40,078.93 to include £10,000 for the Small Grants Programme in 2020/21.

Option 2: To rank all applications in descending order in relation to their score and identify a cut-off point to which applications can be funded based on the budget available. On this occasion this option would mean that 43 groups out of the 58 that achieved the 50% pass threshold would get funded. An

additional £10,000 would also be required to deliver the Small Grants Programme later in 2020/21.

Option 3: To reduce all successful requests by 22.4% to achieve allocation within the existing budget. An additional £10,000 would also be required to deliver the Small Grants Programme later in 2020/21.

Option 4: To reduce all successful requests by 29.9% this would fund all applications and leave £10,118.31 to deliver the small grants programme later in 2020/21.

As in previous years Officers would arrange to meet with any unsuccessful groups to provide feedback on their applications and to signpost to other relevant funders.

If Members decided to commit an additional £40,078.93 or £10,000 this would be funded through efficiency savings in the Community Planning budget.

Proposed by Alderman Brett
Seconded by Councillor Webb and

RESOLVED: that Option 1 be approved and a further call for applications be made.

ACTION BY: Jonathan Henderson, Community Services Officer

Alderman Smyth, Councillor Foster, Councillor Dunlop and Councillor Cooper returned to the Chamber and Alderman Smyth resumed the Chair.

10.6 CP/P4/047 PEACE PLUS STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Members were reminded PEACE PLUS is the upcoming new cross border EU funded programme that will contribute to a more prosperous and stable society in Northern Ireland and the border region of Ireland. The programme will achieve this by funding peace building activities, and activities that contribute to the cross border economic development across the region.

The PEACE PLUS programme will combine previous PEACE and INTERREG funding streams in a single programme. Members were reminded that the Council has a proven track record of administering, co-ordinating and delivering both PEACE and INTERREG programmes.

SEUPB is currently open for stakeholder engagement on the PEACE PLUS programme. The purpose of the stakeholder engagement is to get input from stakeholders on potential funding themes for PEACE PLUS programme as well as feedback on delivery options as proposed in the regulations.

The combination of the PEACE and INTERREG type activities in a single programme means there is an opportunity to strategically cut across many council departments whilst supporting the Corporate and Community plans with focus on People, Place and Prosperity across the Borough and any associated applications.

SEUPB had hosted a number of stakeholder consultation events in recent weeks that have been attended by Council Directors and Officers to ascertain the programme objectives, themes and potential benefits to Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council.

The engagement process closes on Tuesday 25 February 2020. With Members' agreement, an online survey would be completed by Officers as a corporate response for the Council with particular focus and emphasis on our own corporate plan. It was proposed that the Council's response will emphasise the importance of educational and skills attainment (People) to ensure legacy through economic and socially sustainable communities across the Borough.

It was also suggested that Council's responses should highlight the importance of a focus on social enterprise development (Place & Prosperity) and empowering communities to be prosperous.

Proposed by Councillor McClelland
Seconded by Councillor Lynch and

RESOLVED: that Members approve Officers to complete the PEACE PLUS online survey on behalf of the Council and so doing to highlight the desire for a focus on education and skills attainment, social enterprise and socially and economically sustainable communities.

ACTION BY: Ronan McKenna, Community Planning Manager

10.7 CD/PM/084 & L/LEI/00/014 RANDALSTOWN PITCH DEVELOPMENT

Members were reminded that in September 2018, Council agreed that a 3G pitch would be developed on the grass pitches in Neillsbrook, Randalstown. Following an extensive consultation process with local hockey, rugby and football clubs, it was finally proposed that the rugby club would consider the development of a 3G facility on one their leased pitches.

There were currently three grass pitches at Neillsbrook, two of which are leased to Randalstown Rugby Football Club on a 25 year lease (£500 per annum). The lease expires in 2022. The clubhouse was separately leased on a 99-year lease. The remaining pitch was operated by Council and used mainly by local football teams.

Following a recent EGM to discuss the proposal, correspondence had been received (circulated) to advise Council that the Club does not wish to proceed. In relation to the lease for the pitches, the Club had also indicated that it would like to begin negotiations regarding renewal of the lease for the pitches.

Proposed by Alderman Clarke
Seconded by Councillor Cushinan and

RESOLVED: that the correspondence be noted, and that the Head of Leisure liaise with Randalstown RFC in regards to the renewal of leases for the two aforementioned grass pitches at Neillsbrook.

ACTION BY: Matt McDowell, Head of Leisure

Proposed by Alderman Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor Goodman and

RESOLVED: that Officers ensure need is properly identified through appropriate local consultation prior to bringing proposals forward.

ACTION BY: Jacqui Dixon, Chief Executive

10.8 ED/ED/080/VOL4 CORPORATE EVENTS SPONSORSHIP – IRISH GAME FAIR

Members were advised that an application had been received from Country Lifestyle Exhibitions Ltd, a summary of the assessment process carried out by Officers is outlined in the table below.

The Council had funded this event since 2013 and it had become a recurring event in the Borough's event programme. Event organisers are forecasting event attendance in excess of 25,000 with 2,600+ bed nights. The 2020 event funding request is for £15,000 which represents 7.5% of the overall event budget. The application projects a total visitor and participant spend of £581,514 to be generated.

APPLICANT	EVENT NAME	LOCATION/DATE	SCORE (PASS RATE = 50%)	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AWARD RECOMMENDED
Country Lifestyle Exhibitions Ltd	Irish Game Fair and Fine Food Festival	Shane's Castle 27-28 June 20	87.5%	£15,000	£15,000

Members were reminded that at the Council meeting in January 2020, it was agreed to introduce a number of interim measures as outlined below until completion of the Events Review:

- (a) The ceiling for Corporate Events Sponsorship will increase from £10,000 to £15,000 per event
- (b) The funding award will be offered for Year 1 (2020) with an indicative offer at a similar level for the following two years, 2021 and 2022, subject to the outcome of an annual evaluation, therefore negating the need to reapply each year.
- (c) The following scoring thresholds will apply:
 - 0-49 = 0% funding
 - 50-59 = 50%
 - 60-75 = 75%
 - 76+ = 100%

Proposed by Councillor Michael
Seconded by Councillor Lynch and

RESOLVED: that the Council provides

- a) sponsorship in the sum of £15,000 to Country Lifestyle Exhibitions Ltd for the Irish Game Fair and Fine Food Festival 2020 from the Corporate Events budget;**
- b) an indicative funding offer at a similar level for the event in 2021 and 2022 subject to the outcome of an annual evaluation.**

ACTION BY: Karen Steele, Tourism, Town Centre & Regeneration Manager

10.9 ED/ED/159 GILBERT SISTER CITIES STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

Members were reminded that following a competitive recruitment process two students were approved to take part in the Sister Cities Student Exchange Programme by Council in January 2020. Post-approval, one of the successful candidates withdrew from the process for personal reasons. This has resulted in a reserve candidate being offered a place on the Student Exchange Programme.

Subsequent to this, Gilbert Sister Cities had contacted the Council to ask if Members would consider a further two students whose original exchange with China has been postponed indefinitely. They were currently only at the stage of exploring alternative options. Officers had engaged with potential reserve participants arising from the Council's recent application process and gained a commitment from a further two students.

Provision for this programme has been made in the Economic Development Budget.

Proposed by Councillor Webb
Seconded by Councillor McClelland and

RESOLVED: that, subject to satisfactory references and Access NI checks,

- a) Ella-Beth Faulkner and Christian Perry, take part in the 2020 Student Exchange Programme.**
- b) the Council supports two reserve candidates to participate in Gilbert Sister Cities Student Exchange Programme if confirmed by Sister Cities at an indicative additional cost of £2,500.**

ACTION BY: Carly Long, Economic Development Project Officer

Having declared an interest in Item 10.10, Councillor McAuley and Councillor McClelland left the Chamber.

10.10 HR/LD/024 HR/LD/024 ONUS, BESPOKE ACCREDITATION PROGRAMME

Members were advised that a funding request had been received from ONUS to enable the delivery of its bespoke accreditation scheme known as Pathways for Participation programme. This programme will complement the ongoing work currently supported by the Council to enable awareness raising about domestic violence and sexual violence or abuse, with key stakeholders through the active engagement of community groups.

ONUS was established as a social enterprise by Women's Aid Antrim, Ballymena, Carrickfergus, Larne and Newtownabbey (ABCLN) in 2007 and offers specialist training and consultancy services on domestic violence and/or abuse. Its Workplace Charter on Domestic Violence is a bespoke accreditation scheme which recognises organisations, businesses, churches and communities, for their support to anyone affected by domestic violence and/or abuse.

It has a range of supported pathways to empower communities to recognise and respond to those affected by domestic or sexual violence or abuse.

The bespoke accreditation programme is designed to ensure that those affected by domestic abuse are directed to the support services that they need.

The extensive range of pathways are well established (Appendix 1) and are known as:

- Safe Place
- Safe School
- Safe Church
- Safe Employer
- Safe Community
- Safe Village
- Safe Borough/City

With the support of ONUS, the Council had achieved Platinum Charter Status and Safe Borough Charter Status, which supports the Council's overarching vision to build a resilient and socially responsible community as reflected in its Community Plan.

To enable the delivery of programme, ONUS had requested that Members consider its funding request of £20,000. This will allow the Council to maintain and retain Platinum Charter Status and Safe Borough Charter Status and ONUS to provide certified training programmes across its established pathways.

In response to a query from a Members, the Director of Organisation Development advised that Officers would clarify other sources of funding for Onus.

Proposed by Councillor Webb
Seconded by Councillor Goodman and

RESOLVED: that funding of £20,000 be approved for ONUS to deliver its bespoke accreditation scheme.

ACTION BY: Andrea McCooke, Director of Organisation Development

Councillor McAuley and Councillor McClelland returned to the Chamber.

10.11 ED/TOU/ 064 CRANFIELD SCULPTURE

The Lough Neagh Landscape Partnership had secured £2,500 to install a small sculpture at Cranfield that will reflect the history of the fishing culture and the families who were involved in the industry. After a period of community consultation, a concept for content was agreed and Diane McCormick Ceramics was appointed to prepare a series of design options.

The selected option circulated comprised a 1m high cylindrical structure on a concrete base with the top made from natural stone. The ceramic finish will have images of boats, maps, eels, and pollan with the stone inscribed with "In memory of the generations of families who fished from Cranfield and the north shore of Lough Neagh". The Sculpture would be installed at the location circulated.

Officers had liaised with the Parks Department to ensure the location and manufacture of the artwork does not cause any operational management concerns.

Proposed by Councillor Cushman
Seconded by Alderman Clarke and

RESOLVED: that the Council approves the installation of the sculpture at Cranfield subject to clarification on local community consultation.

ACTION BY: Karen Steele, Tourism, Town Centre & Regeneration Manager

10.12 CE/OA/033 TRANSLINK – REQUEST FOR ROADSHOW

Members were advised that correspondence (circulated) has been received from Translink requesting the opportunity to progress engagement with Members by facilitating a "roadshow" type event ahead of a full Council meeting. The Roadshow would involve a small stand, manned by local Translink bus and rail staff, in an appropriate area promoting services in the area, as well as Northern Ireland-wide corporate issues.

The Roadshow would be in place for 60-90 minutes before the start of the Council meeting to give Elected Members and officials an opportunity to engage on local public transport matters prior to the meeting.

Proposed by Councillor McClelland
Seconded by Councillor Dunlop and

RESOLVED: that the request from Translink to provide a Roadshow prior to the March Council meeting be approved.

ACTION BY: Member Services

10.13 G/MSMO/011 DRAINAGE COUNCIL NORTHERN IRELAND

Members were reminded that at the Annual General Meeting of Council in May 2019, the position of responsibility for the Drainage Council was selected by Sinn Féin and subsequently Cllr Logue was nominated.

The table below shows where the position was selected:

Position Number	Party	Councillor	Position	Year Selection
53	Sinn Féin	Cllr Logue	Drainage Council	Term
54	Alliance	Cllr Kelly	arc21	Term
55	DUP	Cllr Bennington	arc21	Term

Subsequent to this the Drainage Council informed Council that appointments to the Drainage Council are made by the Minister of Infrastructure and that they wished to extend Cllr Webb's appointment to May 2020.

The Drainage Council now required Council to put forward two nominees to go forward for a public appointments process.

At Group Party Leaders meeting on 23rd January 2020 it was agreed that the Drainage Council would be removed from the Positions of Responsibility and Council would nominate two Elected Members to go forward for public appointment to the Drainage Council.

The removal of the Drainage Council from the Positions of Responsibility would leave the remaining two places to arc21. The revised positions of responsibility table is set out below:

Position Number	Party	Councillor	Position	Year Selection
53	Sinn Féin		arc21	Term
54	Alliance	Cllr Kelly	arc21	Term

Proposed by Alderman Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor Goodman and

RESOLVED: that

- 1. the revised Positions of Responsibility be noted;**
- 2. Councillor Goodman represent Council on arc21;**

3. Council nominates two Elected Members to go forward for public appointment to the Drainage Council

Proposed by Councillor Kelly
Seconded by Alderman Cosgrove and

RESOLVED: that Councillor Webb go forward for public appointment to the Drainage Council.

Proposed by Councillor McClelland
Seconded by Alderman Cosgrove and

RESOLVED: that Councillor Wilson go forward for public appointment to the Drainage Council.

ACTION BY: Member Services

Councillor McCullough left the Chamber.

10.14 ED/ED/038/A INTERNATIONAL LINKAGES – INVITATION FROM THE MAYOR OF DORSTEN

An invitation had been received from the Mayor of Dorsten, Tobias Stockhoff, for the Mayor and a representative from the twinning association to attend a commemorative event to mark the 75th Anniversary of the end of the Second World War. The event would be held over the weekend of 21st and 22nd March 2020 and would acknowledge the enduring desire for peace and understanding between nations which is reflected in the eight twinning relationships which Dorsten supports.

In response to a query from a Member, Officers to provide an update for recently elected Members on the history of the Sister Cities and twinning relationships.

Proposed by Alderman Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor Cooper and

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Cllr McWilliam along with an appropriate Officer attend the event.

ACTION BY: Emma Stubbs, Economic and Rural Development Manager/Member Services

11. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

11.1 FI/FIN/4 BUDGET REPORT – JANUARY 2020

A budget report for January 2020 was circulated for Members' information.

The Council's variance on Net Cost of Services for the period to the end of January was £503k favourable.

In setting the Estimates for the year, Council had budgeted to apply a credit balance from reserves of £700k, equating to £583k for the period of the report.

Taking account of the credit balance application, the favourable variance to date and the income from District Rates and the De-Rating grant being on budget for the period, the overall position of the Council was a decrease of £80k to the General Fund rather than a budgeted decrease of £583k.

Proposed by Alderman Brett
Seconded by Alderman Cosgrove and

RESOLVED: that the report be noted.

NO ACTION

11.2 CE/OA/013 NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSING COUNCIL BULLETIN – FEBRUARY 2020

As agreed at the August 2019 meeting of the Council, the Northern Ireland Housing Council's February 2020 monthly bulletin was circulated for Members' information.

Proposed by Alderman Brett
Seconded by Alderman Cosgrove and

RESOLVED: that the report be noted.

NO ACTION

11.3 ED/ED/140 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP AND WORKING GROUP MINUTES

Members were advised that the Partnership and Working Group Minutes as listed below can be viewed in the new electronic folder called "**Partnership Minutes for Members Information**" on Members iPads.

Economic Development		
File Ref	Date of Meeting	Name of Partnership
ED/MI/250	14 December 2018 AGM	GROW Local Action Group Meeting
ED/MI/250	13 September 2019	GROW Local Action Group Meeting
ED/MI/250	19 December 2019	GROW Local Action Group Meeting

Proposed by Alderman Brett
Seconded by Alderman Cosgrove and

RESOLVED: that the GROW Local Action Group Minutes listed be noted.

NO ACTION

11.4 ED/EUP/2 RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME: EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Members were reminded that GROW South Antrim is responsible for delivering the Northern Ireland Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 (NIRDP) across the Borough to include grant aid funding to support rural businesses, community organisations and village renewal projects. It is also responsible for working in cooperation with other Rural Development clusters across Europe. The GROW South Antrim programme budget of £2,248,000 has now been fully allocated across the Borough of Antrim and Newtownabbey and is closed for new applications.

However, the Programme Managing Authority, the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) has identified remaining funds in the overall NIRDP and invited Expressions of Interest for additional Village Renewal projects. The maximum grant aid available in this Expression of Interest call per project is a grant of up to £500,000 at a maximum grant rate of 75%. Match funding can come from a variety of non-EU sources, including the Council, contribution in kind, other government departments or private funding. Councils are the only eligible applicant under the Village Renewal Scheme, but the project must be identified in the Village Plan which was produced following extensive village community consultation.

Having reviewed the projects completed to date, the remaining projects within Village Plans and the timescale restrictions to complete projects, Officers had submitted five Expressions of Interest to DAERA for their consideration:

Village & Project	Project Cost Estimate	Potential NIRDP funding (75%)	Potential match funding (25%)
Ballynure: Linking the Village to the proposed Greenway project, including footpath and a walking route around McCreary's Wood	£312,000	£234,000	£78,000
Creggan: Works to Cranfield jetty and slipway, toilet block, natural play area and visitor services	£410,000	£307,500	£102,500
Doagh: Public realm and environmental improvement works in the village centre, including shopfront and signage works	£340,000	£255,000	£85,000
Templepatrick: Improvement works to two roundabouts at either entrance of the village	£70,000	£52,500	£17,500
Toome: Riverwalk improvements, viewing platform and facilities for outdoor activity development	£155,000	£116,250	£38,750
TOTAL	£1,287,000	£965,250	£321,750

If successful in the Expression of Interest stage, the Council would be invited to submit a full application for projects by 30th September 2020, which will include full procurement of the project via tendering, full planning permission in place, match funding secured and an application form and business-case for the project. Projects would have to be completed by 30 September 2021.

Officers would report back to Members on the outcome of the Expression of Interest stage prior to progressing any successful projects to full application.

Proposed by Alderman Brett
Seconded by Alderman Cosgrove and

RESOLVED: that the report be noted.

NO ACTION

11.5 ED/ED/040 V2 LOUGH ROAD TRAFFIC SOLUTION

Members were reminded that it was agreed in October 2019 that Officers should acknowledge the letter received from the DfI Network Development Manager (circulated) regarding a traffic management solution at the Lough Road and advise that it falls short of what is required to manage traffic in the area. Members were also requested that the Department be asked to introduce a temporary one-way system until a better system has been identified.

A response has now been received from the Network Development Manager, (circulated) which indicates that the Traffic Management section in Ballymena has been asked to consider if introducing a ban on right-turn movements out of Lough Road is an appropriate measure, given that the delays appear to be confined to a very limited period of the day. This proposal would be subject to a consultation process if it were to be progressed.

Proposed by Alderman Brett
Seconded by Alderman Cosgrove and

RESOLVED: that the report be noted.

NO ACTION

11.6 G/MSMO/14 MOTION – NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Members were advised that correspondence has been received from Newry, Mourne and Down District Council regarding a Motion adopted by that Council requesting Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council's support.

A copy of the letter was circulated for Members' information.

Proposed by Alderman Brett
Seconded by Alderman Cosgrove and

RESOLVED: that the correspondence from Newry, Mourne and Down District Council be noted.

NO ACTION

MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN COMMITTEE'

Moved by Councillor Magill

Seconded by Councillor Hamill and

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

12. ITEMS IN COMMITTEE

12.1 IN CONFIDENCE FI/PRO/TEN/272 & CP/PCSP/010 TENDER FOR THE PROVISION OF A PCSP COMMUNITY SAFETY WARDEN SCHEME 2020-2022

**CONTRACT PERIOD YEAR 1 – 1 APRIL 2020 TO 31 MARCH 2021
YEAR 2 – 1 APRIL 2021 TO 31 MARCH 2022**

A strategic priority within the Antrim & Newtownabbey PCSP Strategic Plan 2019-2022 is to 'Improve community safety by tackling actual and perceived crime and anti-social behaviour' and within this an action is:

- To support and monitor delivery of Community Safety Wardens Scheme to address anti-social behaviour through an on-street presence.

The PCSP sought to appoint a suitably qualified individual or organisation to supply a Community Safety Wardens' Scheme to impact on anti-social behaviour levels within Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough 2020-2022 through the delivery of an on-street presence.

This tender opportunity was made available on eSourcingNI on Thursday 23 January 2020. Two tenders for the provision of a PCSP community safety warden scheme were opened via the eSourcingNI Portal on Friday 7 February 2020 and referred to the evaluation panel for assessment. The tenders were evaluated on a two stage basis as follows:

STAGE 1 – SELECTION STAGE

The tenders were evaluated on a pass/fail basis for mandatory exclusion and financial compliance, economic and financial standing, previous relevant experience, management systems and practices and declarations and form of tender. Both tenders met the requirements of Stage 1 of the evaluation process and proceeded to Stage 2.

STAGE 2 – AWARD STAGE

Stage 1 – Technical Assessment

The tenders were evaluated on a pass/fail basis for confirmation that their proposals fully met the assignment outputs of the PCSP community safety wardens' scheme. Both tenders met the requirements of this stage and proceeded to the next stage of evaluation.

Stage 2 - Quality/Commercial Assessment (70%/30%)

The tenders were evaluated on the basis of understanding of the brief (10%), quality of the proposed scheme (50%), timetable (10%). One of the tenders failed to meet the quality threshold and therefore did not progress to the commercial assessment evaluation stage. The remaining tender was evaluated on the basis of cost (30%) and the recommendation is as follows:

Supplier	Quality Assessment (out of 70%)	Cost Assessment (out of 30%)	Total % Score	Total Cost (per annum) (excl. VAT)
Sword Security (NI) Limited	████	████	88%	Year 1 £████ Year 2 £████

Funding for this programme is provided on an annual basis, subject to satisfactory performance and availability of funding. The tender was within the budget estimate.

Proposed by Councillor Dunlop
Seconded by Councillor Cooper and

RESOLVED: that having achieved a score of 88%, Sword Security (NI) Limited be appointed for the provision of a PCSP community safety warden scheme for the period 01 April 2020 to 31 March 2022.

ACTION BY: Sharon Logue, Procurement Manager/Amy Dunlop, Community Safety and Good Relations Co-ordinator

12.2 IN CONFIDENCE FI/PRO/TEN/268 & CD/PM/064 TENDER FOR PROVISION OF NEW ENTRANCE SCHEME AND WORKS AT SIXMILEWATER PARK

At the Operations Committee held on 4 February 2019, an estimated budget of £████ for works and fees for the provision of a new entrance scheme and works at Sixmilewater Park was approved.

PROJECT SCOPE

The scope for the scheme includes the following:

- Demolition/removal of existing workshop/storage building and public toilet block
- Creation of new pedestrian entrances

- Provision of a public space and toilet block within the confines and adjacent to the site boundary
- Soft and hard landscaping and amenity lighting
- 10 no. associated parking bays, on Avondale Road (across from its junction with Harrier Way)
- 9 no. layby parking bays further down Avondale Road (adjacent to existing play area)

The Sixmilewater Park Entrance Scheme design has received full planning permission.

PROCUREMENT

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

It was reported to Council in September 2019 that officers would be seeking a fee from Perfect Circle JV Ltd to complete the professional services. Perfect Circle JV Ltd is the appointed consultant under the SCAPE Group Ltd framework for consultants procured in line with the requirements of the EU procurement regulations. A fee of £[REDACTED] has been agreed with Perfect Circle JV Ltd and is included in the cost summary below to complete the professional services.

This tender opportunity was made available on eSourcingNI on 28 February 2019. Thirteen completed Pre-Qualification Questionnaires (PQQs) were received by 22 March 2019 and referred to the evaluation panel for assessment. The contractors who responded to the competition were randomly sorted and evaluated in order on a Pass/Fail basis. The PQQ responses were evaluated using the criteria of general information, past performance, economic and financial standing, professional conduct, health and safety, declarations and technical ability. The first six contractors whose PQQ responses were assessed as a 'Pass' were selected for Invitation to Tender (ITT).

Invitation to Tender (ITT) documents were issued to the six contractors on the 21 August 2019. Five fully completed tenders were received by the closing date of 4 October 2019.

TENDER ANALYSIS

The five returned tenders were arithmetically checked and evaluated on the basis of tender assessment total price only. A G Wilson Limited submitted the lowest acceptable tender assessment total price submission as detailed below:

Contractor	Tendered Total of the Prices (excl. VAT)	Model Compensation Event Total*(excl. VAT)	Tender Assessment Total Price (excl. VAT)
A G Wilson Limited	£ [REDACTED]	£ [REDACTED]	£ [REDACTED]

**The model compensation event is included in the evaluation exercise to assess the cost impact of change resulting from potential future compensation events (variations due to unforeseen items). It includes costs for people, materials and equipment.*

No errors had been found in the tender from A G Wilson Limited. A G Wilson Limited had confirmed that the works can be delivered in full compliance with the specification and at the tender total of the prices submitted.

PROGRAMME

Following the appointment of the contractor, works were anticipated to commence on site in April/May 2020, with completion in October/November 2020.

COST SUMMARY

The current approved budget for Fees & Works is: £ [REDACTED]

Tendered Total of the Prices	£ [REDACTED]
Model Compensation Event Total	£ [REDACTED]
Tender Assessment Total Price	£ [REDACTED]

Professional fees:	
Fees - MWA Partnership	£ [REDACTED]
Fees - Perfect Circle JV Ltd.	£ [REDACTED]
Total Professional fees:	£ [REDACTED]

OTHER COSTS	
Topographical surveys	£ [REDACTED]
Tree survey	£ [REDACTED]
Tree surgery/removal	£ [REDACTED]
Site investigation	£ [REDACTED]
Ground contamination survey	£ [REDACTED]
	£ [REDACTED]
Client contingency	£ [REDACTED]

Total predicted outturn project cost: £ [REDACTED]

Considering that a new consultant team was being appointed to follow on the management of the scheme from the original consultant team, it was recognised that there is potential for risk in ensuring there is no gap in the service delivery required. On that basis it was prudent to allow a small client contingency to cover for additional professional services that may be required. A sum of £ [REDACTED] had been allowed in the cost plan.

The predicted project outturn cost (works, fees and other costs), based on the lowest tender was £[REDACTED] which was £[REDACTED] below the approved budget of £[REDACTED]

Proposed by Councillor Archibald
Seconded by Alderman Girvan and

RESOLVED: that

- I. the tendered total of the prices of £[REDACTED] (excl. VAT) from A G Wilson Limited be approved giving a tendered assessment total price of £[REDACTED] (excl. VAT).
- II. the professional fees of £[REDACTED] (excl. VAT) from Perfect Circle JV Ltd, be approved.
- III. the total predicted outturn cost (works and fees) of £[REDACTED] be approved.

ACTION BY: David Traynor, Project Development Officer/Sharon Logue, Procurement Manager

12.3 IN CONFIDENCE FI/PRO/TEN/345 SALE OF COUNCIL REFUSE COLLECTION VEHICLES

This opportunity was made available on eSourcingNI on Friday, 31 January 2020. Five bids for sale of Council refuse collection vehicles were opened via the eSourcingNI portal on Thursday, 13 February 2020 and referred to the evaluation panel for assessment. The bids were evaluated on a two stage basis as follows:

STAGE 1 – SELECTION STAGE

The bids were evaluated on a pass/fail basis for mandatory exclusion and financial compliance, electronic payment, and declarations and form of tender. All of the bids met the requirements of Stage 1 of the evaluation process and proceeded to Stage 2.

STAGE 2 – AWARD STAGE

Commercial Assessment (100%)

The bids were evaluated on the basis of sale price (100%) and the recommendation is as follows:

Item	Bidder	Sale Price Assessment (out of 100%)	Total Sale Price (£) (excl. VAT)

Item 1 – Volvo 15tonne Refuse Collection Vehicle – MRZ 1158	McKinstry Waste Services Ltd	100%	£55,000
Item 2 - Dennis 26tonne Refuse Collection Vehicle – TFZ4043	Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council	100%	£31,500
Item 3 - Dennis 26tonne Refuse Collection Vehicle – TFZ4044	Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council	100%	£31,500
Item 4 - Dennis 26tonne Refuse Collection Vehicle – TFZ4045	Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council	100%	£31,500
Item 5 - Dennis 26tonne Refuse Collection Vehicle – TFZ4046	Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council	100%	£31,500
Item 6 - Dennis 26tonne Refuse Collection Vehicle – TFZ4048	Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council	100%	£31,500
Item 7 - Dennis 26tonne Refuse Collection Vehicle – TFZ4049	Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council	100%	£31,500
Item 8 - Dennis 26tonne Refuse Collection Vehicle – TFZ4051	Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council	100%	£31,500

Proposed by Councillor Webb
Seconded by Alderman Brett and

RESOLVED: that

For Item 1: having achieved a score of 100%, the vehicle be sold to McKinstry Waste Services Ltd at a price of £55,000 (excl. VAT).

For Items 2-8: having achieved a score of 100%, the vehicles be sold to Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council at a price of £31,500 (excl. VAT) per vehicle.

ACTION BY: Sharon Logue, Procurement Manager/Melissa Kenning, Procurement Officer

12.4 IN CONFIDENCE FI/PRO/TEN/330 & AC/EV/019 TENDER FOR THE PROVISION OF FUNFAIR ATTRACTIONS FOR GARDEN SHOW IRELAND, VE 75 & ANTRIM LIVE EVENTS 2020

Two tenders for the provision of funfair attractions for Garden Show Ireland, VE 75 and Antrim Live events 2020 were opened via the eSourcingNI Portal on 6 February 2020 and referred to the evaluation panel for assessment. The tenders were evaluated on a two stage basis as follows:

STAGE 1 – SELECTION STAGE

The tenders were evaluated on a pass/fail basis for mandatory exclusion and financial compliance, economic and financial standing, previous relevant experience, management systems and practices, delivery timescale, health and safety and risk assessment, operation, inspection and testing of equipment, emergency procedures and declarations and form of tender. The tenders met the requirements of Stage 1 of the evaluation process and proceeded to Stage 2. The tenders were evaluated as follows:

STAGE 2 – AWARD STAGE

Stage 1 – Technical Assessment

The tenders were evaluated on a pass/fail basis for confirmation that the proposal fully meets all the requirements of the funfair attractions' specifications and the submission of photographs of the proposed equipment. The tenders met the requirements of this stage and proceeded to the next stage of evaluation.

Stage 2 – Quality/Commercial Assessment (30%/70%)

The tenders were evaluated on the basis of quality (30%) and cost (70%) and the recommendation is as follows:

Supplier	Attraction(s)	Event(s)	Quality Assessment (out of 30%)	Cost Assessment (out of 70%)	Total % Score	Total Cost for Attraction(s) (excl. VAT)
G Force Amusements Limited	Ferris Wheel & Helter Skelter	Garden Show Ireland & VE 75	30%	70%	100%	£[REDACTED]
G Force Amusements Limited	Carousel	Antrim Live	30%	70%	100%	£[REDACTED]
G Force Amusements Limited	Traditional Fairground Organ	Antrim Live	30%	70%	100%	£[REDACTED]

Proposed by Councillor Montgomery

Seconded by Councillor Dunlop and

RESOLVED: that having achieved a score of 100% for all attractions, G Force Amusements Limited be appointed for the provision of funfair attractions for Garden Show Ireland, VE 75 and Antrim Live events 2020 at a total cost for all attractions of £[REDACTED] (excl. VAT).

ACTION BY: Sharon Logue, Procurement Manager, Finance

12.5 IN CONFIDENCE PK/GEN/107 NEW MOSSLEY ACTIVE TRAVEL ROUTE – DAERA ENVIRONMENT FUND

Members were reminded that following approval by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) for a number of

applications for projects in the Borough, the majority are on track to meet the 31 March spend deadline; Threemilewater Park, Crumlin Glen bridge and Red's Wood, Antrim.

The nature of the remaining project, the New Mossley Active Travel Route, requires land issues to be addressed and topographic and site surveys to be completed, therefore delivering the project by the deadline was more challenging. These matters have had to be progressed satisfactorily before procurement can commence. The proposed path was marked on the circulated plan in red.

For this reason, and in order to maximise the grant funding, Officers were proposing to procure the relevant works through the Council's landscape contract. Through the normal publicly advertised process, the select list for the landscape contract was put in place - with a maximum limit of £[REDACTED] for works. Those on the select list then quote and the best value contractor is appointed. Officers were proposing that, for the purposes of this project, the £[REDACTED] maximum limit be set aside. If Council approved this, the contractors would be asked to quote for the works with the maximum estimated cost being approximately £[REDACTED].

Signage, bins, seating, counters, etc, would be procured separately as normal.

The funders had confirmed that should Council approve the process set out above, they were satisfied to proceed.

Proposed by Councillor Ross
Seconded by Councillor Cooper and

RESOLVED: that approval is given to set aside the £[REDACTED] limit with the landscape contract select list, to facilitate delivery of the New Mossley Active Travel Route project at an estimated cost of £[REDACTED].

ACTION BY: Ivor McMullan, Head of Parks

Councillor McCullough returned to the Chamber.

12.6 IN CONFIDENCE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

ACTION BY: Majella McAlister, Director of Economic Development and Planning

Having declared an interest in the next item, Councillor Foster left the Chamber.

12.7 IN CONFIDENCE L/LEI/GEN/2 SOLAR DEMONSTRATION - PROJECT PROPOSAL

A proposal had been received from a company called Start Solar, for provision of a demonstration project in a Council facility. The Company, which installs solar panels, has recently moved into the Northern Ireland market and as part of its start-up, plans to put in place 3 demonstration projects, one in a manufacturing setting, one in the hospitality sector and one in a council. The 3 projects were to install photo voltaic panels at cost price. Start Solar is one of the top solar companies in Australia and its Northern Ireland operation uses local certified installers.

Officers had identified a number of potentially suitable Council facilities which need further investigation. In return, the Company would want to show potential clients each demonstration site and to have pull up stands, for example, on the premises promoting the panels/technology.

From a climate change perspective, the installation of solar panels at another Council facility would demonstrate Council's continuing commitment to reducing its carbon footprint.

The company had offered to install a 10kw system, priced at around £[REDACTED]. Council approval was sought, in principle, with a further report on location,

payback and actual cost to be brought for Members' information in due course.

Proposed by Councillor Webb
Seconded by Alderman Cosgrove and

RESOLVED: that Council approves, in principle, to accept the proposal by Start Solar for the installation of photo voltaic panels at a Council facility as one of three demonstration projects.

ACTION BY: Geraldine Girvan, Director of Operations

MOTION TO PROCEED 'OUT OF COMMITTEE'

Moved by Councillor Dunlop
Seconded by Councillor Lynch and

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

The Mayor thanked everyone for attending and the meeting concluded at 7.07 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.