



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

In the Chair : Alderman L Boyle

Committee Members Present (In Person) : Alderman T Campbell
Councillors – J Archibald-Brown, S Flanagan, R Foster,
R Kinnear, R Lynch, B Mallon

Committee Members Present (Remotely) : Alderman M Magill
Councillors - S Cosgrove, AM Logue and T McGrann

Non-Committee Members Present (In Person) : Councillor B Webb

Public Speakers :	Colin Buick	In Objection (Item 3.1)
	John Hoey	In Objection (Item 3.1)
	John Blair MLA	In Objection (Item 3.1)
	Jane Boyd	In Support (Applicant, Item 3.1)
	Ruth Boyd	In Support (Applicant, Item 3.1)
	Andrew Scurfield (questions)	In Support (Agent, Item 3.1)
	Councillor H Cushinan	In Objection (Item 3.2)
	Una Johnston	In Objection (Item 3.2)
	Dermot Monaghan	In Support (Agent, Item 3.2)
	Nick Salt	In Support (Consultant, Item 3.3)
	Emma Scott	In Support (Applicant, Item 3.4)
	Trevor Duncan	In Support (Applicant, Item 3.8)
	Sarah Duncan	In Support (Applicant, Item 3.8)
	William Adams	In Support (Applicant, Item 3.12)
	Harry McConnell	In Support (Architect, Item 3.12)
	Katie Patterson	In Support (Applicant, Item 3.12)

In Attendance : Conor Fegan QC (Item 3.18)

Officers Present : Chief Executive - R Baker
Director of Economic Development and Planning - M McAlister
Deputy Director of Planning & Building Control – S Mossman
Head of Planning Development Management – B Diamond

Head of Environmental Health and Wellbeing – C Kelly
Senior Planning Officer – A Wilson
Senior Planning Officer – A Leathem
Environmental Health Manager – K McCorvie
ICT Project Officer – C Bell
ICT Helpdesk Officer – D Mason
Member Services Officer – Christine McGrandle

CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

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

The Chairperson further advised that an Addendum Reports relating to Items 3.1, 3.3, 3.4 and 3.18, and an updated Speakers' List had been circulated to Members in advance of the meeting, with hard copies being made available in the Chamber.

The Chairperson further advised Members that Items 3.9 and 3.10 had been withdrawn by the Applicants.

The Deputy Director of Planning and Building Control reminded Members about a number of issues in relation to their role as Members of the Planning Committee and their obligations under the Code of Conduct.

1 APOLOGIES

Borough Lawyer, Legal, Land, Governance & Policy - P Casey

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 3.1 – Alderman M Magill
Item 3.18 – Councillor J Archibald-Brown
Item 3.18 – Councillor R Foster

Councillor Foster referred to an item later in the agenda and queried whether a Member would be precluded from participating in any enforcement hearing if they had asked a question relating to same. The Director of Economic Development and Planning advised the Member that, if the Member had asked a question in relation to the enforcement action, but did not state his opinion or views, he should not be precluded from participating. The Director of Economic Development and Planning confirmed she would seek clarification on this before the item and give further advice then.

PART ONE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Having declared an interest in Item 3.1, Alderman Magill left the meeting remotely.

ITEM 3.1 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2022/0430/F

PROPOSAL:	The south westerly lateral expansion to the existing quarry at Mallusk with phased extraction and full restoration.
SITE/LOCATION:	Lands within and southwest of existing quarry at 140 Mallusk Road, 10m East and 100m South of 24 Bernice Road, 90m southeast of 42c Bernice Road, 10m North of 54 Sealstown Road and 20m North East of 56 Sealstown Road, Mallusk, Newtownabbey, BT36 4QN.
APPLICANT:	James Boyd & Sons (Carnmoney) Ltd

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

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

Colin Buick	Objector
John Hoey	Objector
John Blair MLA	Objector
Jane Boyd	In Support/Applicant
Ruth Boyd	In Support/Applicant
Andrew Scurfield	In Support/Consultant (for questions)

Proposed by Councillor Kinnear

Seconded by Councillor Flanagan that planning permission be granted.

On the proposal being put to the meeting, 8 Members voted in favour, 2 against and 0 abstentions, and it was agreed

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

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

Alderman Magill returned to the Chamber remotely.

ITEM 3.2 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2025/0375/F

PROPOSAL:	Residential development of 37no. units comprising 9no detached dwellings, 18no semi-detached dwellings and 10no apartments, landscaping, access roads, car parking, solar panels and associated site works
SITE/LOCATION:	Lands immediately south of No. 10 Loughview Drive and approx. 90 metres southwest of St Oliver Plunkett Church, Toomebridge, Antrim
APPLICANT:	JFM Construction

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

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

Councillor Henry Cushinan	In Objection
Una Johnston	In Objection
Dermot Monaghan	In Support/Agent

Proposed by Councillor Flanagan

Seconded by Councillor Mallon that planning permission be granted.

On the proposal being put to the meeting, 4 Members voted in favour, 7 against and 1 abstention, the proposal was declared not carried.

A further proposal was then put to the meeting.

Proposed by Councillor Foster

Seconded by Alderman Campbell that planning permission be refused due to inadequate NI Water infrastructure and no indication that the sustainable drainage systems (SuDS) or sewerage would be adopted, inadequate parking facilities and loss of open space.

On the proposal being put to the meeting, 7 Members voted in favour, 4 against and 1 abstention.

In favour: Alderman Campbell
Councillors Cosgrove, Foster, Logue, Lynch, McGrann and Boyle

Against: Alderman Magill
Councillors Archibald-Brown, Mallon and Flanagan

Abstentions: Councillor Kinnear

It was agreed that planning permission be refused for the following reasons:

1. Due to inadequate NI Water infrastructure and there being no indication that

- the sustainable drainage systems (SuDS) or sewerage would be adopted by NI Water;**
- 2. Inadequate parking facilities for residents; and**
 - 3. The proposal would result in loss of open space.**

The decision was made contrary to the Officers' recommendation on the grounds that there was inadequate NI Water infrastructure and no indication that the sustainable drainage systems (SuDS) or sewerage would be adopted, there was inadequate parking facilities for residents and loss of open space.

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

Councillor Archibald-Brown left the Chamber at this point in the meeting.

The Chairperson called a short recess and the meeting resumed at 7.55pm

Councillor Archibald-Brown returned to the Chamber after the recess.

ITEM 3.3 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2025/0599/F

PROPOSAL:	Erection of 2no. semi-detached dwellings, footpath link, extended community garden and associated works
SITE/LOCATION:	Lands adjacent and 15m NW of 95 Belmont Hall Drive, Antrim BT41 1FB
APPLICANT:	Antrim Construction Company Ltd

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

The undernoted public speaker responded to enquiries from Members

Nick Salt

In Support/Consultant (for questions)

Proposed by Councillor Kinnear

Seconded by Councillor Flannagan that planning permission be granted.

On the proposal being put to the meeting 12 Members voted in favour, 0 against and 0 abstentions, it was unanimously agreed

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

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

ITEM 3.4 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2026/0213/F

PROPOSAL: Retrospective change of use from retail unit to pilates & yoga studio including new rear window

SITE/LOCATION: 14-16 Church Street, Antrim, BT41 4BA

APPLICANT: Reformer Lab Limited

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

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

Emma Scott

In Support/Applicant

Proposed by Councillor Kinnear

Seconded by Councillor Foster that planning permission be granted

On the proposal being put to the meeting 12 Members voted in favour, 0 against and 0 abstentions, it was unanimously agreed

that planning permission be granted subject to the proposed condition set out in the Addendum Report.

ACTION BY: Sharon Mossman, Deputy Director of Planning

ITEM 3.5 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2026/0306/DCA

PROPOSAL: Partial demolition of rear wall to facilitate new window

SITE/LOCATION: 14-16 Church Street, Antrim, BT41 4BA

APPLICANT: Reformer Lab Limited

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

There were no public speakers to address this item.

Proposed by Councillor Kinnear

Seconded by Councillor Foster that demolition consent be granted.

On the proposal being put to the meeting 12 Members voted in favour, 0 against and 0 abstentions, it was unanimously agreed

that demolition consent be granted for the application subject to the Conditions set

out in the Planning Report.

ACTION BY: Sharon Mossman, Deputy Director of Planning

ITEM 3.6 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2025/0890/F

PROPOSAL:	Retention of pallet storage yard and office building
SITE/LOCATION:	380m North of Nutts Corner Enterprise Centre, 50 Moira Road, Nutts Corner, Crumlin, BT29 4JL
APPLICANT:	Hughpal

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

There were no public speakers to address this item.

Proposed by Councillor Foster

Seconded by Councillor Lynch that planning permission be refused

On the proposal being put to the meeting 12 Members voted in favour, 0 against and 0 abstentions, it was unanimously agreed

that planning permission be refused for the following reasons:

- 1. The proposal was contrary to Paragraph 6.87 of the Strategic Planning Policy Statement, Policy SP 1.11 and Policy DM 2 of the Antrim and Newtownabbey Plan Strategy, in that there were no overriding reasons why this development was essential in this rural location and could not be located within a settlement.**
- 2. The proposal was contrary to the provisions contained in the Strategic Planning Policy Statement and Policy DM 27 of the Antrim and Newtownabbey Plan Strategy, in that the proposal would result in an obtrusive feature in the landscape; the site lacks long established boundary treatments; the proposal does not address biodiversity impact and was not accompanied by a detailed landscaping scheme.**
- 3. The proposal was contrary to the provisions contained within the Strategic Planning Policy Statement, Policies SP 3 and DM 10 of the Antrim and Newtownabbey Plan Strategy in that it had not been demonstrated that access to the site would not prejudice the safety and convenience of road users since it proposes to intensify the use of an existing access at which visibility splays of 4.5 metres x 190 metres were required and it had not been demonstrated that they can be provided.**

ACTION BY: Sharon Mossman, Deputy Director of Planning

ITEM 3.7 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2026/0035/F

PROPOSAL:	Proposed new outbuilding for use as part time dog grooming salon
SITE/LOCATION:	15 Harmin Park, Newtownabbey, BT36 7UR
APPLICANT:	Betty Tamas

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

There were no public speakers to address this item.

Proposed by Alderman Campbell
Seconded by Councillor Lynch that planning permission be granted.

On the proposal being put to the meeting 8 Members voted in favour, 4 against and 0 abstentions, it was agreed

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

ACTION BY: Sharon Mossman, Deputy Director of Planning

ITEM 3.8 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2026/0312/F

PROPOSAL:	Retention of temporary mobile home and adjacent stoned area for car parking
SITE/LOCATION:	15m north of 58 The Diamond Road, Aldergrove, Crumlin, BT29 4QY
APPLICANT:	Trevor Duncan

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

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

Trevor Duncan
Sarah Duncan

In Support/Applicant
In Support/Applicant

Proposed by Councillor Kinnear
Seconded by Councillor Foster that the application be deferred for a period of two months to allow the applicant to provide further information to address the planning refusal reasons.

On the proposal being put to the meeting 12 Members voted in favour, 0 against and 0 abstention, it was unanimously agreed

that planning permission be deferred for a period of two months to allow the applicant to provide further information.

ACTION BY: Sharon Mossman, Deputy Director of Planning

ITEM 3.9 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2026/0352/F

PROPOSAL:	Extension to and conversion of outbuilding to a single storey dwelling
SITE/LOCATION:	Land to rear and approx. 12.5m north of 32 Station Road, Randalstown, BT41 2AE
APPLICANT:	Sean Og Devlin

Members were advised that this item had been withdrawn by the applicant.

ITEM 3.10 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2026/0217/F

PROPOSAL:	Replacement of a single storey side extension with a two-storey side extension, dormer windows and porch to front along with a detached garage
SITE/LOCATION:	18 Church Road, Randalstown, Antrim, BT41 3AW
APPLICANT:	Heffron Contracts

Members were advised that this item had been withdrawn by the applicant.

ITEM 3.11 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2026/0176/S54

PROPOSAL:	Proposed annex for ancillary use (Removal of Condition 1 from approval LA03/2025/0368/F regarding temporary permission)
SITE/LOCATION:	81 Irish Hill Road, Ballyclare, BT39 9NL
APPLICANT:	Graeme Whaley

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

There were no public speakers to address this item.

Proposed by Councillor Foster
Seconded by Councillor Cosgrove that planning permission be refused

On the proposal being put to the meeting 12 Members voted in favour, 0 against and 0 abstention, it was agreed

that planning permission be refused for the following reasons:

- 1. The proposal was contrary to Policy DM 22 and DM 22.3 of the Antrim and Newtownabbey Plan Strategy in that if approved the proposal would result in the construction of a permanent self-contained unit of accommodation where a separate dwelling would not be granted planning permission in its own right.**
- 2. The proposal was contrary to paragraph B49 of Annex B of the Antrim and Newtownabbey Plan Strategy in that the proposal, if approved, would allow for the permanent construction of a building that does not demonstrate dependency on the existing residential property at No. 81 Irish Hill Road, Ballyclare and it had not been designed in such a manner as to easily enable the extension to be later used as an integral part of the main residential property, and the proposal does not provide limited accommodation and shared facilities physically linked internally to the host property and the proposal could practically and viably operate on its own.**
- 3. The proposal was contrary to paragraph 6.73 of the Strategic Planning Policy Statement in that permission was granted for ancillary annex building for a temporary period only due to the temporary nature of the structure and the compelling and site-specific reasons related to personal or domestic circumstances.**

Councillor Webb left the meeting at this point.

ITEM 3.12 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2026/0127/F

PROPOSAL:	New entrance to existing Eurospar retail unit along with associated works to pathways, boundary treatments and landscaping
SITE/LOCATION:	Unit 1, 290 Antrim Road, Newtownabbey, BT36 7QT
APPLICANT:	Henderson Group Property

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

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

William Adams
Harry McConnell

In Support/Applicant
In Support/Architect

Katie Patterson

In Support/Applicant (for questions)

Proposed by Alderman Campbell

Seconded by Councillor Lynch that planning permission be granted.

On the proposal being put to the meeting 11 Members voted in favour, 1 against and 0 abstention, it was agreed

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

ACTION BY: Sharon Mossman, Deputy Director of Planning

PART TWO OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

ITEM 3.13

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

1. Purpose

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

2. Delegated Decisions of Council

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

3. Planning Appeal Commission Decisions

Two (2) appeals were allowed during June by the Planning Appeals Commission.

Planning application: **LA03/2023/0581/F**

PAC reference: 2025/A0093

Proposed Development: Residential development consisting of 33 no. dwellings, parking, access, open space, landscaping and associated ancillary site works.

Location: Lands within the SW portion of the former Craighill Quarry, approx. 160m east of Ballyeaston Road and approx. 20m east of Nos. 8-20 and Nos. 26-34 Craighill Park, Ballyclare.

Date of Appeal Submission: 18 November 2025

Date of Decision: 19 June 2026

Decision: **Appeal Allowed – Council Decision Not Upheld**

A copy of the decision was circulated.

Planning application: **LA03/2024/0899/F**

PAC reference: 2025/A0083

Proposed Development: 3 no detached 2 storey dwellings with associated parking and landscaping

Location: Lands to northeast of Ballycorr Road, approx. and 200m northeast of Ballycorr Heights, Ballyclare.

Date of Appeal Submission: 5 November 2025

Date of Decision: 19 June 2026

Decision: **Appeal Allowed – Council Decision Not Upheld**

A copy of the decision was circulated.

One (1) appeal was dismissed in June by the Planning Appeals Commission.

Planning application: **LA03/2025/0127/F**

PAC reference: 2025/A0108

Proposed Development: Retrospective change of use from Class A1 Shops (retail unit) to a Sui-generis use class hot food take away.

Location: 19b Fountain Street, Antrim, BT41 4BB.

Date of Appeal Submission: 17 December 2025

Date of Decision: 29 June 2026

Decision: **Appeal Dismissed – Council Decision Upheld**

A copy of the decision was circulated.

Proposed by Councillor Kinnear
Seconded by Councillor Flanagan and agreed that

the report be noted.

NO ACTION

ITEM 3.14

P/PLAN/1 PROPOSAL OF APPLICATION NOTICES FOR MAJOR DEVELOPMENT JUNE 2026

1. Purpose

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

2. Background

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

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

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

3. Proposal of Application Notice

PAN Reference:	LA03/2026/0429/PAN
Proposal:	Proposed erection of 2No. storage and distribution warehouse buildings with solar panels, ancillary facilities, office space, external yard including HGV and car parking, and landscaping. Access from established entrance to Houston Business Park from Doagh Road.
Location:	Lands south and east of MT Wholesale, No.2 Houston Business Park, Doagh Road, Newtownabbey, BT36 5RZ
Applicant:	Magowan Tyres NI Ltd
Date Received:	18 June 2026
12 week expiry:	10 September 2026
PAN Reference:	LA03/2026/0415/PAN
Proposal:	Residential development (social housing) and associated ancillary works.
Location:	357 Doagh Road, Newtownabbey, BT36 6XD
Applicant:	s4s developments Ltd
Date Received:	11 June 2026
12 week expiry:	3 September 2026

Proposed by Councillor Kinnear

Seconded by Councillor Flanagan and unanimously agreed that

the report be noted.

NO ACTION

ITEM 3.15

P/FP/LDP/01 UPDATE ON THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Planning Committee Members with an update on the Council's Local Development Plan, specifically progress on the Council's emerging Draft Local Policies Plan.

2. Introduction/Background

A – Draft Local Policies Plan, Members' Workshops and Emerging Evidence

Members' Workshops

Since October 2025, monthly Draft Local Policies Plan (DLPP) topic-based Members' workshops have taken place to brief and engage Members on emerging studies.

Copies of all LDP Members' Workshops to date were available to view on Members' iPads; marked 'in confidence'. Members were reminded of the confidential nature of the DLPP, the Council's Code of Conduct and the responsibilities of both Officers and Members to this process.

Members were advised that further workshops were planned, and diary invitations have been issued for:

17 August 2026, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm (topic tbc).

Monthly Members' topic-based DLPP workshop	To informally discuss emerging evidence/studies. Briefing papers, supporting maps and studies to be uploaded to Members' iPads in advance of the meeting, and (if required) updated following the meeting.
	Any follow-up Members' queries to be provided to Officers for consideration; to revert to Members.
Following-on from the above, topic-based DLPP evidence papers to be presented to, and agreed at, Planning Committee.	Briefing papers, supporting maps and studies to be uploaded to Members' iPads in advance of the meeting. If required, Officers to present to Members at Planning Committee
	Any follow-up Members' queries to be provided to Officers for consideration; to revert to Members.

Final versions of agreed topic-based evidence papers to be presented to, and agreed at, Planning Committee as a chapter of the emerging DLPP.	Briefing papers, supporting maps and studies to be uploaded to Members' iPads in advance of the meeting. If required, Officers to present to Members at Planning Committee
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Emerging Evidence

Members were reminded that a DLPP work programme was presented to , and agreed at, the January 2026 Planning Committee, and that given the quantum of topics and supporting evidence to be drafted by officers, and considered and agreed by Members, a report was presented to, and agreed at, the February 2026 Planning Committee regarding the appropriate mechanism to present emerging evidence to Members which supports the delivery of the DLPP work programme, consistent with the published, revised LDP Timetable.

To date, monthly LDP Members' workshops provide the platform for officers to present emerging studies to Members. Members were reminded that the following mechanism to brief Members on the emerging DLPP was presented to, and agreed at, the February Planning Committee.

Members were reminded of the confidential nature of the DLPP, the Council's Code of Conduct and the responsibilities of both officers and Members to this process.

B – Local Development Plan, Working Groups

Metropolitan Area Spatial Working Group

A meeting of the Metropolitan Area Spatial Working Group (MASWG) took place on 1 July 2026, hosted by Ards and North Down Borough Council. A copy of draft meeting minutes, and a copy of the agreed previous meeting minutes (held on 16 April 2026, hosted by Antrim and Newtownabbey) were circulated for Members' information.

At the recent meeting, the Department for Infrastructure, Transport Planning Modelling Unit presented to the group a summary of the emerging Transport Strategy and Eastern Transport Plan. A copy of the presentation was circulated for Members' information.

The next meeting of the MASWG would take place on 4 November 2026, to be hosted by Belfast City Council. Diary invites to this meeting to be issued in due course.

3. Previous Decision of Council

January, February and June 2026 – DLPP emerging evidence update, agreed.

4. Financial Position/Implication

Not applicable.

Proposed by Councillor Kinnear

Seconded by Councillor Flanagan and unanimously agreed that

the report be noted.

NO ACTION

ITEM 3.16

P/PLAN/1 ROYAL TOWN PLANNING INSTITUTE (RTPI) POLITICIANS IN PLANNING NETWORK

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report is to advise Members of an upcoming Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) “Politicians in Planning” event on 15 October at the Burnavon Arts and Cultural centre, Burn Road, Cookstown, and to seek expressions of interest from Elected Members wishing to attend.

2. Background

The Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) is hosting its annual “Politicians in Planning” conference, which is specifically designed for elected Members involved in planning and development functions.

The event provides an opportunity for Elected Members to enhance their understanding of the planning system and to explore how political leadership can positively influence planning outcomes for local communities.

Elected Members of Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council play a key role in:

- Determining planning applications
- Shaping local development through the Local Development Plan
- Supporting regeneration and economic development initiatives

Attendance at this event would support Members in:

- Strengthening their knowledge and confidence in planning roles
- Enhancing decision-making capacity
- Sharing best practice with other councils and planning professionals

3. Key Themes

The conference would focus on:

- The role of elected Members in the planning system
- Understanding planning frameworks and decision-making responsibilities
- Common pitfalls in planning and how to avoid them
- Balancing community needs with development pressures
- The role of planning in supporting sustainable economic growth

4. Financial Implications

RTPI Northern Ireland had advised that each Council would receive eight complimentary places for Elected Members and Officers involved in planning

committee functions. In addition, each Council's Head of Planning would receive one complimentary place.

Attendance by any additional delegates would incur a registration fee of £20 plus VAT per person. Any registration, travel and subsistence costs would be met in accordance with Council policy and from existing departmental budgets.

Proposed by Councillor Kinnear

Seconded by Councillor Flanagan and unanimously agreed that

Elected Members, along with relevant Officers involved in Planning Committee functions wishing to attend indicate their interest by contacting Planning Admin at planning@antrimandnewtownabbey.gov.uk by 31 July 2026.

ACTION BY: Sharon Mossman, Deputy Director of Planning

3.17 ANY OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS (AORB)

There was no AORB raised.

PROPOSAL TO PROCEED 'IN CONFIDENCE'

Proposed by Councillor Mallon

Seconded by Alderman Magill and unanimously agreed that

the following Committee business be taken In Confidence.

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

Having declared an interest in Item 3.18, Councillor Archibald-Brown left the meeting.

PART ONE

DECISIONS ON ENFORCEMENT CASE – IN CONFIDENCE

ITEM 3.18 IN CONFIDENCE ENFORCEMENT CASES:

The Director of Planning and Building Control addressed the Committee and explained that Councillor Foster had withdrawn from the meeting after discussing his earlier query with Officers and Mr Fegan.

The Deputy Director of Planning and Building Control and Mr Fegan addressed the Committee, providing an overview of the two enforcement cases. Mr Fegan responded to Members' queries.

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

Proposed by Alderman Campbell

Seconded by Councillor Flanagan that enforcement action be progressed

on the proposal being put to the meeting 10 Members voted in favour, 0 against and 0 abstentions, it was unanimously agreed that

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

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

PROPOSAL TO MOVE OUT OF 'IN CONFIDENCE'

Proposed by Councillor Kinnear

Seconded by Councillor Mallon and agreed that

any remaining Committee business be conducted in Open Session.

The Chairperson advised that the audio recording would recommence.

There being no further Committee business the Chairperson thanked Members, Officers and IT staff for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 9.25 pm.

MAYOR