

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN
MOSSLEY MILL ON MONDAY 13 MAY 2019 AT 6.30 PM**

- In the Chair** : The Mayor - Councillor P Michael (outgoing)
The Mayor – Alderman J Smyth (incoming)
- Members Present** : Aldermen - F Agnew, P Brett, T Burns, M Cosgrove, M Girvan,
T Hogg, D Kinahan and J McGrath
- Councillors – J Archibald, A Bennington, L Clarke,
M Cooper, H Cushinan, P Dunlop, G Finlay, S Flanagan,
R Foster, J Gilmour, M Goodman, P Hamill, R Kinnear,
A Logue, R Lynch, M Magill, J Montgomery, V McAuley,
N McClelland, D McCullough, T McGrann, V McWilliam,
S Ross, L Smyth, M Stewart, R Swann, B Webb and R Wilson
- Officers Present** : Chief Executive - J Dixon
Deputy Chief Executive – M McAlister
Director of Operations - G Girvan
Director of Organisation Development - A McCooke
Director of Finance and Governance – S Cole
Director of Community Planning – N Harkness
Head of Governance - L Johnston
Head of Legal Services and Borough Lawyer - P Casey
Head of Finance – J Balmer
Management Accountant – R Murray
IT Change Officer – A Cole
Media and Marketing Officer – J McIntyre
Media and Marketing Manager – N McCullough
Member Services Officer – S Boyd
Mayor and Member Services Officer – S Fisher
PA to Mayor and Deputy Mayor – K Hood
Member Services Manager – V Lisk

The Mayor congratulated Members on their election success, welcomed everyone present to the meeting, especially new Members, and advised of the audio recording procedures.

1 BIBLE READING AND PRAYER

The meeting opened with a bible reading and prayer by The Venerable Dr Stephen McBride, Archdeacon of Connor.

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

2 APOLOGIES

Alderman Campbell
Councillor Kelly

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

4. G-LEG-40 REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION AND SCHEME OF DELEGATION

Members were reminded that Section 2 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 states that a council must prepare and keep up to date a document (constitution) which contains a copy of the Council's standing orders, a copy of the Code of Conduct for Councillors, information which the Department may direct, and such other information as the Council considers appropriate.

The Council's Constitution, which contains the Scheme of Delegation, was approved on 27 April 2015. Since then no changes had been made to this document.

The Constitution and Scheme of Delegation had been reviewed and updated to reflect current custom and practice. A copy had been circulated for Members' information.

Proposed by Alderman Brett
Seconded by Alderman Smyth and agreed that

the revised Constitution and Scheme of Delegation be adopted.

5. G-LEG-44 STANDING ORDERS REVIEW

Section 37 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 requires councils to make standing orders for the regulation of the proceedings and business of the Council.

Members had agreed the final version of the Council's Standing Orders, which contains the Planning Protocol, on 29 June 2015. Since then no changes had been made to this document.

Some of Standing Orders cannot be changed as they are derived from legislation and are mandatory.

Members were advised that the review of Standing Orders (circulated) and the Planning Protocol (circulated) followed a review of the standing orders of other councils, input from Members, input from Council Officers and were a practical reflection of what occurs in Council.

Proposed by Alderman Cosgrove
Seconded by Alderman Brett that the revised Standing Orders be adopted.

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Webb
Seconded by Councillor Wilson that

3.1 of Standing Orders be amended to read “meetings of the Council shall be held on the last Monday of every month and the meetings will be opened with a short period of silent reflection” to replace the current wording of “a bible reading and prayer”.

On the proposal being put to the meeting, 14 Members voted in favour, 24 against and 0 abstentions and it was declared not carried.

Proposed by Alderman Cosgrove
Seconded by Alderman Brett and agreed that

the revised Standing Orders be adopted.

Councillor Webb asked that it be recorded that the Alliance Party was against this decision.

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

6. ALLOCATION AND NOMINATIONS TO POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBIITY INCLUDING THE MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR FOR 2019/20 (Year 1) AND PRESENTATION OF PAST MAYOR'S MEDAL

Allocation Of Positions Of Responsibility

Schedule 1 to the 2014 Act includes detailed provisions in relation to the filling of positions of responsibility and specifies the operational procedures that are available to the Council, ie

- d'Hondt (see Part 1 of Schedule 1)
- Sainte-Lague (see Part 1 of Schedule 1)
- Single Transferable Vote (STV) (see Part 2 of Schedule 1)

Members were advised that Council must follow one of the above methods when allocating members of the Council to the positions of responsibility.

D'Hondt is the default method of filling positions of responsibility. A council may, by a qualified majority, decide to adopt one of the other methods set. In line with the standard approach, at the commencement of the previous term, Council agreed positions of responsibility were to be filled on the basis of Schedule 1 of the Act using the d'Hondt method.

Proposed by Alderman Brett
Seconded by Alderman Cosgrove and agreed that

positions of responsibility be allocated in accordance with Schedule 1 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 using the d'Hondt method.

Positions Of Responsibility For The 4 Year Term

At the request of the Mayor, the Chief Executive advised of the undernoted positions of responsibility:

- 1) Mayor
- 2) Deputy Mayor
- 3) Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of each Committee
- 4) External appointments

Members were also advised of the undernoted memberships to external bodies which are deemed to be positions of responsibility:

- 1) arc21 (3 positions per year or 3 for 4 year term)
- 2) Drainage Council for NI (1 position)
- 3) Housing Council (1 position)
- 4) Northern Ireland Veterans Advisory Committee (1 position)
- 5) Partnership Panel (1 position)

Using Schedule 1 of the Act, Members were advised that the 55 positions of responsibility were as follows for the 4 year term:

POSITION	NO. OF POSITIONS AVAILABLE
MAYOR	4
DEPUTY MAYOR	4
CHAIR OF PLANNING COMMITTEE	4
CHAIR OF COMMUNITY PLANNING AND REGENERATION	4
CHAIR OF POLICY AND GOVERNANCE	4
CHAIR OF OPERATIONS	4
CHAIR OF AUDIT	4
VICE CHAIR PLANNING	4
VICE CHAIR COMMUNITY PLANNING AND REGENERATION	4
VICE CHAIR POLICY AND GOVERNANCE	4
VICE CHAIR OPERATIONS	4
VICE CHAIR AUDIT	4
ARC21 – 3 positions for 4 year term	3
DRAINAGE COUNCIL – 1 position for 4 year term	1
HOUSING COUNCIL – 1 position for 4 year term	1
VETERANS ADVISORY - 1 position for 4 year term	1
PARTNERSHIP PANEL – 1 position for 4 year term	1

A report detailing the Positions of Responsibility was tabled for Members' approval as follows:

Position Number	Party	Position	Year Selected
1	DUP	Mayor	1
2	UUP	Mayor	2
3	Alliance	Mayor	3
4	DUP	Mayor	4

5	Sinn Féin	Deputy Mayor	1
6	DUP	Deputy Mayor	3
7	UUP	Deputy Mayor	4
8	SDLP	Deputy Mayor	2
9	Alliance	Chair - Operations	1
10	DUP	Chair - Planning	1
11	UUP	Chair - Community Planning and Regeneration	1
12	DUP	Chair - Policy and Governance	1
13	Sinn Féin	Chair - Audit	1
14	Alliance	Chair - Planning	2
15	DUP	Chair - Planning	3
16	UUP	Chair - Planning	4
17	DUP	Chair - Community Planning and Regeneration	2
18	SDLP	Chair - Community Planning and Regeneration	3
19	UUP	Chair - Operations	2
20	Alliance	Chair - Community Planning and Regeneration	4
21	DUP	Chair - Policy and Governance	2
22	Sinn Féin	Chair - Operations	3
23	DUP	Chair - Policy and Governance	4
24	UUP	Chair - Policy and Governance	3
25	Alliance	Chair - Operations	4
26	DUP	Vice Chair - Planning	2
27	SDLP	Vice Chair - Operations	2
28	UUP	Vice Chair - Policy and Governance	1
29	DUP	Vice Chair - Community Planning and Regeneration	1
30	Sinn Féin	Vice Chair - Community Planning and Regeneration	2
31	Alliance	Vice Chair - Policy and Governance	2
32	DUP	Vice Chair - Operations	3
33	UUP	Vice Chair - Planning	3
34	DUP	Vice Chair - Planning	4
35	Ind	Vice Chair - Community Planning and Regeneration	3
36	Alliance	Vice Chair - Community Planning and Regeneration	4
37	Sinn Féin	Vice Chair - Policy and Governance	3
38	UUP	Vice Chair - Operations	4
39	DUP	Vice Chair - Policy and Governance	4
40	SDLP	Vice Chair - Planning	1
41	DUP	Vice Chair - Operations	1
42	UUP	Chair - Audit	2
43	Alliance	Chair - Audit	3
44	DUP	NI Housing Council	Term
45	Sinn Féin	arc21	Term
46	DUP	Chair - Audit	4
47	UUP	NI Veterans' Advisory Committee	Term
48	SDLP	Vice Chair - Audit	4
49	Alliance	Vice Chair - Audit	1
50	DUP	Vice Chair - Audit	2

51	UUP	Partnership Panel	Term
52	DUP	Vice Chair - Audit	3
53	Sinn Féin	Drainage Council	Term
54	Alliance	arc21	Term
55	DUP	arc21	Term

Proposed by Alderman Cosgrove
 Seconded by Alderman Brett and agreed that

the Positions of Responsibility for the four year term be approved.

OUTGOING MAYOR'S REMARKS

The outgoing Mayor, Councillor Michael, thanked the Ulster Unionist Party for selecting him, the Deputy Mayor, Members, the Chief Executive, Directors and Officers for the support he had received and stated that it had been an honour and a pleasure to be Mayor of the Borough, particularly during the 100 year anniversary of the Great War.

The Mayor also advised Members that he had just become a grandfather.

Party Leaders paid tribute, on behalf of their parties, to the Mayor and Mayoress for the work they had done on behalf of the Borough and congratulated them on their new granddaughter, Grace.

Appointment Of Mayor Year 1

Alderman Brett nominated Alderman Smyth as Mayor.

Alderman J Smyth was accordingly declared elected Mayor of Antrim and Newtownabbey for the year 2019/2020.

THE MAYOR (ALDERMAN SMYTH IN THE CHAIR)

Presentation Of Past Mayor's Medal

The incoming Mayor, Alderman Smyth, presented the outgoing Mayor, Councillor Michael, with his past Mayor's medal and extended best wishes to him for the future. He congratulated Councillor Michael on the birth of his granddaughter and thanked the outgoing Mayor and Mayoress for their work throughout the whole Borough.

The Mayor also thanked his Party for selecting him; Members, the Chief Executive, Directors, Officers and the Member Services Team for their support; his wife Carol and family, especially his granddaughters, Abigail and Charlotte, who had accompanied him during his term as Deputy Mayor.

The Mayor advised that his Chaplain for his Mayoral year would be Rev Michael Gregory of Antrim Methodist Church and the Mayor's Charities would be Alzheimer's and the Cancer Fund for Children.

Members, on behalf of their parties, wished the Mayor well for his year in office, congratulated him on his year as Deputy Mayor and paid tribute to his work in the community over many years.

Appointment Of Deputy Mayor Year 1

Councillor Cushinan nominated Councillor Logue as Deputy Mayor.

Councillor Logue was accordingly declared elected Deputy Mayor of Antrim and Newtownabbey for the year 2019/2020.

The Mayor congratulated Councillor Logue on her appointment to Deputy Mayor.

Councillor Logue thanked the Mayor, thanked Members for supporting her and her Party for selecting her.

Members, on behalf of their parties, congratulated the Deputy Mayor on her appointment.

Nomination Of Positions Of Responsibility - Year 1

Members were nominated to the following positions of responsibility for Year 1.

Position	Party	Nomination
Chair - Community Planning and Regeneration	UUP	Cllr McWilliam
Vice Chair - Community Planning and Regeneration	DUP	Cllr Dunlop
Chair - Operations	Alliance	Ald McGrath
Vice Chair - Operations	DUP	Cllr Cooper
Chair - Planning	DUP	Ald Brett
Vice Chair - Planning	SDLP	Cllr Lynch
Chair - Policy and Governance	DUP	Ald Hogg
Vice Chair - Policy and Governance	UUP	Ald Kinahan
Chair – Audit	Sinn Féin	Cllr Goodman
Vice Chair – Audit	Alliance	Cllr McAuley

Nomination Of Positions Of Responsibility – Term Of Council

Members were nominated to the following positions of responsibility for the Term of Council.

Position	Party	Nomination
arc21	Sinn Féin	Cllr McGrann
arc21	Alliance	Cllr Kelly
arc21	DUP	Cllr Bennington
Partnership Panel	UUP	Ald Cosgrove
Drainage Council	Sinn Féin	Cllr Logue
NI Housing Council	DUP	Ald Brett
NI Veterans Advisory Committee	UUP	Ald Kinahan

7. ALLOCATION AND NOMINATIONS OF ALDERMEN

Allocation Of Aldermen

Members were advised that the Council is entitled to designate a maximum of 10 Aldermen under Regulation 4 of The Local Government (Transitional, Incidental, Consequential and Supplemental Provisions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014. Before nominating Members for the position of Alderman, the Council needs to formally agree the number of Aldermen to be elected for the term of the Council and the basis on which they will be nominated. At the commencement of the previous term Aldermen were elected for the four year period of the Council based on 10 Aldermen party entitlement.

It was recommended that 10 Aldermen be appointed using d'Hondt as per the Positions of Responsibility.

Proposed by Alderman Brett
Seconded by Alderman Cosgrove and agreed that

10 Aldermen be appointed using the d'Hondt method for the term of the Council.

Nomination Of Aldermen

Members were nominated for the 10 Alderman positions as follows:

	PARTY	NOMINATION
1	DUP	John Smyth
2	UUP	Fraser Agnew
3	Alliance	Julian McGrath
4	DUP	Mandy Girvan
5	Sinn Féin	Declined to nominate
6	DUP	Thomas Hogg
7	UUP	Danny Kinahan
8	SDLP	Thomas Burns
9	Alliance	Tom Campbell
10	DUP	Phillip Brett
11	UUP	Mark Cosgrove

Alderman Cosgrove advised Members that this was Alderman Agnew's 40th year as an elected representative of the Borough and commended his length of service.

8. ALLOCATION AND NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES

Allocation Of Members To Committees

Members were advised that Schedule 2 to the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 makes detailed provision in relation to the appointment of Members to Committees and specifies the operation of the procedures that are available to a Council:

- Quota Greatest Remainder (See paragraphs 2 and 3(1) and (2))
- Droop Quota (See paragraphs 2 and 3(1) and (3))

At the commencement of the previous term of Council it was agreed that positions be allocated to Committees in accordance with the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 using the Quota Greatest Remainder method.

A calculation based on the regulations (Quota Greatest Remainder) was circulated for information.

The calculation showed the number of Committee seats allocated to each party, followed by the number of seats each party is entitled to on each Committee based on their proportion of seats.

Proposed by Alderman Brett

Seconded by Alderman Cosgrove and agreed that

positions be allocated to Committees in accordance with the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 using the Quota Greatest Remainder method.

The Chief Executive referred Members to a tabled report detailing the proposed nominated positions to Committees by their parties.

The number of total positions on the Committee included positions of responsibility, therefore, the nominating officer of each party took account of party members who had already been appointed to fill a position of responsibility on the Committee.

Position Number	Party	Committee Selected	Year Selected
1	UUP	Community Planning and Regeneration	1
2	Sinn Fein	Community Planning and Regeneration	1
3	Ind	Community Planning and Regeneration	1
4	DUP	Planning	1
5	SDLP	Operations	1
6	Alliance	Operations	1
7	UUP	Operations	3
8	Sinn Féin	Operations	1
9	Ind	Community Planning and Regeneration	2
10	DUP	Planning	2
11	SDLP	Community Planning and Regeneration	2
12	Alliance	Operations	3

13	UUP	Community Planning and Regeneration	2
14	Sinn Féin	Community Planning and Regeneration	3
15	Ind	Community Planning and Regeneration	4
16	DUP	Planning	3
17	SDLP	Community Planning and Regeneration	3
18	Alliance	Operations	2
19	UUP	Operations	2
20	Sinn Féin	Policy and Governance	1
21	Ind	Community Planning and Regeneration	3
22	DUP	Planning	4
23	SDLP	Community Planning and Regeneration	4
24	Alliance	Operations	4
25	UUP	Operations	4
26	Sinn Féin	Operations	2
27	Ind	Policy and Governance	2
28	SDLP	Operations	3
29	Alliance	Community Planning and Regeneration	4
30	UUP	Operations	4
31	Sinn Féin	Policy and Governance	3
32	Ind	Policy and Governance	3
33	SDLP	Policy and Governance	1
34	Alliance	Policy and Governance	3
35	UUP	Policy and Governance	2
36	Sinn Féin	Policy and Governance	4
37	SDLP	Policy and Governance	4
38	Alliance	Policy and Governance	1
39	UUP	Policy and Governance	2
40	Sinn Féin	Planning	1
41	SDLP	Audit	2
42	Alliance	Audit	1
43	UUP	Planning	3
44	Sinn Féin	Planning	2
45	SDLP	Audit	4
46	Sinn Féin	Planning	4
47	Sinn Féin	Policy and Governance	4
48	Sinn Féin	Audit	3
49	Sinn Féin	Audit	4
50	Sinn Féin	Audit	1
51	Sinn Féin	Audit	2
52	Sinn Féin	Audit	3

Proposed by Alderman Brett

Seconded by Alderman Cosgrove and agreed that

the allocations to Committees by Parties be approved.

Nomination Of Members To Committees Year 1 – 2019/2020

Members were nominated to Committees for Year 1.

YEAR 1 - 2019/20 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

COMMUNITY, PLANNING AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE

Total Membership

15

	POSITION	PARTY	MEMBER
1	Chairperson	UUP	Clr V McWilliam
2	Vice Chairperson	DUP	Clr P Dunlop
3	Member	Alliance	Clr G Finlay
4	Member	Alliance	Ald J McGrath
5	Member	DUP	Clr S Ross
6	Member	DUP	Clr P McCullough
7	Member	DUP	Ald M Girvan
8	Member	DUP	Clr L Clarke
9	Member	SDLP	Clr R Wilson
10	Member	Sinn Féin	Clr Kinnear
11	Member	UUP	Clr P Michael
12	Member	UUP	Clr L Smyth
13	Member	Sinn Féin	Clr J McGrann
14	Member	UUP	Ald D Kinahan
15	Member	Ind	Clr M Stewart

YEAR 1 - 2019/20 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Total Membership

15

	POSITION	PARTY	MEMBER
1	Chairperson	Alliance	Ald J McGrath
2	Vice Chairperson	DUP	Cllr M Cooper
3	Member	Alliance	Cllr J Gilmour
4	Member	DUP	Cllr A Bennington
5	Member	DUP	Ald M Girvan
6	Member	DUP	Cllr J Archibald
7	Member	DUP	Cllr S Ross
8	Member	SDLP	Ald T Burns
9	Member	Sinn Féin	Cllr A Logue
10	Member	UUP	Cllr J Montgomery
11	Member	UUP	Cllr R Swann
12	Member	UUP	Cllr R Foster
13	Member	SDLP	Cllr N McClelland
14	Member	Alliance	Cllr N Kelly
15	Member	Sinn Féin	Cllr R Kinnear

YEAR 1 - 2019/20 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Total Membership

15

	POSITION	PARTY	MEMBER
1	Chairperson	DUP	Ald T Hogg
2	Vice Chairperson	UUP	Ald D Kinahan
3	Member	Alliance	Cllr V McAuley
4	Member	Alliance	Cllr N Kelly
5	Member	DUP	Cllr P Hamill
6	Member	DUP	Cllr P Dunlop
7	Member	DUP	Cllr M Magill
8	Member	DUP	Cllr S Flanagan
9	Member	SDLP	Cllr N McClelland
10	Member	Sinn Féin	Cllr M Goodman
11	Member	UUP	Ald F Agnew
12	Member	UUP	Cllr P Michael
13	Member	Sinn Féin	Cllr H Cushinan
14	Member	SDLP	Cllr R Wilson
15	Member	Alliance	Cllr B Webb

YEAR 1 - 2019/20 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Total Membership

12

	POSITION	PARTY	MEMBER
1	Chairperson	DUP	Ald P Brett
2	Vice Chairperson	SDLP	Cllr R Lynch
3	Member	Alliance	Ald T Campbell
4	Member	Alliance	Cllr B Webb
5	Member	DUP	Ald T Hogg
6	Member	DUP	Cllr J Archibald
7	Member	DUP	Cllr M Magill
8	Member	Sinn Féin	Cllr H Cushinan
9	Member	UUP	Ald F Agnew
10	Member	UUP	Cllr R Swann
11	Member	DUP	Cllr S Flanagan
12	Member	Sinn Féin	Cllr R Kinnear

YEAR 1 – 2019/20 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Total Membership

6

	POSITION	PARTY	MEMBER
1	Chairperson	Sinn Féin	Cllr M Goodman
2	Vice Chairperson	Alliance	Cllr V McAuley
3	Member	DUP	Cllr P Hamill
4	Member	DUP	Cllr A Bennington
5	Member	UUP	Cllr J Montgomery
6	Member	Alliance	Cllr B Webb

9. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR 2019/20

The schedule of dates for Council and Committee meetings for the period May – December 2019 was circulated.

Meetings marked in red are held at Antrim Civic Centre, while those in black are held at Mossley Mill. All meetings commence at 6.30 pm with the exception of Planning Committee which will start at 6 pm, with consideration of Planning Applications commencing at 6.30 pm.

Council / Committee Meetings	Date of Meeting
Annual Meeting	Monday 13 May 2019
Planning Committee	Monday 20 May 2019
Council Meeting	Tuesday 28 May 2019
Operations Committee	Monday 3 June 2019
Policy & Governance Committee	Tuesday 4 June 2019
Community Planning & Regeneration	Monday 10 June 2019
Planning Committee	Monday 17 June 2019
Audit Committee	Tuesday 18 June 2019
Council Meeting	Monday 24 June 2019
Planning Committee	Monday 22 July 2019*
Council Meeting	Monday 29 July 2019
Planning Committee	Monday 19 August 2019
Council Meeting	Tuesday 27 August 2019*
Operations Committee	Monday 2 September 2019
Policy & Governance Committee	Tuesday 3 September 2019
Community Planning & Regeneration	Monday 9 September 2019
Planning Committee	Monday 16 September 2019
Audit Committee	Tuesday 17 September 2019
Council Meeting	Monday 30 September 2019
Operations Committee	Monday 7 October 2019
Policy & Governance Committee	Tuesday 8 October 2019
Community Planning & Regeneration	Monday 14 October 2019
Planning Committee	Monday 21 October 2019
Council Meeting	Monday 28 October 2019
Operations Committee	Monday 4 November 2019
Policy & Governance Committee	Tuesday 5 November 2019

Community Planning & Regeneration	Monday 11 November 2019
Planning Committee	Monday 18 November 2019
Council Meeting	Monday 25 November 2019
Operations Committee	Monday 2 December 2019
Policy & Governance	Tuesday 3 December 2019
Community Planning & Regeneration	Monday 9 December 2019
Audit Committee	Tuesday 10 December 2019
Planning Committee	Wednesday 11 December 2019*
Council Meeting	Monday 16 December 2019*

Proposed by Alderman Hogg
 Seconded by Alderman Cosgrove and agreed that

the Schedule of Meetings for May–December 2019 be approved.

10. SCHEME OF ALLOWANCES AND SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY ALLOWANCE

Members were reminded that the Council is required to agree a Scheme of Allowances Payable to Councillors. In April 2019 Council agreed the scheme based on Circular LG 12/2018 which was the latest Circular issued by the Department for Communities. The previously agreed Scheme was circulated for 2019/20 and remained unchanged.

Proposed by Alderman Cosgrove
 Seconded by Alderman Brett and agreed that

the Scheme of Allowances Payable to Councillors for 2019-20 be approved.

11. ALLOCATION AND NOMINATIONS OF MEMBERS TO PCSP AND APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON

Allocation Of Members To PCSP And Appointment Of Chairperson

Members were advised that Paragraph 3(3) of Schedule 1 to the Justice Act provides that a council, in exercising its power to appoint political members to PCSPs, shall ensure, so far as is practicable, that the political members reflect the balance of parties prevailing among members of the council immediately after the last local general election. At the commencement of the previous term the Council agreed that 10 Elected Members should be appointed based on the d'Hondt method. In addition the Justice Act 2011 states that the position of Chairperson of the PCSP is held by an Elected Member for a period of 12 months at a time and in turn by each of the 4 largest parties represented on the Council immediately after the local general election. The position of Vice Chairperson is held by an Independent Member, elected by the Independent Members.

Proposed by Alderman Hogg
 Seconded by Alderman Cosgrove and agreed that

10 Members be appointed to PCSP for the term of Council and these be allocated using the d'Hondt method.

Nomination Of Members To PCSP

Members were nominated to PCSP for the Term of Council as follows:

	PARTY	NOMINATION
1	DUP	Cllr P Dunlop
2	UUP	Ald D Kinahan
3	Alliance	Cllr J Gilmour
4	DUP	Cllr M Cooper
5	Sinn Féin	Cllr M Goodman
6	DUP	Cllr D McCullough
7	UUP	Cllr J Montgomery
8	SDLP	Cllr N McClelland
9	Alliance	Cllr G Finlay
10	DUP	Cllr L Clarke

12. ALLOCATION AND NOMINATIONS OF MEMBERS TO COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP

Allocation Of Members To Community Planning Partnership And Appointment Of Chairperson

At the commencement of the previous term the Council agreed that 10 Elected Members should be appointed based on the d'Hondt method and that the Chair of the Community Planning and Regeneration Committee should also be the Chair of the Community Planning Partnership.

Proposed by Alderman Brett
Seconded by Alderman Hogg and agreed that

10 Members be appointed to the Community Planning Partnership for the term of Council and these be allocated using d'Hondt and that the Chair of the Community Planning and Regeneration Committee also be the Chair of the Community Planning Partnership.

Nomination Of Members To Community Planning Partnership

Members were nominated to the Community Planning Partnership for the Term of Council as follows:

	PARTY	NOMINATION
1	DUP	Cllr S Ross
2	UUP	Cllr L Smyth
3	Alliance	Ald J McGrath
4	DUP	Cllr D McCullough
5	Sinn Féin	Cllr A Logue
6	DUP	Ald M Girvan
7	UUP	Cllr V McWilliam (Chairperson)*
8	SDLP	Cllr R Wilson
9	Alliance	Cllr G Finlay
10	DUP	Cllr M Magill
*Chair of the Community Planning Partnership same as Chair of Community Planning and Regeneration Committee		

13. ALLOCATION AND NOMINATIONS OF MEMBERS TO PEACE IV

Allocation Of Members To PEACE IV

Members were advised that in the previous term of Council, positions to Peace IV were allocated for the term of Council using the d'Hondt method.

Proposed by Alderman Hogg
 Seconded by Alderman Cosgrove and agreed that

10 Members be appointed to Peace IV for the term of Council and these be allocated using d'Hondt.

Nomination Of Members To PEACE IV

Members were nominated to PEACE IV for the Term of Council as follows:

NOMINATION TO PEACE IV 2019/2023 (Term of Council)

	PARTY	NOMINATION
1	DUP	Cllr S Ross

2	UUP	Cllr L Smyth
3	Alliance	Cllr V McAuley
4	DUP	Cllr P Dunlop
5	Sinn Féin	Cllr T McGrann
6	DUP	Cllr L Clarke
7	UUP	Cllr R Foster
8	SDLP	Cllr R Wilson
9	Alliance	Cllr J Gilmour
10	DUP	Cllr D McCullough

14. ALLOCATION AND NOMINATIONS OF MEMBERS TO GROW

Allocation Of Members To GROW

Members were advised that in the previous term of Council, 7 positions were allocated for the term of Council using the d'Hondt method.

Proposed by Councillor McClelland
Seconded by Councillor Foster and agreed that

7 Members be appointed to GROW for the term of Council and these be allocated using d'Hondt.

Nomination Of Members To GROW

Members were nominated to GROW for the Term of Council as follows:

	PARTY	NOMINATION
1	DUP	Ald M Girvan
2	UUP	Cllr V McWilliam
3	Alliance	Cllr G Finlay
4	DUP	Cllr J Archibald
5	Sinn Féin	Cllr A Logue
6	DUP	Cllr L Clarke
7	UUP	Ald F Agnew

15. ALLOCATION AND NOMINATIONS OF MEMBERS TO NILGA

Allocation Of Members To NILGA

Members were advised that, in the previous term, 8 positions were allocated per year for the 4 year term of Council (32 positions) using the d'Hondt method as per the Positions of Responsibility.

Proposed by Councillor Foster
Seconded by Alderman Hogg and agreed that

8 Members be appointed per year for the 4 year term of Council and these be allocated using d'Hondt.

Nomination Of Members To NILGA

Members were nominated to NILGA for Year 1 as follows:

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	PARTY	NOMINATION
1	DUP	Ald J Smyth
2	UUP	Ald F Agnew
3	Alliance	Cllr B Webb
4	DUP	Cllr P Hamill
5	Sinn Féin	Cllr R Kinnear
6	DUP	Cllr M Cooper
7	UUP	Cllr R Swann
8	SDLP	Cllr R Lynch

16. ALLOCATION AND NOMINATIONS OF APPOINTMENTS OF MEMBERS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Allocation Of Appointments Of Members To Outside Bodies

Members were advised that a number of requests had been received from Outside Bodies for Council nominees, details of which were circulated. In the previous term Members agreed that appointments to these bodies would be made annually as opposed to the full 4 year term. The most recent nominations for these bodies was enclosed for reference.

Proposed by Councillor Foster

Seconded by Councillor Magill and agreed that

nominations for Members representing Council on outside bodies be made annually.

Nomination Of Members To Outside Bodies

Members were requested to nominate by their parties for Year 1.

A. Belfast Hills Partnership

COUNCILLOR MCAULEY – 1 MEMBER

Proposed by Councillor Webb
Seconded by Alderman Brett and agreed that

Councillor McAuley be appointed to serve on the Belfast Hills Partnership for the year 2019/20.

B. Diversity Champions

ALDERMEN GIRVAN AND MCGRATH, AND COUNCILLOR GOODMAN – 3 MEMBERS

Proposed by Alderman Brett
Seconded by Councillor Webb and agreed that

Aldermen Girvan and McGrath, and Councillor Goodman be appointed to serve as the Diversity Champions for the year 2019/20.

C. Knockagh Monument Joint Committee

COUNCILLORS FOSTER AND ROSS – 2 MEMBERS

Proposed by Alderman Cosgrove
Seconded by Alderman Brett and agreed that

Councillors Foster and Ross be appointed to serve on the Knockagh Monument Joint Committee for the year 2019/20.

D. Local Government Partnership on Traveller Issues

ALDERMAN BURNS, COUNCILLORS MCAULEY AND GOODMAN – 3 MEMBERS

Proposed by Councillor Webb
Seconded by Councillor Kinnear and agreed that

Alderman Burns, Councillors Goodman and McAuley be appointed to serve on the Local Government Partnership on Travellers Issues for the year 2019/20.

E. Lough Neagh Partnership

COUNCILLORS CLARKE, CUSHINAN, FINLAY, SWANN AND WILSON – 5 MEMBERS

Proposed by Alderman Cosgrove

Seconded by Councillor Cushinan and agreed that

Councillors Clarke, Cushinan, Finlay, Swann and Wilson be appointed to serve on the Lough Neagh Partnership for the year 2019/20.

F. MindWise Mental Health Champions

ALDERMAN MCGRATH AND COUNCILLOR MCCLELLAND - 2 MEMBERS

Proposed by Councillor Webb
Seconded by Alderman Brett and agreed that

Alderman McGrath and Councillor McClelland be appointed to serve as MindWise Mental Health Champions for the year 2019/20.

G. National Association of Councillors (Northern Ireland Region)

ALDERMEN AGNEW AND SMYTH, COUNCILLORS BENNINGTON, HAMILL, MCGRANN, MCWILLIAM, WEBB AND WILSON – 8 MEMBERS

Proposed by Alderman Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor Cushinan and agreed that

Aldermen Agnew and Smyth, and Councillors Bennington, Hamill, McGrann, McWilliam, Webb and Wilson be appointed to serve on the National Association for Councillors for the year 2019/20.

H. Northern Ireland Amenity Council

COUNCILLOR FOSTER – 1 MEMBER

Proposed by Alderman Cosgrove
Seconded by Alderman Brett and agreed that

Councillor Foster be appointed to serve on the Northern Ireland Amenity Council for the year 2019/20.

I. Sixmilewater Trust

ALDERMAN KINAHAN, COUNCILLORS ARCHIBALD, GOODMAN, KELLY LYNCH AND STEWART – 6 MEMBERS (1 FROM EACH PARTY)

Proposed by Alderman Brett
Seconded by Alderman Hogg and agreed that

Alderman Kinahan, Councillors Archibald, Goodman, Kelly, Lynch and Stewart be appointed to serve on Sixmilewater Trust for the year 2019/20.

J. Somme Association

ALDERMAN AGNEW AND COUNCILLOR CLARKE – 2 MEMBERS

Proposed by Alderman Cosgrove
Seconded by Alderman Brett and agreed that

Alderman Agnew and Councillor Clarke be appointed to serve on the Somme Association for the year 2019/20.

K. Swift Champion

COUNCILLOR KELLY – 1 MEMBER

Proposed by Councillor Webb
Seconded by Alderman Hogg and agreed that

Councillor Kelly be appointed to serve as the Swift Champion for the year 2019/20.

L. All Party Working Group on Sustainable Development

COUNCILLORS LYNCH AND WEBB – 2 MEMBERS

Proposed by Councillor McClelland
Seconded by Councillor Webb and agreed that

Councillors Lynch and Webb be appointed to serve on the All Party Working Group on Sustainable Development for the year 2019/20.

M. Northern Ireland Strategic Migration Partnership (NISMP) Sustainable Communities Working Group

COUNCILLOR GOODMAN – 1 MEMBER

Proposed by Alderman Brett
Seconded by Councillor Cushman and agreed that

Councillor Goodman be appointed to serve on the Northern Ireland Strategic Migration Partnership Sustainable Communities Working Group for the year 2019/20.

There being no further business the Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance, invited all present to the Parlour for refreshments and the meeting concluded at 7.35 pm.

MAYOR