



24 August 2022

**To: Each Member of the Council**

Dear Member

**MEETING OF ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBAY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

A meeting of Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council will be held in the **Linen Suite, Mossley Mill on Tuesday 30 August 2022 at 6.30 pm.**

You are requested to attend.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jacqui Dixon".

Jacqui Dixon, BSc MBA  
**Chief Executive, Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council**

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## **A G E N D A**

- 1 Bible Reading and Prayer (In accordance with Standing Orders, Members are not required to attend for this part of the meeting and, following this part of the meeting, Members outside the Chamber will be called to the meeting).
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Declarations of Interest
- 4 To take as read and confirm the minutes of the proceedings of the Council Meeting of Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council held on Monday 25 July 2022, a copy of which is **enclosed**.
- 5(a) To take as read and confirm the Part 1 of the minutes of the proceedings of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Monday 15 August 2022, a copy of which is **enclosed**.
- 5(b) To approve Part 2 of the minutes of the proceedings of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Monday 15 August 2022, a copy of which is **enclosed**.
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## **6 PRESENTATIONS**

### **6.1 PRESENTATION BY NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSING EXECUTIVE**

Members are advised that a presentation, for the 2022 annual update on the Housing Investment Plan (**copy enclosed**), will be made by representatives of the NI Housing Executive. Attending will be Jennifer Hawthorne (Interim Director of Housing Services); Frank O'Connor (Regional Manager, North) and Breige Mullaghan (Area Manager)

Prepared by: Member Services

Approved by: Jacqui Dixon, Chief Executive

## **6.2 TOWN TWINNING AND SISTER CITIES PRESENTATION – ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE AND FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES**

Members are advised that Officers from the Economic Team will provide a presentation outlining the council's Town Twinning and Sister cities relationships, key opportunity for future coloration will be highlighted.

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

## 7 ITEMS FOR DECISION

### 7.1 G/MSMO/017 VOL 3 PRESENTATION REQUESTS

Correspondence (**enclosed**) has been received from Professor Paul Bartholomew, Vice-Chancellor & President of Ulster University requesting a meeting with Council to update on the following:

- 1 UU plans for Jordanstown Sports Village
- 2 UU plans for finalising our approach to the disposal of the Jordanstown campus

Further requests to make presentations to a future Community Planning Committee meeting have also been received from Women's Aid, Youth Service and Firmus Energy.

**RECOMMENDATION: that Ulster University be invited to attend a future Council meeting and Women's Aid, Youth Service and Firmus Energy be invited to present to the Community Planning Committee.**

Prepared by: Denise Waddell, Office Manager

Approved by: Jacqui Dixon, Chief Executive

## **7.2 ED/REG/059 LABOUR MARKET PARTNERSHIP MINUTES**

Meetings of the Antrim and Newtownabbey Labour Market Partnership were held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2022 and the minutes recorded at the meetings are **enclosed**.

**RECOMMENDATION: that the minutes of the Antrim and Newtownabbey Labour Market Partnership Meeting be approved.**

Prepared by: Emma Stubbs, Business Development Manager

Agreed by: Michael McKenna, Head of Investment and Business Development

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

### 7.3 ED/ED/186 DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION FLEXIBLE FUND REVENUE FUNDING REQUEST

As Members will be aware, supporting digital innovation is a key priority theme emerging through City and Growth Deals across Northern Ireland.

To date £6m of funding for this project has been ring-fenced through the NI City & Growth Deal Complementary Fund. The Department for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) has committed a further £1.1m. Due to its ineligibility for the Complementary Fund, the Derry City & Strabane Growth Deal is currently also in the process of securing an additional £450k to create a total capital grant fund of £7.5m.

Over the past six months Councils have participated in a robust process to develop the outline business case required to release this government funding. The business case has been informed by detailed and continuous engagement with a range of stakeholders including more than 40 businesses and organisations such as Digital Catapult Catalyst, such as the Leeds City Region Digital Enterprise and the Scottish Digital Boost initiatives have been used to supplement this work.

Following a robust business case process the preferred option for the delivery and management of the DTFF project is as summarised below.

- **Business Eligibility:** micro and small businesses and social enterprises (up to 50 employees) across all sectors, with the exception of primary agriculture and fisheries. Eligible businesses must be able to demonstrate at least one year's trading history;
- **Grant funding levels:** will range from £5,000 - £20,000 with a grant subvention rate of 70% of total project costs;
- **Eligible expenditure:** will be limited to the purchase of capital equipment and/or resources for software or bespoke system development. It will be aligned to advanced digital technologies
- **Application Process:** Up to nine funding calls will be opened across the three year delivery period of this Fund. Pre application workshops will be held in local council areas in advance of calls to help stimulate demand. Businesses will be required to submit a digital transformation plan to demonstrate the strategic fit and economic return of their proposed investment projects through a competitive application process. There is an imperative to progress the business case process at pace to ensure alignment with the Councils' Digital Surge programme which is likely to lead to business plans that will require financial investment to which the DTFF is directly aligned to support. This current programme is due to end in March 2023 and it will be important to ensure that the DTFF is operational prior to the conclusion of this programme.
- **Management of the Fund:** the project will be managed on a cross council basis through existing governance structures created through the existing Full Fibre NI Consortium, led by Newry, Mourne & Down District Council. Whilst the centralised management structure will deliver economies of scale for managing the overall fund, its operation will be managed through cross council governance structures. Local Council



Economic Development Teams will play a key supporting role to animate and promote the Fund, assess funding applications etc.

Based upon an average grant rate, it is estimated that approximately 600 businesses will be supported over the three-year delivery timeframe of the project, delivering significant investment in local businesses across Northern Ireland, with an expected return of investment of £1: £2.24, with benefits expected to be principally focused upon increased employment levels and/or turnover levels for participating businesses.

As with wider city and growth deal funding, both the Complementary Fund and DAERA funding are limited to capital expenditure creating the need for additional revenue funding to manage delivery of the Fund.

The estimated total revenue cost for the 11 Council partners for the preferred delivery option is approximately £870k over the three year period. Members should be aware that in identifying the preferred delivery mechanism a range of options were explored including Council led and procured delivery providers. The proposed Council-led delivery model was identified to be the most cost effective, quickest to implement and benefited from a model of delivery where economies of scale could be achieved whilst retaining the ability to maintain localised engagement. The proportionate cost allocation for each Council has been informed by business population levels across Council areas. This is detailed within Appendix 1. The total revenue contribution for Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council over the three year period will be £52,204.

Given the time pressures outlined above, Councils are asked to commit revenue funding at risk, whilst the final stages of the business case approval process continue simultaneously in Autumn of this year. Revenue funding will be required to support the project team required to deliver the project, enabling vital pre-development work to be undertaken and ensuring the project can be mobilised in the January to March 2023 period, subject to a successful approval process.

The approval process for the business case requires Invest NI approval initially prior to progressing through departmental approval mechanisms. In the development of the business case, ongoing engagement has taken place with government departments and Invest NI. Equally the staged approval process will mean that in advance of the November timeframe when revenue costs are expected to be incurred by Councils 'at risk' there is expected to be reasonable progress made through the business case approval journey.

**RECOMMENDATION: that a budget of £52,204 over 3 years is approved to support the revenue costs associated with the Digital Transformation Flexible Fund.**

Prepared by: Steven Norris, Head of Regeneration and Infrastructure

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

#### **7.4 ED/ED/195 VOL2 COUNCIL LETTERS OF SUPPORT FOR LEVELLING UP FUND APPLICATIONS**

Members are advised that submission of applications for Round 2 of the Levelling Up Fund has now closed and that bidders were asked to evidence support from their local Council when submitting an application. The following organisations asked that the Council provide this support by completing the required template confirming that the Council is aware of and supportive of their respective project.

1. Department for Infrastructure - Belfast Rapid Transit Phase 2 – Enabling Works  
*Please note that the Council supported this application under the caveat that this support is subject to this bid being for enabling works with no specific route identified at this stage and that any decision regarding a route will be discussed with the Council in advance.*
2. Lough Neagh Partnership Ltd - Lough Neagh Enhancing Access for Economic Development
3. Ulster Rugby – Club Capital Improvement Scheme

**RECOMMENDATION: that the letters of support for these organisations be retrospectively approved and that the report be noted.**

Prepared and Approved by: Majella McAlister, Deputy Chief Executive of Economic Growth and Planning

## 7.5 PK/GEN/030 BRITAIN IN BLOOM AWARDS

Members are reminded that following Randalstown's success in Ulster in Bloom in 2021, that a request from NILGA to support their nomination to the 'Small Town' category of the 2022 Royal Horticultural Society, Britain in Bloom Competition was approved.

With judging recently completed, an invitation has been received for the Britain in Bloom Awards at RHS Lindley Hall in Westminster, London, on Monday 10th October 2022. Tickets are free and strictly limited to 5 per nomination. Council has traditionally met the cost of travel and accommodation to the ceremony.

Should Council approval be given it is estimated that it will cost £300 per person, for travel and accommodation. It is proposed that the Mayor, Chair of Operations (or their nominee) a Council Officer and 2 community representatives – in this case Tidy Randalstown – attend.

**RECOMMENDATION: that attendance at the Britain in Bloom Awards at RHS Lindley Hall in Westminster, London on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019, be approved as set out above at a total estimated cost of £1,500.**

Prepared by: Matt McDowell, Director of Parks & Leisure

Approved by: Geraldine Girvan, Director of Operations

## 7.6 PBS/BC/003/VOL 2 STREET NAMING - TEMPLEPATRICK ROAD, BALLYCLARE

Members are reminded that a development naming application was received in December 2021 from Lotus Homes regarding the naming of a new road constructed to link the Templepatrick Road and Doagh Road. The road, currently accesses three new developments, Ollar Valley, Rushfield and Hansons Hall. The initial naming proposal was rejected by Council in January 2022.

Correspondence was sent to the developer on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022 indicating that, as set out in the Guidance on Street Naming, there was an opportunity to present further options for consideration. In the absence of any further proposals from the developer within the four-week period set out in the guidance, Council can approve the name of the road.

Ballyclare DEA Members are proposing that the road is named Jubilee Road to reflect the Council's recognition of Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee year, 2022.

The location map and site plan are **enclosed**.

**RECOMMENDATION: that Council approves the proposed name, Jubilee Road, for the new road linking Templepatrick and Doagh Roads.**

Prepared by: Stephen Hipkins, Head of Property and Building Services

Agreed and Approved by: Geraldine Girvan, Director of Operations

**7.7 G-LEG-319/10 LAND ABANDONED BY THE DEPARTMENT – CASTLE LODGE, RANDALSTOWN**

Members are advised that correspondence has been received from the Department for Infrastructure (Dfi) concerning the proposed abandonment of roadway at Castle Lodge, Randalstown under the Castle Lodge, Randalstown (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2022.

The Council has no interest in the lands.

Members will recall that previous correspondence from Dfi in relation to the abandonment of this roadway was considered at the Council Meeting in December 2020. The abandonment process requires Dfi to notify parties at the initial stage and also when the draft order is complete which is the stage this process is currently at.

Copies of the correspondence, draft legislation and map are **enclosed** for Members' information.

Objections to this proposal must be addressed to the Department within the period 16 August to 23 September 2022.

**The Council's instructions are requested.**

Prepared by: Deirdre Nelson, Paralegal

Agreed by: Paul Casey, Borough Lawyer & Head of Legal Services

Approved by: Jacqui Dixon, Chief Executive

## 7.8 CP/P4/047 PEACE PLUS PARTNERSHIP

Members are reminded that it was agreed at the February 2022 Community Planning Committee that the Membership of the PEACE PLUS Partnership was as follows:

- 12 Elected Members nominated by D'Hondt and representative of each DEA;
- 4 Statutory Partners from Education Authority, Northern Ireland Housing Executive, Police Service of Northern Ireland and Northern Health and Social Care Trust to be nominated by the Statutory Partners;
- 7 Social Partners with one from each DEA appointed by public advertisement and selection process.

A timetable for the recruitment of Social Partners was then approved by the Community Planning Committee in April 2022.

The PEACE PLUS Partnership will oversee the design and implementation of a co-designed process in the Borough which will be used to inform the development of an over-arching PEACE PLUS Action Plan.

Members are advised that the nomination of Elected Members and Statutory Partners has been completed with the following outcome:

### **Elected Members**

#### **Democratic Unionist Party (5)**

Alderman Linda Clarke  
Councillor Alison Bennington  
Councillor Mark Cooper BEM  
Councillor Paul Dunlop BEM  
Councillor Ben Mallon

#### **Ulster Unionist Party (3)**

Councillor Vera McWilliam  
Deputy Mayor, Councillor Leah Smyth  
Councillor Roderick Swann

#### **Alliance Party (2)**

Councillor Julie Gilmour  
Councillor Andrew McAuley

#### **Social Democratic and Labour Party (1)**

Councillor Noreen McClelland

#### **Sinn Fein (1)**

Councillor Michael Goodman

### **Statutory Partners**

Education Authority – Ms Eimhear McGarry  
Northern Ireland Housing Executive – Ms Louise Clarke  
Police Service of Northern Ireland – Chief Inspector Moore

Northern Health and Social Care Trust – Mr Hugh Nelson

Members are advised that following a public advertisement for Social Partners nine applications were received and assessed by a Panel made up of The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, the Chair of Community Planning Committee and Council Officers. The process was observed by the SEUPB nominated Consultant. The following applicants are proposed for appointment to the PEACE PLUS Partnership:-

Pamela Minford  
Chris Flynn  
Ken Nelson  
Wendy Kerr  
Michael Maguire  
Kathy Wolff  
Claire Patterson

Members are advised that correspondence has been received from SEUPB in relation to the Council's financial allocation for the Co-designed Local Community Action Plan, copy **enclosed** for Member's information.

The Council has been allocated €5,103,757 which is approximately £4.3 million.

The key stages in the Co-designed Local Community Action Plan, with indicative timescales are as follows:

- Establishment of PEACE Plus Partnership Summer 2022 with first meeting to be held in September 2022;
- Call for Applications open by SEUPB late Summer 2022;
- Agree co-design process including projects selection for the development of Action Plan September to November 2022;
- Submission of Action Plan to SEUPB late Winter 2022 / early Spring 2023;
- Delivery of first projects (following assessment by SEUPB) mid to late 2023.

**RECOMMENDATION: that**

- (a) the nomination of Elected Members and Statutory Partners be noted and the appointment of the seven Social Partners to the PEACE PLUS Partnership be approved.**
- (b) The allocation of €5,103,757.00 to the Council for the Co-designed Local Community Action Plan be accepted.**

Prepared by: Ronan McKenna, Head of Community Planning

Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

## **7.9 CP/CP/178 DEA MEMBER ENGAGEMENT GROUP MEETING BALLYCLARE**

Members are advised that a meeting of Ballyclare DEA Members took place on 23 June 2022 in Ballyclare Town Hall to discuss matters arising from the Ballyclare DEA meeting that took place on 11 May 2022.

The minutes are **enclosed** for Member's information.

**RECOMMENDATION: that the draft minutes of Ballyclare DEA Member meeting of 23 June 2022 be approved.**

Prepared by: Sandra Cole, Deputy Chief Executive of Finance and Governance and Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning



**7.10 CP/CP/182 HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II PLATINUM JUBILEE WORKING GROUP**

Members are reminded that Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Working Group has been meeting monthly since Tuesday 21 September 2021, with the minutes of the meeting of 27 April 2022 approved at the May 2022 Council meeting.

A further meeting of the Working Group was held on Monday 23 May 2022 and the minutes are **enclosed** for Members' information.

**RECOMMENDATION: that the minutes of Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Working Group meeting of 23 May 2022 be approved.**

Prepared and Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

#### **7.11 AC/EV/025 BALLYCLARE MAY FAIR**

Members are advised that meetings of the Ballyclare May Fair Working Group resumed in December 2021 and there have been eight meetings of the Group to date. Minutes of the meeting held on 30 June are **enclosed** for Members' information.

**RECOMMENDATION: that the minutes of the May Fair Working Group meeting of 30 June 2022, be approved.**

Prepared and Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

## 7.12 CP/CD/445 QUEEN'S AWARD FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE 2023

Members will be aware of the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service which operates on a UK wide basis. The Award is the highest accolade given to local volunteer groups to recognise the outstanding work done in their communities. It was created in 2002 to celebrate the anniversary of the Queen's Coronation.

Any organisation that is doing voluntary work in the local community, whether social, economic or environmental, can be nominated for an award. Assessment is based on the benefit that it brings to the local community and its standing within that community. Organisations must have been running for three years or more to be nominated.

Nominations for the 2023 Awards must be submitted by Thursday 15 September 2022 with results published annually on 2 June 2023. Winners will receive a certificate signed by the Queen and a domed glass crystal presented at a ceremony organised by the recipient organisation. Representatives from the group may also be invited to attend a Royal Garden Party.

Over the past four years the following groups have been successful in receiving the award:

- River Bann and Lough Neagh Association Company (2022)
- Whiteabbey Community Group (2022)
- Monkstown Community Association (2022)
- A Safe Space To Be Me (2021)
- Rathfern Community Regeneration Group (2021)
- Friends of Antrim Castle Gardens (2021)
- Girls Brigade NI (2019)
- Monkstown Boxing Club (2019)
- Tidy Randalstown (2019)
- Antrim Festival Group (2018)

Previously nominated groups, who were unsuccessful, cannot be re submitted for a period of three years, but can be considered for future years which applies to the following groups: -

- Lough Neagh Rescue (2021)
- Newtownabbey Arts and Cultural Network (2022)
- Good Morning Antrim (2021)
- Community Advice Antrim & Newtownabbey (2020)
- Antrim Rovers Football Club (2018)

These groups will be kept under consideration for future nominations.

The following organisations have been proposed by Officers for nomination to the 2023 Awards based on the extent of volunteering that takes place within their respective organisations.

- Mayfield Community Association
- Muckamore Parish Development Association

Should Members wish to nominate alternative and/or additional groups within their respective DEA's these should be reported to the Director of Community Planning no later than Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022.

**RECOMMENDATION: that**

- a) the two organisations proposed be nominated for the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service in 2023.**
- b) should Members wish to nominate additional groups within their respective DEA's they should advise the Director of Community Planning by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022.**

Prepared by: Jonathan Henderson, Community Services Co-ordinator

Agreed by: Ronan McKenna, Head of Community Planning

Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

**7.13 CP/CD/440 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT AID PROGRAMME  
SMALL GRANTS FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS 2022/2023**

Members are reminded of the Small Grants Programme, which was agreed by the Council in October 2014 as part of the new Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council Community Development Grant Aid Programme. The purpose of the Small Grants programme is to provide financial assistance to groups within the Borough of up to a maximum of £1,000 (revised and approved by Council in October 2021) towards seeding costs and/or insurance or a small activity and/or insurance. Members are advised that groups who apply for a small grant are not permitted to apply for any other funding available under the wider Community Development Grant Aid Programme during the course of the 2022/23 financial year.

In December 2019 Members agreed that from 1 April 2020 all Small Grant requests of £500 (now £1,000) or less be assessed on the basis of Pass/Fail against eligibility criteria and not subjected to a scored assessment process. All proposed awards are subject to the receipt of a Group Constitution, List of Committee Members, Bank Statement, Annual Accounts and a signed disclosure from the group confirming that all other appropriate supporting documentation is in place and can be provided on request or the offer of funding will be withdrawn.

During the month of August, 1 application totalling £1,000 was received and assessed by Officers as outlined below.

<b>Group Name/Project Promoter</b>	<b>Project Description/Title</b>	<b>Pass/Fail</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>
Straid Village Community Group	Small Activity/Insurance Grant  Community Fun Day (Saturday 10 September 2022)	Pass	£1,000	<b>£1,000</b>
<b>Total</b>			£1,000	<b>£1,000</b>

**RECOMMENDATION: that the Small Grant application outlined above be approved at a total cost of £1,000.**

Prepared by: Jonathan Henderson, Community Services Co-ordinator

Agreed by: Ronan McKenna, Head of Community Planning

Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

#### **7.14 CP/GR/055 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY WORKING GROUP MINUTES**

A copy of the minutes of the Equality and Diversity Working Group meeting held on 8 June 2022 are enclosed for Members consideration.

**RECOMMENDATION: that the minutes of the Equality and Diversity Working Group on 8 June 2022 be approved.**

Prepared by: Ronan McKenna, Head of Community Planning

Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

**7.15 PK/GEN/021 ULSTER IN BLOOM COMMUNITY CHAMPION & NORTHERN IRELAND AMENITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY ACHIEVER AWARDS**

Members are aware that Council participate annually in Ulster in Bloom and Northern Ireland Amenity Council Best Kept Awards. Correspondence has been received from both competitions [enclosed] seeking nominations for Ulster in Bloom Community Champion and Northern Ireland Amenity Council Community Achiever Award.

A maximum of three individual nominations can be made per Council and it is therefore proposed that the following nominations are made for both competitions:

- Richard Wallace from Ballynure Friendship Group
- Derek Kernohan from Whiteabbey Village Business Association
- Sarah Beatty, Friends of Antrim Castle Gardens

**RECOMMENDATION: that nominations are made to the Translink Ulster in Bloom and Northern Ireland Amenity Council Best kept Awards competitions 2022 as set out above.**

Prepared by: Angela Ross, Parks Development Officer

Approved by: Matt McDowell, Director of Parks & Leisure Operations

**7.16 PK/CEM/CR/006 INVITATION FROM MID AND EAST ANTRIM AGEWELL PARTNERSHIP**

Members are advised that correspondence has been received from the Mid and East Antrim Agewell Partnership inviting Council to take a stand providing information on the Crematorium at a Bereavement Services Event at Leighinmohr House Hotel, Ballymena on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022. The Agewell Partnership is a local inter-agency-based partnership with the goal of improving the lives of older people.

This event will feature a variety of exhibitors from across Northern Ireland who will showcase information and services ranging from solicitors and funeral directors, and florists to bereavement support.

There is no fee for exhibitor space.

**RECOMMENDATION: that Council participates in the Mid and East Antrim Agewell Partnership on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022, promoting the Crematorium.**

Prepared by: Jim Parker, Crematorium Manager

Approved by: Matt McDowell, Director of Parks & Leisure Operations



## 7.17 ED/LNP/009 BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT

In order to support our town centres and villages to recover from the pandemic it is essential that appropriate engagement takes place between the Council and local businesses. Pre pandemic, Chambers of Commerce or similar models were in place across the Borough's towns and villages however these have been severely impacted by the pressures brought about by COVID 19 and they are encountering capacity difficulties in taking forward a programme of activities.

In addition, much has changed over the last 2-3 years in terms of the businesses now trading within our towns and villages and it is vital that data is collated and maintained in an appropriate manner to facilitate ongoing contact. This is particularly important as the Council initiates the public consultation on its new Masterplans and seeks feedback from those invested in the future of the town centres. As a first step, casual staff will be used to visit each business as soon as possible to collect their contact details and establish rapid lines of instant communication via e.g. Whatsapp

It is recognised that not every town and village will require the same type of support or aspire to the same model of engagement with the Council therefore it is proposed in the first instance that a consultant be appointed to engage with the businesses to determine their needs and expectations. Their task will be to identify the immediate assistance required and to propose an appropriate model of engagement with the Council going forward. Given the pressures that existing Chambers face they will also be required to provide interim support to reinvigorate their activities post pandemic.

Officers would propose to trial this support for up to 12 months, procuring the support as required in order to undertake the baseline engagement with the businesses across the Borough and to provide a support function to reinvigorate Chambers of Commerce. This would be covered from within existing budgets.

**RECOMMENDATION: that members approve the appointment of a consultant to engage with the businesses in the town centres and villages to establish an appropriate model of engagement with the Council going forward, determine their immediate needs and provide interim support to existing business structures such as Chambers of Commerce to reinvigorate their activities post pandemic.**

Prepared by: Steven Norris, Head of Regeneration and Infrastructure (Interim)

Approved by: Majella McAlister, Deputy Chief Executive of Economic Growth and Planning

## **7.18 G-LEG-321/19 PROPOSED LOADING BAY, CHURCH STREET, ANTRIM**

Members are advised that correspondence has been received from the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) regarding a proposed loading bay on Church Street, Antrim. A copy of the correspondence and map is enclosed for Members' information.

The operating hours will be Monday to Saturday 9am to 5pm and the proposed loading bay will be located outside Nos. 60-62 Church Street, Antrim.

DfI have requested comments from the Council in respect of this proposal.

**Members' instructions are requested.**

Prepared by: Deirdre Nelson, Paralegal

Agreed by: Paul Casey, Borough Lawyer & Head of Legal Services

Approved by: Jacqui Dixon, Chief Executive

## **8 ITEMS FOR NOTING**

### **8.1 CE/OA/013 NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSING COUNCIL**

As agreed at the August 2019 meeting of the Council, the Northern Ireland Housing Council's August 2022 monthly bulletin is **enclosed** for Members' information. A copy of the minutes of the Housing Council meeting in June 2022 is also **enclosed**.

**RECOMMENDATION: that the report be noted.**

Prepared by: Member Services

Approved by: Jacqui Dixon, Chief Executive

## **8.2 G/MSMO/2 CHANGES IN COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP BY THE ALLIANCE PARTY**

Following the appointment of Councillor Burbank to fill the casual vacancy in the Dunsilly DEA for the Alliance Party, the Nominating Officer has advised Councillor Burbank will replace Councillor Kelly on the Community Planning Committee.

**RECOMMENDATION: that the report be noted.**

Prepared by: Liz Johnston, Deputy Director of Performance and Governance (Interim)

Approved by: Sandra Cole, Deputy Chief Executive of Finance and Governance

**8.3 PK/PLAN/084 CONSULTATION BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE (DFI) UNDER REGULATION 10 (1) OF THE PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS (NI) 2017 ('EIA REGULATIONS')**

The Department for Infrastructure previously notified the Council of the requirement for the submission of an Environmental Impact Statement for the following application:-

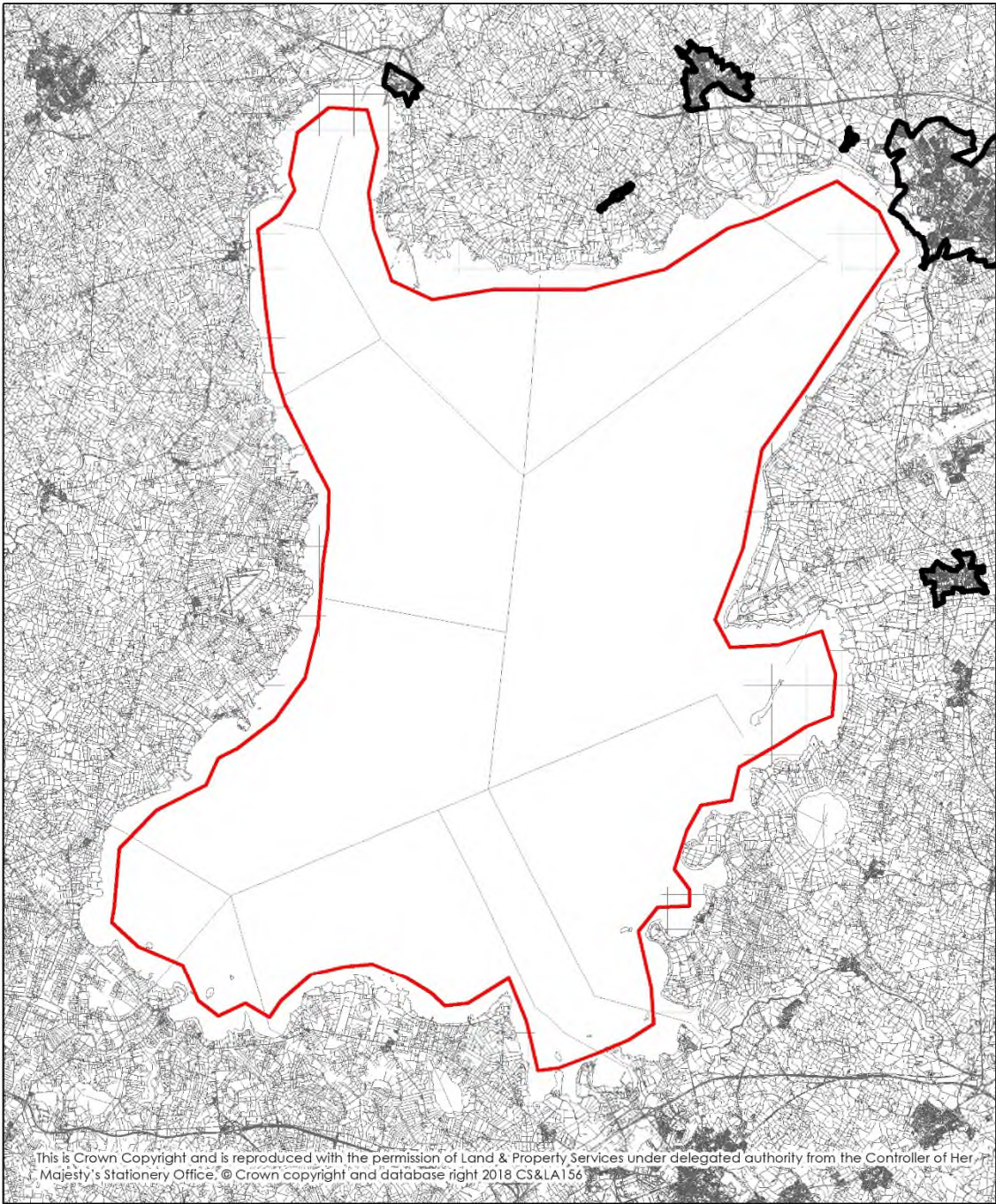
The Department has now notified the Council (**enclosed**) under Regulation 10(1) of the Regulations to advise that the Council has a duty to make available to the applicant (Quarry Plan Limited) any information in their possession which the applicant or the Council consider relevant to the preparation of the Environmental Statement. Officers consider that the Council holds no relevant information.

**Application Reference:** LA03/2021/0940/F  
**Proposal:** Section 54 Planning Application of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011, seeking permission to develop land without compliance with planning conditions No.7 (seeking removal of daylight only operating hours restriction) and No.12 (seeking variation to barge sizes) previously attached to planning permission LA03/2017/0310/F.  
**Location:** Lough Neagh within the Mid Ulster District Council, Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council, Armagh Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council and Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council areas.  
**Applicant:** Lough Neagh Sand Traders Ltd

**RECOMMENDATION: that the report be noted and a nil response is issued.**

Prepared by: Sharon Mossman, Deputy Director of Planning


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



**Site Location Plan**

Application Reference: LA03/2021/0940/F  
 Location: Lough Neagh

Proposal: seeking permission to develop land without compliance with planning conditions no.7 and no. 12 of permission LA03/2017/0310/F

 Site boundary



#### **8.4 CP/CP/207 COST OF LIVING CRISIS – SUPPORT INITIATIVES**

Members are reminded that Council are committed to supporting the most vulnerable in local communities and are currently engaged in a number support programmes and initiatives including;

- Oil Stamp Saving Scheme
- Keep Warm Packs
- Muddy Boots Experience
- Concessionary Leisure Membership
- School Uniform Re Use Scheme
- Development of a Social Supermarket
- Slow Cooker Programmes
- Period Poverty Initiative

The Mayor has asked Officers to develop additional initiatives to complement existing programmes. These initiatives are aimed at increasing public access to community programmes during the autumn and winter, in locally accessible Council facilities including community centres, arts and cultural venues and leisure centres. This will provide opportunities for residents to access warmth and engage socially for the benefit of their health and wellbeing.

A further report detailing the programmes and initiatives under development will be brought to a meeting of the Community Planning Committee.

**RECOMMENDATION: that the report be noted.**

Prepared by: Ronan McKenna, Head of Community Planning

Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning