

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN
MOSSLEY MILL ON TUESDAY 30 MAY 2023 AT 6.30 PM**

- In the Chair** : The Mayor – Alderman S Ross (outgoing)
The Mayor – Councillor Cooper (incoming)
- Members Present** : Aldermen – L Boyle, P Bradley, T Campbell, L Clarke,
M Cosgrove, M Magill, J McGrath, and P Michael
- Councillors – J Archibald-Brown, A Bennington, M Brady,
S Cosgrove, H Cushinan, P Dunlop R Foster, J Gilmour,
M Goodman, N Kelly, R Kinnear, A Logue, R Lynch, H Magill,
B Mallon, A McAuley, T McGrann, E McLaughlin,
V McWilliam, M Ní Chonghaile, A O’Lone, L Smyth,
M Stewart, S Ward, B Webb and S Wilson
- Members Present
(Remote)** Alderman J Smyth
Councillors – J Burbank and S Flanagan
- Officers Present** : Chief Executive - J Dixon
Director of Economic Development and Planning –
M McAlister
Director of Operations – G Girvan
Director of Finance and Governance – S Cole
Director of Community Planning - U Fay
Director of Parks and Leisure Operations – M McDowell
Director of Waste Operations – M Lavery
Director of Corporate Strategy (Interim) – H Hall
Deputy Director of Governance – L Johnston
Head of HR – J Close
Head of Finance – R Murray
Borough Lawyer and Head of Legal Services – P Casey
Council Lawyer – A McDowell
ICT Systems Support Officer – C Bell
ICT Helpdesk Officer – D Mason
Member Services Manager – A Duffy
PA to Mayor – S Fisher
Member Services Officers – L Irwin, C McIntyre, E Skillen,

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

Councillor Kelly left the meeting at this point.

1 BIBLE READING AND PRAYER

The meeting opened with a bible reading and prayer by Reverend Robert Ginn. Reverend Ginn thanked the Mayor, Chief Executive, Deputy Mayor and this Council for the privilege of attending monthly Council meetings and supporting the Mayor throughout his year in the capacity as Chaplin.

Councillor Kelly returned to the meeting at this point.

2 APOLOGIES

Councillor – L O'Hagan

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 and updated in May 2019, May 2020 and March 2022. 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 Councillor Goodman
Seconded by Councillor Webb and agreed that

the revised Constitution and Scheme of Delegation be adopted.

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

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. Standing Orders had been updated in December 2020, December 2022, January 2023 and April 2023.

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 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 Boyle

Seconded by Councillor McAuley that the Standing Orders be amended to omit the prayer and bible reading at the opening of Council meetings.

On the proposal being put to the meeting and a recorded vote having been requested by Alderman Smyth, Members voted as follows:

In favour of the Proposal Members viz 17	Against the Proposal Members viz 22	Abstentions Members viz 0
Aldermen – Boyle, Campbell, McGrath Councillors – Burbank, Cushinan, Goodman, Gilmour, Kelly, Kinnear, Logue, Lynch, McAuley, McGrann, McLaughlin, Ní Chonghaile, O’Lone and Webb	Alderman – Bradley, Clarke, M Cosgrove, M Magill, Michael, Ross and J Smyth, Councillors – Archibald- Brown, Bennington, Brady, Cooper, S Cosgrove, Dunlop, Flanagan, Foster, McWilliam, H Magill, Mallon, Stewart, L Smyth, Ward and Wilson	

The proposal was declared not carried.

It was therefore agreed that

the revised Standing Orders be adopted.

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 2023/24 (Year 1) AND PRESENTATION OF PAST MAYOR’S MEDAL

6.1 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 M Cosgrove
 Seconded by Councillor Goodman that the policy for Political Party Grouping representation for the incoming Council and further terms should consist of a minimum of two Members elected in that party name.

On the proposal being put to the meeting 30 Members voted in favour, 9 against and 0 abstentions the proposal was declared carried.

It was therefore 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 and that the policy for Political Party Grouping representation should consist of a minimum of two Members elected in that party name.

6.2 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 for 4 year term)
- 2) Housing Council (1 position)
- 3) Northern Ireland Veterans Advisory Committee (1 position)
- 4) Partnership Panel (1 position)

Using Schedule 1 of the Act, Members were advised that the 54 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	4
CHAIR OF POLICY AND GOVERNANCE	4
CHAIR OF OPERATIONS	4
CHAIR OF AUDIT AND RISK	4
VICE CHAIR PLANNING	4
VICE CHAIR COMMUNITY PLANNING	4
VICE CHAIR POLICY AND GOVERNANCE	4
VICE CHAIR OPERATIONS	4
VICE CHAIR AUDIT AND RISK	4
ARC21 – 3 positions for 4 year term	3
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	Sinn Féin	Mayor	4
3	Alliance	Mayor	2
4	UUP	Mayor	3
5	DUP	Deputy Mayor	4
6	Sinn Féin	Deputy Mayor	1
7	DUP	Deputy Mayor	2
8	Alliance	Deputy Mayor	3
9	UUP	Chair of Planning	1
10	DUP	Chair of Planning	2
11	Sinn Féin	Chair of Planning	3
12	Alliance	Chair of Planning	4
13	DUP	Chair of Community Planning	4
14	UUP	Chair of Operations	2
15	Sinn Féin	Chair of Community Planning	1
16	DUP	Chair of Community Planning	2
17	Alliance	Chair of Operations	1
18	DUP	Chair of Operations	3
19	Sinn Féin	Chair of Operations	4
20	UUP	Chair of Community Planning	3
21	DUP	Chair of Policy & Governance	4
22	Alliance	Chair of Policy & Governance	3
23	Sinn Féin	Chair of Policy & Governance	2
24	DUP	Chair of Policy & Governance	1
25	UUP	Vice Chair of Operations	1
26	Alliance	Vice Chair of Operations	2
27	DUP	Vice Chair of Operations	4
28	Sinn Féin	Vice Chair of Operations	3
29	DUP	Vice Chair of Community Planning	3
30	UUP	Vice Chair of Planning	2
31	Alliance	Vice Chair of Community Planning	2

32	Sinn Féin	Vice Chair of Community Planning	4
33	DUP	Vice Chair of Planning	3
34	SDLP	Vice Chair of Community Planning	1
35	Sinn Féin	Chair of Audit & Risk	1
36	DUP	Vice Chair of Policy & Governance	3
37	UUP	Vice Chair of Policy & Governance	4
38	Alliance	Vice Chair of Policy & Governance	2
39	IND 1 Stewart	Vice Chair of Policy & Governance	1
40	IND 2 Ward	Chair of Audit & Risk	2
41	DUP	Vice Chair of Planning	4
42	Sinn Féin	Vice Chair of Planning	1
43	Alliance	Chair of Audit & Risk	3
44	UUP	Chair of Audit & Risk	4
45	DUP	Vice Chair of Audit & Risk	2
46	Sinn Féin	Vice Chair of Audit & Risk	3
47	DUP	Vice Chair of Audit & Risk	1
48	Alliance	Vice Chair of Audit & Risk	4
49	UUP	Partnership Panel	Term of Council
50	DUP	Housing Council	Term of Council
51	Sinn Féin	arc21	Term of Council
52	Alliance	No Selection	Decline
53	DUP	Veterans Advisory	Term of Council
54	UUP	arc21	Term of Council
55	Sinn Féin	arc21	Term of Council

Members were nominated by their parties for the 55 Positions of Responsibility for the four-year term.

6.3 OUTGOING MAYOR'S REMARKS

The outgoing Mayor, Alderman Ross, stated that it had been an honour and a pleasure to be Mayor of this Borough highlighting engagements such as the Platinum Jubilee, Passing of the Queen Elizabeth II, Proclamation and Coronation of King Charles III, meeting King Charles III and Queen Camilla at the opening of the Kings Coronation gardens at Hazelbank and spending time in all communities during many celebrations. He also stated that he was delighted to have had the opportunity to support his three main charities and was grateful that he was able to provide each of them with a cheque of seventeen thousand pounds at the end of his Mayoral term. He expressed his thanks to the Deputy Mayor, Councillor L Smyth for her support over the past year and for her and the Mayoress involvement in International Women's Day. He further thanked the Chief Executive, Directors, all Council staff and his

colleagues from the Democratic Unionist Party for their support. He further thanked the Mayoral staff and the Mayoress for their support in his role as Mayor.

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.

6.4 Appointment Of Mayor Year 1

Councillor Magill nominated Councillor Cooper as Mayor.

Councillor Cooper was accordingly declared elected Mayor of Antrim and Newtownabbey for the year 2023/2024.

THE MAYOR (COUNCILLOR COOPER IN THE CHAIR)

Councillor Gilmour left and returned to the meeting during Item 6.5.

6.5 Presentation Of Past Mayor's Medal

The incoming Mayor, Councillor Cooper, presented the outgoing Mayor, Alderman Ross, with his past Mayor's medal and extended best wishes to him for the future. He thanked the outgoing Mayor and Mayoress for their work throughout the whole Borough.

The Mayor, Councillor Cooper thanked his party group leader for nominating him, party colleagues for their trust, constituents in Threemilewater, friends and neighbours in Monkstown, community leaders and his family.

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

6.6 Outgoing Deputy Mayor's Remarks

The outgoing Deputy Mayor, Councillor Smyth stated that it had been a privilege to be Deputy Mayor of this Borough over the past twelve months. She shared highlights of her term serving as Deputy Mayor describing them as momentous moments of her life these included the Platinum Jubilee, Passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Proclamation of King Charles III and the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla. She was delighted to have participated in the extremely successful International Women's. She thanked Alderman Ross for his support, her Ulster Unionist Party and Alderman Cosgrove for nominating her. She further thanked the Chief Executive, Directors, Officers and all other staff for their help and support with a special mention to the Mayoral staff. She paid particular thanks to her family and friends for their ongoing love and support.

6.7 Appointment Of Deputy Mayor Year 1

Councillor Goodman nominated Councillor Kinnear Deputy Mayor.

Councillor Kinnear was accordingly declared elected Deputy Mayor of Antrim and Newtownabbey for the year 2023/2024.

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

Councillor Kinnear 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 by their party nominating officers.

Position	Party	Nomination
Mayor	DUP	Councillor M Cooper
Deputy Mayor	Sinn Féin	Councillor R Kinnear
Chairperson - Community Planning	Sinn Féin	Councillor T McGrann
Vice Chairperson - Community Planning	SDLP	Councillor R Lynch
Chairperson - Operations	Alliance	Councillor J Burbank
Vice Chairperson - Operations	UUP	Councillor V McWilliam
Chairperson - Planning	UUP	Councillor R Foster
Vice Chairperson - Planning	Sinn Féin	Councillor H Cushinan
Chairperson - Policy and Governance	DUP	Alderman L Clarke
Vice Chairperson - Policy and Governance	IND 1	Councillor M Stewart
Chairperson – Audit and Risk	Sinn Féin	Councillor M Goodman
Vice Chairperson – Audit and Risk	DUP	Councillor B Mallon

Nomination Of Positions Of Responsibility – Term Of Council

Members were nominated to the following positions of responsibility for the Term of Council by their party nominating officers.

Position	Party	Nomination
arc21	Sinn Féin	Councillor M Goodman
arc21	Sinn Féin	Councillor E McLaughlin

arc21	UUP	Alderman P Michael
Partnership Panel	UUP	Alderman M Cosgrove
NI Housing Council*	DUP	Councillor M Cooper
NI Veterans Advisory	DUP	Councillor A Bennington

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 Councillor M Magill
Seconded by Councillor B Webb and agreed that

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

7.2 Nomination Of Aldermen

Members were nominated for the 10 Alderman positions as follows:

APPOINTMENT OF ALDERMEN

	PARTY	NOMINATION
1	DUP	Alderman J Smyth
2	Sinn Féin	No Selection
3	Alliance	Alderman L Boyle
4	UUP	Alderman M Cosgrove
5	DUP	Alderman L Clarke

6	Sinn Féin	No Selection
7	DUP	Alderman S Ross
8	Alliance	Alderman T Campbell
9	UUP	Alderman P Michael
10	DUP	Alderman P Bradley
11	Sinn Féin	No Selection
12	Alliance	Alderman J McGrath
13	DUP	Alderman M Magill

8. ALLOCATION AND NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES

8.1 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 Councillor B Webb

Seconded by Alderman M 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.

Councillor Ní Chonghaile left and returned to the meeting during Item 8.1.

QUOTA OF GREATEST REMAINDER POSITIONS

Members were nominated by their parties for the following position for the four-year term.

56 Positions

Position Number	Party	Committee Selected	Year Selected
1	DUP	Planning	1
2	Sinn Féin	Planning	1
3	Alliance	Operations	2
4	SDLP	Community Planning	1
5	IND 1 Stewart	Policy & Governance	1
6	IND 2 Ward	Audit & Risk	2
7	UUP	Community Planning	1
8	DUP	Planning	2
9	Sinn Féin	Planning	2
10	Alliance	Policy & Governance	3
11	SDLP	Community Planning	2
12	IND 1 Stewart	Operations	1
13	IND 2 Ward	Community Planning	1
14	UUP	Community Planning	2
15	DUP	Planning	3
16	Sinn Féin	Planning	3
17	Alliance	Operations	3
18	SDLP	Community Planning	3
19	IND 1 Stewart	Operations	2
20	IND 2 Ward	Community Planning	2
21	UUP	Community Planning	3
22	DUP	Planning	4
23	Sinn Féin	Planning	4
24	SDLP	Community Planning	4
25	IND 1 Stewart	Community Planning	3
26	IND 2 Ward	Operations	2
27	UUP	Community Planning	4
28	DUP	Planning	3
29	Sinn Féin	Policy & Governance	1
30	SDLP	Planning	2
31	IND 1 Stewart	Community Planning	4
32	IND 2 Ward	Operations	3
33	UUP	Operations	4
34	DUP	Planning	1
35	Sinn Féin	Operations	1
36	SDLP	Planning	4
37	IND 1 Stewart	Operations	3
38	IND 2 Ward	Operations	4
39	UUP	Operations	1

40	DUP	Operations	4
41	Sinn Féin	Policy & Governance	2
42	UUP	Policy & Governance	3
43	DUP	Policy & Governance	1
44	Sinn Féin	Policy & Governance	3
45	UUP	Policy & Governance	4
46	DUP	Policy & Governance	4
47	Sinn Féin	Policy & Governance	4
48	DUP	Policy & Governance	2
49	DUP	Policy & Governance	2
50	DUP	Audit & Risk	1
51	DUP	Audit & Risk	1
52	DUP	Audit & Risk	2
53	DUP	Audit & Risk	3
54	DUP	Audit & Risk	3
55	DUP	Audit & Risk	4
56	DUP	Audit & Risk	4

8.2 Nomination Of Members To Committees Year 1 – 2023/2024

Members were nominated to Committees for Year 1.

YEAR 1 - 2023/24 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Total Membership 15

	POSITION	PARTY	MEMBER
1	Chairperson	Sinn Féin	Councillor T McGrann
2	Vice Chairperson	SDLP	Councillor R Lynch
3	Member	DUP	Alderman S Ross
4	Member	DUP	Councillor B Mallon
5	Member	DUP	Councillor M Brady
6	Member	DUP	Councillor P Dunlop
7	Member	Sinn Féin	Councillor M Ní Chonghaile
8	Member	Sinn Féin	Councillor A O'Lone
9	Member	ALL	Alderman L Boyle
10	Member	ALL	Councillor N Kelly
11	Member	ALL	Alderman J McGrath

12	Member	UUP	Councillor S Wilson
13	Member	UUP	Alderman P Michael
14	Member	UUP	Councillor V McWilliam
15	Member	IND 2	Councillor S Ward

YEAR 1 – 2023/24 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Total Membership 15

	POSITION	PARTY	MEMBER
1	Chairperson	ALL	Councillor J Burbank
2	Vice Chairperson	UUP	Councillor V McWilliam
3	Member	DUP	Alderman J Smyth
4	Member	DUP	Alderman L Clarke
5	Member	DUP	Councillor H Magill
6	Member	DUP	Alderman P Bradley
7	Member	Sinn Féin	Councillor AM Logue
8	Member	Sinn Féin	Councillor E McLaughlin
9	Member	Sinn Féin	Councillor L O'Hagan
10	Member	ALL	Councillor J Gilmour
11	Member	ALL	Councillor A McAuley
12	Member	UUP	Councillor R Foster
13	Member	Sinn Féin	Councillor M Ní Chonghaile
14	Member	UUP	Councillor L Smyth
15	Member	IND 1	Councillor M Stewart

YEAR 1 - 2023/24 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Total Membership

15

	POSITION	PARTY	MEMBER
1	Chairperson	DUP	Alderman L Clarke
2	Vice Chairperson	IND 1	Councillor M Stewart
3	Member	DUP	Councillor M Brady
4	Member	DUP	Councillor H Magill
5	Member	DUP	Councillor S Flanagan
6	Member	Sinn Féin	Councillor A O'Lone
7	Member	Sinn Féin	Councillor E McLaughlin
8	Member	Sinn Féin	Councillor H Cushinan
9	Member	ALL	Alderman L Boyle
10	Member	ALL	Councillor N Kelly
11	Member	ALL	Councillor B Webb
12	Member	UUP	Councillor S Cosgrove
13	Member	UUP	Alderman P Michael
14	Member	Sinn Féin	Councillor L O'Hagan
15	Member	DUP	Alderman P Bradley

YEAR 1 – 2023/24 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Total Membership **12**

	POSITION	PARTY	MEMBER
1	Chairperson	UUP	Councillor R Foster
2	Vice Chairperson	Sinn Féin	Councillor H Cushinan
3	Member	DUP	Alderman J Smyth
4	Member	DUP	Councillor S Flanagan
5	Member	DUP	Alderman M Magill
6	Member	Sinn Féin	Councillor AM Logue
7	Member	ALL	Alderman T Campbell
8	Member	ALL	Councillor B Webb
9	Member	UUP	Councillor S Cosgrove
10	Member	DUP	Councillor J Archibald-Brown
11	Member	DUP	Councillor A Bennington
12	Member	Sinn Féin	Councillor R Kinnear

YEAR 1 – 2023/24 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

Total Membership **6**

	POSITION	PARTY	MEMBER
1	Chairperson	Sinn Féin	Councillor M Goodman
2	Vice Chairperson	DUP	Councillor B Mallon
3	Member	ALL	Councillor A McAuley
4	Member	UUP	Councillor S Wilson
5	Member	DUP	Councillor A Bennington
6	Member	DUP	Alderman M Magill

9. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR 2023

The schedule of dates for Council and Committee meetings for the period 1 May – 31 December 2023 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.

Council / Committee Meetings	Date of Meeting
Planning Committee	Monday 15 May 2023
Annual Meeting/Council Meeting	Tuesday 30 May 2023*
Planning Committee	Monday 19 June 2023
Council Meeting	Monday 26 June 2023
Planning Committee	Monday 17 July 2023
Council Meeting	Monday 31 July 2023
Planning Committee	Monday 14 August 2023
Council Meeting	Tuesday 29 August 2023*
Operations Committee	Monday 4 September 2023
Policy & Governance Committee	Tuesday 5 September 2023
Community Planning Committee	Monday 11 September 2023
Planning Committee	Monday 18 September 2023
Audit & Risk Committee	Tuesday 19 September 2023
Council Meeting	Monday 25 September 2023
Operations Committee	Monday 2 October 2023
Policy & Governance Committee	Tuesday 3 October 2023
Community Planning Committee	Monday 9 October 2023
Planning Committee	Monday 16 October 2023
Council Meeting	Monday 30 October 2023
Operations Committee	Monday 6 November 2023
Policy & Governance Committee	Tuesday 7 November 2023
Community Planning Committee	Monday 13 November 2023
Planning Committee	Monday 20 November 2023
Council Meeting	Monday 27 November 2023
Operations Committee	Monday 4 December 2023
Policy & Governance	Tuesday 5 December 2023
Community Planning Committee	Wednesday 6 December 2023*
Planning Committee	Monday 11 December 2023

Audit & Risk Committee	Tuesday 12 December 2023
Council Meeting	Monday 18 December 2023*

Proposed by Councillor Webb
 Seconded by Councillor Foster and agreed that

the Schedule of Meetings for May–December 2023 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 February 2023 Council agreed the scheme based on Circular LG 03/2023 which was the latest Circular issued by the Department for Communities. The previously agreed Scheme was circulated for 2022/23 and remained unchanged. The Scheme would be renamed 2023/24 and would be valid from the date of formation of the new Council

Proposed by Alderman M Cosgrove
 Seconded by Councillor Goodman and agreed that

the Scheme of Allowances Payable to Councillors for 2023/24 be approved.

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

11.1 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 M Cosgrove
 Seconded by Alderman M Magill and agreed that

10 Members be appointed to PCSP for the term of Council and these be allocated using the d'Hondt method and Chairperson be appointed for a period of 12 months at a time and in turn by each of the 4 largest parties following the election.

11.2 Nomination Of Members To PCSP

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

**NOMINATION TO POLICING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP – 2023/2027
(Term of Council)**

	PARTY	NOMINATION
1	DUP	Councillor M Brady (Chairperson)
2	Sinn Féin	Councillor A O'Lone
3	Alliance	Councillor J Gilmour
4	UUP	Councillor L Smyth
5	DUP	Alderman L Clarke
6	Sinn Féin	Councillor M Goodman
7	DUP	Councillor P Dunlop
8	Alliance	Alderman McGrath
9	UUP	Councillor S Wilson
10	DUP	Councillor H Magill

12. ALLOCATION AND NOMINATIONS OF MEMBERS TO COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP

12.1 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 Committee should also be the Chair of the Community Planning Partnership.

Proposed by Alderman M Magill
Seconded by Alderman M Cosgrove 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 Committee also be the Chair of the Community Planning Partnership.

12.2 Nomination Of Members To Community Planning Partnership

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

**NOMINATION TO COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP 2023/2027
(Term of Council)**

	PARTY	NOMINATION
1	DUP	Alderman P Bradley
2	Sinn Féin	Councillor T McGrann (Chairperson)
3	Alliance	Councillor N Kelly
4	UUP	Alderman P Michael
5	DUP	Councillor P Dunlop
6	Sinn Féin	Councillor M Ní Chonghaile
7	DUP	Alderman S Ross
8	Alliance	Alderman L Boyle
9	UUP	Councillor S Cosgrove
10	DUP	Councillor M Brady
*Chair of the Community Planning Partnership same as Chair of Community Planning Committee		

13. ALLOCATION AND NOMINATIONS OF MEMBERS TO PEACE IV

13.1 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 M Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor Goodman and agreed that

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

13.2 Nomination Of Members To PEACE IV

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

**NOMINATION TO PEACE IV 2023/2027
(Term of Council)**

	PARTY	NOMINATION
1	DUP	Alderman S Ross
2	Sinn Féin	Councillor. E McLaughlin
3	Alliance	Councillor J Gilmour
4	UUP	Councillor L Smyth
5	DUP	Alderman L Clarke
6	Sinn Féin	Councillor. M Goodman
7	DUP	Councillor. P Dunlop
8	Alliance	Councillor McAuley
9	UUP	Councillor S Wilson
10	DUP	Councillor. B Mallon

14. ALLOCATION AND NOMINATIONS OF MEMBERS TO PEACE PLUS

14.1 Allocation Of Members To Peace Plus

Members were advised that in the previous term of Council, 12 positions were allocated for the term of Council using the d'Hondt method and representative of each DEA.

Proposed by Alderman M Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor Webb and agreed that

12 Members be appointed to Peace Plus for the term of Council and these be allocated using d'Hondt and be representative of each DEA.

14.2 Nomination Of Members To Peace Plus

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

**NOMINATION TO PEACE PLUS 2023/2027
(Term of Council)**

	PARTY	NOMINATION	DEA
1	DUP	Alderman S Ross	Threemilewater
2	Sinn Féin	Cll. A O'Lone	Dunsilly
3	Alliance	Councillor Burbank	Dunsilly
4	UUP	Councillor L Smyth	Antrim
5	DUP	Councillor. L Clarke	Dunsilly
6	Sinn Féin	Councillor E McLaughlin	Glengormley
7	DUP	Councillor P Dunlop	Antrim
8	Alliance	Councillor A McAuley	Airport
9	UUP	Councillor S Wilson	Dunsilly
10	DUP	Councillor B Mallon	Macedon
11	Sinn Féin	Councillor M Goodman	Glengormley
12	Alliance	Alderman L Boyle	Ballyclare

15 ALLOCATION AND NOMINATIONS OF MEMBERS TO OUR PROSPERITY OUTCOME DELIVERY GROUP (OPODG)

15.1 Allocation Of Members To OPODG

Members were advised that in the previous term of Council, 5 positions were allocated for the term of Council. A Member from each political party. The Chair and vice Chair were appointed using the d'Hondt method.

Proposed by Councillor Foster
Seconded by Councillor Goodman and agreed that

1 representative be appointed from each political party represented on Council to the Our Prosperity Outcome Delivery Group for the term of Council and that the Chair and vice Chair be appointed by d'Hondt for the term of Council.

15.2 Nomination Of Members To OPODG

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

**NOMINATION TO OUR PROSPERITY OUTCOME DELIVERY GROUP 2023 -2027
(Term of Council)**

	PARTY	NOMINATION
1	DUP	Alderman M Magill
2	Sinn Féin	Councillor. M Goodman
3	Alliance	Councillor B Webb
4	UUP	Alderman M Cosgrove

16 ALLOCATION AND NOMINATIONS OF MEMBERS TO LABOUR MARKET PARTNERSHIP

16.1 Allocation Of Members To Labour Market Partnership

Members were advised that in the previous term of Council, 5 positions were allocated for the term of Council. A Member from each political party. The Mayor acted as representative from his/her party.

Proposed by Alderman M Magill
Seconded by Alderman M Cosgrove and agreed that

1 representative be appointed from each political party represented on Council to the Labour Market Partnership for the term of Council and that the Mayor act as an additional representative from his/her party each year.

16.2 Nomination Of Members To Labour Market Partnership

Members were nominated to Labour Market Partnership for the Term of Council as follows:

**NOMINATION TO LABOUR MARKET PARTNERSHIP 2023 - 2027
(Term of Council)**

	PARTY	NOMINATION
1	DUP	Alderman S Ross
2	Sinn Féin	Councillor. L O'Hagan
3	Alliance	Councillor B Webb
4	UUP	Councillor R Foster

Proposed by Alderman M Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor M Magill and agreed that

Councillor Lynch be nominated as an additional representative to the Labour Market Partnership for the term of Council.

17. ALLOCATION AND NOMINATIONS OF MEMBERS TO NILGA

17.1 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 Alderman M Magill
Seconded by Councillor Goodman and agreed that

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

17.2 Nomination Of Members To NILGA

Members were nominated to NILGA for Year 1 as follows:

**YEAR 1 – 2023/2027
NORTHERN IRELAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

	PARTY	NOMINATION
1	DUP	Alderman J Smyth
2	Sinn Féin	Councillor. H Cushinan
3	Alliance	Councillor Webb
4	UUP	Councillor. V McWilliam
5	DUP	Councillor S Flanagan
6	Sinn Féin	Councillor M Goodman
7	DUP	Councillor A Bennington
8	Alliance	Councillor Gilmour

Councillor O'Lone left the meeting during Item 17.2.

17.3 Nomination Of Members a to NILGA Elected Member Development Policy and Learning network

Members were advised that, in the previous term, 1 position was allocated for the 4 year term of Council. NILGA had advised that the nomination may or may not be one of the aforementioned 8 NILGA members.

Members were requested to nominate one representative for the 4 year term of Council.

Proposed by Alderman McGrath

Seconded by Alderman M Cosgrove and agreed that Councillor B Webb be appointed for the Northern Ireland Local Government Association Elected Member Development Policy and Learning Network for the four-year term of Council.

18. ALLOCATION AND NOMINATIONS OF MEMBERS TO BELFAST REGION CITY DEAL COUNCIL PANEL

18.1 Allocation Of Members To Belfast City Deal Council Panel

Members were advised that, in the previous term, 4 positions were allocated for the term of Council using the d'Hondt method and each nominee had a designated deputy.

Proposed by Councillor Webb
Seconded by Alderman M Cosgrove and agreed that

4 Members be appointed to the Belfast Regional City Deal Council Panel for the term of council using d'Hondt and each nominee have a designated deputy.

Councillor O'Lone returned to the meeting.

18.2 Nomination Of Members and their Deputies to Belfast Regional City Deal Council Panel

**NOMINATION TO BELFAST REGION CITY DEAL COUNCIL PANEL
2023 - 2027
(Term of Council)**

	PARTY	NOMINATION	DEPUTY
1	DUP	Alderman M Magill	Alderman S Ross
2	Sinn Féin	Councillor. M Goodman	TBC
3	Alliance	Councillor J Burbank	Alderman T Campbell
4	UUP	Alderman M Cosgrove	Councillor. R Foster

Alderman Clarke left the meeting at Item 19.

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

19.1 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. A request had been received from the National Association of councillors indicating a preference

that their membership would be for the full term of council. The most recent nominations for these bodies was circulated for reference.

Proposed by Councillor Goodman
 Seconded by Alderman M Cosgrove and agreed that

nominations for Members representing Council on outside bodies be made annually with the exception of NAC which would be for the full 4-year term and that the Council writes to the Local Government Staff Commission in relation to Diversity Champions, Mindwise Mental Health and Belfast Hills Partnership to request additional representation.

Action by: Member Services

Alderman Clarke returned to the meeting at this point.

19.2 Nomination Of Members To Outside Bodies

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

**Year 1 – 2023/ 2024
 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

BODY	No.	Agreed Term	NOMINATION
Belfast Hills Partnership	1	Annual	Councillor A McAuley
Diversity Champions	3	Annual	Alderman P Bradley
		Annual	Councillor M Ní Chonghaile
		Annual	Alderman L Boyle
Knockagh Monument Joint Committee	2	Annual	Alderman S Ross
		Annual	Councillor. R Foster
Local Government Partnership on Traveller Issues	3	Annual	Councillor. T McGrann
		Annual	Councillor A McAuley
		Annual	Councillor R Lynch
Lough Neagh Partnership	5	Annual	Councillor P Dunlop
		Annual	Councillor H Cushinan
		Annual	Councillor J Burbank
		Annual	Councillor S Wilson
		Annual	Councillor R Lynch
	2	Annual	Alderman. J McGrath

BODY	No.	Agreed Term	NOMINATION
Mindwise Mental Health Champions		Annual	Councillor. R Lynch
National Association of Councillors	8	Term of Council	Alderman J Smyth
		Term of Council	Councillor. A Bennington
		Term of Council	Councillor. B Mallon
		Term of Council	Councillor L O'Hagan
		Term of Council	Councillor E McLaughlin
		Term of Council	Councillor J Gilmour
		Term of Council	Councillor B Webb
		Term of Council	Councillor S Cosgrove
Northern Ireland Amenity Council	1	Annual	Councillor. V McWilliam
Sixmilewater Trust	5	Annual	Councillor J Archibald-Brown
		Annual	Councillor L O'Hagan
		Annual	Councillor N Kelly
		Annual	Councillor S Wilson
		Annual	Councillor R Lynch
Somme Association	2	Annual	Councillor. R Foster
		Annual	Alderman S Ross
Swift Champion	1	Annual	Councillor. AM Logue
All Party Working Group on Sustainable Development (Sustainable NI)	2	Annual	Councillor J Burbank
		Annual	Councillor. R Lynch
Barnardo's The THRIVE Project (One Macedon and one Threemilewater)	2	Annual	Councillor M Brady
		Annual	Councillor J Gilmour

There being no further business the Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance, he informed Members that the Council Meeting would follow after a short break and the meeting concluded at 8.54 pm.

MAYOR