



**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD
AT MOSSLEY MILL ON MONDAY 27 APRIL 2026 AT 6.30 PM**

- In the Chair** : Mayor (Councillor L Kirkpatrick)
- Members Present** : Aldermen – L Boyle, T Campbell, L Clarke, J McGrath, M Magill, P Michael and J Smyth
- : Councillors – J Archibald-Brown, A Bennington, J Burbank, M Cooper, S Cosgrove, P Dunlop, S Flanagan, R Foster, J Gilmour, R Kinnear, H Magill, B Mallon, A McAuley, V McWilliam, M Ní Chonghaile, L O'Hagan, S Ward, B Webb and S Wilson
- Members Present (Remotely)** : Alderman M Cosgrove
- : Councillors - M Brady, H Cushinan, M Goodman, N Kelly, R Lynch, T McGrann, E McLaughlin and A O'Lone
- In Attendance (In person)** : David Compston, Sustainable Drainage Directorate of DfI
Azaria Bleakly, Associate Director – AECOM
Kevin Bloomfield, NIHMO Manager - Belfast City Council
- Officers Present** : Chief Executive - R Baker
Director of Economic Development and Planning – M McAlister
Director of Community and Culture – U Fay
Director of Environment Services and Sustainability – M Laverty
Director of Organisation Development (Interim) – L Johnston
Borough Lawyer and Head of Legal Services – P Casey
ICT Project Officer – C Bell
ICT Business Support Officer (Interim) – D Graham
Member Services Officer – C McGrandle
PA to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor – L Molyneaux

1 BIBLE READING, PRAYER AND WELCOME

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

The meeting opened with a Bible reading and prayer by Reverend John Gilkinson.

Alderman Boyle and Councillors Burbank, Cushinan, Goodman, Kinnear, McAuley, McLaughlin, Ní Chonghaile, O'Hagan and O'Lone joined the meeting at this point.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

The Mayor took to the Chair and welcomed all present to the meeting.

2 APOLOGIES

Aldermen – P Bradley and S Ross
Councillors – AM Logue and M Stewart

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

The Mayor advised that the presentation from the Department for Infrastructure would be taken at this point of the meeting.

Alderman Clarke and Councillor Webb left and returned to the Chamber during the presentation.

9 PRESENTATION

9.1 G/MSMO/7 PRESENTATION BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE (DfI) SUSTAINABLE DRAINAGE DIRECTORATE

1. Purpose

The purpose of this presentation was to provide Members with an update on the on the Urban Drainage Transformation Pilot Project.

2. Introduction

The Mayor welcomed David Compston, Sustainable Drainage Director of DfI and Azaria Bleakly, Associate Director of AECOM to the meeting. Mr Compston provided Members with a short presentation in respect of DfI's proposed Urban Drainage Transformation Pilot Project and responded to Members' queries in relation to the nature of sewer discharges at Mill Road/Shore Road, neighbourhood consultation, impact on housing developments, safety and design and maintenance of Sustainable Drainage System (SUDs).

The Mayor and Members thanked Mr Compston and Ms Bleakly for their presentation and they left the meeting.

Moved by Councillor Foster
Seconded by Alderman Magill and

RESOLVED: - that the presentation be noted.

NO ACTION

Councillor Ní Chonghaile left the Chamber at this point.

4 MINUTES OF THE ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBEY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

Moved by Alderman Smyth
Seconded by Councillor Dunlop and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council Meeting of Monday 30 March 2026 be taken as read and signed as correct.

5 MINUTES OF THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Moved by Alderman Smyth
Seconded by Councillor O'Hagan and

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Operations Committee Meeting of Monday 13 April 2026 be approved and adopted.

6 MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Moved by Councillor Webb
Seconded by Councillor Magill and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Policy and Governance Committee Meeting of Tuesday 14 April 2026 be approved and adopted.

7 MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Moved by Councillor Wilson
Seconded by Councillor Brady and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Community Development Committee Meeting of Wednesday 15 April 2026 approved and adopted.

8(a) MINTUES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING, PART 1

Moved by Councillor Flanagan
Seconded by Councillor Cosgrove and

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Economic Development Committee Meeting of Monday 20 April 2026 be approved and adopted.

8(b) MINTUES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING, PART 2

Moved by Councillor Flanagan
Seconded by Councillor Cosgrove and

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Economic Development Committee Meeting of Monday 20 April 2026 be approved and adopted.

10 ITEMS FOR DECISION

10.1 PBS/BC/003 VOL 2 STREET NAMING SUBMISSION – JUBILEE ROAD, BALLYCLARE

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to recommend to Members a new street name for a development at Jubilee Road, Ballyclare (access through Rushfield development).

2. Introduction/Background

A development naming application was received from Patrick Morwood on behalf of Simpson Developments regarding the naming of a residential development at Jubilee Road, Ballyclare. The development consisted of 56 dwellings, being a mixture of detached and semi - detached. The development names and developer's rationale had been submitted as outlined below, with the developer's application, location map and site plan circulated.

1 – Castlegate – An Ordinance Survey Historical map from 1900 – 1932 shows the old place name of Castle Sod where the new development was located. The use of 'Castle' in the development preserves the historical context of the old place name.

2 – Castleton – As above.

3 – Castle Demesne – As above.

Council should be made aware that there was an existing development in Templepatrick called Castleton.

Should the Council not wish to select one of the above names, the matter would be referred back to the developer via the Building Control section for further consideration.

Moved by Councillor Magill
Seconded by Alderman Boyle and

RESOLVED: - that the Council approve option 1 – Castlegate for the above development.

ACTION BY: Liam McFadden, Principal Building Control Surveyor

Councillor Ward left and returned to the Chamber during Item 10.2.

10.2 PBS/BC/003 VOL 2 STREET NAMING SUBMISSION – NIBLOCK ROAD, ANTRIM

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to recommend to Members, a new street name for a development at Niblock Road, Antrim.

2. Introduction/Background

A development naming application received from Darren O'Neill on behalf of Lagan Homes Antrim Ltd was referred back to the developer at the Full Council meeting in February 2026.

Subsequently, correspondence was received on 21 April with alternative proposals for the naming of this development.

The development consisted of approximately 500 dwellings, these being a mixture of detached, semi – detached, townhouses and apartments. The development names and developer's rationale had been submitted as outlined below, with the developer's application, location map and site plan circulated.

- 1 – Rathmore – Derived from the Irish An Rath Mhor which means 'big ringfort/great fort'. Describing the fort discovered on site.
- 2 – Fortview – As above, Fortview was a link to the archaeological dig on the site.
- 3 – Rathview – As above – Link to the archaeological dig.

Council should be made aware that Rathmore Gardens/Mews already existed in Antrim, as does Fortview. There was also Rathview in the Randalstown area. The developer had requested that, if none of the above names were deemed suitable, Council would choose a suitable name.

It was requested that Building Control add suffixes to this development name, as required.

Moved by Councillor O'Hagan
Seconded by Councillor Lynch and

RESOLVED: - that the Council approve the name Crannog for the above development

ACTION BY: Liam McFadden, Principal Building Control Surveyor

MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN COMMITTEE'

Moved by Councillor Foster
Seconded by Alderman Boyle and

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

Members were advised that the live stream and audio recording would cease at this point.

*Alderman Campbell left and returned to the Chamber during Item 11.1.
Councillor Ní Chonghaile returned to the Chamber during Item 11.1.*

11 ITEMS IN CONFIDENCE

11.1 IN CONFIDENCE EH/EHS/009 REVIEW OF HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPANCY (HMO) LICENCE SCHEME CHARGES AND PROPOSED INCREASE IN LICENCE FEE FROM 1 APRIL 2026

1. Purpose

The report sought Members' approval to increase HMO licence application and variation fees in order to support the cost-neutral operation of the HMO Licensing Scheme from 1 April 2026.

2. Background

The Northern Ireland Houses in Multiple Occupation (NIHMO) Unit, based within Belfast City Council, administered and managed the HMO licensing scheme on behalf of all 11 councils. This shared service included processing licence applications, carrying out property checks and inspections, and providing regulatory support to each council.

The Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO) Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 "2016 Act" received Royal Assent on 12 May 2016 and took effect from the 1 April 2019. The Department for Communities ("DfC") laid the subordinate Regulations the Houses of Multiple Occupation (Fees) Regulations (NI) 2019 "2019 Regulations". These Regulations set the maximum level of fee for an application for an HMO licence at £45 per person, per annum.

Following the submission of financial information by Belfast City Council to the Department for Communities ("DfC") in December 2024, the Department in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 84 of the Houses in Multiple Occupation Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 ("2016 Act") enacted the Houses in Multiple Occupation (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2025 ("2025 Regulations"). Those regulations came into operation on the 1 August 2025.

The 2025 Regulations changed the maximum permissible fee from £45 per person, per annum to £75 per person, per annum.

The policy objective of the 2025 Regulations was to allow the HMO Licensing Scheme to continue to operate on a cost neutral basis for councils. This reiterated the policy objective at the time of the introduction of the 2016 Act, which was to ensure that the transfer of the administration of HMOs to councils would be cost neutral and not at the expense of rate payers.

However, there was an inconsistency between the Houses in Multiple Occupation (Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2019 and the Provision of Services Regulations 2009. Belfast City Council obtained advice from external Counsel who reviewed the relevant legislation and caselaw. Counsel stated that essentially the caselaw made it clear that in respect of the initial application fee for a licence, Council must ensure that the fees charged in relation to a licencing regime must not exceed the costs of all procedures required to carry out this function. Counsel was of the opinion that having regard to Regulation 18(4) of the Provision of Services Regulations 2009 there had to be a proportionate relationship between the fee charged for a licence and the cost of the authorisation procedures and the fee could not exceed a proportion of the cost of those procedures.

Following the legal advice, Belfast City Council Legal Services subsequently confirmed that, in setting the fee payable for an HMO licence application, the Council was restricted to recovering only the cost of processing the application. This represents approximately 86% of the total cost of delivering the HMO service.

In response to a query why the Council could not charge the full cost of delivering the HMO service, it was important to clarify, which was confirmed by the legal advice obtained by Belfast City Council and the Borough Lawyer, that a Council was legally restricted in what it could recover through licence fees. While the 2025 Regulations set a maximum fee of £75 per person per annum, the Provision of Services Regulations 2009 required that fees must relate only to the cost of the application process. That would mean that costs associated with post-grant licence maintenance and enforcement activity could not be included in the licence fee. Charging above the calculated application cost (currently £62) would therefore place the Council in breach of the 2009 Regulations.

Council must continue to have regard to the policy objective underpinning both the 2025 Regulations and the 2016 Act, namely that the HMO Licensing Scheme operate on a cost-neutral basis and would not place an additional burden on ratepayers. The proposed fee level reflected the maximum amount which could be charged within these legal and policy constraints.

A review of the HMO charging model had forecasted that, for the current 5-year term 2024/25–2028/29, the licence application fee needed to increase to £62 per person, per annum.

A paper was presented to the Society of Local Authority Chief Executives ("SOLACE") on 6 February 2026 to inform them of the need to increase the HMO licence fee. SOLACE agreed to the proposed fee increase and

confirmed that each Council would take a report to their respective Council Committee in March 2026 to agree the uplift.

3. Planning and Policy Considerations

Members were advised that introducing a specific policy for Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) within the Council area presents a number of practical and evidential challenges. At present, there were 15 known HMOs across the district, representing a very limited proportion of the overall housing stock (circa 0.025%). This made it difficult to demonstrate a clear or widespread land-use issue such as overconcentration, amenity impacts or neighbourhood imbalance that would normally justify a bespoke policy within the Local Development Plan.

Planning policy must be proportionate, evidence-based, and capable of withstanding scrutiny at appeal. In the absence of robust evidence demonstrating harm, the introduction of restrictive measures (such as thresholds or separation distances) may be considered unjustified and therefore vulnerable to challenge.

The licensing regime would focus on property standards, management and safety, and would include consideration of local "overprovision" at the licensing stage. This would reduce the need for duplication through planning policy unless there was clear and demonstrable land-use impact.

Members should further be aware that HMOs provide an important source of accommodation for students, younger people and lower-income households. Any policy which would restrict their provision, must be carefully justified and assessed to ensure compliance with equality obligations under Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998, including the potential for disproportionate impacts on protected groups.

Furthermore, Members were advised that the introduction of any new or amended policy relating to HMOs would require a formal change to the Local Development Plan. This would necessitate a lead-in period of approximately two years to allow for evidence gathering, policy formulation, consultation and adoption. As such, any immediate concerns regarding HMOs were unlikely to be addressed through the development plan process in the short term.

In addition, as Members would be aware, any such policy would be subject to an Independent Examination and a Direction from the Department. Without a strong evidence base, there would be no guarantee that such a policy would be accepted and the time period would also be quite lengthy as stated, for this outcome to be determined. Importantly, an amendment at this stage would likely cause further delay to the second stage of the Council's Plan which had an end date of 2030 and add to further risk to the Councils other ambitions in terms of housing and economic land zonings.

Given these factors and the low number of HMOs currently present in the Council area, it may be more appropriate to continue managing proposals through existing development plan policies and case-by-case assessment

rather than introducing a standalone HMO policy which could be difficult to justify, implement and defend in any legal process.

4. Previous Decision of Council

On the 2 September 2024 the Council agreed to increase the HMO licence fee to £45 per person per year, that being the maximum amount permissible at that time pursuant to Houses of Multiple Occupation (Fees) Regulations (NI) 2019 "2019 Regulations". The following additional fee were also agreed at that time –

Licence variations	
Item	Cost
Addition of a new managing agent.	£225
Addition of a new occupant	£225 for each new occupant + £100 inspection fee (per visit)

5. Financial Position

As part of the Belfast City Council's submission to DfC, in December 2024, officers proposed an increase to the maximum fee to future proof the fee structure and to ensure no burden to rate payers as a consequence of the delivery of this function.

The DfC Review was completed in 2025, and it accepted Belfast City Council's recommendation to increase the maximum HMO licence fee and brought and enacted the Houses in Multiple Occupation (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2025 ("2025 Regulations"). Those regulations came into operation on the 1 August 2025. The maximum fee was increased from £45 per person, per annum to £75 per person, per annum.

In December 2025, the NIHMO team engaged with Belfast City Council Finance colleagues and ran financial models to calculate the current operating costs of the HMO Service.

The total gross cost of the service for the 5-year period from 2024/25 to 2028/29 was estimated to be £5.74M, of which £4.9M was eligible to be covered by the license fee. To cover the £4.9M over the 5-year cycle, councils would need to charge £62 per occupant, per year.

It was proposed that the HMO licence application fee was increased to £62 per occupant per year for the remainder of the current 5-year cycle, with effect from 1 April 2026.

This would still leave Belfast City Council with £804k of unfunded activities outside of the application process. This was forecast to be met, in part from enforcement fees and miscellaneous income.

It was proposed to increase the costs of varying an HMO licence for the remainder of the current 5-year cycle, with effect from 1 April 2026 as follows:

Licence Variations	
Item	Cost
Addition of a new managing agent.	£250
Addition of a new occupant	£310 for each new occupant + £125 inspection fee (per visit)

However, this would still leave an estimated budgetary gap of £521k over the course of the 5-year cycle.

5-year cycle 2024/25 to 2028/29

Total cost of HMO activities outside of license application	£804,083
Less other expected incomes (enforcement fees and miscellaneous income)	-£282,690
Unfunded activities	£521,393

Furthermore, as Belfast City Council did not increase the fee at the beginning of this 5-year cycle, Belfast City Council would also have a gap as a result of 24/25 and 25/26 licenses being charged at the lower rate of £45.

5-year cycle 2024/25 to 2028/29

License income expected in Y1 and Y2 at breakeven rate	£2,323,741
License income expected to 31/03/26 at lower charge	£1,694,312
Income lost due to delay in increasing license fee	-£629,429

There was a deferred income balance relating to HMOs of approximately £900k which could offset the majority of the gap, but councils would require the legislative inconsistency with the Provision of Services Regulations 2009 to be resolved. The HMO function would begin to operate at a deficit from the second half of the financial year 2027/28.

As a result of the potential shortfall in funding, the Chair of SOLACE would write to the DfC Permanent Secretary regarding the risk being carried by councils and the need to bring forward legislation addressing this matter, within the current mandate.

6. Summary

The report sought approval to increase HMO licence application fees to £62 per occupant, per year from 1 April 2026 to support the cost-neutral operation of the scheme. While legislation allowed a maximum fee of £75, legal constraints at the present time limit councils to recovering application

processing costs only. Financial modelling indicated the proposed increase was necessary to cover eligible costs over the current 5-year cycle. Some costs associated with the wider operation of the service could not be recovered through licence fees. The proposal had been endorsed by SOLACE, with all councils considering similar increases.

The Borough Lawyer and Head of Legal Services set out the position in relation to HMO licences and confirmed that SOLACE had requested that Belfast City Council write to DfC requesting a change to the legislation to allow for extra fees to be paid. DfC had responded in agreement that the anomaly would be reviewed.

The NIHMO Manager, Belfast City Council, Mr Bloomfield addressed Members' queries and provided clarity in respect of how the current fees were calculated. He confirmed that he would raise all points mentioned at his meeting with DfC in May.

Moved by Councillor Foster
 Seconded by Alderman Magill and

RESOLVED: - that Members:

- a) **approve the increase of the HMO licence application fee to £62 per person per year.**
- b) **approve the increased costs of varying an HMO licence as follows –**

Licence Variations	
Item	Cost
Addition of a new managing agent.	£250
Addition of a new occupant	£310 for each new occupant + £125 inspection fee (per visit)

- c) **in addition to NIHMO/Belfast City Council sending a letter to the Department via SOLACE about the anomaly in the current legislation regarding fees, to ask the Department of behalf of the Council to consider the following: to implement supplementary non-compliance fees, fit and proper person fees and levy fees, to be over and above the £62 application fee.**

ACTION BY: Michael Laverty, Director of Environment Services and Sustainability

*Alderman Boyle and Councillor Mallon left and returned to the Chamber during Item 11.2.
 Alderman McGrath left the meeting during Item 11.2.*

11.2 **IN CONFIDENCE** FI/PRO/TEN/610 APPOINTMENT OF CONTRACTOR TO UNDERTAKE FULL DRAINAGE WORKS AT BALLYEARL DRIVING RANGE AND MOSSLEY PITCHES

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to obtain approval for the appointment of Haffey Sportsground Ltd as the Principal Contractor to undertake full drainage works at the Ballyearl Driving Range and Mossley Pitches.

The project had gross CAPEX of [REDACTED] and was deemed affordable in the context of CAPEX and whole life annual revenue. Post construction, there was no additional annual revenue consequence.

2. Introduction/Background

Both the Ballyearl Driving Range and Mossley Pitches had encountered persistent drainage challenges in recent years, leading to reoccurring issues, such as standing water and muddy conditions on both sites. These conditions not only diminished the user experience but also compromised the quality of the surface, impacting the overall appeal and functionality of both facilities. Additionally, the saturated ground had introduced operational hurdles at the driving range, particularly in the daily collection of golf balls, exacerbating inefficiencies and potentially affecting revenue streams.

In November 2024 and June 2025, Council approved the projects to Stage 2 of the Council's Capital Programme at an estimated gross CAPEX of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] for Ballyearl and Mossley respectively. Given the similarities in both projects, both in terms of scope and location, it was decided the most cost-effective approach was to deliver them under one works contract. Hanna and Hutchinson, Consulting Engineers were appointed as the Consultants to design and manage the project.

3. Procurement

This tender was procured in accordance with good practice laid out in the Procurement Act 2023.

This works tender opportunity was made available on eSourcingNI on 17 October 2025.

Eight completed Pre-Qualification Questionnaires (PQQs) were received on 7 November 2025 and referred to the evaluation panel for assessment.

The PQQ responses were evaluated on a pass/fail basis for:

- past performance
- economic and financial standing
- professional conduct
- health and safety
- technical ability

Six contractors' PQQ responses were assessed as a 'Pass' and were selected for Invitation to Tender (ITT).

The ITT documents were issued to the six contractors on 4 March 2026. Six tenders were received by the closing date of 25 March 2026.

4. Commercial Assessment

The tenders were evaluated on the basis of cost (100%). Haffey Sportsground Ltd submitted the lowest tender assessment total price, as detailed below.

Contractor	Tendered Total of the Prices	Model Compensation Event Total*	Tender Assessment Total Price
Haffey Sportsground Ltd	██████████	██████████	██████████

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

The tendered total of the prices of ██████████ from Haffey Sportsground Ltd had been checked and was deemed value for money and competitive in today's market.

5. Financial Position/Implication

Tendered Total of the Prices	██████████
Model Compensation Event Total	██████████
Tender Assessment Total Price	██████████
Professional fees/surveys	██████████
Total predicted Gross CAPEX cost	██████████

The total predicted Gross CAPEX cost was higher than the original estimates provided to Council previously. This was due to the design of the drainage infrastructure increasing significantly during the detailed design phase to include attenuation, the resulting civil and landscaping works associated with this and general inflation.

6. Programme

Following the appointment of the contractor, works were anticipated to commence on site in May 2026, with completion in September 2026.

The Chief Executive provided assurance that the drainage works at the driving range were intended to improve the condition of course, though guarantees could not be given due to weather conditions. He further assured Members that maintenance standards for football pitches would be maintained across the Borough. It was also agreed that the Parks team would engage with

drainage contractors at the outset of the works to incorporate any best practice maintenance recommendations to protect the asset.

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor Cosgrove and

RESOLVED: - that:

- a) **The investment decision to appoint Haffey Sportsground Ltd at the tendered total of prices of [REDACTED] be approved giving a tender assessment total price of [REDACTED].**
- b) **Responsibility be delegated to the project SRO for all works up to the total predicted gross CAPEX cost of [REDACTED].**

ACTION BY: Andrew McKeown, Capital Development Manager

11.3 IN CONFIDENCE ST/G/63 CAR LEASING SCHEME

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to recommend the approval of the Council updated Car Leasing Scheme.

2. Introduction/Background

Council Finance staff had been working collaboratively with NHS Fleet Solutions provide a salary sacrifice car leasing arrangement. This arrangement provide staff across the public sector access to cars in compliance with HMRC salary sacrifice tax and national insurance rules.

3. Previous Decision of Council

In July 2025, Council approved the appointment of NHS Fleet Solutions to provide a salary sacrifice private car leasing arrangement for Council and the policy was approved at the September 2025 Policy and Governance Committee meeting.

4. Key Issues

The Scheme included information on eligibility, insurance, early termination, servicing and payments and therefore must be reviewed regularly to ensure these measures were relevant.

An updated car leasing scheme was circulated with revised eligibility conditions.

There was no cost to Council in relation to the scheme as the cost of the car was fully recovered through deductions from salary and reduced Employer's National Insurance contributions.

5. Governance

Copies of the Section 75 screening form and the Rural Impact Assessment (RNIA) form were circulated. The DPIA enclosure was also provided for information.

Moved by Councillor Webb
Seconded by Councillor McWilliam and

RESOLVED: - the Council Car Leasing Scheme be approved.

ACTION BY: Richard Murray, Head of Finance

MOTION TO PROCEED 'OUT OF COMMITTEE'

Moved by Councillor Foster
Seconded by Councillor Dunlop and

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

Members were advised that the audio recording would restart at this point.

The Mayor extended sincere condolences on behalf of the Council to Alderman Bradley and Alderman Ross on the recent passing of Alderman Bradley's mother.

The Mayor thanked everyone for attending and the meeting concluded at 7.50 pm.

MAYOR

Council Minutes have been redacted in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Data Protection Act 2018, the General Data Protection Regulation, and legal advice.