



**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD
AT MOSSLEY MILL ON MONDAY 25 JULY 2022 AT 6.30 PM**

- In the Chair** : Mayor (Alderman S Ross)
- Members Present (In Person)** : Aldermen – F Agnew, T Campbell, L Clarke, M Cosgrove, M Girvan, P Michael, and J Smyth
- Councillors – J Archibald-Brown, A Bennington, P Bradley, J Burbank, M Cooper, P Dunlop, R Foster, J Gilmour, N Kelly, R Lynch, N McClelland, V McWilliam, B Mallon, J Montgomery, N Ramsay, V Robinson and Webb
- Members Present (Remote)** Alderman T Burns
- Councillors – M Brady, H Cushinan, S Flanagan, M Goodman, R Kinnear, A Logue, A McAuley, T McGrann, M Stewart and R Swann
- Officers Present** : Chief Executive - J Dixon
Deputy Chief Executive of Economic Growth - M McAlister
Deputy Chief Executive of Operations – G Girvan
Deputy Chief Executive of Finance and Governance – S Cole
Director of Community Planning - U Fay
Director of Organisation Development – D Rogers
Deputy Director of Finance – J Balmer
Head of Regeneration and Infrastructure (Interim) – S Norris
Head of Communications and Customers – N McCullough
Borough Lawyer and Head of Legal Services – P Casey
ICT Systems Support Officer – C Bell
ICT Helpdesk Officer – J Wilson
Member Services Manager – V Lisk

Although the COVID restrictions had been relaxed, to manage numbers and minimise risk, members of the public and press could continue to access those parts of the Council meetings which they are entitled to attend through the livestream on the Council's website.

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 Robert Ginn.

Councillors Cushinan, Goodman, Kelly, Logue, McAuley and McGrann joined the meeting.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

The Mayor welcomed Councillor Burbank to the Council and congratulated Councillor Foster on having been made a grandfather earlier that day.

The Mayor expressed his condolences to the Deputy Mayor and her family on the loss of her partner's grandmother and to the family of Norman Dunn MBE, former Chief Executive of Newtownabbey Borough Council, on their recent bereavements. Members observed a minute's silence as a mark of respect.

2 APOLOGIES

Alderman McGrath
Councillors Magill, L Smyth and Wilson

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 6.7 – Councillors Brady and Gilmour
Item 8.9 – Alderman Smyth

4 MINUTES OF THE ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBAY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

Moved by Councillor Montgomery
Seconded by Councillor Webb and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council Meeting of Monday 27 June 2022 be taken as read and signed as correct.

5(a) MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING, PART 1

Moved by Alderman Agnew
Seconded by Councillor Archibald-Brown and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Planning Committee Meeting of Monday 18 July 2022 Part 1 be taken as read and signed as correct.

5(b) MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING, PART 2

Moved by Alderman Agnew
Seconded by Councillor Archibald-Brown and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Planning Committee Meeting of Monday 18 July 2022 Part 2 be approved and adopted.

6 ITEMS FOR DECISION

6.1 A/GEN /13 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS OF ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

The following schedule of dates for Council and Committee meetings was proposed for the period 1 January – 31 December 2023.

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
Operations Committee	Monday 9 January 2023*
Policy & Governance Committee	Tuesday 10 January 2023
Community Planning Committee	Monday 16 January 2023
Planning Committee	Monday 23 January 2023
Council Meeting	Monday 30 January 2023
Operations Committee	Monday 6 February 2023
Policy & Governance Committee	Tuesday 7 February 2023
Community Planning Committee	Monday 13 February 2023
Special Council Meeting	Monday 13 February 2023
Planning Committee	Monday 20 February 2023
Council Meeting	Monday 27 February 2023
Operations Committee	Monday 6 March 2023
Policy & Governance Committee	Tuesday 7 March 2023
Community Planning Committee	Monday 13 March 2023
Planning Committee	Monday 20 March 2023
Audit and Risk Committee	Tuesday 21 March 2023
Council Meeting	Monday 27 March 2023

Council / Committee Meetings	Date of Meeting
Operations Committee	Monday 3 April 2023
Policy & Governance Committee	Tuesday 4 April 2023
Community Planning Committee	Wednesday 12 April 2023*
Planning Committee	Monday 17 April 2023
Council Meeting	Monday 24 April 2023
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS	Thursday 4 May 2023
Annual Meeting	Monday, 15 May 2023
Planning Meeting	Monday 22 May 2023
Council Meeting	Tuesday 30 May 2023*
Operations Committee	Monday 5 June 2023
Policy & Governance Committee	Tuesday 6 June 2023
Community Planning Committee	Monday 12 June 2023
Planning Committee	Monday 19 June 2023
Audit and Risk Committee	Tuesday 20 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 and 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

Council / Committee Meetings	Date of Meeting
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 and Risk Committee	Tuesday 12 December 2023
Council Meeting	Monday 18 December 2023*

* Denotes change of date due to bank/public holiday.

Members noted that Full Council Meetings would continue to be held in the Linen Suite at Mossley Mill until further notice.

Moved by Councillor Dunlop
Seconded by Alderman Smyth and

RESOLVED – that the 2023 Schedule of Meetings for Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council be approved.

ACTION BY: Member Services

6.2 ED/ED/165 BEST PRACTICE VISIT TO THE ADVANCED MANUFACTURING RESEARCH CENTRE (AMRC) IN SHEFFIELD

On 30 June, a delegation including The Mayor, Alderman Ross, Alderman Cosgrove, Councillor Goodman, Councillor Webb and Officers joined Queen's University representatives to visit the Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre (AMRC) in Sheffield. The purpose of the visit was to see first-hand the original facility built in 2004 and the subsequent growth which has taken place. The AMRC shares many characteristics with the AMIC facility to be built at Global Point as part of the Belfast Region City Deal and the team involved were able to share valuable insights into the strategic development of the site, the model and the governance of the overall operation.

Background

The AMRC was established as an organisation in 2001 as a £15 million collaboration between the University of Sheffield and aerospace giant Boeing, with support from Yorkshire Forward and the European Regional Development Fund. The AMRC Site 1 was developed in 2004 on the former Orgreave Colliery site, owned by British Coal, with AMRC acquiring the first acre for £1. It was noted that costs per acre were closer to £60,000 as a result

of the economic activity taking place on site and the demand for space from relevant industries.

The regeneration stimulated by AMRC is such that a new town (Waverley) is being developed in close proximity to the site which, alongside shops and pubs, will have up to 5,000 new homes and a primary school specialising in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) skills.

Growth

In 2008, AMRC's Factory of the Future was completed and since then the AMRC Park has continued to grow on surrounding lands and now incorporates 125-plus industrial partners range from global giants such as Boeing, Rolls-Royce, BAE Systems, McLaren and Airbus to small companies.

The AMRC Park itself now provides around 3,000 high value jobs on site whilst AMRC employs over 600 highly qualified researchers and engineers from around the globe, on the Advanced Manufacturing Park and Sheffield Business Park in South Yorkshire. Two other locations had also been established to help further drive innovation in the region in AMRC Cymru (in partnership with the Welsh Government) and AMRC North West.

A key learning was how AMRC utilised adjacent available lands to expand its operations and related high value manufacturing operations from across the globe to co-locate on site. The presentation (circulated) provided an overview of the operation which spans across Sheffield and Rotherham Council areas.

Operating Model

AMRC has a turnover in the range of £50m per annum and its funding is sourced from three broad areas: a third from UK Government, a third from collaboration on Research and Development and working with Innovate UK, and the final third coming from its commercial work.

With more than 120 companies the AMRC runs a membership basis for its operating model in addition to its commercial operations. There is a tiered approach to membership ranging from £30,000 (Tier 2) with limited governance involvement to £200,000 (Tier 1) which guarantees a seat on the Board amongst other benefits. The membership subscription can be paid in cash or in in-kind support (e.g. provision of software or supply of relevant equipment / tools).

Training

The ASMRC Training Centre has been built within the site and is regarded as the 'Centre of Excellence' for apprenticeship and CPD delivery within the Yorkshire & Humber region. The state-of-the-art centre offers the very best in practical and academic training. Working with employers, AMRC can identify and provide the skills required that manufacturing companies need to compete globally, from apprenticeship through to degree level.

Since opening in 2013, more than 450 employers from across the Sheffield City Region and beyond have asked AMRC to train more than 1,700 apprentices.

The training centre has a link with Barnsley College and offers a number of different pathways into engineering apprenticeships some of which are sponsored by employers with a bespoke 12 week training programme before entering employment.

The key learning from the visit had been the need to futureproof the development of Global Point ensuring that there is sufficient future land for growth and related services such as training, etc. The importance of learning from those who are at a more advanced stage was also highlighted as critical therefore being part of the UK High Value Manufacturing Catapult network as well as building on our existing linkages with Arizona State University was viewed as essential.

Moved by Councillor Webb
Seconded by Alderman Cosgrove and

RESOLVED - that

- (1) discussions be progressed with Invest NI regarding the development of the remaining land at Global Point;**
- (2) consideration be given to the suitability of other land in the vicinity of Global Point to facilitate future development;**
- (3) the relationship between Arizona State University and Queen's University be advanced with an invitation extended to representatives from Queen's to attend the outward visit to Gilbert in November 2022.**

ACTION BY: Majella McAlister, Deputy Chief Executive of Economic Growth

6.3 ED/ED/154 RURAL TRPSI FUNDING AWARDS

Members were reminded that in February 2022 it was agreed to deliver a Rural Business Development Grant Scheme through the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) Tackling Rural Poverty and Social Isolation Scheme (TRPSI), alongside all other Councils in Northern Ireland. Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council's available grant aid budget under this scheme was up to £62,000. In addition, a budget of 10% of Letter of Offer value would be provided from DAERA to the Council to administer the scheme.

The key aim of the Scheme is to provide small capital grants of up to £4,999 to support micro businesses located in rural areas with under 5,000 population to invest in new equipment or capital items. The objective of the fund is to enable them to recover from the Covid-19 pandemic, remain sustainable or to grow. The maximum grant-funding rate is 50%, with 50% match-funding provided by participating businesses.

The Scheme was open for applications from 4 May to 31 May 2022 for projects to be completed by 31 October 2022. A total of 23 applications were received in the Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough and 22 of these were

deemed eligible to proceed to full assessment. One application withdrew prior to assessment. To be successful in securing a grant, businesses applying must score a minimum of 65% in their application assessment. The assessment was completed by Officers as circulated in Appendix 1. In a number of cases the grant awarded is less than the request as items are not eligible or the grant award is based on the procurement presented.

The 20 projects detailed in Appendix 1 met the minimum scoring threshold of 65% and were eligible for funding through the Programme for £59,554 of funding, which was within the budget available to the Council area.

The projects that were deemed ineligible or did not meet the threshold or criteria for the programme would be notified of this outcome and offered business support through other Economic Development programmes, where relevant.

Moved by Councillor McWilliam
Seconded by Alderman Clarke and

RESOLVED - that the TRPSI Rural Business Development Grants detailed in Appendix 1 be approved and be awarded at a maximum value of £59,554 for expenditure by 31 October 2022.

ACTION BY: Emma Stubbs, Business Development Manager/Majella McAlister, Deputy Chief Executive of Economic Growth & Planning

6.4 CE/GEN/095 REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR FUNDING APPLICATION

Members were reminded that it was reported to the May Council meeting that a number of groups had approached the Council to request assistance with significant funding applications for submission to Round 2 of the UK Levelling Up Fund. It was agreed at this meeting that the Council entered into an appropriate partnership arrangement with Impact NI and Crumlin United Football Club and appoints a consultant to progress these projects.

Members were advised that Ballyclare Comrades have recently met with the Mayor and Officers and have ambition to develop a Capital Project including a Community Clubhouse and have identified Levelling Up Round 3 or Peace Plus as potential funding opportunities to support this. They had requested that the Council provide consultancy support to enable them to develop a detailed business case for the project.

Moved by Councillor Robinson
Seconded by Councillor Archibald-Brown and

RESOLVED - that the Council appoints a consultant to progress this project.

ACTION BY: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

Councillor Kinnear joined the meeting.

6.5 PK/BIO/044 IDENTIFICATION OF BATHING WATERS, REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS - UPDATE

Members were reminded that in October 2021, Council agreed to nominate Antrim and Jordanstown Lough Shore Parks (including Hazelbank) as formally identified bathing waters as part of the review of Bathing Waters 2022/2023 being carried out by Department of Agriculture Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA).

Correspondence, circulated, had been received advising that the Department had now completed the public consultation phase of the review. The consultation resulted in potential sites being nominated by the public, which included those already nominated by Council, as well as an additional site at Cranfield. In addition, the consultation also sought views on the length of the bathing season, with the overwhelming view of respondents requesting that the bathing season be extended from the current period of 1 June to 15 September to year round bathing.

Council had previously confirmed that it would undertake the Bathing Water Operator responsibilities at the nominated sites of Antrim and Jordanstown Lough Shore Parks should they be named as designated Bathing Waters. The Department had also requested confirmation that Council is willing to undertake the same responsibilities at Cranfield.

Members were reminded that the responsibilities which Council would assume as an Operator include:

- ensuring that signage at the bathing water includes the required information
- In the event of pollution incidents/abnormal situations/exceptional weather events that could be considered a risk to human health
 - consult with the Department
 - inform the pollution hotline
 - take appropriate management measures to protect bathers health;
 - provide information to the public;
 - where necessary, remove any waste;
 - if necessary, issue temporary advice against bathing
- Where the Department has issued a notice requiring compliance with the Bathing Water Regulations
 - comply with and implement the measures which are specified in the notice;
 - provide the Department with any information it requires in carrying out its functions under the Bathing Water Regulations.
 - display the current classification of the bathing water provided by DAERA and where appropriate, any advice against bathing.
- Where a bathing water receives a poor classification:
 - in the following bathing season, signs must display the appropriate classification and the symbol advising the public against bathing be used including provision of information stating why the site is not recommended for bathing.

Due to concerns discussed at the Operations Committee assurances were subsequently sought from the Department in relation to pollution and changing. It was subsequently confirmed that in relation to (i) pollution, that Council would not have any additional liability in relation to clearing any pollution than already exists - with primary responsibility resting with the Northern Ireland Environment Agency.

In relation to Changing Facilities – the only responsibility which Council would have was to ensure that where there are changing facilities in place, signage must be put in place stating this. There was no requirement to provide changing facilities at a nominated bathing water location.

Finally, the Department was also seeking Council's view on the potential extension of the bathing season. As there were groups of bathers currently swimming in both Loughs year round, it would be beneficial for the season to be extended.

Moved by Councillor Lynch
Seconded by Councillor Montgomery and

RESOLVED - that

- i. in addition to undertaking Bathing Water responsibilities at the Lough Shore Parks at Jordanstown (including Hazelbank) and Antrim, Council agrees to become a Bathing Water Operator at Cranfield as requested by the Department;**
- ii. Council supports the proposed extension of the current bathing season for designated Bathing Waters to year round bathing.**

ACTION BY: Matt McDowell, Deputy Director of Parks & Leisure/Geraldine Girvan, Deputy Chief Executive of Operations

6.6 AC/EV/007 ENCHANTED WINTER GARDEN 2022

Members were reminded that it was agreed at the April Council meeting to deliver the Enchanted Winter Garden event in 2022 as outlined at a cost of £46,000. It was also agreed to apply admission fees of £7.50 per adult, £5 per child, £22 per family of four with an exploration of methods to enable Borough residents to avail of a 'ticket price freeze' to be explored further with proposals brought back to a future meeting. In addition, it was agreed to deliver a 'soft opening' of the event free of charge to selected residents in partnership with the Community and Voluntary sector with proposals brought back to a future meeting.

Members were advised that delivery of the event in 2022 was planned for 18 evenings from Saturday 26 November to Tuesday 20 December at 4pm to 9.30 pm. The launch of tickets for the 2022 event was planned for Thursday 1 September. Borough residents would be able to avail of the 2021 ticket fees of £6 per adult, £4 per child and £18 per family of four by using their postcode when booking tickets.

The 'soft opening' event of Enchanted Winter Garden was planned for Friday 25 November. The capacity of this event would be kept at 5000, lower than the normal capacity and all additional attractions would be free of charge. It was proposed to identify recipients of the invitation to this event by engaging with Elected Members as well as Community and Voluntary Groups across the Borough, who the Council had been working with to support the community with a variety of initiatives particularly over the period of the pandemic.

Members were advised that the Council had been offered £7,200 in funding from the Tourism NI (TNI) Events Sponsorship Scheme 2022/23 for the event having submitted an application for £30,000. Officers had had a meeting with the Chief Executive of TNI to discuss support for the event and were advised of the financial constraints facing the organisation and over subscription to this specific funding programme. Given the commitment required if the offer of funding was accepted, it was proposed to decline this offer and instead work with TNI on a range of cross promotional initiatives for the Borough without the constraints and commitments of a funding agreement, which would place significant obligations upon the Council for a limited return.

At the January 2022 Council Meeting it was agreed to accept a proposal from Food NI to deliver the food element of Garden Show Ireland including a payment of £6,000 to the Council. This arrangement worked very effectively for the Garden Show ensuring both the 'Food to Go' offer at the event as well as traders and producers showcased the excellent range of Northern Irish produce and hospitality. Food NI had submitted a similar proposal (circulated) to deliver the 'Food to Go' element of Enchanted Winter Garden, which included a commitment to make the food element of the event a high quality visitor experience that fits into the event look, feel and 'enchanted' theme. They had proposed a payment to the Council of £3,000.

The food element of Enchanted Winter garden had been outsourced each year to a third party provider and a payment of £3,000 was received from the provider in 2021.

In response to a query from a Member, the Director of Community Planning advised that inclusive options, including sign interpreters, would be explored further in relation to this event.

Members noted recent Tourism NI involvement at Antrim Castle Gardens.

Moved by Councillor Montgomery
Seconded by Councillor Dunlop and

RESOLVED - that

- (a) the proposed arrangements for Enchanted Winter Garden 2022 including application of a resident price freeze and a soft opening event be approved;**

- (b) the outcome of the two applications to the Tourism NI Events Sponsorship Scheme be noted and the offer of £7,200 for Enchanted Winter Garden be declined with officers to engage with TNI on alternative means to provide support;**
- (c) the acceptance of the Food NI proposal to deliver the 'food' element of Enchanted Winter Garden, including a payment of £3,000 to the Council, be approved.**

ACTION BY: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

6.7 CP/CP/113 BARNARDOS THE THRIVE PROJECT

Members were reminded that following a presentation to the Community Planning Committee in November 2019 it was agreed to provide £15,000 in financial assistance to Thrive for 2020/21.

It was agreed at the Community Planning Committee in November 2021 to provide additional assistance of £25,000 (£15,000 from DfC COVID-19 Community Support Fund) to Thrive for 2021/22 and that Officers engage with Thrive to explore external funding opportunities in relation to their financial plan for 2022/23.

The Thrive Project is a collaboration of local parents, schools, community and voluntary organisations and statutory agencies working together to help children and young people in Macedon and Threemilewater DEA's to achieve their full potential and have the best start in life.

An elected member from each of the Macedon and Threemilewater DEA's was nominated to serve on the Thrive Project Board at the January 2021 Community Planning Committee.

Correspondence had been received from Thrive outlining the impact of their work in 2021/22 and a copy was circulated for Members' information.

Officers had been working with Thrive and other Community Planning partners to explore a delivery and financial model for 2022/23. Thrive had requested that the Council consider provision of £25,000 in financial assistance during 2022/23. A breakdown of the 2022/23 project funding secured was circulated for Members' information.

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor Webb and

RESOLVED - that provision of £25,000 financial assistance to Thrive for 2022/23 be approved subject to a quarterly performance report being provided to the Council.

ACTION BY: Ronan McKenna, Head of Community Planning/Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

6.8 AC/GEN/037 ARTS & HERITAGE GRANT AID

Members were reminded that a revised Arts and Heritage Grant Aid Programme was approved by the Council in April 2022.

To be successful, applicants must score a minimum of 50% in their application and all proposed awards are subject to the receipt of all relevant supporting documentation or the offer of funding will be withdrawn.

The grants are delivered on a rolling funding programme linked to the financial year or until the funding for the year is exhausted. Two applications had been assessed by Officers under the appropriate funding category and maximum award available. A summary of the applications was set out below along with the proposed award:

Group/ Individual	Funding Category	Funding Purpose	Score	Amount Awarded
Jemma Browne/ Jemma Millen Ceramics	The attendance or participation in an arts event either by invitation or qualification	Contribution towards Showcase, Promotion & Attendance at International Ceramics Festival 2022 at the MIC International Museum of Ceramics, Faenza, Bologna, Italy, from 31 August – 6 September	90%	£500
Emily Shiels	The attendance or participation in an arts event either by invitation or qualification	The attendance or participation in an arts event either by invitation or qualification, specifically the Ulster Youth Orchestra residential course at Greenmount College from 11-20 August 2022.	55%	£250

Moved by Councillor Robinson
Seconded by Councillor Foster and

RESOLVED - that the Arts and Culture Grant Awards be approved.

ACTION BY: Simon Goldrick, Head of Arts, Culture, Tourism and Events/Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

6.9 ED/ED/080/VOL4 REVIEW OF COUNCIL EVENTS

Members were reminded that it was agreed at the January 2021 Council meeting to implement an events plan for 2021, which would be kept under review with regular updates to be presented to the Council. A proposed Council Events Plan for 2022 was approved at the Council meeting in January 2022 and it was agreed that the plan to be kept under review and any updates brought to future meetings as required.

An updated events plan for 2022 was circulated for Members' information. Members were advised of the following changes:

- Antrim Live – Scheduled to take place on 2 and 3 September 2022
- Elmer's Big Trail – Scheduled to take place in Antrim Castle Gardens on 3 and 4 September 2022
- Spinning Yarns – Scheduled to take place in Mossley Mill on Saturday 1 October 2022
- Spooked Out at V36 – Scheduled to take place at V36 at The Valley on Saturday 29 October 2022
- Screams and Tricks at V36 – Scheduled to run from Friday 28 October to Sunday 6 November in V36 at The Valley

The events delivered to date had been well attended with positive feedback received and had contributed to the civic, economic and community life of the Borough whilst enhancing the reputation of the Council.

Members were also advised of the following additional updates to the 2022 Events Plan:

Antrim Festival Group – The Group delivered a ticketed Halloween Walk in Antrim Castle Gardens in 2021, which included animation and food stalls in Market Square leading into Antrim Castle Gardens with a themed walk around Her Ladyships Pleasure Gardens. The Group would like to deliver a similar event in 2022 in partnership with the Council on 29 and 30 October 4pm to 9pm.

Whiteabbey Village Fair Taste and Sea – In 2021 in consultation with the Whiteabbey Village Business Association as an alternative to the Shoreline Festival four Taste and Sea events were delivered in the village and Loughshore Park from June to September. For 2022 the Business Association would like to work with officers to deliver the Whiteabbey Village Fair Taste and Sea on 27, 28 and 29 August.

Antrim Castle Fire Centenary – Antrim Castle was destroyed by a fire on 28 October 1922. Members were aware that one of the secondary aims of the Clockwork Garden installation, as reported to the Council in January, was to mark the centenary of this event with a lasting legacy in Castle Gardens. In addition, Members were advised that the original play set in 1922 'Carson and The Lady' running at the Lyric Theatre in August, an exhibition in relation to the Castle and Massereene family was being developed for launch in October and Officers were exploring the potential for guided walks and

lectures in relation to the history of the Castle and its inhabitants over the period of the centenary.

Meanwhile use Space, Glengormley - Following the demolition of the former Police Station in Glengormley a meanwhile use space had been developed while plans are prepared and approved for the long term redevelopment of the site. A number of family fun events would take place from August until October aimed at activating the site prior to its redevelopment.

In addition to the events listed Members were advised that a range of local town centre animations, including music and urban markets were planned for delivery across the Borough from now through to the Autumn in a continued effort to support the business community.

Moved by Alderman Smyth
Seconded by Councillor Lynch and

RESOLVED - that the updated Council Events Plan for 2022 be approved with the plan to be kept under review and any updates brought to future meetings as required.

ACTION BY: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

6.10 ED/ED/140 GROW SOUTH ANTRIM LOCAL ACTION GROUP MINUTES

A meeting of the GROW South Antrim Local Action Group was held on Friday 25 March 2022 and the minutes recorded at the meeting were circulated.

Members noted that some commercial business details had been redacted in line with operational requirements.

Moved by Councillor McWilliam
Seconded by Alderman Clarke and

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the GROW South Antrim Local Action Group Meeting be noted.

ACTION BY: Michael McKenna, Head of Investment & Business Development/Majella McAlister, Deputy Chief Executive of Economic Growth & Planning

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

Members were 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 were advised that groups who apply for a small grant were 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 June, 4 applications totalling £3,496.30 were received and assessed by Officers as outlined below.

Group Name/Project Promoter	Project Description/Title	Pass/Fail	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
Templepatrick Action Community Association	Small Activity/Insurance Grant Annual Insurance	Pass	£500.00	£500.00
Roughfort Heritage and Cultural Preservation Society	Small Seeding Grant Insurance, Room Hire and Office Equipment	Pass	£999.30	£999.30
Rathcoole (CREW)	Small Seeding Grant Insurance, Room Hire, Stationery	Pass	£997.00	£997.00
Ballycraigy Environmental Development Association	Small Activity/Insurance Grant Insurance and Equipment	Pass	£1,000	£1,000
Total			£3,496.30	£3,496.30

Moved by Councillor McWilliam
Seconded by Councillor Dunlop and

RESOLVED - that the 4 Small Grant applications outlined above be approved at a total cost of £3,496.30.

ACTION BY: Jonathan Henderson, Community Services Co-ordinator/Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

6.12 CP/CP/178 DEA MEMBER ENGAGEMENT GROUP MEETING DUNSILLY

Members were advised that a meeting of Dunsilly DEA Members took place on 27 June 2022 in Mossley Mill to discuss specifically support for the annual

community funded Toome Fair event. A representative of TIDAL and relevant officers were also in attendance.

The minutes were circulated for Members' information.

Moved by Alderman Clarke
Seconded by Councillor Cushinan and

RESOLVED - that the draft minutes of Dunsilly DEA Member meeting of 27 June 2022 be approved.

ACTION BY: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

6.13 CP/CD/443 COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAMME 2022/2024

Members were advised that further correspondence (circulated) had been received from the Department for Communities revising a previous offer of funding with the offer of additional financial assistance totalling £94,091.47 specifically from the Social Supermarket Fund for 2022/23. The Council's Social Supermarket service was being developed as part of the overall Community Support Programme.

The total amount of financial assistance awarded for the delivery of Council's Community Support Programme for the two year period 1 April 2022 – 31 March 2024 was £704,464.39 which included £247,652.16 for Community Support in general such as: staff salaries, the Community Development Grant Aid Programme and Community Capacity Building Initiatives, £362,720.76 for Advice Services and now £94,091.47 for the development of a Social Supermarket in the Borough.

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor McClelland and

RESOLVED - that the revised Letter of Offer from the Department for Communities, in relation to the delivery of the Community Support Programme for the period 1 April 2022 – 31 March 2024 be accepted.

ACTION BY: Jonathan Henderson, Community Services Co-ordinator/Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

6.14 PK/GEN/103 FOREST SERVICE – WALKING TRAILS

Members were reminded that Officers had been asked to engage with Forest Service to initiate discussions in relation to improvements to paths and wayfinding in Forests.

A meeting was arranged with the Chief Executive and Senior Officers from the Forest Service during which the three forests in the Borough were discussed; Rea's Wood, Tardree and Randalstown. It was confirmed that if Council had any interest in applying for funding for enhancements in any of the three locations that it would be beneficial to enter into a Memorandum

of Understanding with Forest Service for the three sites and a phased approach could be taken to any planned improvements. What the Memorandum of Understanding facilitates is the opportunity to explore funding and ideas for enhancing paths for walking trails.

A pro forma Memorandum of Understanding was circulated for Members' consideration.

In relation to the three forests in the Borough, Members were reminded of Council's recent investment in improvements along the Council owned section of the path at Rea's Wood including the viewing platforms as well as improvements to the path. The Forest Service section of the path had not had any investment in recent years and it was therefore proposed that, subject to approval by Council, Rea's Wood is the first area which is prioritised for improvements to the path and signage, subject to securing funding.

In response to queries from Members, the Deputy Chief Executive of Operations advised that this would afford Council the opportunity to explore funding opportunities. She confirmed that reports would be brought back to Operations Committee to update Members on progress on this as well as with regard to engagement with Woodland Trust on development of Glas na Braden Wood, etc.

Moved by Councillor Montgomery
Seconded by Councillor Lynch and

RESOLVED - that Officers proceed to explore signing a Memorandum of Understanding for the Rea's wood, Tardree Forest and Randalstown Forest with a view to seeking funding to improve access for walking.

ACTION BY: Geraldine Girvan, Deputy Chief Executive of Operations

7 ITEMS FOR NOTING

7.1 FI/GEN/037 SOCIAL VALUE IN COUNCIL CONTRACTS – ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Members were aware that from June 2022, the Council is required to attribute at least 10% of contract award criteria to Social Value where construction contracts exceed £4.7M and service contracts exceed £123,000.

Members were also aware of the ambitious Capital Development Programme that the Council was progressing and in particular the opportunities that the Construction of the new Business hub in Glengormley would present for the residents of the Borough.

The Council is required to assess the following social value themes when awarding any construction contract:

1. Increasing secure employment and skills
2. Delivering zero carbon

3. Building ethical and resilient supply chains
4. Promoting well-being

The tender evaluation panel would assess and score the quality of the Social Value criteria responses in the same way as any other evaluation criteria used to assess the submissions.

In terms of increasing secure employment and skills, officers were proposing to include the following priority groups in the specification for the tender:

- a) Unemployed
- b) Socially disadvantaged
- c) Gender or age inequality groupings
- d) Those with disability

The tender specification would make it clear that the priority groups must be resident in the Borough. Bidders will have the flexibility to choose which of these non-mandatory initiatives they deliver against, but the tender specification would make it clear that the successful contractor will be required to engage with the Council to implement social value commitments in their contract.

The Tender specification would ask bidders for details of the following:

- Timescales for delivery of the social consideration requirements
- The resources, both internal and external, that they will undertake including how they will engage with key stakeholders e.g. DEA members, voluntary organisations for the DEA, community sector within the DEA
- Confirmation that their planned activities are additional to activities the tendered already undertakes; and
- How the tenderer will monitor and report on the delivery of social value requirements and address on performance issues – this may be for example through ‘Project Board Meetings’

The performance against social value outcomes would be reported to Members on a quarterly basis.

Moved by Councillor Goodman
Seconded by Councillor Lynch and

RESOLVED - that the report be noted.

ACTION BY: John Balmer, Deputy Director of Finance/Sandra Cole, Deputy Chief Executive of Finance and Governance

MOTION TO PROCEED ‘IN COMMITTEE’

Moved by Councillor Bradley
Seconded by Councillor Robinson 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.

8 ITEMS IN COMMITTEE

8.1 **IN CONFIDENCE** WM/ARC21/008 RESIDUAL WASTE TREATMENT PROJECT

Members were reminded that arc21 Joint Committee had decided to issue the circulated Pre-Action Protocol letter and initiate Judicial Review against the Minister's decision to refuse planning permission for the Residual Waste Treatment facility as per the arc21 governance arrangements.



In addition, the Chair, Alderman David Drysdale, Acting Chief Executive, Tim Walker, and Mr John Green were in attendance at the meeting to provide an update on the project and respond to Members' queries:

Moved by Alderman Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor Webb and

RESOLVED - that the report be noted.

ACTION BY: Michael Laverty, Deputy Director, Operations (Waste and Fleet)/Geraldine Girvan, Deputy Chief Executive of Operations

8.2 **IN CONFIDENCE** CP/CD/289 DUNANNEY CENTRE TENANCY RENEWALS

Members were reminded that there are a number of rentable offices in the Dunanney Centre. Rent was approved at a cost of £■■■■ per square metre per annum at the Council meeting on 26 February 2018.

A tenancy agreement was due for renewal as below:

Organisation	Rooms Requested for Rental Renewal	Tenancy Renewal Date and Term	Rental Income (per annum)
Lynn Haveron (The 1:1 Diet)	Room 28	From 1 st September 2022 for 1 year	£■■■■

Moved by Councillor Robinson
Seconded by Councillor Foster and

RESOLVED - that the extension of the Dunanney Centre tenancy and keyholder option for Lynn Haveron (the 1:1 Diet) for 1 year from 1st September 2022 at £■■■■ per annum be approved.

ACTION BY: Paul Townsend, Community Facilities Coordinator/Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

8.3 IN CONFIDENCE ED/REG/013 ULSTER BAR CORNER

Members were reminded that in February 2022 a design was approved for the regeneration of the vacant Ulster Bar Corner site in Antrim Town.

The Council had been granted a 2 year licence (with option to extend to five years) by the Department for Communities to undertake a meanwhile use on the site at Ulster Bar Corner, in advance of a final decision regarding its' future development. Alongside the agreement, the Department had awarded funding of £170,000 towards a meanwhile use scheme.

Given significant inflationary pressures and a number of enhancements to the original concept including power connections and low level lighting to achieve the original concept design, the project would require an investment of around £365,000.

The project would therefore require a Council match funding contribution of a maximum of £195,000.

The scheme had also been delayed due to issues with the procurement and availability of contractors in the present market conditions. The scheme would now not be completed until August 2023 with works commencing in January 2023 (date subject to planning permission being granted).

Officers from the Economic Development Team would continue to work closely with the Events Team within Council to utilise the space and animate the town centre during key corporate events including Enchanted Winter Garden 2022.

A further report on this would be brought in due course.

In response to a query from a Member regarding the maintenance/cleaning of the area and the 2-5 year time period, the Chief Executive advised of the importance of continuing to engage with the Department for Communities and Antrim DEA Members.

Moved by Councillor Montgomery
Seconded by Councillor Lynch and

RESOLVED - that

- (a) the proposed scheme for Ulster Bar Corner be approved, a maximum of £195,000 in match-funding be allocated to the project and the Council meets with the Department to agree the longer term plan for the site;**
- (b) Officers explore social value opportunities for the project; and,**
- (c) clear and improve the appearance of the site.**

*ACTION BY: Steven Norris, Head of Regeneration and Infrastructure (Interim)/
Majella McAlister, Deputy Chief Executive of Economic Growth*

**8.4 IN CONFIDENCE ED/ED/195 Vol 2 MINUTES OF THE GOVERNANCE MEETING
OF THE LEVELLING UP FUND PROJECT BOARD HELD ON 16 JUNE 2022**

The Levelling Up Fund award required that a governance structure be put in place to oversee the management and implementation of the approved schemes:

- o LUF0037 Glengormley Integrated Economic and Physical Regeneration Scheme
- o LUF0080 Antrim Integrated Economic and Physical Regeneration Scheme

This included an internal project board made up of relevant Officers involved in delivery: Capital Development; Economic Development; Public Relations & Marketing; Legal Services; Building Control.

The Levelling up Fund Project Board met on the 16 June 2022 to monitor progress and to provide direction for the schemes.

A copy of the minutes from the meeting was circulated for Members' consideration.

Moved by Alderman Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor Bradley and

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Levelling Up Fund Project Board meeting held on 16 June 2022 be approved.

ACTION BY: Majella McAlister, Deputy Chief Executive of Economic Growth

8.5 IN CONFIDENCE ED/ED/221 DUBLIN ROAD CAR PARK ACCESS AND IMPROVEMENTS

Members were advised that a request had been received from a developer who wishes to build 33 social housing units for the over 55-year age group on land beside the Council owned Dublin Road car park. This land was previously the location for the Phillips garage.

The access for this new development would be via the existing entrance to the Council's Dublin Road carpark however, the Department for Infrastructure Roads Section had indicated that improvement works would be required to the current access to meet the necessary requirements.

It was noted that the improvements outlined would also benefit the Council from the perspective of those using the carpark and the developer had indicated that he will meet the costs of the works, which in effect will become a shared access used by those living in the new properties and those using the carpark.

As shown on the maps (circulated), to satisfy the DfI requirements the access would need to be realigned which will involve the loss of approximately 8 disabled spaces, however, these can be accommodated elsewhere within the carpark which does not normally operate at full capacity. As shown, on the map an area of Council land, marked in yellow is required by the developer to complete the scheme. Officers would seek a valuation for this parcel of land and bring back a report in due course with the details of the proposed disposal agreement.

The access itself should remain within Council ownership with a legal agreement in place with the developer, as there may be a desire to develop this land in the future. Modifications to the carpark entrance may require a barrier or barriers to restrict higher vehicle access at entry points to be installed at the developers cost.

Moved by Councillor Dunlop
Seconded by Councillor Lynch and

RESOLVED - that

- (a) approval be granted to proceed as outlined above and a report to be presented in due course to approve the disposal of the land and any access agreement; and,**
- (b) Officers explore social value opportunities for the development.**

ACTION BY: Majella McAlister, Deputy Chief Executive of Economic Growth

8.6 IN CONFIDENCE ED/REG/068 COVID RECOVERY SMALL SETTLEMENTS REGENERATION PROGRAMME

Members were reminded that a report was approved by the Council in December 2021 for proposals for a Small Settlements Programme. The Council had been successful in securing £776,000 for the three small settlements of Templepatrick, Doagh and Burnside.

The funding secured had been allocated as follows; £725,000 capital allocation plus £51,000 resource allocation to support delivery costs incurred by Council which totals £776,000 plus 10% match-funding (£86,200) to be provided by the Council.

Following the application process, the Council agreed the following main strands of funded activity:

1. **Shop Front Revitalisation Scheme (£40,000)** – the programme offers all traders in the settlements the opportunity to refresh the front of their commercial premises. This may include new signage, new doors & windows, new painting or decorating and new planting or window dressing.

2. **Illumination Scheme (£220,000)** – the programme seeks to illuminate the historic buildings in Templepatrick, to promote the architectural heritage of the area.
3. **Environmental Improvement Scheme (EIS) (£425,000)** – the EIS across the villages will improve the attractiveness of the area. It will also relate to the history and character of the particular village. The visual improvement will encourage people to live, work and visit the area and will act as a stimulus for additional investment.
4. **Signage, Artwork and Sculptures (£126,000)** – Artwork, sculptures and interpretation across the villages will improve the attractiveness of the area.

The funding deadline for the programme was 31 March 2023, therefore projects must be delivered within this timeframe.

Progress Update – Shop Front Revitalisation Scheme

In March 2022, Officers engaged with all businesses within the three small settlements with an Expression of Interest (EOI) for the Shop Front Revitalisation Scheme.

The total number of eligible businesses in the villages and the number of EOIs returned was detailed in the table below.

Village	Eligible Businesses	EOIs Received
Templepatrick	12	7
Doagh	13	9
Burnside	3	2

Following the EOI stage, Officers had now proceeded to appoint a suitably qualified Quantity Surveyor to support the businesses' move towards a fully costed application. The QS would perform a dual function in that they will support the businesses by advising on the scale and scope of works and on issues around planning and building control, but they will also support our verification of works process when it comes to payment of the grants.

The timetable for the roll-out of the scheme is as follows:

- **July 2022** – QS appointment
- **August – September 2022** – QS to work with businesses leading to submission of a formal application to the Council;
- **October 2022 – January 2023** – works to be carried out

Given the budget for this element is £40,000, Officers were recommending that £40,000 is made available from the Council's match-funding contribution to increase the grant available to meet some of the initial works outlined through the EOI process.

Progress Update – Illumination Scheme - Templepatrick

The focus of this scheme is to promote and emphasise the architectural heritage of Templepatrick and given this, there were a number of stipulations for participating buildings.

There are nine eligible buildings in Templepatrick and to date eight of these have agreed to be part of the scheme. The eight are:

1. War Memorial Orange Hall
2. Old Presbyterian Church
3. Entrance Gateway to Castle Upton
4. St. Patrick's Parish Church
5. Masonic Hall
6. Former RIC Station ((Royal Irish Constabulary)
7. Old Railway Station
8. Parish Hall.

The next steps in this scheme are:

- **July – August 2022** – Illumination Contractor conducts assessments of each site to understand options for illumination.
- **August – September 2022** – Council officers procure an electrical contractor to carry out the works.
- **October 2022 – January 2023** – works to be carried out

Progress Report – EIS and Artwork

Both these packages are currently out to tender to appoint a design team to design schemes for the three villages. Officers hope to complete this procurement exercise in July 2022 with appointments in early August.

Once appointed the consultants would begin to design the schemes in consultation with the relevant DEA Members. Once approved Officers would then tender for the organisations to actually complete the works.

Moved by Councillor Robinson
Seconded by Councillor Webb and

RESOLVED - that

(a) up to £40,000 of the Council's match-funding (total £86,200) be used to support the Shop Front Revitalisation Scheme;

(b) updates on the other elements of the scheme be noted by Members.

*ACTION BY: Steven Norris, Head of Regeneration and Infrastructure
(Interim)/Majella McAlister, Deputy Chief Executive of Economic Growth*

8.7 IN CONFIDENCE CP/CD/444 ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBEY SENIORS' FORUM

Members were reminded that at the June 2021 Council Meeting it was agreed to provide emergency gap funding of up to £15,000 for a three-month period to Newtownabbey Senior Citizens Forum to enable them to continue to operate beyond the end of their Big Lottery funding, which finished at the end of June 2021.

Following this an award of £15,000 to the Forum was approved in November 2021 as part of the COVID -19 Community Support Fund 2021/22 funded by the Department for Communities (DfC) enabling the Forum to continue to operate to end December 2021.

At the December 2021 Council Meeting £15,000 funding from the Public Health Agency was approved for the Forum until the end of March 2022 to support the Forum deliver Age Friendly Initiatives in the Borough in support of the Council's Age Friendly work stream.

The Newtownabbey Senior Citizens Forum Chair and Project Co-Ordinator, delivered a presentation to the Community Planning Committee on 14 March 2022 on the support they deliver across the Borough to residents in the community who are over 50 years of age and responded to Members' queries. They advised that they require core funding of approximately £60,000 per annum in order to continue to operate on the same basis.

A summary of their core monthly costs was shown below:-

	Per Month
Wages 2 staff (Project Coordinator and Admin) +HMRC	
Office Rent	
Phone	
Insurance (Marsh)	
Glen &Co (wages)	
Hunter/Fleming (Auditors)	
Stationary etc	
Sub - Total	
Unforeseens	
Total	£4,999.82

Officers had continued to work with the Forum and Community Planning partners (NIHE, PHA, NHSCT, PSNI, NIFRS) to explore other funding opportunities and Members were advised that a draft programme had been developed and was circulated for Members' information.

The Forum had requested that Council consider providing the additional £15,000 funding in order that they can continue to operate. It was proposed that a Service Level Agreement between Council and the Forum is established which sets out the Forum's responsibilities for the funding package.

The Forum recently rebranded as Antrim and Newtownabbey Seniors' Forum at its Annual General Meeting and would continue to deliver services on a Boroughwide basis.

Funding support of £45,000 had been committed from the Community Planning partners to support delivery of the Forum on an ongoing basis.

Funding Partner	Amount Committed
Public Health Agency	£15,000
Northern Health and Social Care Trust	£15,000
Northern Ireland Housing Executive	£15,000
Total	£45,000

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor Goodman and

RESOLVED - that

- (a) funding of £15,000 for 2022/23 financial year to Antrim and Newtownabbey Seniors' Forum, on condition that the 3 funding partners commit on an annual basis, be approved;**
- (b) a Service Level Agreement between the Council and the Forum, to be managed by the Forum, be developed and approved by the Community Planning Committee;**
- (c) a Quarterly Performance Report be provided to the Community Planning Committee, from September 2022.**

ACTION BY: Ronan McKenna, Head of Community Planning/Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

8.8 IN CONFIDENCE PK/BIO/019/VOL 3 CORRESPONDENCE FROM DFI – GREENWAY AND ACTIVE TRAVEL PROJECTS

Correspondence had been received from the Department for Infrastructure (DfI), circulated, requesting details of any Greenway and small scale Active Travel projects that Council is ready to take forward to construction in year. Members were reminded that similar correspondence was received in 2021 with Council having successfully securing funding in relation to sections of the Doagh to Larne Greenway, and the Mallusk/Hightown to Gideon's Green route. Sections of both routes were being progressed as funding opportunities become available.

It was proposed that an application is made to the Department to develop further sections of each route as set out in the maps circulated. Initial estimated costings were provided for the purposes of submitting the information to meet the Department's deadline. These estimates would have to be refined and market tested in the normal way should the projects proceed.

- a. **Doagh to Larne Greenway** - an application for the section adjacent to the Avondale Business Park together with upgraded road markings and signage to Mill Road. There was potential to continue this section along the Templepatrick Road that would link with the Ollar Roundabout but this was subject to further discussion with DfI Roads and could be the subject of an application in next year's call. Estimated costs are in the region of £[REDACTED]. As this is a Greenway Project it would attract 50% funding.
- b. **Mallusk/Hightown to Gideon's Green** – An application for upgrading and widening of paths from the old shale pitch in Valley Park to the O'Neill Road. Provision of a new section of Greenway to connect with the new road crossing (work underway by DfI Roads), and joining with Greenway path already established in Valley Park. Estimated costs are in the region of £[REDACTED]. As this is an Active Travel Project it would attract 100% funding.

Moved by Councillor McClelland
 Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

RESOLVED - that Council responds to the Department for Infrastructure's request for Greenway and Active Travel Projects as set out above.

ACTION BY: Matt McDowell, Deputy Director of Parks & Leisure/Geraldine Girvan, Director of Operations

Alderman Smyth left the meeting having declared an interest in the next item.

8.9 IN CONFIDENCE ED/GEN/017 CCTV GRANT PROGRAMME FOR BUSINESS OPERATORS

Members were reminded that approval was previously granted to progress arrangements for a CCTV programme for business operators. Following an Expression of Interest Process 286 responses were received from across the Borough. As a first phase it was agreed that businesses located in town centres would be prioritised.

It was agreed that the Council would support the businesses with grants of up to £2,500 at a funding rate of 75% with the remaining 25% contributed by the businesses themselves.

CCTV Grant Scheme Update

In June 2022, 131 applications packs were sent to businesses within the town centres across the Borough. The table below shows the number of applications received to date.

Town Centre	Number of EOIs	Number of Applications Received
Antrim	35	10
Ballyclare	24	8
Crumlin	16	4
Glengormley	24	9

Randalstown	32	7
TOTAL	131	38

Officers were following up with businesses to encourage additional applications.

Officers to consider extending this provision to other DEAs and Officers to confirm whether there are CCTV cameras outside the Old Courthouse.

Moved by Alderman Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor Cooper and

RESOLVED - that the applications received to date are approved and progressed.

*ACTION BY: Steven Norris, Head of Regeneration and Infrastructure (Interim)/
Majella McAlister, Deputy Chief Executive of Economic Growth*

Alderman Smyth returned to the meeting.

8.10 IN CONFIDENCE HR/ER/021 PENSION DISCRETIONS POLICY STATEMENT 2022

Members were reminded that at the Policy and Governance Committee in June 2022, it was reported that the Pension Discretions Policy Statement was being reviewed to make the relevant revisions required from changes in policy, as set out within the NILGOSC guidance. Officers undertook to report back once this had been completed. A copy of the revised Pension Discretions Policy Statement was circulated at Appendix 1 for Members' approval. This revised policy has been equality screened, a copy of which was circulated at Appendix 2.

Members were also reminded that the revised Voluntary Severance and Voluntary Redundancy Procedure and Pay Tapering Policy were approved until June 2023, subject to consultation with Trade Unions. A copy of the revised policies and associated screening forms were enclosed at Appendix 3 for Members' information.

Moved by Councillor Webb
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

RESOLVED - that the revised Pension Discretions Policy Statement be approved.

ACTION BY: Jennifer Close, Head of Human Resources/Jacqui Dixon, Chief Executive

Councillor Brady left the meeting during the next item.

8.11 IN CONFIDENCE CE/STC/88 ORGANISATION STRUCTURE

A report relating to organisational structures was tabled at the meeting

A) STRUCTURES

Revised structures were tabled for Members' consideration.

These structures had been reviewed following feedback from Elected Members, customers and members of the public.

The Chief Executive responded to Members' questions.

B) CORPORATE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Members were reminded that at the Council meeting on 27 June 2022, a proposed structure for CLT was approved, subject to consultation with staff and Trade Unions.

Following consultation and feedback from Elected Members, the final CLT structure was tabled for Members' approval.

Moved by Councillor Webb
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

RESOLVED - that

(a) proposed structures for Parks (Appendix 1), Waste Management (Appendix 2), Leisure (Appendix 3), Property and Building Services (Appendix 4), Arts, Culture, Tourism and Events (Appendix 5), Community Planning (Appendix 6), be approved subject to consultation with staff and Trade Unions;

(b) the final CLT Structure (Appendix 7) be approved.

*ACTION BY: Jennifer Close, Head of Human Resources/Debbie Rogers,
Director of Organisation Development*

MOTION TO PROCEED 'OUT OF COMMITTEE'

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor Dunlop and

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

The Mayor expressed his condolences to the family and Party colleagues of Lord Trimble PC.

The Mayor thanked everyone for attending and the meeting concluded at 10.15 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.