



21 January 2026

**To: Each Member of the Council**

Dear Member

**MEETING OF ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBAY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

A meeting of Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council will be held in the **Council Chamber, Mossley Mill** on **Monday 26 January 2026** at **6.30 pm**.

You are requested to attend.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Baker".

Richard Baker, GM MSc  
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## AGENDA

- 1 Bible Reading and Prayer (In accordance with Standing Orders, Members are not required to attend for this part of the meeting and, following this part of the meeting, Members outside the Chamber will be called to the meeting).
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Declarations of Interest
- 4 To take as read and confirm the minutes of the proceedings of the Council Meeting of Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council held on Monday 15 December 2026, a copy of which is **enclosed**.
- 5 To approve the minutes of the proceedings of the Operation Committee Meeting of Monday 5 January 2026, a copy of which is **enclosed**.
- 6 To approve the minutes of the proceedings of the Policy and Governance of Tuesday 6 January 2026, a copy of which is **enclosed**.
- 7 To approve the minutes of the proceedings of the Community Development Committee Meeting of Monday 12 January 2026, a copy of which is **enclosed**.
- 8 To approve the minutes of the proceedings of the Economic Development Committee Meeting of Tuesday 13 January 2026, a copy of which are **enclosed**.
- 9(a) To take as read and confirm the Part 1 of the minutes of the proceedings of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Monday 19 January 2026, a copy of which is **enclosed**.
- 9(b) To approve Part 2 of the minutes of the proceedings of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Monday 19 January 2026, a copy of which is **enclosed**.
- 10 To take as read and confirm the minutes of the proceedings of the Special Council Meeting of Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council held on Tuesday 20 January 2026, a copy of which is **enclosed**.
- 11 PRESENTATION
  - 11.1 Bryson Recycling
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15 ITEM FOR NOTING

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16.1 Update On Chimney Corner Planning Enforcement Case

16.2 Capital Projects Progress Report to 31 December 2025

## 11 PRESENTATION

### 11.1 G/MSMO/7 BRYSON RECYCLING

#### 1. Purpose

**The purpose of this presentation is to provide Members with an update on the waste harmonisation project and service delivery by Bryson Recycling**

#### 2. Introduction

Members are advised that Mr Shane Logan, Chief Executive Bryson Group and Ms Fiona McKilligan, Assistant Director at Bryson Recycling will be in attendance to provide an update on the waste harmonisation project and service delivery by Bryson Recycling.

#### 3. Recommendation

**It is recommended that the presentation be noted.**

Prepared by: Member Services

Approved by: Richard Baker, Chief Executive

## **12 NOTICE OF MOTION**

Proposed by: Councillor Dunlop  
Seconded by Councillor Magill

This council notes the negative impact that the noise of fireworks can have on children, pets and livestock alongside the impact of unregulated sale and usage more generally.

This council further notes ongoing campaigns seeking a review of current firework regulations by the NSPCA, HelpAnimalsUK, The Firework Campaign and others.

This Council will consequently consider the use of silent fireworks for all future council-led events where fireworks are to be used.

Officers are to report back to the relevant Committee with recommended changes to events, which include firework displays, and provide proposals for a public statement and promotional campaign to raise awareness of the impact of fireworks on children, pets, and livestock, in advance of autumn 2026.

## 13 NOTICE OF MOTION

Proposed by: Councillor Foster  
Seconded by: Alderman Michael

"This Council notes with concern the recent transition of the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) Firearms and Explosives Branch to a 'digital-only' application system for the grant, regrant, and variation of firearms certificates.

While we acknowledge the need for administrative efficiency, this Council is deeply concerned that the mandatory online-only requirement—which necessitates the use of digital evidence, email/mobile contacts, and the completion of applications in a single digital session—creates a significant barrier for many residents within our Borough.

This Council believes that:

A 'digital-by-default' mandate significantly alienates older applicants and those living in rural areas of Antrim and Newtownabbey with limited internet connectivity.

This transition ignores the digital divide, effectively creating a two-tier system that discriminates against law-abiding citizens who may lack the hardware, scanning facilities, or digital literacy required by the new portal.

Under Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998, public authorities have a statutory duty to promote equality of opportunity regardless of age. An online-only system without a paper-based alternative risks failing this duty.

This Council resolves to:

Formally write to the Chief Constable of the PSNI and the Northern Ireland Policing Board expressing the Council's opposition to the removal of paper-based applications.

Call for the immediate implementation of a 'Dual Process' that allows for paper applications to ensure that no resident is excluded from their statutory right to apply for or renew a license based on their age or digital capability.

Engage with local shooting clubs and rural stakeholders within the Borough to assess the full impact of these changes on our constituents."

## 14 ITEM FOR DECISION

### 14.1 PBS/BC/003 VOL 2 STREET NAMING SUBMISSION – FAIRVIEW FARM ROAD, BALLYCLARE

#### 1. Purpose

**The purpose of this report is to recommend to Members a new street name for a development at Fairview Farm Road, Ballyclare.**

#### 2. Introduction/Background

A development naming application was received from Jamesy Hagan on behalf of Seventh Developments regarding the naming of a residential development at Fairview Farm Road, Ballyclare. The development consists of 9 dwellings, these being a mixture of detached and semi - detached. The development names and developer's rationale have been submitted as outlined below, with the developer's application, location map and site plan enclosed.

- 1 – Fairview Farm Close – The development is an infill site located off Fairview Farm Road
- 2 – Fairview Farm Lane – The development is an infill site located off Fairview Farm Road
- 3 – Fairview Farm Gardens – The development is an infill site located off Fairview Farm Road

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

#### 3. Recommendation

**It is recommended that the Council approves a name for the above development.**

Prepared by: Liam McFadden, Principal Building Control Surveyor

Agreed by: Sharon Mossman, Deputy Director of Planning and Building Control

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

## 15 ITEM FOR NOTING

### **G/MSMO/14 CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND THE MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE - CAOIMHÉ'S LAW**

#### **1. Purpose**

**The purpose of this report is for Members to note correspondence received from the Minister of Justice, Naomi Long MLA and the Minister for Infrastructure, Liz Kimmins MLA regarding Caoimhé's Law.**

#### **2. Background**

In November 2025, Council noted the correspondence received from Derry City and Strabane District Council requesting support for the campaign for Caoimhé's Law, which was a proposed piece of legislation concerning the use of materials from fatal or critical road traffic collisions.

At the December 2025 Council meeting, Members passed a Motion supporting the introduction of Caoimhé's Law, which addresses the unauthorised recording of serious road traffic collisions and agreed the following:

1. Publicly support Caoimhé's Law;
2. Write to the Minister for Justice, and to MLAs, urging them to prioritise this legislation;
3. Call on the Minister for Infrastructure to begin drafting the law in consultation with families and campaigners;
4. Steps be considered through existing budgets and resources to educate the public;
5. Provide the opportunity for campaign representatives to present to the relevant committee;

On 7 January 2026 correspondence (**enclosed**) was received from the Minister of Justice, Naomi Long MLA 8 January 2026 regarding an update of the legislative changes proposed.

On 8 January 2026 correspondence (**enclosed**) was received from Liz Kimmins MLA, Minister for Infrastructure regarding her support of the introduction of Caoimhé's Law.

#### **3. Summary**

This report provides an update for Members to note the correspondence received from the Minister of Justice and the Minister for Infrastructure regarding Caoimhé's Law.

#### **4. Recommendation**

**It is recommended that the correspondence received from the Minister of Justice, Naomi Long MLA and the Minister for Infrastructure, Liz Kimmins MLA regarding Caoimh 's Law be noted.**

Prepared by: Member Services

Agreed by: Liz Johnston, Deputy Director of Governance

Approved by: Richard Baker, Chief Executive