



**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD
AT MOSSLEY MILL ON TUESDAY 26 AUGUST 2025 AT 6.30 PM**

- In the Chair** : Mayor (Councillor L Kirkpatrick)
- Members Present** : Aldermen – L Boyle, T Campbell, M Cosgrove,
J McGrath, M Magill, P Michael, S Ross and J Smyth
- : Councillors – J Archibald-Brown, A Bennington,
M Brady, J Burbank, M Cooper, S Cosgrove,
H Cushinan, P Dunlop, S Flanagan, R Foster, J Gilmour,
N Kelly, R Kinnear, R Lynch, H Magill, B Mallon,
A McAuley, T McGrann, E McLaughlin, V McWilliam,
M Ní Chonghaile, L O'Hagan, A O'Lone, S Ward,
B Webb and S Wilson
- Members Present
(Remotely)** : Alderman P Bradley
- : Councillor M Goodman
- Officers Present** : Chief Executive - R Baker
Director of Community Development – U Fay
Director of Sustainability, Operations – M Lavery
Director of Parks and Leisure, Operations – M McDowell
Director of Organisation Development (Interim) – H Hall
Deputy Director of Regeneration and Infrastructure –
S Norris
Head of Human Resources – J Clarke
Borough Lawyer and Head of Legal Services – P Casey
ICT Manager – P Allan
ICT Helpdesk Officer – J Wilson
Member Services Officer – L Irwin

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 Cushinan, Goodman, Kelly, Kinnear, McAuley, McGrann, McLaughlin, Ní Chonghaile, O'Hagan and O'Lone joined the meeting at this point.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

The Mayor welcomed all present to the meeting. She was delighted to share that Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council had once again been nominated for *Overall UK Council of the Year*, with the Awards Ceremony taking place on Thursday 11 September 2025.

2 APOLOGIES

Councillors AM Logue, V McWilliam and M Stewart

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

4 MINUTES OF THE ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBEY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

Moved by Councillor Webb
Seconded by and Councillor Kinnear

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council Meeting of Monday 28 July 2025 be taken as read and signed as correct.

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

Moved by Councillor Kinnear
Seconded by Councillor Flanagan and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Planning Committee Meeting of Monday 18 August 2025 Part 1 be taken as read and signed as correct.

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

Moved by Councillor Kinnear
Seconded by Councillor Flanagan and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Planning Committee Meeting of Monday 18 August 2025 Part 2 be approved and adopted.

Councillor Cushinan left and returned to the Chamber during item 6.

6 NOTICE OF MOTION

Proposed by: Councillor O'Hagan
Seconded by: Councillor Lynch

That this Council reaffirms its commitment, as agreed in August 2024, to oppose all forms of racism, hate and discrimination, and to support a peaceful, inclusive and respectful Borough for all.

Council recognises with concern the rising levels of racial intimidation and violence across the Borough. It acknowledges the threats and intimidation made to children and families in our towns and communities.

In line with our duties under Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998, and our shared responsibility to promote good relations, Council agrees to:

1. Restate that Antrim and Newtownabbey is a welcoming Borough to all and that it condemns racism in all its forms.
2. Promote anti-racism messaging, including the sharing of information which seeks to dispel myths, through collaboration with partners in order to counter misinformation and provide reassurance to all in our community that they are valued and supported.
3. Explore the development of an ethnic minority and migrant support hub in the Borough, taking inspiration from existing good practice across the region, with officers to bring back a report on proposals, including any resource implications, to a future meeting of the Community Development Committee.
4. Review the Equality and Diversity (E&D) plans and associated training to ensure they remain robust, up to date, and effective in promoting inclusivity and combating discrimination.
5. Enhance multi-agency and partnership working with PSNI, the Education Authority, Health Trusts, NIHE, and community and voluntary organisations to address racial intimidation, race hate crime, and to promote community safety.

AMENDMENT

Moved by Alderman Magill
Seconded by Alderman Cosgrove

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In line with our duties under Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998, and our shared responsibility to promote good relations, Council agrees to:

1. Restate that Antrim and Newtownabbey is a welcoming Borough to all and that it condemns racism and anti-semitism in all its forms.
2. Review the Equality and Diversity (E&D) plans and associated training to ensure they remain robust, up to date, and effective in promoting inclusivity and combating discrimination.
3. Enhance multi-agency and partnership working with PSNI, the Education Authority, Health Trusts, NIHE, and community and voluntary organisations to address racial intimidation, race hate crime, and to promote community safety.

On the amendment being put to the meeting, and a recorded vote having been requested by Councillor O'Hagan, Members voted as follows:

In favour of the Amendment Members viz 19	Abstentions Members viz 0	Against the Motion Members viz 17
<p>Aldermen – Bradley, Cosgrove, Magill, Michael, Ross and Smyth</p> <p>Councillors – Archibald-Brown, Bennington, Brady, Cooper, Cosgrove, Dunlop, Flanagan, Foster, Kirkpatrick, Mallon, H Magill, S Ward and S Wilson.</p>		<p>Aldermen - Boyle, Campbell, and McGrath</p> <p>Councillors – Burbank, Cushinan, Gilmour, Goodman, Kelly, Kinnear, Lynch, McAuley, McGrann, McLaughlin, Ní Chonghaile, O'Hagan, O'Lone and Webb</p>

The Amendment was declared carried and became the substantive proposal.

A further Amendment was then put to the meeting.

AMENDMENT

Proposed by Councillor Burbank
Seconded by Alderman Campbell

That this Council reaffirms its commitment, as agreed in August 2024, to oppose all forms of racism, hate and discrimination, and to support a peaceful, inclusive and respectful Borough for all.

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In line with our duties under Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998, and our shared responsibility to promote good relations, Council agrees to:

1. Restate that Antrim and Newtownabbey is a welcoming Borough to all and that it condemns racism in all its forms including anti-semitism and xenophobia.
2. Promote anti-racism messaging through collaboration with partners in order to counter misinformation and provide reassurance to all in our community that they are valued and supported.
3. Explore the development of an ethnic minority and migrant support hub in the Borough, taking inspiration from existing good practice across the region, with officers to bring back a report on proposals, including any resource implications, to a future meeting of the Community Development Committee, with due regard to existing funding streams and recognising the good work already taking place.
4. Review the Equality and Diversity (E&D) plans and associated training to ensure they remain robust, up to date, and effective in promoting inclusivity and combating discrimination.
5. Enhance multi-agency and partnership working with PSNI, the Education Authority, Health Trusts, NIHE, and community and voluntary organisations to address racial intimidation, race hate crime, and to promote community safety.

On the Amendment being put to the meeting, 17 Members voted in favour, 19 against and 0 abstentions the Amendment was declared not carried.

SUBSTANTIVE

The substantive proposal was then put to the meeting, 19 Members voted in favour, 17 against and 0 abstentions.

The substantive proposal was declared carried and it was

Resolved – that

That this Council reaffirms its commitment, as agreed in August 2024, to oppose all forms of racism, hate and discrimination, and to support a peaceful, inclusive and respectful Borough for all.

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In line with our duties under Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998, and our shared responsibility to promote good relations, Council agrees to:

1. **Restate that Antrim and Newtownabbey is a welcoming Borough to all and that it condemns racism and anti-semitism in all its forms.**

2. **Review the Equality and Diversity (E&D) plans and associated training to ensure they remain robust, up to date, and effective in promoting inclusivity and combating discrimination.**
3. **Enhance multi-agency and partnership working with PSNI, the Education Authority, Health Trusts, NIHE, and community and voluntary organisations to address racial intimidation, race hate crime, and to promote community safety.**

ACTION BY: Richard Baker, Chief Executive

7 ITEMS FOR DECISION

7.1 CCS/EDP/025 DUAL LANGUAGE STREET SIGN APPLICATIONS

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to recommend to Members to approve and note the Dual Language Street Sign applications as follows:

Stage 1

- **Arthur Road, Newtownabbey, BT36 7EH be approved.**
- **Arthur Park, Newtownabbey, BT36 7EL be approved.**
- **Gallagh Road, Toome, BT41 3PD be approved.**

Stage 2

- **Shore Road, Toome, BT41 3NW be noted.**
- **Brae Terrace, Crumlin, BT29 4XW be noted.**
- **Glenville Green, Newtownabbey, BT37 0TT be noted.**

Stage 3

- **No applications at stage 3 be noted.**

2. Background

Members were reminded that in accordance with the Dual Language Street Sign Policy, adopted by Council on 30 May 2022 (circulated), the following update outlined the current status of applications received.

3. Application Update

STAGE 1: PETITION VERIFICATION

Three applications were at Stage 1.

1. **ARTHUR ROAD, NEWTOWNABBHEY, BT36 7EH**
2. **ARTHUR PARK, NEWTOWNABBHEY, BT36 7EL**
3. **GALLAGH ROAD, TOOME, BT41 3PD**

The occupiers signing the petitions had been evidenced by their listing on the current Electoral Register and meet the one third threshold as required within the approved Policy.

STAGE 2: RESIDENTS CANVASS

Three applications were at Stage 2.

1. SHORE ROAD, TOOME, BT41 3NW
2. BRAE TERRACE, CRUMLIN BT29 4XW
3. GLENVILLE GREEN, NEWTOWNABBAY, BT37 0TT

Canvass letters were issued to residents on 1 August 2025 for return by 29 August 2025. The canvass outcome would be reported to the September Policy and Governance Committee.

STAGE 3: STREET SIGN INSTALLATION

There were no applications at stage 3.

Moved by Councillor Cushinan
Seconded by Councillor Webb and

RESOLVED - that the Dual Language Street Sign applications at:

Stage 1

- **Arthur Road, Newtownabbey, BT36 7EH be approved.**
- **Arthur Park, Newtownabbey, BT36 7EL be approved.**
- **Gallagh Road, Toome, BT41 3PD be approved.**

Stage 2

- **Shore Road, Toome, BT41 3NW be noted.**
- **Brae Terrace, Crumlin, BT29 4XW be noted.**
- **Glenville Green, Newtownabbey, BT37 0TT be noted.**

Stage 3

- **No applications at stage 3 be noted.**

ACTION BY: Ellen Boyd, Accessibility and Inclusion Officer

7.2 CCS/EDP/14 ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT, EQUALITY COMMISSION

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to recommend to Members to approve the Annual Progress Report to the Equality Commission (ECNI) for the period April 2024 to March 2025.

Members were reminded that Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 requires public authorities to have due regard for the need to promote equality of opportunity between persons of different religious belief, political opinion,

racial group, age, marital status or sexual orientation, men and women generally, persons with a disability and persons without and persons with dependants and persons without.

2. Introduction/ Background

The Council's Equality Scheme describes certain arrangements that as a public authority, the Council had set-up and was obliged to apply and follow as a means of fulfilling the duties imposed on it by Section 75(1) and (2) (i.e. the duties to have regard to the need to promote equality of opportunity, and regard to the desirability of promoting good relations).

This included arrangements for training staff, assessing and consulting on the likely impact of policies adopted or proposed to be adopted by the authority on the promotion of equality of opportunity, and monitoring any adverse impact of those policies that had been adopted.

The Council must provide an Annual Progress Report to the Equality Commission and outline how these arrangements had been applied and to assess how effective they had been in supporting the Council to comply with the Section 75 duties.

The Annual Progress report for the period April 2024 to March 2025 was circulated for approval.

Moved by Alderman Boyle
Seconded by Councillor Burbank and

RESOLVED - that the Annual Progress Report to the Equality Commission (ECNI) for the period April 2024 to March 2025 be approved.

ACTION BY: Ellen Boyd, Accessibility and Inclusion Officer

7.3 **EH/EHS/EP/003 DEPARTMENT FOR AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT AND RURAL AFFAIRS (DAERA) CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED "NEW RULES FOR THE SALE AND SUPPLY OF PUPPIES AND KITTENS IN NORTHERN IRELAND".**

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to inform Members of a consultation by the Department for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) on proposed "new rules for the sale and supply of puppies and kittens in Northern Ireland".

2. Background

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) had launched a public consultation on proposed new rules governing the sale and supply of puppies and kittens in Northern Ireland. Council had been invited to respond as we had a responsibility for enforcing companion animal welfare laws.

The proposals aimed to strengthen animal welfare protections by:

- Introducing a registration system for anyone selling, giving away, or otherwise transferring ownership of puppies or kittens under six months old;
- Prohibiting the sale and supply of puppies and kittens through third parties who were not the original breeders;
- administration and enforcement of the scheme through local authorities.

The public consultation was open until 25 August 2025. However, the deadline for council responses has been extended to 15 September 2025.

Full details of the consultation, including all supporting documentation could be found at the following link;

[Public Consultation on proposed new rules for the sale and supply of puppies and kittens in Northern Ireland | Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs](#)

3. Key Issues

A key objective for DAERA was to introduce legislation to end third-party sales of puppies and kittens in Northern Ireland. Currently, anyone may sell, give away or transfer ownership of such animals. Since the introduction of 'Lucy's Law' in England, Scotland and Wales, which prohibits these sales, there had been increased interest in reviewing Northern Ireland practices. Third-party sales occur when the seller had not bred the animal but had obtained it from a breeder for onward sale.

DAERA's proposals would ban third-party sales and require anyone selling, giving away or transferring puppies or kittens under six months old to register with their local council. Statutory conditions would include restrictions on premature separation from the mother, and a requirement that sales take place only at premises where the animals and their biological mother are kept. Additional measures included stricter advertising standards, a public register of sellers, and a registration fee (nil in the first year).

This would have implications for Council as we would act as the enforcing body, with powers to suspend, vary or revoke registrations and to inspect premises, although inspections would not be mandatory.

The consultation document had been reviewed by EHNI and there was a diverse range of views amongst council officers and as this was likely to be reflected with Members, a corporate response may be difficult to agree.

A draft corporate consultation response had been developed and included for Member information (circulated) and highlighted the following main points:

- Proposed a centralised puppy register managed by DAERA or animal charities rather than individual councils operated systems;
- Raised concerns over the implementation of a kitten register due to enforcement and practical challenges;

- Supported welfare-based sale conditions and exemptions for registered charities and council pounds;
- Raised concerns about the risk of criminalising responsible owners;
- Highlights the financial and resource implications for Council if we assume responsibility for puppy/kitten registration and associated duties.

Alternatively, Members may wish to respond on an individual or party basis.

4. Summary

DAERA was currently consulting on proposals to establish new rules for the sale and supply of puppies and kittens in Northern Ireland with the aim of improving the current companion animal welfare laws. Due to the complexity of the issues included in DAERA's proposals, Members' may wish to respond on an individual or party basis rather than corporately.

Moved by Councillor Foster
Seconded by Councillor Brady and

RESOLVED – that Members respond on an individual or Party-political basis.

ACTION BY: Mark Sloan, Deputy Head of Environmental Health

7.4 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 consists 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 was circulated.

1 – Castlegate – An Ordinance Survey Historical map from 1900 – 1932 showed 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 Archibald-Brown
Seconded by Councillor Magill and

RESOLVED - that the Council approves the name Castlegate for the above development.

ACTION BY: Liam McFadden, Principal Building Control Surveyor

7.5 PBS/BC/003 VOL 2 STREET NAMING SUBMISSION – THE BURN ROAD, DOAGH

1. Purpose

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

2. Introduction/Background

A development naming application was received from Patrick Morwood on behalf of Orrson Developments regarding the naming of a residential development at The Burn Road, Doagh. The development consisted of 44 units, being a mixture of detached, semi – detached 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 – Harbison Park – John Harbison was a well-known local resident within the estate of Ballyhamage House in 1833 and was a major factor in the addition of a church which was built onto the house by Rev George Johnstone in 1853 and was mainly used as a 'chapel of ease'.

2 – Harriets Gate – The Marquess of Donegall owned Ballyhamage House and most of the townland of Ballyhamage in the 1700s and 1800s. His son and heir married Lady Harriet Stewart who became Marchioness of Donegall

3 – The Parsonage – The Rev George Johnstone was the occupier of Ballyhamage House in the 1850s and added a church to the main house in 1853 which was used as a 'chapel of ease' and known as the parsonage

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 Archibald-Brown
Seconded by Alderman Boyle and

RESOLVED - that the Council approves the name Harbinson Park for the above development.

ACTION BY: Liam McFadden, Principal Building Control Surveyor

7.6 PK/GEN/032 REQUEST TO USE V36 EVENT SPACE - CIRCUS

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to seek Members' approval for a circus event at V36.

2. Background

A request had been received from Tom Duffy's Circus to hold a circus event at V36 Event Space with access to the site requested from midnight on 15 September through to midnight on 21 September 2025. These dates included set up and recovery.

The circus owners had confirmed that there would be no animals included. As in previous years, a bond of £1,000 per site would be payable by the circus owners in lieu of any damage to the site, in addition to normal booking charges.

Moved by Councillor Kelly
Seconded by Councillor Lynch and

RESOLVED - that approval be granted to Tom Duffy's Circus to hold a circus event at V36 Event Space, between 17 September and 21 September 2025.

ACTION BY: Glenda James, Parks and Leisure Administration Manager

8 ITEMS FOR NOTING

8.1 HR/ER/024 LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES PAY AGREEMENTS 2025/26

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to recommend to Members to note the Local Government Services Pay Agreements for 2025/26.

2. Local Government Pay Agreements

Members were advised that the Local Government pay agreements had been reached for period 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026.

3. Financial Position/Implication

The new pay rates, each increased by 3.2% per annum, were effective from 1 April 2025 and had been applied for payment in August.

Provision for the pay award had been provided for within the 2025/26 estimates.

Moved by Councillor O'Hagan
Seconded by Councillor Bennington and

RESOLVED - that the Local Government Services Pay Agreements for 2025/26 be noted.

ACTION BY: Helen Hall, Director of Organisation Development (Interim)

8.2 G/LEG/52/3 COMMENCEMENT DATE FOR THE ALIGNED BYE-LAWS PROHIBITING THE CONSUMPTION OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR IN PUBLIC PLACES

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to inform Members of the commencement date of the aligned Bye-Laws prohibiting the consumption of intoxicating liquor in public places.

2. Introduction/Background

Members were reminded that approval was granted at Operations Committee on 4 December 2023 for the proposed Bye-Laws and for Officers to take the necessary statutory steps for them to come into force. This was approved by Full Council on 18 December 2023.

As per the statutory process, the Bye-Laws were submitted to the Department for Communities for approval and setting of operative date. The Department had served a Notice on Council setting the operative date of these Bye-Laws as 1 August 2025. The Notice from the Department dated 10 July 2025 (circulated) and a copy of the Signed and Sealed Bye-Laws which set out the designated areas where the consumption of alcohol was prohibited (circulated) are attached for Members information.

In order to increase awareness among residents that these Bye-Laws were now in force, notices would be placed on Council social media sites as well as in the Borough Life Magazine. Local press would also be informed and copies of the Bye-Laws would be available at Mossley Mill and the Civic Centre for residents to view.

Moved by Councillor Lynch
Seconded by Councillor Webb and

RESOLVED - that the report be noted.

ACTION BY: Alison McDowell, Council Lawyer

8.3 G/MSMO/14 NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL MOTION – FUNDING CUTS BY ARTS COUNCIL TO NATIONAL YOUTH CHOIR

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was for Members to note the correspondence received from Newry, Mourne and Down District Council in relation to its' Motion regarding funding cuts by Arts Council to National Youth Choir.

2. Introduction

Members were advised that correspondence (circulated) had been received from Newry, Mourne and Down District Council regarding a Motion adopted by that Council. The Motion was in relation to the funding cuts by the Arts Council to the National Youth Choir.

3. Key Points

In adopting this Motion Newry, Mourne and Down District Council intended to write to the Chief Executive of the Arts Council along with the Communities Minister asking for a way forward to be found to prevent the collapse of this institution.

Moved by Alderman Magill
Seconded by Alderman Cosgrove and

RESOLVED - that the correspondence from Newry, Mourne and Down District Council be noted.

ACTION BY: Member Services

8.4 WM/WM/037 HARMONISATION OF WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES UPDATE

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to update Members on the progress of the Harmonisation of Waste Collection Services in the Borough.

2. Background

Members would be aware that Officers are actively working on the Harmonisation of Waste Collection Services across the Borough along with key stakeholders including, third party waste companies, the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) and dedicated consultants.

As previously agreed, Members requested a monthly update on how the project was progressing.

3. Key Information

As reported to Members in July, all procurement of vehicles, containers and

contract services had now been completed. Dedicated Kerbside sort vehicles were now in production with delivery of first vehicles accepted, all 16 vehicles were due to be delivered w/c 1 September. As previously reported the new vehicles incorporate new innovative mechanisms for litter prevention and collections of new materials and should decrease the number of mechanical issues with the current legacy Newtownabbey vehicles.

Officers had begun the delivery of the extensive communication plan. Residents had received their launch letters, press releases and media enquiries had been answered and Officers hosted 22 information public drop-in information sessions across the legacy Antrim areas with approximately 370 people attending. Billboards, adshels and ongoing social media would continue throughout August to further highlight the project and residents would receive a 2nd letter just a few weeks before their roll-out with further information. A timescale of all actions was included (circulated) for Members information.

The phased rollout of the new collection service was still on target for w/c 15 September, and it was envisaged that the services would be fully implemented after nine weeks. Members would be notified of an indicative schedule of delivery at September Operations Committee.

As reported, there would be some day changes for bin collections in the Newtownabbey area, but these had been kept to a minimum and do help achieve improved collection efficiencies. Members in DEAs affected had been notified of the areas.

Council was continuing to work with AWS (Amazon) to establish a dedicated Customer Service assistant to support the Waste and Council customer service team during the project roll-out and provide residents with a 24-hour information service.

Moved by Councillor Burbank
Seconded by Councillor McAuley and

RESOLVED - that the report be noted.

ACTION BY: Lynsey Daly, Head of Waste Strategy and Sustainability

Alderman Boyle left and returned to the Chamber during item 8.5.

8.5 FI/GEN/037 SOCIAL VALUE IN COUNCIL CONTRACTS

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to update Members on the Social Value application to tender exercises.

The report was presented in the following sections;

- Background
- Approaches to Scoring Social Value
- Monitoring and Reporting
- Future Developments

2. Background

Members would recall that in June 2022, the Executive introduced Public Procurement Note (PPN) 04/21 – Scoring Social Value. This note made it mandatory to score Social Value within ‘over threshold’ public procurement contracts.

‘Social Value’ within procurement contracts referred to the wider impacts on the well-being of individuals, communities and the environment that the contract may have. Unlike mainland UK, no specific legislation exists for Northern Ireland that required public bodies to consider ‘Social Value’ in the commissioning of public contracts.

From 1st June 2022 NI public bodies must explicitly score Social Value as an award criterion together with cost and quality with a minimum of 10% of the total award attributed to Social Value.

The 10% minimum applied to:

- Services contracts greater than £179,087 (whole life cost),
- Construction contracts (works) greater than £4,477,174

Other mandatory Social Value measures, especially regarding compliance with relevant employment, equality and human rights standards and fair work practices had already been mandated from September 2021.

3. Approaches to Scoring Social Value

Council currently operates two mechanisms for scoring Social Value;

- Points Based Approach
- Alternative Approach

The approach used would typically be per the table below;

Value	Approach
Works over £4,477k	Points Based
Services over £1m	Points Based
Services - £179k to £1m	Alternative

Points Based Approach

For 'over threshold' and other larger contracts, bidders are asked to complete a points matrix of their Social Value commitments from a basket of measures under the general themes of:

- Employment and Skills
- Sourcing Strategies
- 'Zero' carbon delivery
- Well-Being promotion

For each Council contract a minimum points value must be committed to by the bidder. Council had the flexibility to influence bidders focus on particular aspects of the above themes by offering more points for those aspects.

It was the bidders' delivery plan that is then scored i.e. how they would deliver their Social Value commitment. This delivery plan was then monitored during the contract period to ensure Social Value had been delivered as per the tender.

The supplier must deliver a minimum of 100 Social Value points per £1 million of contract value.

Appendix A (circulated) listed contracts awarded since June 2022, the Social Value points requirement and the main Social Value commitment within the bidders' delivery plan.

Alternative Approach

For service contracts below £1m over the contract term, Council stipulates one or more measures applicable to the contract which are linked to Councils priorities. In consultation with Council, bidders then proposed how they could add Social Value against this measure and their response was scored up to the maximum 10%.

Contracts that had been awarded under this approach are listed in Appendix B (circulated):

For example, 'Provision of Catering Services at Mossley Mill' included a scored question on how the contract could deliver additional environmental benefits through;

- Use of energy efficient equipment
- Use of sustainable products
- Reducing water consumption
- Adoption of circular economy principles
- Packaging reduction and recycling
- Working towards net zero greenhouse emissions e.g. using local suppliers

4. Monitoring and Reporting

For each contract with 'Social Value' scoring, Council collaborated with the Strategic Investment Board (SIB) to establish the contract on their central

database. This facilitated monitoring of the social aspect of the Council contract and provided data for NI public sector generally.

Contractors update the SIB database, and reports are distributed by SIB for use at contract review meetings. Social Value was a standing item on the agenda at these meetings for the contractor to update Council on their Social Value commitments.

For example, in the 'Kerbside Sort Recycling Collection Service' tender, the contractor had fully delivered against the 300 points target - the main areas of SV delivery being around contract staff environmental awareness initiatives and staff mental health wellbeing initiatives.

5. Future Developments

It was the intention that the 10% social value award criteria for the public sector was to be reviewed with the potential that the criteria level increased to 20% from June 2023. To date no further direction had been received from the Executive.

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor Dunlop and

RESOLVED - that the report be noted, and that Officers continue to evaluate progress on Social Value delivery within procurement and update Members on a regular basis.

ACTION BY: John Balmer, Deputy Director of Finance

MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN COMMITTEE'

Moved by Councillor Brady
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 Ross and Councillors Archibald-Brown, Brady, Cooper, Cosgrove and Dunlop left and returned to the Chamber during item 9.1.

9 ITEMS IN COMMITTEE

9.1 **IN CONFIDENCE** G-LEG-38-118 CALL-IN OF THE DECISION IN RELATION TO THE DUAL LANGUAGE STREET SIGN POLICY

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to provide Members with an update on the legal opinion in relation to the Call-in Notice of the decision of the Council in May 20205 regarding the Dual Language Street Sign Policy.

2. Background

A valid Call-in Notice was received by the Chief Executive in respect of a decision taken by the Council on 27 May 2025 in which, following a vote, it was resolved that the existing Dual Language Street Sign Policy be approved.

The Call-in is made under Section 41(1)(a) of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 ('2014 Act') - that the decision was not arrived at after a proper consideration of the relevant facts and issues; and Section 41(1)(b) of the 2014 Act – that the decision would disproportionately affect adversely any section of the inhabitants of the district.

The Call-in Notice was circulated.

In accordance with Standing Orders the Chief Executive instructed an external Barrister to provide an opinion regarding the merits of the Call-in Notice.

3. Legal Opinion

The Barrister concluded that the Call-in Motion does not have merit.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The advice of the Barrister is that Members reconsider the matter by re-taking the vote on the motion via simple majority, which was proposed and seconded at the Council meeting in May 2025, that the existing Dual Language Street Sign Policy be approved,

The opinion of the Barrister was circulated.

A Member expressed disappointment in the outcome of the decision and requested that their comment be noted.

Members re-took the vote on the Motion, with 19 Members voting in favour, 17 against and 0 abstentions and it was

RESOLVED - that the existing Dual Language Street Sign Policy be approved.

ACTION BY: Paul Casey, Borough Lawyer & Head of Legal Services

9.2 IN CONFIDENCE FI/PRO/TEN/606 PROCUREMENT FOR THE INSTALLATION, OPERATION & REMOVAL OF FESTIVE LIGHTING AND DECORATION 2025

CONTRACT PERIOD 6 OCTOBER 2025 – 30 SEPTEMBER 2026

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to obtain approval for the appointment of a suitably qualified and experienced organisation to install, operate, and remove

festive lighting in various locations throughout the Borough for Christmas events in 2025.

2. Introduction/Background

The Council provides festive lighting in towns and villages throughout the Borough including Antrim, Glengormley, Randalstown, Ballyclare, Templepatrick and Crumlin. This contract would comprise of testing, installation, maintenance, removal and storage at a Council site of these festive decorations.

The Contractor would also be responsible for supporting the Christmas Light Switch On events throughout the Borough. Following removal of the lights in January, the contractor would complete condition reports which would be used by Officers in their review of the renewal schedule for festive decorations and inform any updates to the design plans.

The contract period of one year would enable Officers to obtain the necessary approvals from council for any refreshed designs and ensure these are reflected in the future tender. The annual spend for this contract was approximately £[REDACTED]; this was within the approved budgets for 2025/2026.

3. Procurement Process

This tender was procured in line with good practice laid out in the Procurement Act 2023. The opportunity was made available on eSourcingNI on 23 June 2025.

One tender response was opened via the eSourcingNI Portal on 11 July 2025 and referred to the evaluation panel for assessment. The tender was evaluated on a two-stage basis as follows:

STAGE 1 – SELECTION STAGE

The tender was evaluated on a pass/fail basis for:

- tenderer's professional conduct
- economic and financial standing
- management systems and practices
- professional membership
- previous relevant experience
- schedule of operatives
- declarations and form of tender

The tender met the requirements of Stage 1 of the evaluation process and proceeded to Stage 2.

STAGE 2 – AWARD STAGE

Sub-Stage 1 – Technical Assessment

The tender was evaluated on a pass/fail basis for

- compliance with the specification.

The tender met the requirements of this stage and proceeded to the next stage of evaluation.

Sub-Stage 2 – Quality & Commercial Assessment

The tender was evaluated on the basis of:

- management of the contract and customer focus (20%),
- technical capacity and capability of the organization (20%)
- cost (60%)

The tenderer's quality score exceeded the threshold for the qualitative criteria and officers are content that the tenderer can deliver a high-quality contract in accordance with all aspects of the specification. Full details of the evaluation methodology are available in Appendix A (circulated).

The recommendation was as follows:

Supplier	Quality Assessment (out of 40%)	Cost Assessment (out of 60%)	Total % Score	Estimated Total Cost (£) (excl. VAT)
AJCG Ltd	40%	60%	100%	£ [REDACTED]

While there was only one tenderer, the costs were in line with the approved budget and market rates and officers were content that they represented value for money.

4. Social Value

Social Value in procurement was implemented by the Executive in June 2022 and incorporated all aspects of sustainable procurement including ethical and sustainable supply chains, community benefits and wealth building, job and skills creation and efforts to decarbonise. It was a mandatory requirement for the above threshold contracts. This procurement exercise did not meet the threshold for social value criteria to be applied.

Moved by Councillor Lynch
 Seconded by Councillor Cooper and

RESOLVED - that, having achieved a score of 100%, AJCG Ltd be appointed to install, operate and remove the festive lighting for the period of 6 October 2025 – 30 September 2026 at the tendered rates.

ACTION BY: Melissa Kenning, Procurement Manager

9.3 IN CONFIDENCE FI/PRO/TEN/591 PROCUREMENT FOR THE SUPPLY, DELIVERY, INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A FULLY AUTOMATED GOLF TEE SYSTEM AT BALLYEARL

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to obtain approval for the appointment of a suitably qualified and experienced organisation to supply, deliver, install, and

maintain an automated golf tee system at Ballyearl Leisure Centre Driving Range.

The project had an estimated gross cost of £[REDACTED] (excl. VAT) and would be funded from existing revenue budgets and capital programme as appropriate. The project was deemed affordable in the context of CAPEX and whole life annual revenue.

2. Introduction/Background

The current automated tee system at Ballyearl Leisure Centre had been in place since 2014 and was no longer operational due to the supplier's inability to provide replacement parts. At the Operations Committee in May 2025, the business case for the renewal of the automated tee system at Ballyearl was approved at an estimated cost of £[REDACTED]. This included an upfront capital investment of approximately £[REDACTED] for equipment and approximately £[REDACTED] in projected maintenance costs over a 60-month period.

The contract would include the supply and installation of 5 right-handed and 2 double-sided fully automated tee systems as well as a comprehensive maintenance package for 5 years. The system eliminated the need for golfers to manually place each ball on the tee and features adjustable tee heights to cater to players of all skill levels. The replacement of the current system would restore full service and serve as a means of improving and enhancing the facility to increase use and income generation.

3. Procurement Process

This tender was procured in line with good practice laid out in the Procurement Act 2023. The opportunity was made available on eSourcingNI on 30 June 2025.

One tender response was opened via the eSourcingNI Portal on 29 July 2025 and referred to the evaluation panel for assessment. The tender was evaluated on a two-stage basis as follows:

STAGE 1 – SELECTION STAGE

The tender was evaluated on a pass/fail basis for:

- tenderer's professional conduct
- economic and financial standing
- management systems and practices
- previous relevant experience
- declarations and form of tender

The tender met the requirements of Stage 1 of the evaluation process and proceeded to Stage 2.

STAGE 2 – AWARD STAGE

Sub-Stage 1 – Technical Assessment

The tender was evaluated on a pass/fail basis for

- compliance with the specification.

The tender met the requirements of this stage and proceeded to the next stage of evaluation.

Sub-Stage 2 – Quality & Commercial Assessment

The tender was evaluated on the basis of:

- cost (100%)

Full details of the evaluation methodology were available in Appendix A (circulated).

The recommendation was as follows:

Supplier	Cost Score (out of 100%)	Cost for the Supply & Installation of the Tee Systems (£) (excl.VAT)	Cost for 5 Year Comprehensive Maintenance (£) (excl.VAT)	Estimated Total Overall Cost (£) (excl. VAT)
Golf-Tech Ltd	100.00%	██████████	██████████	██████████

While there was only one tenderer, the costs were in line with the approved budget and market rates and officers were content that they represented value for money.

4. Social Value

Social Value in procurement was implemented by the Executive in June 2022 and incorporated all aspects of sustainable procurement including ethical and sustainable supply chains, community benefits and wealth building, job and skills creation and efforts to decarbonise. It was a mandatory requirement for the above threshold contracts. This procurement exercise did not meet the threshold for social value criteria to be applied.

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor Lynch and

RESOLVED - that, having achieved a score of 100%, Golf-Tech Ltd be appointed to supply, deliver, install and maintain an automated tee system at Ballyearl Leisure Centre at the tendered rates.

ACTION BY: Melissa Kenning, Procurement Manager

9.4 **IN CONFIDENCE** FI/PRO/TEN/324 **GENERAL CAR PARK IMPROVEMENTS, REFURBISHMENT AND NEW WORKS – PACKAGE 5, ALLEN PARK AND STILES COMMUNITY CENTRE**

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to recommend to Members the appointment of Northstone Materials Limited as the Principal Contractor to undertake the delivery of Works Package 5 of the car park improvements programme.

The scope of works included redesign of layout, DDA upgrades, resurfacing, lighting, landscaping and ancillary civil works at Allen Park and Stiles Community Centre.

The project had a predicted 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.

All prices included within this report exclude VAT.

2. Introduction/Background & Procurement

In May 2021 approval was obtained for the appointment of 3 companies to the car park works framework to undertake the refurbishment of Council car parks. This would be the last works package procured through this framework which expired in May 2025.

Since 2021 the following sites had been refurbished as part of the overall car park improvement programme:

Package 1

- Castle Way (Phase 1), Antrim – completed November 2021
- Antrim Forum - completed December 2021
- Carnmoney Cemetery - completed March 2022

Package 2

- Harrier Way, Ballyclare - completed September 2022
- Bridge Street, Antrim - completed September 2022
- Castle Way (Phase 2), Antrim - completed November 2022
- Ballyclare Cemetery - completed April 2023
- Portglenone Road, Randalstown - completed June 2023

Package 2A

- Church Way/Glenwell Road
- Junction improvements, Glengormley – Completed March 2024

Package 3

- Ballyearl Arts & Leisure Centre - completed January 2025

Package 4

- Glenwell/Farmley Roads
Connectivity works - due for completion October 2025

In June 2024 Council approved [REDACTED] for Estate Lifecycle Projects, with business cases required where necessary. The business case for re-surfacing and road realignment works at Allen Park was approved by Council in April 2025. Invitation To Tender (ITT) documents were issued to the three contractors on the framework on 30 May 2025. Three completed ITT submissions were received by the closing date of 20 June 2025.

3. Commercial Assessment

Tenders were evaluated on price only. Northstone Materials Limited submitted the lowest tender assessment total price as detailed below.

Contractor	Tendered Total of the Prices	Model Compensation Event Total*	Tender Assessment Total Price**
Northstone Materials Limited	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

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

***The Tender Assessment Total Price is the Total of the Prices + the Model Compensation Event Total and is used solely for tender comparison purposes.*

No errors had been found in the tender of Northstone Materials Limited. The prices submitted within the Tendered Total of the Prices based on the approved framework rates were competitive and offer value for money to the Council.

Northstone Materials Limited had confirmed they could stand over their tendered price to meet the specification and construction programme. The bids received are circulated in Appendix A.

4. Financial Position/Implication

Based on the lowest tender the predicted gross CAPEX cost was summarised below.

Tendered Total of Prices	[REDACTED]
Model Compensation Event Total	[REDACTED]
Tender Assessment Total Price	[REDACTED]
Client Contingency*	[REDACTED]
Total Predicted Works Cost	[REDACTED]
Professional Fees/Surveys	[REDACTED]
Total Predicted gross CAPEX Cost	[REDACTED]

*Due to the nature of these works and the risk of unforeseen utilities an additional client contingency sum of ██████ had been included in the cost summary. This may not be utilised.

5. Social Value

Social Value in procurement was implemented by the Executive in June 2022 and incorporates all aspects of sustainable procurement including ethical and sustainable supply chains, community benefits and wealth building, job and skills creation and efforts to decarbonise. It was a mandatory requirement for the above threshold contracts. This procurement exercise did not meet the threshold for social value criteria to be applied.

6. Programme

An indicative programme was as follows:

Allen Park	September – November 2025
Stiles Community Centre	October – November 2025

Moved by Councillor Dunlop
Seconded by Councillor Lynch and

RESOLVED - that:

- a) **The investment decision to appoint Northstone Materials Limited for Works Package 5 at the tendered total of prices of £█████ be approved giving a Tender Assessment Total Price of £█████ and a total predicted works cost of £█████.**
- b) **Responsibility be delegated to the project SRO for all works up to the total predicted gross CAPEX cost of £█████.**

ACTION BY: Andrew McKeown, Capital Development Manager

9.5 **IN CONFIDENCE** ED/ED/292 RURAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT SCHEME FUNDING

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to seek approval for the Council's participation in the Rural Business Development Grant Scheme in 2025-26, subject to business case and ministerial approval.

2. Introduction/Background

Members would recall that during financial years 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2024-2025 the Council administered a Rural Business Development Grant (RBDGS) on behalf of the Department for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA).

The key aim of the Scheme was to provide small capital grants 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 was to enable them to remain sustainable or to grow. The maximum grant-funding rate is 50%, with 50% match-funding provided by participating businesses.

Following the success of previous RBDGS schemes, DAERA had written to the Councils (circulated) to administer a further iteration of the RBDGS commencing in September 2025. This was subject to approval of the Scheme Business Case and Ministerial Approval.

The funding allocation per Council would be as in previous scheme years, a straight percentage share based on the number of micro businesses in the Council area as a percentage of the overall number of micro businesses in Northern Ireland. Each Council would have an administration budget relating to the Letter of Offer award amount issued by their respective area.

Through the Business Case development, DAERA were considering increasing the maximum level of capital grant to £7,500 from £4,999 in all previous iterations. This increase was in line with inflationary increases since the RBDGS commenced in 2019. If approved, this would lead to an increase in the overall capital funding allocated to the RBDGS 2025/26.

3. Previous Decision of Council

Approved for delivery of TRPSI programme in years 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-2022, 2022-23 and 2024-25

4. Key Issues (or relevant titles for the main body of the report)

The Department was awaiting final approval of the Scheme Business Case and Ministerial Approval. The Council would be unable to undertake formal work on the project until the Letter of Offer was received.

5. Financial Position/Implication

There was no direct financial contribution required from the Council. DAERA would provide an admin payment to Council (based on Letter of Offers issued) to promote and deliver the programme, which would be managed by the Economic Development Team.

Moved by Councillor Wilson
Seconded by Councillor Webb and

RESOLVED - that the Council agrees to participate in the Rural Business Development Grant Scheme in 2025-26, subject to business case and ministerial approval.

ACTION BY: Matthew Mulligan, Economic Development Officer

Alderman Boyle and Councillor Ní Chonghaile left and returned to the Chamber during item 9.6.

9.6 **IN CONFIDENCE** HR/HR/027 ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURES

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to seek approval for the revised organisation structure and associated voluntary severance applications at Appendix 1, subject to consultation with affected employees and Trade Unions.

2. Aim and Rationale

Members approved a new Voluntary Severance & Voluntary Redundancy Policy in April 2025, with the intention of reducing Council's salary costs, whilst maintaining the highest standards of service.

This policy therefore provided opportunities for the Council to manage salary costs; re-design structures, better align services and ultimately deliver service improvements and enhanced services to customers and ratepayers.

3. Update on Voluntary Severance Applications

To date a total of 66 formal voluntary severance applications had been received. This figure was subject to change as pension calculations remained outstanding for NICS employees.

In line with the principles of organisation design, applications were being considered on a phased approach. The applied principles of organisational design are:

a. **Strategic Alignment**

Ensure that any structural changes aligned with the organisation's overall strategy and objectives, while maintaining effective governance.

b. **Customer-Centric Approach**

Design the organisation to prioritise customer needs and improve service delivery.

c. **Cross-Functional Collaboration**

Promote coordination and collaboration across directorates to avoid silos and improve efficiency.

d. **Clear Accountability and Decision-Making**

Establish clear lines of delegation and accountability within each directorate and across the organisation. Define roles, responsibilities, and decision-making authorities to ensure efficient operations and maintain transparency.

e. **Talent Optimisation and Specialisation**

Design roles and reporting lines that allow for specialisation where needed, while also creating opportunities for staff to develop broader skills across service areas (finance, HR management and project Management).

f. **Optimal Span of Control Principle**

Maintain effective span of control to ensure effective supervision, employee development, and organisational efficiency to ensure a balanced workload, effective communication and employee development:

g. Flexibility and Adaptability

Design the organisation to be responsive to changing community needs and external factors. Build flexibility within each directorate to allow for quick adjustments to service delivery methods or resource allocation as required.

h. Pay and Grading

Ensure the revised organisation structure is mindful of the Council's commitment to a pay and grading review and the correction of any potential anomalies.

4. Organisational re-structure proposal

Mindful of the aim of reducing salary costs and re-designing structures to achieve greater efficiency and synergy, officers had reviewed six voluntary applications [REDACTED]

This allows a review of the Corporate Leadership Team (CLT) with departmental functions reorganised among existing roles. Given the priority to improve medium and sustainable long-term financial planning, it is proposed to retain a Finance Director position. The Director would play a key role in:

- Leading and shaping capital development and programme management.
- Service re-design initiatives.
- Efficiency and investment programmes.
- Revenue budget management.
- Ensuring maximum value for ratepayers.
- Delivery of good governance and sound financial management and control.
- Other proposed changes to the CLT structure included a realignment of departmental responsibilities to streamline operations and strengthen service integration. These included:
 - Member Services & Governance (Member & Democratic Services) would operate under the Chief Executive's Office.
 - The ICT/Digital function would move to People & Organisational Transformation.
 - Health & Safety would be part of Environment Services & Sustainability.
 - Asset Management (Fleet) would transfer to Estates and Recreation.

The proposed new structure was circulated at Appendix 1 for approval. The cost of the revised structure was policy compliant and within the 3 year pay-back period. A Section 75 Screening Form is also enclosed for Members' noting.

3. Recruitment – Director of People & Organisational Transformation

Members were reminded that the former Director of Organisation Development retired in April 2025.

In accordance with the aforementioned structure, the recruitment for the position of a re-shaped Director of People and Organisational Transformation would proceed (subject to council's agreement and consultation). The recruitment process for the new Director would be conducted in line with the Local Government Staff Commission (LGSC) Code of Procedures on Recruitment and Selection, ensuring a fair, transparent, and robust process.

Moved by Councillor Foster
Seconded by Alderman Cosgrove and

RESOLVED - that the revised structure and associated voluntary severance applications at Appendix 1 be approved subject to consultation with affected employees and Trade Unions with the Chief Executive to develop Members' proposals in relation to position of individual departments within the organisational structure.

ACTION BY: Helen Hall, Director of Organisational Development (Interim)

MOTION TO PROCEED 'OUT OF COMMITTEE'

Moved by Councillor Dunlop
Seconded by Councillor Foster 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 thanked everyone for attending and the meeting concluded at 8.31pm.

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.