



**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD  
AT MOSSLEY MILL ON MONDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2022 AT 6.30 PM**

- In the Chair** : Mayor (Alderman S Ross)
- Members Present (In Person)** : Aldermen – F Agnew, T Burns, T Campbell, L Clarke, M Cosgrove, M Girvan, P Michael and J Smyth
- Councillors – J Archibald-Brown, A Bennington, P Bradley, M Cooper, P Dunlop, S Flanagan, R Foster, N Kelly, A Logue, A McAuley, V McWilliam, M Magill, B Mallon, J Montgomery, N Ramsay, V Robinson, L Smyth, B Webb and R Wilson
- Members Present (Remote)** : Councillors – H Cushinan, J Gilmour, M Goodman, R Lynch, N McClelland, T McGrann, M Stewart and R Swann,
- In Attendance (Remote)** : Mr Alan Keys, Divisional Roads Manager, Dfl Roads Northern Division  
Mr Stephen Gardiner, Section Engineer, Dfl Roads Northern Division
- Officers Present** : Chief Executive - J Dixon  
Director of Operations – G Girvan  
Director of Finance and Governance – S Cole  
Director of Community Planning - U Fay  
Director of Corporate Strategy – H Hall  
Director of Waste Operations – M Laverty  
Director of Parks and Leisure Operations – M McDowell  
Head of HR – J Close  
Borough Lawyer and Head of Legal Services – P Casey  
ICT Systems Support Officer – C Bell  
ICT Helpdesk Officer – J Wilson  
Member Services Manager – A Duffy  
Member Services Officer – C McIntyre

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.

Alderman Girvan, Councillors Cushinan, Goodman, Kelly, Logue, Montgomery and McGrann joined the meeting.

### **MAYOR'S REMARKS**

The Mayor thanked Reverend Ginn for his prayers and his continued support this week particularly with Christmas lighting switch on.

## **2 APOLOGIES**

Alderman - McGrath  
Councillors - Brady and Burbank

## **3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Item 12.3 – Councillor Magill  
Item 12.4 – Councillor Bradley - non-pecuniary interest  
Item 6.7 of the Policy and Governance Minutes – Chief Executive, J Dixon

## **4 MINUTES OF THE ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBEY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**

Moved by Alderman Smyth  
Seconded by Councillor McAuley and

**RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council Meeting of Monday 31 October 2022 be taken as read and signed as correct.**

## **5 MINUTES OF THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**

Moved by Councillor Kelly  
Seconded by Councillor Ramsay and

**RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Operations Committee Meeting of Monday 7 November 2022 be taken as read and signed as correct.**

## **6 MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Moved by Councillor Magill  
Seconded by Alderman Girvan and

**RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Policy and Governance Committee Meeting of Monday 8 November 2022 be approved and adopted.**

**7 MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING**

Moved by Councillor Gilmour  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper and

**RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Community Planning Committee Meeting of Monday 14 November 2022 be approved and adopted.**

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

Moved by Councillor Archibald-Brown  
Seconded by Alderman Smyth and

**RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Planning Committee Meeting of Monday 21 November 2022 Part 1 be taken as read and signed as correct.**

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

Moved by Councillor Archibald-Brown  
Seconded by Alderman Smyth and

**RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Planning Committee Meeting of Monday 21 November 2022 Part 2 be approved and adopted.**

**9 PRESENTATION**

**9.1 DEPARTMENT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE ROADS NORTHERN DIVISION – ANNUAL REPORT – SPRING 2022**

Representatives from the Department for Infrastructure were in attendance via Zoom to provide an overview of the DfI Roads Northern Division Annual Report, Spring 2022 a copy of which was circulated.

The Mayor welcomed Mr Alan Keys, Divisional Roads Manager and Mr Stephen Gardiner, Section Engineer to the meeting. They updated Members on the Northern Division Annual Report, Spring 2022, responded to Members' queries and agreed to respond to individual Members in relation to specific requests.

The Mayor and Members thanked Mr Keys and Mr Gardiner for their presentation and they left the meeting.

*Alderman Campbell left the meeting.*

## 10 ITEMS FOR DECISION

### 10.1 G/MSMO/008 VOL 3 CONSULTATION ON TRANSITIONAL ADOPTION SUPPORT ARRANGEMENTS AND SUPPORT FOR CARE LEAVERS

Correspondence (circulated) had been received from the Department of Health advising that the Health Minister, Robin Swann had launched two consultations for the implementation of the Adoption and Children Act (NI) 2022.

- 1) Transitional Adoption Support Arrangements
- 2) Consultation on support for care leavers

Full details of both consultations and a link to the surveys are available at [www.health-ni.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.health-ni.gov.uk/consultations). The survey would be open until 11.59 pm on Thursday 19 January 2023.

Contact details in relation to the consultations are Department of Health, Room A3.3 Castle Buildings, Stormont Estate, Belfast, BT4 3SQ, email [adoption@health-ni.gov.uk](mailto:adoption@health-ni.gov.uk).

Members may wish to respond on a corporate, individual or party political basis.

Moved by Councillor Goodman  
Seconded by Councillor McClelland and

**RESOLVED – that Members respond on a corporate, individual or party political basis.**

*ACTION BY: Member Services*

### 10.2 WM/WM/037/VOL 2 O'NEILL ROAD RECYCLING CENTRE – TEMPORARY REQUEST - BOOKING SYSTEM

Following a request at the November meeting of the Operations Committee, Officers had explored temporarily re-introducing a booking system for O'Neill Road Household Recycling Centre (HRC), during the week after Christmas to reduce traffic congestion in the area. The request was made by some local residents. As previously arranged, additional waste collection facilities would be in place at the Valley Leisure Centre during the same week which was introduced some years ago to reduce queueing on O'Neill Road. Additional facilities would also be put in place in Crumlin and Ballyclare.

Having reviewed the data for the same period in 2021, the waste collection service available at the Valley Leisure Centre, reduced the usage at the O'Neill Road HRC substantially, thereby reducing the traffic queues.

Members were reminded that a booking system was used previously at HRCs during the COVID-19 pandemic and this proved useful for ensuring social distancing. Feedback from customers was mainly negative due to the frustration of not being able to arrive without a booking.

Moved by Councillor Webb  
Seconded by Councillor Foster and

**RESOLVED - that a booking system was not required this year for O'Neill Road, Household Recycling Centre (HRC) during the week after Christmas. It was also agreed that officers would introduce a new system whereby cars would go in and around the building reducing the build-up of cars on the street and that digital signage would be used so that Customers are aware that the Valley Leisure Centre had a disposal refuse vehicle in place.**

*ACTION BY: Lynsey Daly, Head of Waste Strategy and Contracts*

### **10.3 G/MSMO/008 VOL 3 EXPLOITATION (CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND SUPPORT FOR VICTIMS) (INDEPENDENT GUARDIAN) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2016**

Correspondence (circulated) had been received from the Department of Health advising they had launched a public consultation on proposed amendments to the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Criminal Justice and Support for Victims) (Independent Guardian) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016.

Full details of the consultation and a link to the survey are available at <https://consultations2.nidirect.gov.uk/doh-1/igs-regs-amendments>. The survey would be open until 11.59 pm on Thursday 19 January 2023.

Contacts in relation to the consultation are Family and Children's Policy Directorate, Tel: 028 9052 0500, email [fcpdadmin@health-ni.gov.uk](mailto:fcpdadmin@health-ni.gov.uk)

Members may wish to respond on a corporate, individual or party political basis.

Moved by Councillor Goodman  
Seconded by Councillor Webb and

**RESOLVED – that Members respond on a corporate, individual or party political basis.**

*ACTION BY: Member Services*

### **10.4 ED/ED/VOL4 COUNCIL EVENTS REPORT**

Members were reminded that a proposed Council Events Plan for 2022 was approved at the Council meeting in January 2022 with an updated plan approved at the Council meeting in July 2022.

An updated events plan for 2022/2023 was circulated for Members' information. Members are advised of the following:

- **Garden Show Ireland 2023** – to consist of two events in 2023: the main three-day Garden Show at Antrim Castle Gardens from 16 – 18 June and

an additional Spring Plant Festival at Hazelbank Park on 22 April; both to be delivered with no increase in budget;

- **Ballyclare May Fair** – the dates for the May Fair 2023 are 21 – 27 May 2023 inclusive having been agreed by the Working Group at their recent meeting;

Members were also reminded that a number of flagship events, which had three-year funding arrangements approved in 2020 from the Corporate Events Sponsorship Programme are scheduled for delivery in 2023 with dates provisionally set as follows:

- **The Steam Rally** – 30 April and 1 May 2023
- **Irish Game Fair and Fine Food Festival** – 24 and 25 June 2023
- **Statsport Supercup** – 23 to 28 July 2023
- **ISPS Handa Golf** – 16 to 20 August 2023

In addition, the Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association of Northern Ireland (RSPBNI) had proposed bringing their flagship Ulster Championship event to the Borough in August 2023 for an increased cost of £35,000 having held annually one of their local events in Antrim Castle Gardens since 2016. The Antrim Food Festival, delivered in partnership with The Junction and Castle Mall in 2021 and 2022, was also included at a cost of £17,400. Funding for both events could be provided from the Corporate Events Sponsorship Programme.

Members were advised that the date for the Coronation of King Charles III had been set for 6 May 2023 and a programme of Coronation Events would be developed by the Coronation Sub Committee, which was scheduled to have its first meeting on 29 November.

The Council Events Plan will be kept under review and a further update would be brought to a future meeting of the Council.

Moved by Alderman Girvan  
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

**RESOLVED - that the updated Council Events Plan for 2022/23 be approved.**

*ACTION BY: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning*

#### **10.5 ED/LMP/003 ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBEY LABOUR MARKET PARTNERSHIP LETTER OF OFFER**

A letter of offer had been received from the Department for Communities for the operational spend element of the Labour Market Partnership circulated.

The budget for the Partnership for this financial year had therefore been confirmed as £442,040.22, details below:

Department for Communities

- Administration Spend £100,000 (letter of offer dated 15 April 2022)
- Operational Spend £293,040.22 (letter of offer dated 4 November 2022)

Department for the Economy

- Operational Spend £49,000 (letter of offer dated January 2022)

To date approximately £100k had been incurred on programme delivery of the approved Action Plan in the expectation of the DfC Letter of Offer being received. Officers will now proceed to claim this expenditure from DfC / DfE. The LMP at its meeting on 24th November discussed and agreed how the remaining budget of £255,443.52 would be utilised for the remainder of this financial year, in accordance with the previously approved LMP Action Plan.

The LMP minutes and the Action Plan were circulated.

Moved by Councillor Webb  
Seconded by Councillor Montgomery and

**RESOLVED - that**

- a) the Letter of Offer be accepted.**
- b) Delivery of the approved programmes be progressed.**

*ACTION BY: Michelle Pearson, Business Development Officer (Skills)*

**10.6 CP/GR/163 RANGERS FOOTBALL CLUB –SOCCER ACADEMIES**

At a recent meeting with Gary Gibson, Head of Soccer Academies and International Relations at Rangers Football Club and Nathan Hanley, Rangers Soccer Academies Manager in Northern Ireland (NI), the strength of the global brand and the work that the Club does, in Northern Ireland and locally in the Borough was discussed. Working in Dubai, Germany, India and the USA with official partners, the Club continues to grow as a global brand.

Currently in Northern Ireland the Club provides the following cross community activities:

- Term time – 500 young people engaged on a weekly basis
- Summer camps – July and August young people ages 3-15 – 2,000 participants
- Tours – uniformed youth organisations, schools, etc.
- Education – useful for personal statements for UCAS forms
- Soccer centres

The soccer centres referred to above operate in 3 areas and involve children aged from 6 to 14 – at Allen Park, Campbell College and Colin Glen.

At Allen Park, for example, the 'Antrim Advanced Centre' engages around 100 players on a weekly basis. These sessions are for players who are viewed

as having the ability to further develop their potential and are specially selected and invited to attend the Advanced Centre.

The players have the chance to progress from the Advanced Centre to Rangers Youth Teams and to date 54 players have made this transition from Scotland and Northern Ireland.

The representatives highlighted that for the Academy in Northern Ireland, the biggest growth area currently was community engagement. Locally, there is a strong relationship with the PSNI working with marginalised young people aged 11-17 on Friday and Saturday evenings.

In Colin Glen, a football Mentorship programme takes the form of part workshop, which addresses issues such as paramilitary activity, anti-sectarianism and anti-racism and part pitch time. Working in partnership with the PSNI, children and young people from Dunmurry and Finaghy as well as the wider Colin Glen area - Poleglass, Twinbrook, Lenadoon and upper Andersonstown are participating in a cross community programme.

Using the Rangers' brand to attract young people (boys and girls), and sport as a means of engagement, the 12-week programme, incentivises young people to attend. If they complete the programme satisfactorily, they get to travel to either Glasgow or Dublin to a premier soccer or GAA match.

Good relations camps are also being delivered through The Executive Office (TEO). The club is currently reviewing growing and extending these camps with a view to achieving even better outcomes through longer programmes, such as 16 or 26 weeks in length. Longer programmes would also allow for OCN qualifications (Open College Network).

The Rangers representatives highlighted that they are open to working with key partners and specifically they are keen to add to what they are already doing in the Borough.

Based on the benefits to young people of the cross community approach, it was proposed to pilot a 12-week programme for 11-17 year olds from across the Borough for the optimum number of participants - 36. The Soccer Academies Manager had indicated that young people from the Borough would be attracted through local contacts, with the Academies having significant experience in recruiting participants on to social responsibility programmes. This experience was important in keeping drop-out rates low in the programme. There was significant potential to involve the young participants in to skills opportunities.

The aim of the programme is to use the universal appeal of sport to provide physical activity, sports-based learning and support for participants.

The cost of a 12-week pilot was approximately £20,000 and budget of around £15,000 was available from Good Relations.



Subject to a successful pilot, the programme would be included in the Peace Plus Plan.

The Chief Executive responded to a Member's question regarding a Capital project.

Moved by Councillor Montgomery  
Seconded by Councillor Dunlop and

**RESOLVED - that approval be given for a pilot good relations programme to be delivered by Rangers Football Club at an estimated cost of £20,000.**

*ACTION BY: Geraldine Girvan, Director of Operations*

## **11 ITEMS FOR NOTING**

### **11.1 G/MSMO/014 – MOTION – FERMANAGH AND OMAGH DISTRICT COUNCIL – IMPLEMENTATION OF ROMPS LEGISLATION**

Members were advised that correspondence (circulated) had been received from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council regarding a Motion adopted by that Council.

Moved by Councillor Dunlop  
Seconded by Councillor Magill and

**RESOLVED - that the correspondence from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council be noted.**

*NO ACTION*

### **11.2 G/MSMO/014 – MOTION – NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL – GOVERNMENT HELP WITH COST OF LIVING CRISIS**

Members were advised that correspondence (circulated) had been received from Newry, Mourne and Down District Council regarding a Motion adopted by that Council.

Moved by Councillor Dunlop  
Seconded by Councillor Magill and

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

*NO ACTION*

### **11.3 CE/OA/013 NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSING COUNCIL**

Members were advised that correspondence had been received from Northern Ireland Housing Council for Members' information. A copy of the

Northern Ireland Housing Council's November Bulletin and Minutes from their October Meeting were circulated.

Moved by Councillor Dunlop  
Seconded by Councillor Magill and

**RESOLVED - that the correspondence be noted.**

*NO ACTION*

#### **11.4 CP/GR/086 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENGAGEMENT TO SUPPORT REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS**

Members were advised that correspondence had been received from NILGA regarding 'Supporting Refugees and Asylum Seekers'.

At the Partnership Panel in August 2022 detailed clarifications were requested from The Executive Office (TEO) on the rules and responsibilities of different bodies in relation to supporting refugees and asylum seekers. This recognises the complex operating environment and fact that Elected Members are often being asked for information from constituents.

TEO prepared a detailed written briefing for the Partnership Panel meeting at the end of October providing these clarifications. The briefing was circulated for Members' information.

Members were reminded that an Asylum Accommodation Update was noted at the Community Planning Committee in November.

Moved by Councillor Magill  
Seconded by Councillor Dunlop

**RESOLVED - that the report be noted.**

*NO ACTION*

#### **MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN COMMITTEE'**

Moved by Councillor Montgomery  
Seconded by Councillor Foster 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.

## **12 ITEMS IN COMMITTEE**

### **12.1 IN CONFIDENCE ED/ED/148, L/GEN/079 ABBEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

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Moved by Councillor Cooper  
Seconded by Councillor Flanagan and

**RESOLVED - that approval be given to write to the Education Authority and the Department of Finance as set out above.**

*ACTION BY: Geraldine Girvan, Director of Operations*

**12.2 IN CONFIDENCE WM/WM/36 STRATEGIC WASTE MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

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Moved by Councillor Goodman  
Seconded by Councillor Magill that this matter be deferred for one month.

On the proposal being put to the meeting 34 Members voted in favour, 0 against and 1 abstention, the Motion was declared carried and it was

**RESOLVED – that the matter be deferred for a period of one month and that Officers would present back to the December 2022 Council meeting a detailed report and allow for appropriate questions to be answered.**

*ACTION BY: Lynsey Daly, Head of Waste Strategy and Contracts*

*Having declared an interest in Item 12.3, Councillor Magill left the Chamber Alderman Campbell returned to the meeting remotely.*

**12.3 IN CONFIDENCE ED/ED/215 CRUMLIN ‘BARLEY FIELD’ EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

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Moved by Councillor McAuley  
Seconded by Alderman Burns that this matter be deferred.

On the proposal being put to the meeting 35 Members voted in favour,  
0 against and 0 abstention, the Motion was unanimously declared carried  
and it was

**RESOLVED – that the matter be deferred to allow officers to consider the legal  
position and that a detailed report be brought back to Members.**

*ACTION BY: Liz Johnston, Deputy Director of Performance and Governance  
(Interim)*

*Councillor Magill returned to the Chamber.*

*Having declared and interest in Item 12.4, Councillor Bradley left the  
Chamber*

#### **12.4 IN CONFIDENCE HR/HR/10 COST OF LIVING UPDATE**

Members were advised that following further meetings a counter offer had  
been received from Joint Trade Unions (circulated).

Officers were of the view that the Council needed to consider financial  
projections for the next few years before considering this proposal and that  
the matter should be deferred until after the Corporate Workshop on 2  
December 2022.

Members were reminded that in July 2022, the Council approved a revised  
Voluntary Severance and Voluntary Redundancy Policy.

Officers were also of the view that it was an opportune time to seek further  
expressions of interest for voluntary severance, subject to consultation with  
Trade Unions.

Moved by Councillor Cosgrove  
Seconded by Councillor Magill and



**RESOLVED - that the matter be deferred pending consideration of the Council's financial position.**

*ACTION BY: Victoria Stewart, HR Systems & Data Analyst*

**MOTION TO PROCEED 'OUT OF COMMITTEE'**

Moved by Councillor Foster  
Seconded by Councillor Dunlop and

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

The Mayor thanked everyone for attending and the meeting concluded at 8.15 pm.

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**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.***