



23 November 2022

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 28 November 2022** at **6.30 pm**.

You are requested to attend.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jacqui Dixon".

Jacqui Dixon, BSc MBA
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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 31 October 2022, a copy of which is **enclosed**.
- 5 To approve the minutes of the proceedings of the Operation Committee Meeting of Monday 7 November, a copy of which is **enclosed**.
- 6 To approve the minutes of the proceedings of the Policy and Governance of Tuesday 8 November, a copy of which is **enclosed**.
- 7 To approve the minutes of the proceedings of the Community Planning Committee Meeting of Monday 14 November 2022, a copy of which is **enclosed**.
- 8(a) To take as read and confirm the Part 1 of the minutes of the proceedings of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Monday 21 November 2022, a copy of which is **enclosed**.
- 8(b) To approve Part 2 of the minutes of the proceedings of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Monday 21 November 2022, a copy of which is **enclosed**.
- 9 PRESENTATION
 - 9.1 Department for Infrastructure Roads Northern Division – Annual Report – Spring 2022
- 10 ITEMS FOR DECISION
 - 10.1 Consultation on Transitional Adoption Support Arrangements and Support for Care Leavers
 - 10.2 O'Neill Road Recycling Centre – Temporary Request – Booking System
 - 10.3 Exploitation (Criminal Justice and Support for Victims) (Independent Guardian) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016
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 - 10.5 Antrim and Newtownabbey Labour Market Partnership Letter of Offer

10.6 Rangers Football Club – Soccer Academies

11 ITEMS FOR NOTING

11.1 Motion – Fermanagh and Omagh District Council – Implementation of Roms Legislation

11.2 Motion – Newry, Mourne and Down District Council – Government Help with Cost of Living Crisis

11.3 Northern Ireland Housing Council

11.4 Local Government Engagement to Support Refugees and Asylum Seekers

12 ITEMS IN COMMITTEE

12.1 Abbey Community College

12.2 Strategic Waste Management

12.3 Crumlin 'Barley Field' Expression of Interest

12.4 Cost of Living Crisis

9 PRESENTATION

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

Members are advised that representatives from the Department for Infrastructure will be in attendance to provide an overview of the DfI Roads Northern Division Annual Report, Spring 2022 a copy of which is **enclosed** a copy of their Enquiry Form is also **enclosed**.

Mr Alan Keys, Divisional Roads Manager and Mr Stephen Gardiner, Section Engineer will be in attendance via Zoom.

10 ITEMS FOR DECISION

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

Correspondence (**enclosed**) has been received from the Department of Health advising that the Health Minister, Robin Swann has 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 the both consultations and a link to the surveys are available at www.health-ni.gov.uk/consultations. The survey will 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.

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

The Council's instructions are requested.

Prepared by: Member Services

Approved by: Jacqui Dixon, Chief Executive

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 have 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 will 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 will 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 are 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.

RECOMMENDATION: that a booking system is not required this year for O'Neill Road, Household Recycling Centre (HRC) during the week after Christmas.

Prepared by: Lynsey Daly, Head of Waste Strategy and Contracts

Approved by: Michael Laverty, Director of Waste Operations

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

Correspondence (**enclosed**) has been received from the Department of Health advising they have 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 will be open until 11.59 pm on Thursday 19 January 20230

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

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

The Council's instructions are requested.

Prepared by: Member Services

Approved by: Jacqui Dixon, Chief Executive

10.4 ED/ED/VOL4 COUNCIL EVENTS REPORT

Members are 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 is enclosed 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 are 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) have 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, is also included at a cost of £17,400. Funding for both events can be provided from the Corporate Events Sponsorship Programme.

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

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

RECOMMENDATION: that the updated Council Events Plan for 2022/23 be approved.

Prepared and Approved 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 has been received from the Department for Communities for the operational spend element of the Labour Market Partnership **enclosed**.

The budget for the Partnership for this financial year has 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 has 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 will be utilised for the remainder of this financial year, in accordance with the previously approved LMP Action Plan.

The LMP minutes are to **follow**, the Action Plan is (**enclosed**).

RECOMMENDATION: that

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

Prepared by: Michelle Pearson, Business Development Officer (Skills)

Agreed by: Michael McKenna, Head of Investment and Business Development

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

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 is 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 is 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 has indicated that young people from the Borough will be attracted through local contacts, with the Academies having significant experience in recruiting participants on to social responsibility programmes. This experience is important in keeping drop-out rates low in the programme. There is 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 is approximately £20,000 and budget of around £15,000 is available from Good Relations.

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

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

Prepared and Approved 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 are advised that correspondence (**enclosed**) has been received from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council regarding a Motion adopted by that Council.

RECOMMENDATION: that the correspondence from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council be noted.

Prepared by: Member Services

Approved by: Jacqui Dixon, Chief Executive

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

Members are advised that correspondence (**enclosed**) has been received from Newry, Mourne and Down District Council regarding a Motion adopted by that Council.

RECOMMENDATION: that the correspondence from Newry, Mourne and Down District Council be noted.

Prepared by: Member Services

Approved by: Jacqui Dixon, Chief Executive

11.3 CE/OA/013 NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSING COUNCIL

Members are advised that correspondence has 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 are (enclosed).

RECOMMENDATION: that the correspondence be noted.

Prepared by: Member Services

Approved by: Jacqui Dixon, Chief Executive

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

Members are advised that correspondence has 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 is **enclosed** for Members' information.

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

RECOMMENDATION: that the report be noted.

Prepared and Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning.