



**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD
AT MOSSLEY MILL ON MONDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 6.30 PM**

- In the Chair** : Mayor (Councillor N Kelly)
- Members Present** : Aldermen – L Boyle, P Bradley, T Campbell, L Clarke, 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, H Cushinan, P Dunlop, S Flanagan, J Gilmour, M Goodman, R Kinnear, AM Logue, H Magill, B Mallon, A McAuley, T McGrann, V McWilliam, L O'Hagan, L Smyth, M Stewart, S Ward, B Webb and S Wilson
- Members Present Remotely** : Councillors - R Lynch and A O'Lone
- Officers Present** : Chief Executive, R Baker
Director of Economic Development and Planning – M McAlister
Director of Community Planning – U Fay
Director of Sustainability, Operations – M Laverty
Director of Parks and Leisure, Operations – M McDowell
Director of Finance and Governance – S Cole
Director of Corporate Strategy – H Hall
Deputy Director of Governance – L Johnston
ICT Change Officer – A Cole
ICT Helpdesk Officer – J Wilson
Member Services Manager – A Duffy
Member Services Officer – C McGrandle
- Officers Present Remotely** Borough Lawyer and Head of Legal Services – P Casey

1 BIBLE READING, PRAYER AND WELCOME

The Deputy 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 Alderman Michael. *The Mayor, Alderman Boyle and Councillors Burbank, Cushinan, Goodman, Kinnear, Logue, McAuley, McGrann and O'Hagan joined the meeting at this point.*

MAYOR'S REMARKS

The Mayor took to the Chair and welcomed all present to the meeting. He congratulated the Council on winning the prestigious overall Council of the year award at the APSE Services Awards which took place in Bristol during the month of September.

2 APOLOGIES

Councillors - Cosgrove, Foster, McLaughlin and Ní Chonghaile

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

4 MINUTES OF THE ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBEY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

Moved by Councillor Wilson
Seconded by Alderman Michael and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council Meeting of Tuesday 27 August 2024 be taken as read and signed as correct.

5 MINUTES OF THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

AMENDMENT TO THE MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Magill
Seconded by Alderman Bradley that

in relation to Item 3.8 of the Operations Committee meeting regarding the Public Health Bill draft consultation, that the recommendation be altered to an individual or party political basis response.

The amendment was declared carried.

Moved by Councillor McWilliam
Seconded by Councillor Logue and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Operations Committee Meeting of Monday 2 September 2024 with the amendment be taken as read and signed as correct.

6 MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

AMENDMENT TO THE MINUTES

Moved by Councillor McGrann
Seconded by Councillor Logue that

in relation to Item 4.1 of the Policy and Governance Committee regarding Dual Language Street Sign, it was requested that the application for Longlands Court be reconvened in line with the policy.

On the amendment being put to the meeting and a recorded vote having been requested by Alderman Ross, Members voted as follows:

In favour of the Amendment 9 Members viz	Against the Amendment 27 Members viz	Abstentions 0 Members viz
Councillors – Goodman, Cushinan, Kinnear, Logue, Lynch, McGrann, O'Hagan, O'Lone, Stewart	Aldermen – Cosgrove, Magill, Boyle, Bradley, Campbell, Clarke, McGrath, Michael, Ross and Smyth Councillors – Archibald – Brown, Bennington, Brady, Burbank, Cooper, Dunlop, Flanagan, Gilmour, Kelly, McAuley, McWilliam, Magill, Mallon, Smyth, Ward, Webb and Wilson	

The amendment was declared not carried.

Moved by Alderman Boyle
Seconded by Councillor O'Lone and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Policy and Governance Committee Meeting of Tuesday 3 September 2024 be taken as read and signed as correct.

Councillor Ward left and returned to the Chamber during Item 7.

7 MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

In response to a Member's concern regarding Item 4.7 of the Community Development Committee meeting relating to the use Parkhall Community Centre, the Director of Community Planning reassured Members that the terms and conditions within the facility hire policy had been reviewed and necessary actions would be taken on individuals who fail to follow the policy.

Moved by Councillor Brady
Seconded by Alderman McGrath and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Community Development Committee Meeting of Monday 9 September 2024 be taken as read and signed as correct.

Councillor McGrann left the Chamber at this point.

8 MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Moved by Councillor Webb
Seconded by Councillor Goodman and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Economic Development Committee Meeting of Tuesday 10 September 2024 be taken as read and signed as correct.

Councillor Flanagan left the Chamber at this point.

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

Moved by Councillor Archibald-Brown
Seconded by Councillor Webb and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Planning Committee Meeting of Monday 16 September 2024 Part 1 be taken as read and signed as correct.

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

Moved by Councillor Archibald-Brown
Seconded by Councillor Webb and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Planning Committee Meeting of Monday 16 September 2024 Part 2 be taken as read and signed as correct.

Alderman McGrath left the meeting at this point.

10 MINUTES OF THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING

Moved by Councillor Ward
Seconded by Councillor Bennington and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting of Tuesday 17 September 2024 be taken as read and signed as correct.

Councillors Flanagan and McGrann returned to the Chamber at this point.

Aldermen Bradley, Clarke and Cosgrove and Councillors Burbank, Cooper Cushman and Webb left and returned to the Chamber during the presentation.

Alderman Magill left the Chamber during the presentation.

11 PRESENTATION

11.1 G/MSMO/7 NORTHERN IRELAND FEDERATION OF HOUSING ASSOCIATIONS (NIFHA)

The Mayor welcomed Seamus Leheny, Chief Executive of NIFHA and Anita Conway, Director of Development from Radius Housing to the meeting. They provided a presentation on their purpose, investment in the Borough and future projects.

Having responded to Members' questions and agreeing to provide a Member with details on emergency accommodation within the Borough the Mayor and Members thanked them both for their presentation and they left the meeting.

Alderman Magill returned to the Chamber during the Motion.

12 NOTICE OF MOTION

Proposed by Councillor Wilson
Seconded by Councillor Smyth

"This Council strongly opposes the UK Government's recent Winter Fuel Payment policy change. We resolve to write to the Prime Minister, urging the Government to reverse this harmful decision, which will have a far-reaching and devastating impact on pensioner households across the UK. Furthermore, we seek assurance that, at the very least, the Pension Credit minimum income guarantee will be increased, ensuring that more low-income pensioner households, particularly those who narrowly miss out, become eligible for pension credit."

RESOLVED – The Motion was unanimously declared carried.

ACTION BY: Richard Baker, Chief Executive

Alderman Ross left and returned to the Chamber during the following Motion.

Councillor Wilson left the Chamber during the following Motion.

13 NOTICE OF MOTION

Proposed by Councillor Burbank
Seconded by Alderman Campbell

“That this Council welcomes publication of the draft Programme for Government (PfG) by the NI Executive;

- agrees that the PfG should include a standalone Mission on Peace and Peacebuilding;
- further agrees that peacebuilding, reconciliation, equality and inclusion are vital to achieving the key ambitions in the Programme for Government;
- notes that political instability and societal division are major barriers to growing our local and Northern Ireland's economy, improving local public services, tackling poverty and supporting our communities;
- and agrees to write to the First and Deputy First Minister to call for the inclusion of a Mission on Peace and Peacebuilding in the Programme for Government before the PfG public consultation deadline on 4 November 2024.

AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION

An Amendment to the motion was put to the meeting. It was requested by Alderman Cosgrove that an additional point to further strengthen the original motion be included:

- notes that the PSNI plays a key role in the creation and maintenance of peace and peace building and that we support the Chief Constable in his desire to ensure adequate funding is provided to this key service.

Moved by Councillor Burbank

Seconded by Alderman Campbell and agreed that

the amendment of the additional point be included.

Following further discussions Members advised that The Executive Office (TEO) would be contacting Councils to request to present on the draft Programme for Government 2024-2027.

The Chief Executive suggested that whilst Item 14.1 deals with the draft Programme for Government 2024-2027, Members may direct officers to respond Corporately or Members may wish to respond on an individual or party political basis. He advised that should Members direct a corporate response and incorporate the Motion and amendment plus having received the presentation from the Executive Office, Officers would bring back a response for Members consideration to the next Council Meeting allowing time to respond to the consultation by the November deadline.

Moved By Councillor Burbank

Seconded by Alderman Campbell and agreed that

the Motion including the amendment to the motion and the response on the draft Programme for Government 2024-2027 be deferred pending a presentation by The Executive Office and Officers would prepare a draft

corporate response to be brought back to Members at the next Council meeting prior to the consultation deadline of the 4 November 2024.

ACTION BY: Helen Hall, Director of Corporate Strategy

Alderman Campbell left the Meeting at this point.

Councillor McGrann left the Chamber during Item 14.1.

14 ITEMS FOR DECISION

14.1 CCS/GEN/014 NORTHERN IRELAND EXECUTIVE CONSULTATION ON DRAFT PROGRAMME FOR GOVERNMENT 2024-2027

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to obtain Members' instructions in relation to the public consultation on the draft Programme for Government 2024-2027.

1. Draft Programme for Government 2024-2027

Members were advised that correspondence circulated had been received from the Executive Office in relation to an eight week public consultation on the draft Programme for Government 2024-2027.

The Executive agreed a draft Programme for Government 2024-2027 'Our Plan: Doing What Matters Most' which outlined its priorities for making a real difference to the lives of people in Northern Ireland.

The draft Programme for Government 2024-2027 plan document could be accessed via the following link <http://www.northernireland.gov.uk/PfG>

2. Consultation Dates

An eight week public consultation on the draft Programme for Government 2024-2027 opened on **9 September 2024 and would end on 4 November 2024.**

Consultation on the accompanying impact assessments began on **9 September 2024 and would end on 2 December 2024.**

3. Consultation Participation

In-Person Events:

Belfast	Girdwood Hub, 10 Girdwood Avenue, Belfast, BT14 6EG Tuesday, 1 October 2024 - 6:30pm to 8:30pm
Ballymena	The Braid Theatre, 1-29 Bridge St, Ballymena, BT43 5EJ Tuesday, 8 October 2024 - 6:30pm to 8:30pm
Newry	Canal Court Hotel, Merchants Quay, Newry, BT35 8HF Thursday, 10 October 2024 - 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Derry/Londonderry	Destined, Northwest Disability Learning Centre, 1 Foyle Road, Derry, BT48 6SQ Tuesday, 15th October 2024 - 6:30pm to 8:30pm
Enniskillen	Fermanagh House, Broadmeadow Pl, Enniskillen, BT74 7HR Thursday, 17 October 2024 - 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Online Events: (links would be provided upon registration)

- Wednesday, 25 September 2024 - 12:00pm to 1:00pm
- Monday, 30 September 2024 - 7:15pm to 8:15pm
- Thursday, 3 October 2024 - 12:00pm to 1:00pm
- Monday, 14 October 2024 - 7:15pm to 8:15pm
- Wednesday, 23 October 2024 - 12:00pm to 1:00pm
- Tuesday, 29 October 2024 - 7:15pm to 8:15pm

How to Register for Events:

To register for any consultation events, please register via the link below:

<https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/teo/208aa196>

Consultation Responses:

Consultation responses could also be submitted via the following link

<https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/teo/pfg-2024>

Consultation on Equality Impact Assessments:

As part of the Consultation Process the Executive also consulted on a number of Equality Impact Assessments, until 2 December 2024, and could be accessed via the following link <https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/teo/pfg-ia-2024/>

Members were advised that they may wish to respond on a corporate, individual or party political basis.

Moved by Councillor Webb
Seconded by Alderman Bradley and

RESOLVED - that based on the previous discussion to the Motion a corporate response be provided after a presentation had been received from the Executive Office.

ACTION BY: James Porter, Customer Services Manager

14.2 ED/LMP/003 LABOUR MARKET PARTNERSHIP ADDENDUM LETTER OF OFFER 2024/25

1. Purpose

The purpose of the report was to seek approval for Council acceptance of an addendum Letter of Offer from the Department for Communities (DfC)

(circulated) for the Labour Market Partnership 2024-25 for additional funding of £24,000 in relation to the Childminding Funding.

2. Introduction/Background

The Labour Market Partnership (LMP), the aim of which was to improve labour market conditions by working through coordinated, collaborative, multi-agency partnerships, achieve regional objectives whilst being flexible to meet the needs presented by localised conditions and help to connect employers with employees.

The 2024/25 Action Plan was approved by full Council on 29 April 2024 and included activities such as employment academies and support programmes, upskilling academies, employment events such as job fairs, as well as continuing to maintain and form partnerships with external support organisations, training providers and businesses.

The Action Plan focused on the following themes:

- **Economic Inactivity** - People not in employment who had not been seeking employment within the last four weeks and/or were unable to start work in the next two weeks;
- **Unemployment** - People who were without a job, currently available to work, and had been actively looking for work within the previous four weeks;
- **Disability** – People who reported a physical or mental health condition(s) or illnesses lasting or expected to last 12 months or more where this reduces their ability to carry out day-to-day activities; and
- **Skilled Labour Supply** – DfE's 2021 Skills Barometer utilises the National Qualification Framework (NQF) Skills Classification.

The review of the 2023/24 Action Plan was underway and would be reported in due course.

Additional funding had been made available from the Department for Education to address shortcomings in the childminding industry. This funding was being administered by the Department for Communities and was accessible via Labour Market Partnerships.

Council's 2024/25 LMP Action Plan already contained activities to support the Childminding industry including upskilling interventions. This Letter of Offer secured funding for these activities, and therefore enabled the reallocation of existing LMP funds into other areas of need within the action plan.

3. Previous Decision of Council

At Full Council on 29 April 2024, the LMP Action Plan 2024/25 and the associated budget was approved along with agreement for Officers to proceed at risk with project delivery preparation, without entering into any contract until a formal letter of offer was issued by DfC, and accepted by the Council.

At Economic Development Committee on 10 September 2024, Members approved the Labour Market Partnership Letter of Offer 2024-25, with minutes to be ratified at Full Council on 30 September 2024.

4. Letter of Offer

A Letter of Offer for £24,000 had been received from DfC in relation to the approved Childminding Funding Bid, submitted to the Department. This would be delivered in conjunction with the 2024/25 LMP Action Plan.

The Letter of Offer stated that all conditions detailed within the original Letter of Offer dated 28 August 2024 (circulated) remained in place.

5. Financial Position/Implication

The Letter of Offer would allow the reallocation of £24,000 of LMP funding to other agreed activities within the 2024/25 Action Plan.

6. Governance

The Partnership met bi-monthly (6 times per year) and would be chaired by the Mayor. Minutes from LMP meetings would be reported to the Economic Development Committee.

Moved by Councillor Webb
Seconded Councillor Goodman and

RESOLVED - that an addendum Letter of Offer from the Department for Communities (DfC) (circulated) for the Labour Market Partnership 2024-25 for additional funding of £24,000 in relation to the Childminding Funding Bid be approved.

ACTION BY: Jill Murray, Executive Officer – Economic Development

15 ITEMS FOR NOTING

15.1 FI/FIN/4 BUDGET REPORT – PERIOD 4 APRIL 2024 TO JULY 2024

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to provide financial performance information at period 4 (April 2024 – July 2024) for the Chief Executive's section.

2. Introduction/Background

As agreed, quarterly budget reports would be presented to the relevant Committee or Working Group. All financial reports would be available to all Members.

3. Summary

As at period 4, the Chief Executive's budget had a £16k unfavourable variance. This was generally attributable to increased legal costs. Budget reports for Chief Executive's section for Period 4 April 2024 to July 2024 were circulated for Members' information.

The overall financial position of the Council would be presented to the Policy & Governance Committee.

Moved by Councillor Goodman
Seconded Alderman Magill and

RESOLVED - that the report be noted.

NO ACTION

Councillor Wilson returned to the Chamber at this point.

Councillor Gilmour left the Chamber at Item 15.2 and Councillor McGrann returned to the Chamber at this point.

15.2 PT/CI/061 APSE SERVICE AWARDS 2024

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to update Members on the outcome of the APSE Service Awards 2024.

2. Introduction

The Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE) is a networking community and works with over 300 councils across the UK and the Awards uniquely recognise the profound contribution of local council frontline services to local communities and local people.

3. APSE Service Award Winners

The APSE Service awards celebrate excellence in public service delivery across the UK and receive hundreds of submissions each year from local authorities.

The Council was a finalist in five out of the six categories for which they were shortlisted. **The Bereavement and Cemetery Services section won the award for Best Services Team.**

In addition, **the Council won the prestigious Overall Council of the Year Award.** This accolade recognises the most outstanding and innovative local authority in the UK, highlighting their exceptional delivery of frontline services. The award celebrates councils that excel across a diverse range of service areas.

APSE Chief Executive Mo Baines noted that, despite the unprecedented pressures on local authorities, each finalist has shown unwavering dedication to excellence in frontline public services, going above and beyond to achieve these results.

At the Awards Ceremony the Mayor, Councillor Neil Kelly, said *"I am deeply honoured to receive these prestigious awards. This is a huge accomplishment for Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council. To be awarded UK Council of the Year in a competition with over 300 County, City and Borough Councils illustrates the commitment of our staff and quality of the front-line services we provide.*

"I would like to pay tribute to the Council officers for their innovation, dedication and determination that drives the Council's efforts in providing effective front-line services which have been highly recognised at these Awards".

Members thanked all officers and staff past and present including the former Chief Executive for their work which contributed to the achievement of this award. It was agreed that a programme be developed to recognise the significance of the award and the contribution of all staff.

Moved by Councillor Goodman
Seconded by Alderman Magill and

RESOLVED - that the update on the outcome of the APSE Service Awards 2024 be noted. It was further agreed that a programme to celebrate the prestigious award, to include staff past and present would be explored.

ACTION BY: Helen Hall, Director of Corporate Strategy

MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN COMMITTEE'

Moved by Councillor McAuley
Seconded by Alderman Magill 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.

Councillor Gilmour returned to the Chamber during Item 16.1.

16 ITEMS IN CONFIDENCE

16.1 IN CONFIDENCE FI/PRO/TEN/573 PROVISION OF A PATHWAY PROGRAMME FOR EMPLOYABILITY SUPPORT

CONTRACT PERIOD 4 OCTOBER 2024 – 30 JUNE 2025 WITH THE OPTION TO EXTEND FOR UP TO A FURTHER 36 MONTHS (SUBJECT TO FUNDING, PERFORMANCE, AND REVIEW)

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to obtain approval for the appointment of a suitably qualified and experienced organisation to provide a pathway programme for employability support for the contract period.

2. Introduction/Background

Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council established the Labour Market Partnership (LMP) in 2021/22 to improve labour market conditions by working through coordinated, collaborative, multi-agency partnerships, achieving regional objectives whilst being flexible to meet the needs presented by localised conditions and help to connect employers with employees.

To support the LMP's achievement of their objectives, the Pathway Programme had been designed to increase the level of engagement with those aged 18-24 and reduce the level of youth unemployment by delivering a pathway of support to move people towards training or employment. For the 2024/2025 Financial Year, the level of funding available was £ [REDACTED]

This tender opportunity was made available on eSourcingNI on 7 August 2024. Five tender responses were opened via the eSourcingNI Portal on 28 August 2024 and referred to the evaluation panel for assessment. The tenders were evaluated on a two-stage basis as follows:

STAGE 1 – SELECTION STAGE

The tenders were evaluated on a pass/fail basis for tenderer's professional conduct, economic and financial standing, management systems and practices, previous relevant experience, timescales, GDPR, and declarations and form of tender. The tenders 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 tenders were evaluated on a pass/fail basis for compliance with the specification. The tenders met the requirements of this stage and proceeded to the next stage of evaluation.

Sub-Stage 2 – Commercial Assessment

The tenders were evaluated on the basis of understanding the brief (10%), successful delivery of the pathway programme (40%), contract management and performance monitoring (10%), and cost (40%). One tender failed to

meet the quality threshold and did not proceed further in the evaluation. The recommendation was as follows:

Supplier	Quality Assessment (out of 60%)	Cost Assessment (out of 40%)	Total % Score	Estimated Total Cost for 33 Participants in Year 1 (£) (excl. VAT)
Workforce Training Services Ltd	██████	██████	95.39%	£██████

Moved by Alderman Michael
 Seconded Alderman Cosgrove and

RESOLVED - that having achieved a score of 95.39%, Workforce Training Services Ltd be appointed to provide a pathway programme for employability support at the tendered rates for the period of 4 October 2024 – 30 June 2025 with the option to extend for up to a further 36 months, subject to funding, performance, and review.

ACTION BY: Melissa Kenning, Procurement Manager

Councillor Goodman left the Chamber during Item 16.2.

16.2 IN CONFIDENCE FI/PRO/TEN/324 TENDER FOR PROVISION OF CAR PARK REFURBISHMENT AT BALLYEARL ARTS & LEISURE CENTRE (COUNCIL FRAMEWORK)

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to recommend to Members the appointment of Northstone (NI) Limited as the principal Contractor to undertake the delivery of the refurbishment of the car park at Ballyearl Arts & Leisure Centre. The scope of works include resurfacing, lighting and ancillary civil works.

2. Background

In May 2021 approval was obtained for the appointment of Northstone (NI) Limited, Collen Bros (Quarries) Ltd and CivCo Ltd to the car park works framework to undertake the refurbishment of Council car parks. The framework would be due to expire 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

3. Previous Decision of Council

In June 2024, the Council approved £1 million for Estate Lifecycle Projects for the 2024/25 financial year. Among these projects, the resurfacing of the car park at Ballyearl Arts and Leisure Centre was prioritised for health and safety as well as customer service reasons. The car park's current condition required immediate attention to ensure the work was completed before winter, when weather-related delays were more likely.

Since the work related to an existing piece of Council estate that required urgent attention, there were no alternative options to explore, with "do nothing" not a viable option. As a result, a business case with an options appraisal was not required. The prior Council approval from June 2024 was therefore deemed sufficient to proceed directly to the Invitation to Tender (ITT) stage, as outlined below.

4. Procurement

ITT documents were issued to the three contractors on the framework on 9 September 2024. Three completed ITT submissions were received by the closing date of 20 September 2024.

5. Tender Analysis

Tenders received were evaluated on price only. Northstone (NI) Limited submitted the lowest acceptable tender assessment total price as detailed below.

Contractor	Tendered Total of the Prices	Model Compensation Event Total*	Tender Assessment Total Price**
Northstone (NI) Limited	██████████	██████████	██████████

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

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

The tender from Northstone (NI) Limited was the lowest price return. No errors had been found in this tender. 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 (NI) Limited had confirmed they can stand over their tendered price to meet the specification and construction programme.

6. Financial Position/Implication

Based on the lowest priced tender the predicted total works cost was summarised below.

Tendered Total of Prices	██████████
Model Compensation Event Total	██████████
Tender Assessment Total Price	██████████
Client Contingency*	██████████
Total Predicted Works Cost	██████████

This cost would be provided from the aforementioned £1m 2024-25 Estate Lifecycle costs.

7. Programme

An indicative programme was as follows for the resurfacing element which was estimated to be completed in 6 weeks.

Due to the lead-in time for lighting this would be undertaken following the completion of the resurfacing.

Start on site	October 2024
Completion	November 2024

In response to a Members query regarding the terms used within the finance section of the report the Director of Finance and Governance confirmed that both terms 'Model Compensation Event Total' and 'Client Contingency' were both contingencies and agreed that she would provide all Members with an explanation in relation to the difference between both.

Moved by Councillor McAuley
Seconded Councillor Flanagan and

RESOLVED - that the Tendered Total of the Prices of ██████████ (exc. VAT) from Northstone (NI) Limited for package 3 be approved giving a Tender Assessment Total Price of ██████████ and a total predicted works cost of ██████████

ACTION BY: Andrew McKeown, Capital Development Manager and Sandra Cole, Director of Finance and Governance.

16.3 IN CONFIDENCE FI/PRO/TEN/349 WASTE HARMONISATION PROJECT - SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF 180L WHEELED BINS & WHEELIE BOXES

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to obtain approval for the appointment of suitably qualified and experienced organisations to supply 180L wheeled bins and wheelie boxes as part of the Waste Harmonisation Project.

2. Background

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Moved by Alderman Cosgrove
Seconded Councillor Cooper and

RESOLVED - [REDACTED]

ACTION BY: Melissa Kenning, Procurement Manager

Councillor Goodman returned to the Chamber at this point.

16.4 IN CONFIDENCE ED/ED/165 VOL2 ADVANCED MANUFACTURING INNOVATION CENTRE – REQUEST FROM QUEENS UNIVERSITY

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to update members on a request from Queen's University Belfast (QUB) to vire contingency funds from the AMIC project to the iReach project, which was also a Belfast Region City Deal scheme. iReach (Institute of Research Excellence for Advanced Clinical Healthcare) was a QUB led project in partnership with the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust, and HSC Research & Development, focused on medical diagnostics and would be located beside Belfast City Hospital.

2. Introduction/Background

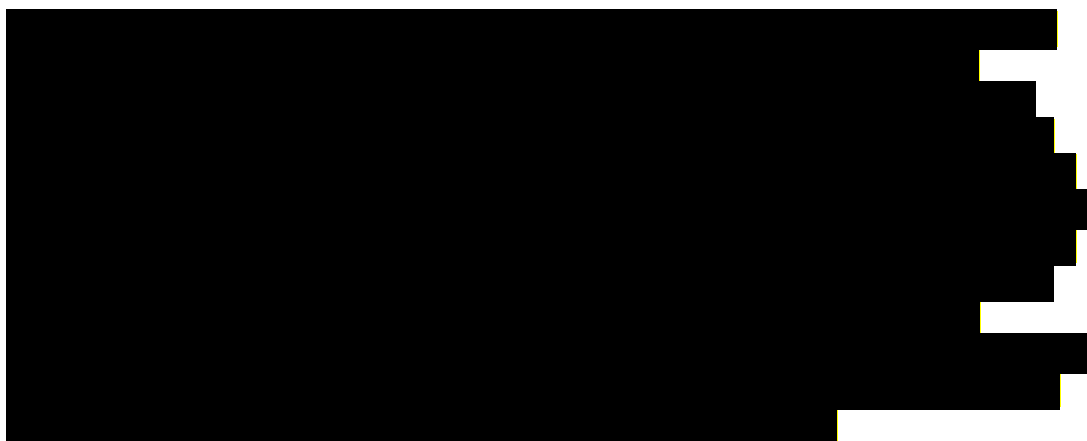
The construction of the Advanced Manufacturing Innovation Centre (AMIC) has progressed significantly at Global Point with the steel structure now in place. The Council was contributing up to £10 million towards the project which had an estimated construction cost of £ [REDACTED] and a total cost of £ [REDACTED] over the life of the project. The Council's proportionate share was 10.2%. The Council's funding was however specifically directed towards the construction of the facility.

The other funding was summarised in the table below:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Risk review exercise



This proposal to vire funds was on the basis that it was not impacting the contract deliverables and Full Business Case of AMIC.

All partners were being asked for their view on the virement proposal and to date BCC and DFE/INI had received the proposal positively.

3. Previous Decision of Council

The Council had committed up to £10 million towards the construction of the AMIC facility.

4. Financial Position/Implication

There were a number of options open to the Council at this juncture. The Council could decide to maintain its full allocation at £10 million with £138,000 vired from contingency funds on the AMIC project to the iReach project. Alternatively, Members may wish to treat any underspend on AMIC as a saving to be recouped by the Council, in this case £138,000. The other funders may decide to vire their share of the savings towards the iReach project.

5. Governance

The Belfast Region City Deal projects which include AMIC were managed through the Economic Development section, with senior officers to sit on the relevant project boards.

Moved by Councillor Webb
Seconded Alderman Cosgrove and

RESOLVED – that Council do not agree to the request to transfer an underspend to another programme outside the Borough.

ACTION BY: Michael McKenna, Deputy Director – Investment & Business Development

MOTION TO PROCEED ‘OUT OF COMMITTEE’

Moved by Alderman Boyle
Seconded by Councillor Smyth 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 8.17 pm.

MAYOR

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