

**LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Special Meeting of the Governance and Audit Committee held in the Council Chamber and Remote Locations on Tuesday, 10 February, 2026 at 6:00 pm**

**PRESENT IN CHAMBER:**

Councillor D Lynch (Chair)

Mr E Jardine (Independent Member and Vice-Chair)

Alderman J Tinsley

Councillors J Bamford, D Bassett, D J Craig, A P Ewing, B Magee, A Martin, and R McLernon

**PRESENT IN REMOTE LOCATION:**

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman A Grehan

Aldermen O Gawith and S P Porter

Councillors S Burns, J Gallen, S Lowry and M McKeever

**OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT IN CHAMBER:**

Alderman A McIntyre

Councillors P Catney and K Dickson

**OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT IN REMOTE LOCATION:**

Alderman M Gregg

Councillors J Harpur, G Hynds, C Kemp, U Mackin, N Parker and G Thompson

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Internal Audit Manager

Member Services Officer (FA)

**Commencement of the Meeting**

The Chair, Councillor D Lynch, welcomed those present to the meeting. He pointed out that, unless the item on the agenda was considered under confidential business, this meeting would be audio recorded. In accordance with the Protocol for Remote Meetings, the Chair asked that those attending via zoom ensure that the meeting could not be seen or heard by any other person at their remote location when confidential business was being considered.

The Chair, Councillor D Lynch, asked that mobile phones be put on silent or switched off for the duration of the meeting. The Internal Audit Manager outlined the evacuation procedures in the case of an emergency.

1. Apologies

It was agreed to accept apologies for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of the Deputy Mayor, Alderman H Legge.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Confidential Business

The matters contained in the confidential report would be dealt with “In Committee” due to containing information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information).

“In Committee”

It was proposed by Councillor A P Ewing, seconded by Alderman J Tinsley and agreed that the following matters be considered “in committee,” in the absence of members of the press and public being present.

3.1 Confidential Briefing from the Internal Audit Manager - Closed Session (Members and Internal Audit Manager only)

In line with good practice and the Governance and Audit Committee Terms of Reference, Members met with the Internal Audit Manager in a closed session, the purpose of which was to allow for a confidential briefing to Members by the internal Audit Manager, and to afford Members the opportunity to ask questions that may not specifically be addressed as part of an audit, in the absence of management.

The Members Services Officer left the Meeting prior to the closed session taking place (6.05 pm).

Alderman J Tinsley left the meeting at 6.42 pm.

Councillor P Catney left the meeting at 6.54 pm.

Resumption of Normal Business

It was proposed by Councillor D J Craig, seconded by Councillor D Bassett, and agreed to come out of committee and normal business was resumed.

The Member Services Officers returned to the meeting at 6.56 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 6.57 pm.

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Mayor/Chairperson