



May 21st, 2026

**TO: The Right Worshipful the Mayor and Members
of Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council**

A meeting **of Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council** will be held on **Tuesday, 26th May 2026** at **7:00 pm** in the Council Chamber for the transaction of the business on the undernoted agenda.

Hot Food will be available in Lighters Restaurant from 5.45 pm for those Members who have confirmed in advance.

DAVID BURNS
CHIEF EXECUTIVE
LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Agenda

1.0 BUSINESS OF THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR

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2.0 APOLOGIES

3.0 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

- (i) conflict of interest on any matter before the meeting (Members to confirm the specific item)
- (ii) pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest (Member to complete disclosure of interest form)

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4.0 COUNCIL MINUTES

4.1 Meeting of Council - 28 April 2026

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5.0 MATTERS ARISING

6.0 DEPUTATIONS

(none)

7.0 BUSINESS REQUIRED BY STATUTE

7.1 Signing of Legal Documents

For Decision

- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Idox Software Ltd, Unit 5, Woking , Forsyth Road, Woking, Surrey GU21 5SB – Award Letter – 22/12/2025L3 – Idox Cloud Building Control Package 3
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and AtkinsRealis PPS Limited, Woodcote Grove, Ashley Road, Epsom, Surrey KT18 5BW – Contract for F23/24-009 – Destination Royal Hillsborough Cost Consultant and Quantity Surveyor
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Rainey Specialist Contractors, 2 Queens Road, Lisburn BT27 4TZ – Contract for T25/26-055 PPM & RM 01 Lightning Protection Systems and Steel Chimneys

- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and B I Electrical Services, 11 Michelin Road, Newtownabbey BT36 4PT and GR White & Son, 43 Main Street, Edenmore, Enniskillen BT94 3LU and Irwins M&E Ltd, Unit 4, Diviny Drive, Portadown BT63 5WE and H&J Martin Group, Rosemount House, 21-23 Sydenham Road, Belfast BT3 9HA - T25/26-035 – Tender for The Call Off Framework Agreement for Provision of Electrical Services, Reactive and Project Works to Council Facilities for period 02/02/26 – 30/11/26
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Newable Trade Limited, t/a Newable Advice, 140 Aldersgate Street, London, EC1A 4HY – Consultancy Agreement via a Service Company for delivery of London Trade Programme

8.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

8.1 Communities & Wellbeing Committee - 5 May 2026

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8.2 Environment & Sustainability Committee - 6 May 2026

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9.0 REPORT FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE

9.1 Commencement Time of June Meeting of Council

10.0 REPORTS FROM MEMBERS ON BOARDS

(none)

11.0 REPORTS ON DECISIONS SUBJECT TO THE RECONSIDERATION PROCEDURE

(none)

12.0 NOTICES OF MOTION

12.1 No. 1 in the name of Councillor D Lynch on the subject of Daithi's Law

For Decision

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13.0 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

14.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

MAYORS ENGAGEMENTS FOR FULL COUNCIL MEETING

29th April 2026

Mayor to attend Coffee Morning organised by LCCC Planning Unit, in support of Mayor's Charity for Belfast Half Marathon

Mayor to attend LCCC Entrepreneurs Network event, Hillsborough Castle

30th April 2026

Mayor to attend Community Litter Pick with Four G, Ballyoran Centre

Mayor to attend coffee morning, Orchardville

Mayor to host LGBTQIA youth group from Resurgam, LVI

1st May 2026

Mayor to attend concert by RIR Band, part of the proceeds in aid of Mayoral charity, LVI

2nd May 2026

Mayor to attend bucket collection with Derriaghy FC for Mayoral charity, Seycon Park

Mayor to attend Lisburn Rugby Club, Presidents End of Season Dinner

5th May 2026

Mayor to attend Mayors Parade Workshop, Resurgam Youth

6th May 2026

Mayor to visit Drumbo Community Group Coffee Morning

Mayor to host Old Warren Primary School Council, LVI

Mayor to host reception for Macmillan Lived Experience Group, LVI

7th May 2026

Mayor & Deputy Mayor to host Breast Cancer Awareness Talk with Friends of the Cancer Centre, Enler Centre

8th May 2026

Mayor to attend civic reception for launch of new DI & CE Partnership Project, Stormont

9th May 2026

Mayor to attend Mayor's Parade and Family Fun Day, Wallace Park

10th May 2026

Mayor to attend Lisnagarvey Hockey Club Finals

11th May 2026

Mayor to host reception for Senior's Young at Heart Community Group, Elmwood Presbyterian Church, LVI

12th May 2026

Mayor to attend Launch of Help Kids Talk New Development, LVI

13th May 2026

Mayor to attend Balmoral Show, bucket collection for Mayoral charity

14th May 2026

Mayor to attend Balmoral Show, bucket collection for Mayoral charity

15th May 2026

Mayor to attend Chair's Reception and President's Lunch, Balmoral Show

16th May 2026

Mayor to meet with HSC NI Foster Care Fostering 400 Bike Ride, LVI

Mayor to attend Balmoral Show, bucket collection for Mayoral charity

17th May 2026

Mayor to attend Commissioning Service for Cllr Brian Higginson, Magheragall Parish Church

18th May 2026

Mayor to attend opening of Grove Activity Centre

Mayor to attend official opening of Canal Boxing Club

19th May 2026

Mayor to host Special School Sports Day, LVL P

20th May 2026

Mayor and Deputy Mayor to attend SOS Garden Party, Hillsborough Castle

Mayor to host Breast Screening Talk with Friends of the Cancer Centre, St Clare's Hall, Glenavy

21st May 2026

Mayor to attend Herbert Protocol Awareness Event, LVI

Mayor to attend Stepping Stones opening of exhibition, 'A City That Sees Me', Navigation House

Mayor to attend Volunteer Litter Pickers event, LVI

22nd May 2026

Mayor to attend thank you coffee morning, Atlas Women's Centre

Mayor to visit Ladies group in YMCA - Women in Mind

Mayor to host Garden of Reflection Service, LVI

Mayor to attend IAC 25th Anniversary Celebration event, Arts Centre

Mayor to attend opening of Hillsborough Art Society Annual Art Exhibition, Hillsborough Village Centre

23rd May 2026

Mayor to attend Canal Boxing Club Dinner, Europa Hotel

24th May 2026

Mayor to attend Belfast County UDR Association Service, St John's Orangefield Parish Church

25th May 2026

Mayor to attend 2 Rifles Medal Parade, Hillsborough Castle

27th - 28th May 2026

Mayor to attend London Business Networking and Showcasing Event, Tower of London

29th May 2026

Mayor to host Mayor's Charity Golf Day, Castlereagh Hills Golf Course

30th May 2026

Mayor to attend Magheragall Country & Vintage Fair

1st June 2026

Mayor to host Friends School for their school Day of Service, LVI

Mayor to visit local resident for her 100th birthday

Mayor to host RIR Regimental Association for cheque handover to Mayoral charity, LVI

2nd June 2026

Mayor to attend Carers Network Breakfast Morning, LVI

Mayor to perform opening of Tonagh Community Flat

3rd June 2026

Mayor to visit All Abilities Circus, LVI

Mayor to host reception for Lisburn 2Gether Special Olympics, LVI

4th June 2026

Mayor to attend Official Opening of Parkview School Sensory Garden

Mayor to visit Four G Coffee Morning, Ballyoran Community Centre

DEPUTY MAYORS ENGAGEMENTS FOR COUNCIL MEETING**29th April 2026**

Deputy Mayor to attend 'Luail's revival of the acclaimed work, TROJANS', LVI

7th May 2026

Mayor & Deputy Mayor to host Breast Cancer Awareness Talk with Friends of the Cancer Centre, Enler Centre

19th May 2026

Deputy Mayor to attend NI Food to Go Awards 2026 official launch, Malmaison, Belfast

20th May 2026

Mayor and Deputy Mayor to attend SOS Garden Party, Hillsborough Castle

21st May 2026

Deputy Mayor to attend Tea for Harmony Yaji Cultural Salon, Belfast Chinese Consulate

Deputy Mayor to attend Opening of Anna Cheyne Life of a Lisburn Artist, ILC

28th May 2026

Deputy Mayor to host with Friends of the Cancer Centre - 'Talking Balls' awareness session, Enler Centre

1st June 2026

Deputy Mayor to attend Dundonald WI event, Enler Centre

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MEMBERS DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

1. **Pecuniary Interests**

The Northern Ireland Local Government Code of Conduct for Councillors under Section 6 requires you to declare at the relevant meeting any pecuniary interest that you may have in any matter coming before any meeting of your Council.

Pecuniary (or financial) interests are those where the decision to be taken could financially benefit or financially disadvantage either you or a member of your close family. A member of your close family is defined as at least your spouse, live-in partner, parent, child, brother, sister and the spouses of any of these. Members may wish to be more prudent by extending that list to include grandparents, uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces or even close friends.

This information will be recorded in a Statutory Register. On such matters **you must not speak or vote**. Subject to the provisions of Sections 6.5 to 6.11 of the Code, if such a matter is to be discussed by your Council, **you must withdraw from the meeting whilst that matter is being discussed**.

2. **Private or Personal Non-Pecuniary Interests**

In addition you must also declare any significant private or personal non-pecuniary interest in a matter arising at a Council meeting (please see also Sections 5.2 and 5.6 and 5.8 of the Code).

Significant private or personal non-pecuniary (membership) interests are those which do not financially benefit or financially disadvantage you or a member of your close family directly, but nonetheless, so significant that could be considered as being likely to influence your decision.

Subject to the provisions of Sections 6.5 to 6.11 of the Code, you must declare this interest as soon as it becomes apparent and **you must withdraw from any Council meeting (including committee or sub-committee meetings) when this matter is being discussed**.

In respect of each of these, please complete the form below as necessary.

Pecuniary Interests

Meeting (Council or Committee - please specify and name):

Date of Meeting: _____

Item(s) in which you must declare an interest (please specify item number from report):

Nature of Pecuniary Interest:

Private or Personal Non-Pecuniary Interests

Meeting (Council or Committee - please specify and name):

Date of Meeting: _____

Item(s) in which you must declare an interest (please specify item number from report):

Nature of Private or Personal Non-Pecuniary Interest:

Name:

Address:

Signed:

Date:

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*If you have any queries please contact David Burns, Chief Executive,
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LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held in the Council Chamber, Lagan Valley Island and Remote Locations on Tuesday 28 April, 2026 at 7:00 pm****PRESENT IN CHAMBER:**

The Right Worshipful the Mayor
Alderman A Grehan

Deputy Mayor, Alderman H Legge

Aldermen J Baird, A G Ewart MBE, O Gawith, M Gregg,
A McIntyre, S P Porter, S Skillen and J Tinsley

Councillors J Bamford, R T Beckett, S Burns, R Carlin,
P Catney, D J Craig, K Dickson, A P Ewing, J Gallen,
A Givan, A Gowan, J Harpur, B Higginson, G Hynds,
C Kemp, S Lowry, D Lynch, U Mackin, A Martin, T Mitchell,
C McCready, M McKeever, R McLernon,

PRESENT REMOTELY:

Councillors J Lavery BEM, B Magee, G McCleave, N Parker
and G Thompson

IN ATTENDANCE:

Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council

Chief Executive
Director of Environmental Services
Director of Finance & Corporate Services
Director of Leisure and Community Wellbeing
Director of Organisation Development and Innovation
Director of Regeneration and Growth (Remote)
Member Services Manager (Acting)
Member Services Officer (EW)
Technician
IT Officer

South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust

Ms H Moore, Director of Planning, Performance & Informatics
Ms L Vladeanu, Assistant Director of Prevention &
Population Health, Health & Wellbeing

Belfast Health & Social Care Trust

Mr A Campbell, Director of Performance, Planning &
Informatics
Mr B Nelson Co-Director of Public Health

Commencement of the Meeting

At the commencement of the meeting, The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman A Grehan, welcomed those present to the April meeting of Council.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor reminded that the meeting was being livestreamed to enable members of the public to hear and see the proceedings. The Mayor pointed out that, should the meeting go into committee to consider confidential business, any members of the press and the public in attendance would be required to leave the Council Chamber for the duration of those matters.

The Chief Executive outlined the evacuation procedures in the case of an emergency.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor requested that all mobile phones be put on silent or switched off for the duration of the meeting and pointed out that, in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders, whilst the meeting was being live-streamed, unauthorised recording was not permitted.

Councillor C McCreedy left the meeting at 7.05 pm and returned at 7.10 pm.

Prayers

The Right Worshipful the Mayor welcomed Rev Andrew Thompson to the meeting of Council. Rev Thompson addressed the meeting and said a prayer, during which he expressed condolences to Cathal Magee, Arts Centre, on the passing of his mother, Una Magee.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman A Grehan, thanked Rev Thompson for his attendance and contribution, following which he left the meeting.

1. Business of The Right Worshipful the Mayor

1.1 Mayor's Engagements

The Council noted a number of engagements attended by The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman A Grehan, and the Deputy Mayor, Alderman H Legge, since the last meeting of Council. The Right Worshipful the Mayor put on record that it had been a great honour to bestow the Freedom of the City on Mr Tommy Doherty which, she stated, had been a great event, and thanked everyone for their support at that time.

1.2 Statement by The Right Worshipful the Mayor on Budget Cuts to Community and Voluntary Organisations

At this juncture The Right Worshipful the Mayor made a statement in regard to the recent Government cuts in core grant funding to community and voluntary organisations. During her address The Right Worshipful the Mayor highlighted the concerns in relation to impacts as a result of these cuts, including:

1.2 Statement by The Right Worshipful the Mayor on Budget Cuts to Community and Voluntary Organisations (Cont'd)

- funding for vital voluntary and community services across Northern Ireland have been cut by around 64% from £25m to just over £9m. These cuts in funding impacts 64 organisations, hundreds of staff and around 11,000 people every year.
- many people have lost their jobs, services have been cut and vulnerable members across the communities have been left without support they depend on
- these cuts impact employment programmes, mental health services and disability supports that are already being reduced or lost
- here in Lisburn and Castlereagh the Council has worked very closely with organisations such as Stepping Stones through the Labour Market Partnership, supporting people with disabilities and those furthest from the Labour Market into real opportunities. It is because of these cuts that work is being scaled back with the loss of programmes, reduced capacity and the very real impact of jobs being lost.
- today we are already seeing the real impact of those decisions. Second Avenue Café in Lisburn has closed its doors. For over six years this café provided training, confidence and real work experience for people with learning disabilities. Five valued members of staff had already been made redundant with further job losses proposed across the organisation - directly impacting employability, services for those with barriers to learning including disabilities.
- through grants the Council has supported initiatives like Navigation House, creating spaces for people to build skills and move towards employment, and Mencap creating an outdoor space helping people with disabilities to develop skills and progress towards and into employment
- we are seeing the loss of skilled and experienced staff who work in these services with their expertise and commitment having been central to supporting individuals and families right across our community. This is happening across Lisburn and Castlereagh and it reflects a wider problem on how support is being delivered. This is becoming a pattern. It is not just one issue and it is not working.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor reminded that her theme this year was inclusivity for disability and a City that includes everyone, but right now she stated that she did not believe the Government was seeing everyone. The very support that makes inclusion possible was being reduced, ie. the services, the opportunities and the lifelines that people depend on every single day. This required urgent action right across Government, because right now people are losing support, staff are losing jobs and families are left to deal with the consequences. People have been let down and inclusion means nothing if it disappears when it is needed most.

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1.3 Mayor's Football Competition - Lagan Valley LeisurePlex - 12 April 2026 Councillor A Givan

Councillor A Givan referred to his attendance, as Vice Chairperson of the Communities & Wellbeing Committee at the recent Mayor's Football tournament which had taken place in the Lagan Valley LeisurePlex on 12 April 2026 and pointed out that the reference to 'Mayor's Disability Cup' in the appended document was misleading and felt that 'Mayor's Football Inclusion Cup' was a more appropriate title. Councillor Givan commended this event and looked forward to seeing many more teams taking part in future such events. He also expressed thanks and appreciation to coach, Stephen Rae, for taking part in this event.

2. Apologies .

It was agreed to accept apologies for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of Councillors D Bassett and Rt Hon N Trimble.

3. Declarations of Interest

The following Declarations of Interest were declared:

- Alderman A McIntyre: in respect of item 6.1 – Deputation by the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (SEHSCT) and Belfast Health & Social Care Trust (BHSCT) in view of a close family member employed by the SEHSCT
- Councillor M McKeever: in respect of item 6.1 – Deputation by the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (SEHSCT) and Belfast Health & Social Care Trust (BHSCT) in view of his employment by the BHSCT
- At a later point in the meeting Councillor A Gowan declared an interest in item 6.1 – Deputation by the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (SEHSCT) and Belfast Health & Social Care Trust (BHSCT) in view of a close family member employed by the BHSCT
- At a later point in the meeting Councillor P Catney declared an interest in regard to one of the Council's capital projects, namely; Aberdelghy Golf Club (Item 8 Adoption of Communities & Wellbeing Committee minutes refers)

4. Council Minutes

4.1 Council Meeting – 24 March, 2026

It was proposed by Councillor S Lowry, seconded by Alderman J Baird, and agreed that the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 24 March, 2026 be confirmed and signed.

4.2 Special Meeting of Council - 16 April, 2026

It was proposed by Alderman J Baird, seconded by Alderman A McIntyre, and agreed that the minutes of the Special meeting of Council held on 16 April, 2026 be confirmed and signed.

5. Matters Arising

5.1 Council Meeting – 24 March, 2026

5.1.1 Item 12.1 Notice of Motion - BBC TV Licence Enforcement and Funding Burden on Lisburn and Castlereagh Residents

Councillor D J Craig expressed disappointment in regard to the tone of the correspondence received from the BBC in response to the communication from the Council following the above Notice of Motion that had been agreed by Council the previous month. He described the response from the BBC as condescending and felt that there was an underlying threat of prosecution, and added that many people did not watch the BBC channels or any live stream programmes. Councillor Craig advised that he too had received a letter from the BBC recently which he described as intimidating as the letter had stated clearly that if he did not respond he faced prosecution.

Councillor Craig proposed that the Council writes to the Culture Secretary, Lisa Nandy, to convey the Council's disappointment with the BBC's response and to point out to her the concern of the underlying threat contained in such letters from the BBC.

Councillor G Hynds wished to be associated with the sentiments expressed by Councillor Craig and stated that he found the response patronising, and also that the letters were particularly concerning for elderly people. He also was of the opinion that many young people are 'switching off' and "turning their backs" on the BBC. Councillor Hynds also stated that the response from the BBC missed the point that the Council had raised. Councillor Hynds seconded the proposal by Councillor Craig to write to the Minister for Culture and this was agreed by Members present.

Item 5.1.2 Council Meeting – 24 February 2026 (Item 4.1) Alderman A G Ewart

Alderman A Ewart expressed disappointment in regard to the inadequate response received from Royal Mail in response to his Notice of Motion that had been agreed at the February meeting of Council on the delays in postal deliveries throughout Lisburn and Castlereagh area.

6. Deputation

6.1 To Receive Officials from the South Eastern and Belfast Health & Social Care Trusts

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman A Grehan, welcomed to the meeting:

- Ms H Moore, Director of Planning, Performance & Informatics (SEHSCT)
- Ms L Vladeanu, Assistant Director of Prevention and Population Health, Health & Wellbeing (SEHSCT)
- Mr Alastair Campbell, Director of Performance, Planning & Informatics (BHSCT)
- Mr Bryan Nelson, Co-Director of Public Health

During the deputation the following Members left and returned to the meeting: Aldermen A McIntyre, M Gregg and S Skillen, and Councillors D Lynch, B Magee, T Mitchell, S Lowry, J Harpur, U Mackin, R McLernon.

Ms Moore and Ms Vladeanu, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, provided Members with a strategic overview of the work of the SEHSCT during which she addressed and elaborated on the following:

- the Trust's hospital network which provided integrated health and social care across hospital and community services
- the Trust's vision which is "The South Eastern Trust will be a great place to love, a great place to work and a great place for care and support"
- the Trust's Corporate Plan, strategic priorities and annual activity during 2024/2025. Ms Moore acknowledged the valuable teams of staff across the Trust's network
- customer care feedback and experience at both the Lagan Valley Hospital Urgent Care Centre and also the Regional Day Procedure Unit
- focus on 'moving upstream' one example being moving from analogue to digital. Ms Moore acknowledged that the teams in the Belfast Trust were working with the South Eastern Trust on these initiatives
- the Trust's Hospital at Home initiative
- health inequalities
- work with the South Eastern Area Integrated Partnership Board, the GP Federation, the Public Health Agency and the Council's Community Planning Partnership
- the Trust's Neighbourhood Model initiative which aims to deliver greater levels of care to citizens and their local communities in a joined up approach

Messrs Campbell and Nelson from the Belfast Health & Social Care Trust also addressed the Council on related issues, including:

- the Trust's focus on mental health and emotional wellbeing initiative "Making Every Contact Count"
- the Trust's "This is Our Health" initiative which was due to be launched the following day, 29th April 2026

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6.1 To Receive Officials from the South Eastern and Belfast Health & Social Care Trusts (Cont'd)

Following the presentation Officials from both the South Eastern and the Belfast Trusts responded to a number of issues raised by Members, including:

- newly introduced maximum wait times for ambulances at hospitals across parts of the UK
- recent fatalities on the roads and the challenges associated with the health care staff in dealing with such tragedies
- people being let down due to appointments arriving late by post and any action by the Trusts to remain pro-active around addressing missed appointments
- funding cuts to mental health programmes and any increase in the intake in mental health patients due to this cut in funding. Ms Moore undertook to come back to Alderman J Tinsley on statistics relating to the number of mental health patients
- any steps to allow PSNI Officers to be released from hospital after having accompanied patients who had suffered a critical incident. Ms Moore undertook to come back on the issue of PSNI Officers being released.
- a patient's test results being uploaded to the 'My Care' app prior to the patient having been informed of their results by their consultant
- the absence of officials from the GP Federation. Councillor U Mackin expressed disappointment on the absence of a representative from the GP Federation at the meeting that evening requested that Officers write to the Federation again to ask that they meet with the Council to discuss the issue of access to GP services.
- the link between hospital care and the primary care received by patients at home, particularly in relation to medication if the patient is discharged over the weekend
- the closure of the Emerge Counselling Service and any impact on the Health Trusts. Ms Moore undertook to come back to Councillor Hynds on the budget for charitable organisations.
- long waiting times for consultant appointments, and the introduction of Health Trusts employing private health companies to undertake further tests and follow up appointments
- complaints about heating and lack of drinking water for staff working in the new Lisburn Primary & Community Care Health Centre. Alderman P Porter requested that the SEHSCT carry out a review of these issues as a matter of urgency. Ms Moore undertook to take back Alderman Porter's request for an urgent review of the heating management system and drinking water availability in the new Primary Care Centre to the relevant Directorate.
- the GP Out of Hours service and the plans to develop a Multi-Disciplinary Team at Knockbreda. Mr Campbell undertook to confirm in writing to Councillor B Higginson in regard to the development of the Multi-Disciplinary Team at the GP Out of Hours service at Knockbreda.
- progress on the electronic prescription service by the Department of Health
- arrangements for children with special needs and their parents/carers attending hospital for any length of time

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6.1 To Receive Officials from the South Eastern and Belfast Health & Social Care Trusts (Cont'd)

- the issue of correspondence from the Belfast Trust going out to parents and not the registered carer of the child/children. Mr Campbell undertook to look into this issue and also asked Councillor Laverty to write to him on this matter with some more detail.
- an update on progress on Child Social Care by Ray Jones. Ms Moore undertook to come back to Councillor Laverty on the different tiers of work on the issue of Child Social Care that was being led by Ray Jones.

A number of Members, some having recounted their personal health journeys and their experiences with the Health Trusts, commended the good work being done by Health Service staff, especially those on the front line. Members also expressed sincere thanks to all the staff for all their hard work and efforts on a daily basis.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman A Grehan, thanked the Health Trust officials for their presentation and for answering Members' questions, following which they left the meeting at 8.29 pm.

7. Business Required by Statute

(i) Signing of Legal Documents

It was proposed by Alderman O Gawith, seconded by Councillor A Givan, and agreed that the following legal documents be signed at the meeting:

- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Ventilation Surveys and Services, Unit 305 Century Building, Liverpool L3 4BJ – Contract for T25/26-022 Tender for PPM 25 Kitchen Grease Extraction Systems
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Weev.ie Limited, Buildings 8-9, 11-12 Edgewater Business Park, Edgewater Road, Belfast BT3 9JQ – Contract for T25/26-052 Tender for Electric Vehicle Charging Business Partner
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Pietre Nuturali Ltd t/a Irish Stone, 26 Harrys Road, Hillsborough, Co Down BT26 6HJ – Contract for T25/26-021 Tender for Conservation and Stabilisation of Church Ruins at Aghalee and Portmore Cemeteries

8. Adoption of Minutes of Committees

Environment and Sustainability Committee

Proposed by Alderman O Gawith

Seconded by Councillor S Burns

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Regeneration and Growth Committee

Proposed by Councillor C Kemp

Seconded by Councillor J Harpur

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Corporate Services Committee

Proposed by Councillor B Higginson

Seconded by Councillor K Dickson

8 April, 2026Matters ArisingItem 5.1 Page 195Vacant Property Officer (DfC Pilot)

Alderman A G Ewart advised that he had raised the issue of toilet provision in Lisburn City Centre at the April meeting of the Corporate Services Committee. He also reminded the Council that he also had raised this matter four months ago in January 2026.

In response the Chief Executive advised that the feasibility study for toilet provision in the City Centre was on-going and that he would update Members on this project on a DEA basis. He also reminded Members that there were 170 projects on the Works Schedule currently.

Alderman P Porter, Councillor N Parker and Alderman S Skillen spoke in support of Alderman Ewart's comments and concerns in regard to the provision of toilets in the City Centre.

It was proposed by Alderman A G Ewart, seconded by Alderman S P Porter, and agreed the feasibility of toilet provision in the City Centre be brought forward within two months' time.

The Chief Executive indicated that it was likely that another project would require to be de-prioritised as a result of the above proposal.

Communities and Wellbeing Committee

Proposed by Councillor T Mitchell

Seconded by Councillor A Givan

14 April, 2026

Councillor T Mitchell advised that the minutes of the Community & Wellbeing Committee were still subject to the Call-In procedure until 10.00 am on Wednesday, 6 May 2026.

Matter ArisingItem 6.1 Page 212Lough Moss Leisure Centre Feasibility Study

Councillor B Higginson referred to the item he had raised under Any Other Business when he had requested an update on the feasibility study and business case in relation to Lough Moss Leisure Centre, and requested assurances from the Directors and the Chief Executive that the feasibility study would come forward before the summer break. He referred to the meeting that had taken

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place the previous week with Carryduff Regeneration Forum when the concerns about the lack of movement on this feasibility study had been raised.

Councillors J Gallen and J Harpur spoke in support of the feasibility study for Lough Moss Leisure Centre coming forward before the summer break. Councillor P Catney emphasised to Members that there was need in all of the DEAs, and referred to the works required to Aberdelghy Golf Course.

Councillor A Gowan left the meeting at 8.44 pm.

The Chief Executive made a number of comments in response to the issues raised, and reminded Members that he had written out to Members on the DEA investment projects, and that he would be meeting with Members on a DEA basis. The Chief Executive stated that it was a matter of managing with what resources were available and emphasised the importance of getting these meeting dates agreed.

It was agreed that the Chief Executive would work to secure a date to meet with Members from the DEA about investment projects, including the outcome of the Lough Moss feasibility study, and to consider next steps prior to any further report being presented to Committee.

Alderman J Baird left the meeting at 8.47 pm.

Planning Committee**3 March, 2026**

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 3 March, 2026 had been circulated for noting only as these minutes had been agreed at the subsequent meeting of the Planning Committee on 13 April, 2026. It was proposed by Alderman J Tinsley, seconded by Alderman O Gawith, and agreed that their contents be noted.

Councillors S Lowry and U Mackin left the meeting at 8.51 pm.

9. Report from Chief Executive**9.1 Requirement to enter into a Section 76 planning agreement for planning Application on lands northeast of Comber Road and 75 metres southwest of 4 Millmount Village Drive (LA05/2024/0618/F)**

The Director of Regeneration & Growth responded to comments by Alderman M Gregg in regard to outstanding issues in connection with the above planning application, it being noted that the outstanding issues were outside the remit of the Section 76 agreement. The Director advised that these issues would be reported back to the Planning Committee in due course.

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9.1 Requirement to enter into a Section 76 planning agreement for planning Application on lands northeast of Comber Road and 75 metres southwest of 4 Millmount Village Drive (LA05/2024/0618/F)

It was proposed by Alderman M Gregg, seconded by Councillor P Catney, and agreed that approval be granted to the signing and sealing of the above agreement by the Mayor and Chief Executive.

10. Reports from Members on Boards

There were no reports from Members on Boards.

11. Reports on Decisions Subject to the Reconsideration Procedure

There were no reports on decisions subject to the reconsideration procedure.

Councillor S Lowry returned to the meeting at 8.53 pm.

12. Notices of Motion

12.1 Support for Serving Armed Forces Personal in relation to Rates
Councillor G Hynds

A copy of the undernoted Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor G Hynds had been circulated to Members with the notice convening the meeting:

“This Council recognises the service and sacrifice of members of the Armed Forces, many of whom are required to spend extended periods away from their homes as a result of their duties.

Council notes that, in other parts of the United Kingdom, council tax systems make provision to reflect the circumstances of serving personnel who may be absent from their primary residence due to deployment.

Council further notes that, by contrast, there is no specific provision within the Northern Ireland domestic rates system which recognises the unique circumstances of serving Armed Forces personnel who may be absent from their primary residence for significant periods due to deployment.

Council also notes that while some support may be available to serving personnel through military or other channels, this is not reflected within the rates system itself.

In line with the principles of the Armed Forces Covenant, Council agrees to write to the Minister of Finance to request a review of how the current rates system applies to serving personnel, with a view to ensuring fairness and appropriate recognition of their service.

Council further agrees to explore what additional support, guidance, or signposting can be provided at a local level to assist serving personnel in

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12.1 Support for Serving Armed Forces Personal in relation to Rates (Cont'd)
Councillor G Hynds

accessing any existing reliefs or support schemes for which they may be eligible.”

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor G Hynds and seconded by Councillor B Higginson.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman A Grehan, advised that the above Notice of Motion, would be referred without debate to the Corporate Services Committee for consideration.

12.2 Bowel Cancer Screening
Councillor J Gallen

A copy of the undernoted Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J Gallen had been circulated to Members with the notice convening the meeting:

“This motion is a call on the Health Minister to Lower the Bowel Cancer Screening Age from 60 to 50 in Northern Ireland.

Here in the North the age of eligibility for bowel cancer screening is at the age of 60.

In Scotland, England & Wales the bowel cancer screening age has been lowered to the age of 50, this reflects evidence that screening at a younger age detects cancers at an earlier more treatable stage.

Bowel cancer is one of the most common cancers in the UK and early detection markedly improves the chances of successful treatment and survival.

Incidence in younger age groups is increasing with research indicating that bowel cancer rates among adults under 50 are rising, highlighting the need for earlier screening to reduce avoidable deaths.

Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council agrees to write to the Health Minister to request that the age of eligibility be lowered from 60 to 50 for bowel cancer screening in line with international best practice.”

Councillor J Gallen advised that he wished to add an addendum to his Notice of Motion, namely:

“As this is Bowel Cancer awareness month the Civic Centre be lit up in the colour of the Bowel Cancer Charity the following evening, Wednesday, 29 April 2026.”

The Notice of Motion, including the addendum was proposed by Councillor J Gallen and seconded by Councillor B Higginson.

12.2 Bowel Cancer Screening (Cont'd)
Councillor J Gallen

Councillor Gallen elaborated on his Notice of Motion during which he highlighted the following key issues:

- April was Bowel Cancer awareness month
- his friend, Patrick, who was in attendance in the Chamber that evening, had sadly lost his mother, Maureen, and his wife, Freda, to bowel cancer, leaving their two children aged 11 and 13 without their mother who had been only 48 when she died.
- Patrick had been motivated to email his local councillors as he knew that Freda, who had been a nurse, would have wanted him to do this. He also knew that he should do all that he could to try to help save the lives of those people who were affected by this awful disease.
- Patrick and his sister, Brenda, had attended an event at Stormont Estate organised by Bowel Cancer UK recently at which many people had shared their experiences of bowel cancer, symptoms, diagnosis and treatment, and their lived experience and also their desire to reduce the age of bowel cancer screening to age 50
- if diagnosed early 9/10 people survive bowel cancer.

Councillor B Higginson, having seconded the Notice of Motion, thanked Councillor Gallen for bringing forward this important Notice of Motion which aimed to extend bowel screening from ages 50-74 in Northern Ireland (NI). Councillor Higginson stated this Notice of Motion was deeply personal to him and advised his late mother had suffered from bowel cancer which had contributed to her death at the age of 60, a loss that he carries with him always. Councillor Higginson also related his own personal health issues in the past during which he had lived with the threat of bowel cancer.

Councillor Higginson highlighted a number of fundamental issues in support of the Notice of Motion, including:

- bowel cancer is the fourth most common cancer and the second biggest killer in NI
- bowel cancer is one of the most treatable cancers when it is detected early
- early screening is cost effective as treatments are more expensive and more invasive when bowel cancer is diagnosed later
- uptakes rates in bowel cancer screening are broadly similar across England, Wales, Scotland and NI which this tells us that people are willing to engage with screening when it is offered.
- extending bowel cancer screening to ages 50-74 would bring NI into line with the UK and would save lives

Councillors J Bamford, R Carlin and T Mitchell, on behalf of their respective political parties spoke in support of the Notice of Motion. Councillor G Hynds also spoke in support of the Notice of Motion.

12.2 Bowel Cancer Screening (Cont'd)
Councillor J Gallen

The Notice of Motion as proposed by Councillor J Gallen and seconded by Councillor B Higginson, including the addendum, was put to the meeting and agreed unanimously.

13. Confidential Business

There was no confidential business for consideration.

14. Any Other Business

14.1 Response from Royal Mail
Alderman A G Ewart

Alderman A G Ewart expressed disappointment in regard to the correspondence that the Council had received in response to the letter sent by the Council following his Notice of Motion on the delays in postal deliveries across the Lisburn and Castlereagh area. Alderman Ewart stated that this response was not acceptable.

At a later point in the meeting Councillor G Hynds also conveyed his disappointment with the correspondence received from Royal Mail.

Councillor J Gallen left the meeting at 9.08 pm.

14.2 Tragedies on Local Road
Councillors C Kemp, P Catney and R T Beckett

Councillor C Kemp expressed condolence to the families, friends and loved ones of the two men who had lost their lives on the A26 Glenavy Road the previous weekend. Councillor Kemp also expressed condolence to the loved ones and families of the other three people who lost their lives on the roads also during the previous weekend. Councillor Kemp stated that sadly she could empathise with these families as her own family had experienced significant loss on the roads. It was a distressing reality that this year to date 29 people had lost their lives on the roads which was twice the number recorded this time last year. Councillor Kemp stated that behind every statistic lives had been changed forever and that her thoughts were with those families.

At a later point in the meeting Councillor P Catney and R T Beckett addressed the Council on the recent road tragedies. Councillor Catney recounted his personal story on having lost his younger brother who had been killed on the same stretch of road at Lower Ballinderry 50 years ago. Both Members spoke of the dangers of the roads and also about the need to make responsible decisions when driving.

14.3 Toilets and Playpark in Moira Demesne
Councillor C McCready

Councillor C McCready highlighted the issue of the upkeep of the toilets in Moira Demesne and advised that a number of Members had received complaints recently about the condition of these toilets. Councillor McCready also raised the issue of the need for a review of the playpark in Moira Demesne and asked if the Director of Leisure & Community Wellbeing could look into and prioritise these matters.

14.4 Repairs to Damaged Arch at Moat Park
Councillor S Lowry

Councillor S Lowry expressed thanks to the Head of Parks & Amenities (Acting) and her team in regard to the prompt progress on the repair to the arch at Moat Park.

14.5 Flooding Issues at Beach Park and River Road
Councillor D J Craig

Councillor D J Craig expressed thanks to the Head of Parks & Amenities (Acting) in regard to the work that had been progressed at Beach Park. Councillor Craig also referred to the issue of flooding on River Road and asked the Director of Leisure & Community Wellbeing for an update on these issues to outline what work had been completed and also a timeline for works still to be progressed.

It was noted that the Director would contact Councillor Craig on this matter.

14.6 Multi-Cultural Community Celebration Event at
Forthill Integrated Primary School
Councillor G Hynds

Councillor Hynds advised that he had attended the above event at Forthill Integrated Primary School last week which had celebrated 140 years since the School had been established and also 60 years on their current site. Councillor Hynds stated this had been a fantastic event for the local community, past pupils, families and teachers.

14.7 Purdysburn Pathway – Options Agreement
Councillor R Carlin

Councillor R Carlin raised the issue of Purdysburn Pathway and the connection to St Itas Primary School and the Cairnshill Park & Ride. He advised that the matter of the options agreement had been on-going with the Department for Infrastructure since February 2025. Councillor Carlin advised that he had written previously to the Chief Executive of NI Water in regard to the legalities around the options agreement.

Councillor Carlin emphasised that St Ita's school was keen that this issue was progressed in view of the safety issues concerning pupils who were having to walk down the main road. Councillor R Carlin requested that the Council writes

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14.7 Purdysburn Pathway – Options Agreement (Cont'd)
Councillor R Carlin

to Dr Sara Venning, Chief Executive of NI Water asking her to intervene as soon as possible with a view to getting this matter resolved.

14.8 Cyber Security Training
The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman A Grehan

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, at the request of Party Group Leaders, reminded Members of the need to complete the Cyber Security Training.

Conclusion of Meeting

At the conclusion of the meeting the Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman A Grehan thanked those present for their attendance.

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was terminated at 9.20 pm.

Mayor

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LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL**Minutes of Meeting of the Communities & Wellbeing Committee held remotely and in the Council Chamber, Island Civic Centre, The Island, Lisburn on Tuesday 5th May 2026 at 6.00 pm.****PRESENT IN
COUNCIL CHAMBER
(COMMITTEE):**

Councillor T Mitchell (Chair)
 Councillor A Givan (Vice-Chair)
 Deputy Mayor Alderman H Legge
 Alderman A McIntyre
 Councillors J Craig, K Dickson, B Higginson, C Kemp,
 G McCleave, G Thompson and The Hon N Trimble

**PRESENT IN A
REMOTE LOCATION
(COMMITTEE)**

Councillors R Carlin, J Gallen and Alderman S Skillen

(NON-COMMITTEE)

Councillor B Magee

**PRESENT IN
COUNCIL CHAMBER
(NON-COMMITTEE)**

Councillor G Hynds and Alderman J Tinsley

IN ATTENDANCE:

Director of Leisure & Community Wellbeing
 Head of Communities
 Head of Sports Services
 Head of Parks & Amenities (Acting)
 Head of Economic Development
 Regeneration & Infrastructure Manager
 Member Services Officers (HB & EW)
 I.T. Officer

Commencement of Meeting

The Chair, Councillor T Mitchell, welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that it would be audio recorded unless the item on the agenda was to be considered under confidential business.

Unauthorised recording was not permitted, as per 8.5 of the Council's Standing Orders. Mobile phones were to be turned off or on silent mode for the duration of the meeting. Members attending remotely were asked to keep their cameras on. Finally, the Chair asked that any Member entering or leaving the meeting alert the Member Services Officer accordingly so that this might be accurately reflected in the minutes.

The Director of Leisure & Community Wellbeing outlined the evacuation procedures in the case of an emergency.

The Deputy Mayor, Alderman H Legge, joined the meeting during the housekeeping announcements at 6.02 pm as did Councillor R Carlin who joined the meeting remotely.

1. Apologies

Apologies for non-attendance were accepted and recorded on behalf of Councillor T Beckett and Councillor S Lowry.

2. Declarations of Interest

Two Declarations of Interest were made by Members regarding Item 3.2 - Community Investment Awards:

- Councillor T Mitchell declared a pecuniary interest as a shareholder in Ballymacash Sports Academy.
- Councillor C Kemp declared an interest in St Joseph's GAC (Glenavy) as a committee member.

3. Report of Director of Leisure & Community Wellbeing

3.1 Proposed Winter Programme 2026

Members had been provided with an Evaluation of the Winter 2025 Programme and also the proposed Winter & Christmas Programme 2026. Also, a link to the 2025 Winter Programme Committee report had been provided within the Director's report.

The Director of Leisure & Community Wellbeing responded to questions from the Committee in connection with the budget for the winter programme.

There were several positive comments from Members about last year's Christmas programme.

It was recommended that Members agree to:

- The Draft 2026 Winter Programme
- A draw against the ringfenced reserve of £150,000

It was proposed by Councillor A Givan, seconded by Councillor B Higginson, and agreed to recommend that the Director's recommendations, as outlined, be agreed.

Councillor A Givan also suggested re-positioning the platform in Bow Street, by turning it by 90 degrees to provide more space for people to walk past. Director undertook to give Councillor Givan's suggestion consideration, in line with the Event Management Plan .

Councillor K Dickson left the Chamber at 6.24 pm and returned at 6.28 pm.

The Head of Economic Development and the Regeneration & Infrastructure Manager left at the end of Item 3.1, the Winter Programme 2026.

3.2 Community Investment Fund

Councillors T Mitchell and C Kemp left the Chamber for this Item at 6.25pm.

The Vice Chair, Councillor A Givan, took the Chair and conducted this item of business (6.26 pm).

Members were provided with a narrative report about the Community Investment Fund and also an Equality Screening document and Rural Needs Impact Assessment.

It was proposed by Councillor J Craig, seconded by Councillor G McCleave, and agreed to recommend that: an update of the approval process for the Community Investment Fund be agreed, to include:

- i) Member approval of the In-Principle Letter of Offer, within the agreed budget and;
- ii) that subject to robust due diligence processes, the Director of Leisure and Community Wellbeing signs the Letter of Offer, in agreement with the Chief Finance Officer and;
- iii) with noting reports to follow.

3.3 Canal Boxing Academy – Fundraising Event

Councillors T Mitchell and C Kemp returned to the Chamber for this Item at 6.30 pm.

The Chair, Councillor T Mitchell, took the chair for the remaining items of business on the agenda.

The Director reported that Canal Boxing Academy had sent a letter about a Fundraising Event gala dinner on 23 May, inviting Lisburn & Castlereagh Council to support the event by purchasing tickets. The Director suggested that two tickets be purchased for the Chair and Vice Chair, or their nominees, to support this event.

A copy of the correspondence from Canal Boxing Academy and an Equality Screening document had also been presented to Members.

Comments and concerns were noted from two Members in connection with the issue of granting delegated authority to all future such requests for such events.

It was proposed by Councillor D J Craig, seconded by Councillor N Trimble and agreed to recommend that:

- the purchase of two tickets for the Chair and Vice Chair, or their nominees, to attend the above event be agreed, and;
- delegated authority is granted to the Chair and Vice-Chair, in consultation with the relevant Head of Service for future requests of this nature which fall outside the Committee cycle.

The Director of Communities & Wellbeing confirmed that a report on such decisions taken under delegated authority would be brought back to the Committee for noting.

4. Report of Head of Communities

4.1 Community Bursary Scheme 2025/2026

A narrative report and Table of Applicants in connection with the Community Bursary Scheme had been provided and Members were asked to:

- Note the Community Bursary Scheme outcomes for Jan-March 2026
- Agree the remaining balance of £596 from the current year be rolled over into the Community Bursary Scheme for 2026/2027.

The Head of Communities responded to questions and comments from Members in relation to the Community Bursary Scheme which had been running for many years. The Head of Communities explained that a wider grant aid review is ongoing and an approach would be brought back to the Committee in the autumn.

It was proposed by Councillor J Craig, seconded by Councillor C Kemp, and agreed to recommend that:

- the Community Bursary Scheme outcomes for Jan-March 2026 be noted, and
- the remaining balance of £596 from the current year be rolled over into the Community Bursary Scheme 2026/2027

4.2 Addressing Poverty & Social Exclusion Fund Criteria

A narrative report had been provided detailing the criteria of the Addressing Poverty & Social Exclusion Fund along with an Equality Screening and Rural Needs Impact Assessment.

The Head of Communities explained that a budget of £80,000 was agreed by Council in April 2026 arising out of the DEA Investment Plan 2026/2027. Groups can apply for up to £3,000 if they meet the eligibility criteria and the aim is to support community-led initiatives to respond to local need and strengthen the wellbeing, resilience and inclusion of residents.

It was recommended that Members agree:

- To note the details and eligibility criteria, as outlined in the Officer's report, for the grant aid scheme and
- That, following assessment against the agreed criteria, delegated authority is granted to the Head of Communities, to agree the award of grants, with the outcomes subsequently reported for noting to a future Community and Wellbeing Committee.

Councillor N Trimble proposed the recommendation which was seconded by Councillor G McCleave.

5. Report of Head of Parks & Amenities (Acting)

5.1 Request to use Hillsborough Forest Park

In addition to the narrative report, Members had been provided with the application from Hillsborough Working Together and an Equality Screening document. The group has requested accessible car parking for their Twelfth of July event which is planned to take place on Monday 13th July 2026.

It was recommended that Members agree to;

- The use of Hillsborough Forest Car Park and
- Infrastructure support

There was discussion about how busy the car park at Hillsborough Forest is and the impact of the event on local people and visitors as it will be open to the public.

Councillor J Craig proposed the recommendation, which was seconded by Councillor N Trimble, who asked for clarification regarding how many accessible car parking spaces the group require and how many car parking spaces will be available to the public.

The Director of Leisure & Community Wellbeing confirmed that this would be clarified and that Members would be notified by email.

Councillor J Gallen left the meeting at 6.51 pm. Alderman J Tinsley left remotely also at 6.51 pm.

6. Any Other Business (Non-Confidential)

6.1 Property at River Road (flooding)
Councillor J Craig

Councillor J Craig again drew attention to a property on River Road which had been flooded as a result of flooding from Aberdelghy Golf Course. Councillor Craig advised that the flooding did not get inside the property, thanks to the efforts of council staff who had worked into the night. However, the outside area had been impacted due to this flooding and he asked that it be cleaned up properly for the resident who is elderly.

Councillor J Craig asked for a detailed report and timescales on this. The Director undertook to bring this feedback to the Inter-Departmental team and issue a further update to Members thereafter

6.2 Communication Boards in Playparks
Councillor C Kemp

Councillor C Kemp thanked the staff for installing the communication boards in another ten parks across the council area.

6.3 Rambler's Bridge & Mclroy Park
Councillor G Hynds

Councillor Hynds expressed concern that Rambler's Bridge had not been cleaned up despite a previous request. Councillor Hynds also raised the issue of the broken signage at Mclroy Park.

6.4 Anti-Social Behaviour at the Community Garden, Lough Moss
Councillor B Higginson

Councillor B Higginson raised the issue of anti-social behaviour that had taken place over the weekend of 2nd May at the Community Garden at Lough Moss with planters upturned.

Councillor B Higginson asked council officers to reach out to Carryduff Regeneration Forum to offer assistance and also asked if security could be improved at the Community Garden.

6.5 Carryduff Colts Cup
Councillor R Carlin

Councillor R Carlin proposed that the pitch booking fee be waived for the Carryduff Colts cross-community tournament taking place on 15th -17th May, with large numbers of participants and spectators expected.

The Head of Sports Services confirmed that he would work with the Carryduff Colts to ensure that the event is a success.

Councillor B Higginson seconded the proposal by Councillor R Carlin.

The Director of Communities & Wellbeing explained that the financial cost of hiring the 3G pitches all weekend would be £1,400 and that groups can apply for funding through grants like the Community Festival Fund or the Sports Accelerator Fund.

There was discussion about whether making this decision at committee would set a precedent and about the importance of procedural fairness.

An amendment was proposed by Councillor N Trimble and seconded by the Vice Chair, Councillor A Givan, that the Community & Wellbeing Committee grants delegated authority to the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee, in consultation with the Head of Sports Services, to agree what assistance could be provided to Carryduff Colts on this occasion and that a report comes back to the Committee in June for retrospective approval thereon.

The amendment by Councillor N Trimble was put to the meeting and on a recorded vote being taken was declared 'carried,' there being 10 votes in favour, two votes against and one abstention, as follows:

In favour: Councillor J Craig, Councillor K Dickson, Councillor A Givan (Vice Chair), Councillor B Higginson, Councillor C Kemp, Alderman H Legge, Alderman A McIntyre, Alderman S Skillen, Councillor G Thompson and Councillor N Trimble **(10)**

Against: Councillor R Carlin and Councillor G McCleave **(2)**

Abstained: Councillor T Mitchell (Chair) **(1)**

6.6 Communication Boards in Playparks
Councillor J Craig

Councillor J Craig suggested that the Willows Playpark in Dunmurry (off the Ballybog Road) would be an ideal venue for a communication board because there is a Special Educational Needs facility nearby.

The Acting Head of Parks & Amenities undertook to look into Councillor Craig's request.

6.7 Old BT Phone Boxes
Councillor G Hynds

Councillor G Hynds asked if BT could be asked for an update – some of the old phone boxes are in a bad condition and covered with graffiti and due to be removed.

6.8 Park Life 2026
Alderman H Legge

Alderman H Legge explained that there are no details about this year's Park Life on the council website, yet it is advertised in the spring Citywide magazine.

The Acting Head of Parks & Amenities explained that there are eight Park Life sessions planned for summer 2026 with various types of music such as 'Jazz in the Park' and the details of which would be shared with Members.

Alderman H Legge also suggested giving more specific details about the music at 'Sunday Sessions' to help people decide what sessions to attend.

6.9 Irish Linen Centre staff at Kew Palaces, London
Councillor T Mitchell

The Chair, Councillor T Mitchell, paid tribute to staff from the Irish Linen Centre who showcased their spinning techniques at Kew Palaces in London last month.

The Chair also highlighted that the current 'Silver Generations' exhibition at the Island Arts Centre is excellent and worth visiting. One of the silversmiths whose work is on display in the exhibition, Cara Murphy, has created jewellery for the royal family.

Alderman S Skillen left remotely at 7.20 pm.

Conclusion of Meeting

The Chair, Councillor T Mitchell, thanked those present for their attendance and - there being no further business - the meeting concluded at 7.21 pm.

MAYOR/CHAIR

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL**Minutes of Meeting of the Environment and Sustainability Committee held in the Council Chamber, Island Civic Centre, on Wednesday 6 May 2026 at 6.01 pm****PRESENT IN CHAMBER:**

Councillor S Burns (Vice-Chairperson)

Alderman J Baird

Councillors P Catney, A Givan, G Hynds, B Magee, C McCready, M McKeever and N Parker

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT IN CHAMBER:

Councillor B Higginson

PRESENT IN REMOTE LOCATION:

Councillors A Gowan and R McLernon

Head of Service (Environmental Health, Risk & Emergency Planning)

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT IN A REMOTE LOCATION:

Alderman J Tinsley

IN ATTENDANCE:

Director of Environmental Services
 Head of Service (Building Control & Sustainability)
 Waste Policy and Development Manager
 Environmental Health Manager (Commercial)
 Member Services Officers (EW and FA)

Commencement of the Meeting

In the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson, Councillor S Burns, chaired the meeting.

Councillor S Burns, Acting Chairperson, welcomed those present to the meeting and advised that it would be audio recorded unless the item on the agenda was to be considered under confidential business. The Acting Chairperson stated that unauthorised recording was not permitted, as per the Council's Standing Orders. The Acting Chairperson asked that mobile phones be put on silent or switched off for the duration of the meeting.

In accordance with the Protocol for Remote Meetings, the Acting Chairperson asked that those attending via zoom to 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 Acting Chairperson proceeded to outline the evacuation procedures in the case of an emergency.

1. Apologies

Apologies for non-attendance at the meeting were accepted and recorded on behalf of the Chairperson, Alderman O Gawith, Alderman S Skillen and Councillor J Bamford.

2. Declarations of Interest

Alderman J Baird and Councillor A Gowan declared an interest in items 4.5 Annual Review of The Landlord Registration Scheme Since Transfer to LCCC and 4.6 The Landlord Registration Scheme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2026 in their capacity as Landlords.

3. Report by the Director of Environmental Services

3.1 Community Resilience Sandbag Protocol

The Director of Environmental Services delivered this report, which the Members had already been furnished with.

Councillors N Parker, P Catney, G Hynds and A Givan all welcomed the report.

In response to a query from Councillor G Hynds regarding residents near Aberdelghy and Glenmore being supplied with sandbags, the Director of Environmental Services advised that a sandbag bunker would be placed at Aberdelghy and that Glenmore has its own supply due to risk of flooding. The council wants to work in partnership with local community groups to build a resilience in communities, however if there were residents requiring assistance, the council, through individual referrals, would provide additional assistance, particularly with disabled residents or those with a vulnerability.

In response to a query from Councillor A Givan regarding the council providing advice to residents or owners of commercial properties that have been flooded, the Director of Environmental Services advised that the Sandbag Protocol provides mutual aid to the lead agency which is the Rivers Agency. The Director also advised that regionally there have been two resilience officers employed, and that the council intends to ask for their assistance, particularly to local groups where flooding has taken place in the past and how to protect their homes moving forward. The Director advised that there is a financial scheme in place for those who have had their homes flooded and reported this the Floodline.

Alderman J Baird congratulated the team on bringing this initiative forward and working with community groups, and asked if there had been any contact with DfI around work being carried out on drains, gullies, streams and shucks drained to alleviate flooding in certain areas. The Director advised that there had been meetings with the DfI team, particularly their engineers and one of the council's lead managers for cleansing, and are hopeful that there will be an agreed pattern of works around the unblocking of gullies in areas at risk.

3.1 Community Resilience Sandbag Protocol (Cont'd)

Councillor C McCreedy welcomed the report and asked in relation to the map provided, geographically, how it meets the needs for local constituents in different areas, particularly in Moira where flooding occurs regularly. The Director advised that the prioritisation matrix was used to determine the locations for the sandbag bunkers. Dfl are the lead agency for the provision of sandbags.

The council's approach was to map at a geographical level across the DEAs to make sure there is spread for the facility of access to sandbags in locations that have been identified as having been prone to flooding.

Councillor C McCreedy enquired what the key for the green and red dots was. The Head of Service (Environmental Health, Risk & Emergency Planning) advised that the green dots were properties that have been affected in the past and since the key had dropped off the map, he would provide further clarification on this matter to the member. .

In response to a query from Councillor B Higginson around the location of the sandbags in Lough Moss, the Director advised that this was still to be confirmed.

Members agreed to note:

- the operational approach outlined in this paper and in Sandbag Management Protocol;
- the prioritisation methodology for sandbag allocation;
- this council's additional preparedness measures and Severe Weather Protocol activation threshold.

4. Report by Head of Service (Environmental Health, Risk and Emergency Planning)

The Acting Chairperson, Councillor S Burns advised that item 4.2 was now 4.1, and that item 4.1 was now 4.2.

4.1 Consultation Document: Construction Products White Paper Reform

In the absence of The Head of Service (Environmental Health, Risk and Emergency Planning), the Environmental Health Manager delivered this report, which the Members had already been furnished with.

Councillor G Hynds commented that the consultation highlighted the growing problem of divergence for Northern Ireland businesses and local firms were increasingly expected to navigate the overlapping of UK/EU systems creating extra uncertainty and costs that businesses elsewhere in the UK don't face. It clearly states that Northern Ireland should remain integrated within the UK framework.

It was proposed by Councillor P Catney, seconded by Councillor G Hynds, and agreed to approve the Draft Consultation Response, thereby enabling the Council to respond to this consultation before the closing date of 20 May 2026.

4.2 Consultation Document: General Safety Requirement for Construction Products

The Environmental Health Manager delivered this report, which the Members had already been furnished with.

In response to a question from Councillor P Catney regarding how accreditations are monitored, the Environmental Health Manager advised that there are test houses which carry out certain activities and assess whether products are legitimate or otherwise.

It was proposed by Councillor M McKeever, seconded by Councillor P Catney, and agreed to approve the Draft Consultation Response, thereby enabling the Council to respond to this consultation before the closing date of 20 May 2026.

4.3 Consultation Responses – Request for Delegated Authority to Approve

The Environmental Health Manager (Commercial) delivered this report, which the Members had already been furnished with.

In response to a request from Councillor M McKeever that the blank consultations could be sent to Members in order to have the documents to prepare and plan so that timelines are not missed, the Environmental Health Manager advised that this would be done.

It was proposed by Councillor P Catney, seconded by Alderman J Baird, and agreed to recommend approval that delegated authority is granted to the committee to allow responses to be made prior to the closing dates of the consultations.

4.4 Consultation: Solid Fuel Burning – Taking Action to Reduce Fine Particulate Matter and Smoke Emissions

Alderman J Tinsley joined the meeting via Zoom during this item of business (6.33 pm).

Councillor B Higginson left and returned to the meeting during this item of business (6.36 pm and 6.39 pm respectively).

The Environmental Health Manager delivered this report, which the Members had already been furnished with.

It was proposed by Councillor B Magee and seconded by Councillor P Catney, that the response prepared by officers in relation to the consultation on Solid Fuel Burning, be approved and submitted.

Councillor C McCready proposed that individual political parties send responses individually. This proposal was seconded by Councillor A Givan.

The proposal by Councillor B Magee, seconded by Councillor P Catney, that the response prepared by officers be approved and submitted, was put to the meeting and on a recorded vote being taken, declared 'carried.'

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4.4 Consultation: Solid Fuel Burning – Taking Action to Reduce Fine Particulate Matter and Smoke Emissions (Cont'd)

There were six votes in favour, four votes against and one vote abstaining, the voting being as follows:

In Favour: Alderman J Baird, Councillor P Catney, Councillor B Magee, Councillor M McKeever, Councillor R McLernon and Councillor N Parker **TOTAL: 6**

Consultation: Solid Fuel Burning – Taking Action to Reduce Fine Particulate Matter and Smoke Emissions (Cont'd)

Against: Councillor S Burns, Councillor A Givan, Councillor A Gowan and Councillor C McCready **TOTAL: 4**

Abstaining: Councillor G Hynds **TOTAL: 1**

4.5 Annual Review of The Landlord Registration Scheme Since Transfer to LCCC

Alderman J Baird and Councillor A Gowan left the meeting during this item of business (6.42 pm).

The Environmental Health Manager delivered this report, which the Members had already been furnished with.

Members agreed to note this report.

4.6 The Landlord Registration Scheme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2026

The Environmental Health Manager (Commercial) delivered this report, which the Members had already been furnished with.

It was proposed by Councillor P Catney, seconded by Councillor A Givan, and agreed to recommend approval that the consultation response document in relation to Landlord Registration Scheme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2026 be submitted to DfC as the council with responsibility for the management of the Scheme.

5. Any Other Business

Alderman J Baird returned to the meeting during this item of business (6.56 pm).

5.1 Smart Compactor Bins Councillor N Parker

Councillor N Parker commented on the possibility of introducing smart compactor bins. The Director of Environmental Services advised that there were no plans for such an installation at this time.

5.2 Derriagh Community Association Litter-pick
Councillor G Hynds

Councillor G Hynds commented that Derriagh Community Association had carried out a litter-pick at the top of the Belsize Road recently and it was good to see the community effort. The Director of Environmental Services said that the litter-pick was very welcome and advised that the council support communities that go out to assist in clean-ups in their local areas.

5.3 Bulky Collections and Bin Collections over Easter
Councillor G Hynds

In response to comments from Councillor G Hynds regarding bulky collections and bin collections over Easter, the Director of Environmental Services advised that there is a high demand for the bulky collections service and currently there is a four to six weeks waiting time to complete. The Director advised that two additional days had been added to the collection schedule in order to shorten the length of wait for people who want to avail of the service. The Director advised that, unfortunately during holiday periods, there would be a slight disruption to bin collections. During Easter the council were short on crews, which is why there were additional mop-ups beyond the rescheduled days for collection.

5.4 Boundary in Wallace Park
Councillor P Catney

Councillor P Catney commented that it had been brought to his attention that there were reports of rats in the vicinity of the boundary with the railway line in Wallace Park and asked if this could be investigated. The Environmental Health Manager agreed to report back to Councillor Catney on this matter.

5.5 Northern Ireland Environment Forum
Head of Service (Building Control & Sustainability)

The Head of Service (Building Control & Sustainability) advised Members that the Northern Ireland Environment Forum would be held in the Europa Hotel, Belfast on Wednesday 20 May 2026 and that he would ask the Member Services Officer to forward the information should Members wish to attend.

5.6 Update on Wall at Hilden Court
Councillor G Hynds

In response to a query from Councillor G Hynds regarding an update on the wall at Hilden Court, the Head of Service (Building Control & Sustainability) advised that council had reported this matter to Dfl and that warning bollards and tape had been placed along the length of the wall by the Department. He advised Councillor G Hynds that he would contact the Dfl which were the lead agency and request an update.

5.7 Artefact of the Old Pump Wheel
Councillor P Catney

Councillor P Catney thanked the Head of Service (Building Control & Sustainability) for his response regarding the damaged road surface around the old pump wheel at Hilden View as he would like to see the artefact retained. The Head of Service advised that the council had communicated with DfI and asked if they had placed the protective fencing around the damaged roadway including the pump wheel and what were their intentions for the pump wheel. The Conservation Officer within the council's Planning Department had also been contacted, who in turn contacted HED and were investigating what powers would be available to HED in relation to historic protection. He agreed to keep Members informed of any developments.

6. Confidential Report from the Director of Environmental Services

Councillor P Catney left and returned to the meeting during this item of business (7.02 pm and 7.04 pm respectively).

The Head of Service (Environmental Health, Risk & Emergency Planning) left the meeting during this item of business 7.02 pm).

The Acting Chairperson, Councillor S Burns, advised that the confidential report items 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 C McCreedy, seconded by Councillor N Parker, and agreed that the following matters be considered "In Committee," in the absence of members of the press and public being present.

The member of the press seated in the public gallery left the Council Chamber (7.02 pm).

6.1 Kerbside Collection Services
(Redacted report will be available in May 2026 following ratification at May 2026 council meeting, the Full Business Case will never become available)

Following the presentation of the report, the Director of Environmental Services and the Waste Policy and Development Manager responded to comments and questions from Members.

It was proposed by Alderman J Baird, seconded by Councillor G Hynds, and agreed to recommend approval of the following:

- the updated FBC to the kerbside collection model agreed in 2023 which includes the following revisions:
- the acquisition, assembly and distribution of 20,200 240l recycling bins and 7,000 240l black residual waste bins;

6.1 Kerbside Collection Services (Cont'd)

- the acquisition of three new refuse collection vehicles required to service the Castlereagh South and East DEAs;
- additional staff recruitment to support the delivery and implementation of the kerbside collection service; and
- retaining green as the standard colour for recycling bins.

7. Confidential Report from the Head of Service (Waste Management & Operational Services)

In the absence of the Head of Service (Waste Management & Operational Services), the Waste Policy and Development Manager delivered the following two reports, which the Members had already been furnished with.

7.1 Letter of Offer – DAERA Collaborative Change Programme for Redevelopment of Carryduff Household Recycling Centre (Redacted report will be available in May 2026 following ratification at May 2026 council meeting)

The Director of Environmental Services and the Waste Policy and Development Manager responded to comments and questions from Members.

Councillor B Higginson commented that this was a very welcome report, and wanted to put on record that it was a major investment for Castlereagh South.

It was proposed by Councillor C McCreedy, seconded by Councillor M McKeever, and agreed to recommend approval of the offer of funding from DAERA.

7.2 CSD Roof and Wall Repairs – Tender Evaluation Criteria (Redacted report will be available in May 2026 following ratification at May 2026 council meeting)

Alderman J Tinsey left the meeting during this item of business (7.46 pm).

It was proposed by Councillor G Hynds, seconded by Alderman J Baird, and agreed to recommend approval of the tender evaluation award criteria.

Resumption of Normal Business

It was proposed by Alderman J Baird, seconded by Councillor P Catney, and agreed to come out of Committee and normal business was resumed.

The Acting Chairperson, Councillor S Burns, thanked Members for their attendance.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 7.57 pm.

Acting Chairperson

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL**Minutes of Meeting of the Regeneration & Growth Committee held in the Council Chamber, Island Civic Centre, The Island, Lisburn and in remote locations on Thursday, 7 May, 2026 at 6.00 pm****PRESENT IN
THE CHAMBER:**

Councillor C Kemp (Chairperson)

Councillor J Harpur (Vice Chairperson)

Aldermen J Baird, A G Ewart MBE, M Gregg and A McIntyre

Councillors K Dickson, A Gowan, U Mackin, A Martin, T Mitchell
and C McCready**PRESENT REMOTELY:** Councillor J Lavery BEM**OTHER MEMBER IN
THE CHAMBER:**

Councillor G Hynds

IN ATTENDANCEDirector of Regeneration & Growth
Director of Finance & Corporate Services
Head of Assets
Head of Economic Development
Head of Communities
Member Services Manager (Acting)
Member Services Officer
IT Officer**Commencement of Meeting**

The Chairperson, Councillor C Kemp, extended a welcome to everyone in attendance at the May meeting of the Regeneration & Growth Committee.

The Chairperson reminded those present that the meeting was being audio recorded unless the item was being considered under confidential business. The Chairperson also outlined the evacuation procedures in the case of an emergency.

1. **Apologies**

It was agreed to accept apologies for non-attendance on behalf of Councillor D Lynch.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Report of Head of Economic Development

3.1 Fleadh 2026 – Opportunities for Lisburn and Castlereagh

The Vice Chairperson, Councillor J Harpur, entered the meeting during this item of business (6.05 pm).

The Committee considered a report outlining the background and key issues in connection with opportunities for Lisburn and Castlereagh during the week-long Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann 2026 which was taking place in Belfast from Sunday 2 August to Sunday 9 August 2026. It was noted that this was the first time the Fleadh event had been hosted in Belfast and this event was recognised as the world's largest celebration of Irish music and culture and is expected to attract circa 800,000 visitors to the greater Belfast region.

In addition to the Officer's report, the Committee had been provided with a paper outlining a programme of events across Lisburn and Castlereagh that had been developed by the Economic Development, Communities, and Parks & Amenities teams to complement the Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann. The Head of Economic Development elaborated on how the local programme would showcase the district including community participation involving some of the Park Life Programme events.

An equality screening document and a rural needs assessment had also been appended to the Officer's report.

At the outset Alderman A McIntyre put on record his thanks to the Head of Economic Development and the teams from the various Units for their efforts in regard to the programme of local events.

The Head of Economic Development and the Director of Regeneration & Growth responded to comments from the Committee in connection with:

- issues around consistency in process and precedents for any future events
- management of the estimated footfall at the fringe events
- any impact of the outside bar and mobile eateries on local traders
- collaboration with Belfast City Council as the organisers of the Fleadh 2026 in regard to their promotion of the Lisburn and Castlereagh's fringe events
- timings for the fringe events against the main events in Belfast

The Head of Economic Development discussed the commercial opportunity to be gained as a result of the fringe events.

The Director emphasised that the Council would not be funding a third party organisation in regard to the four main fringe events.

3.1 Fleadh 2026 – Opportunities for Lisburn and Castlereagh (Cont'd)

It was proposed by Alderman A McIntyre, seconded by Councillor K Dickson, and agreed to recommend that the creation of the Lisburn and Castlereagh Fleadh 2026 Fringe Programme as outlined in the report circulated, be agreed.

The Head of Communities left the meeting at 6.26 pm.

3.2 USA 250 – Strategic Engagement Opportunities

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Economic Development which outlined the background and key issues in connection with strategic engagement opportunities to take place during 2026 being the 250th anniversary of American Independence .

The Head of Economic Development reminded Members that at the October meeting of the Committee, Members had noted that Council was exploring ways to mark USA 250 through activity aligned with Destination Royal Hillsborough, wider Council tourism assets and local businesses.

In addition to the Officer's report, the Committee had also been furnished with an equality screening document and a rural needs assessment.

The Head of Economic Development noted comments from the Committee in connection with:

- the possibility of funding from the Department for Communities for the strategic engagement opportunities in connection with USA 250
- the business breakfast event, hosted by the Council, that took place in January 2026
- timelines for various proposed events
- the significance of Lisburn's historical connections with the American Linen industry in Paterson, New Jersey.

Alderman A G Ewart proposed that a committee of Elected Members, including those interested Members from other Councils and Officers be convened in order to endeavour to expedite and progress the engagement opportunities with USA contacts. Councillor U Mackin seconded Alderman Ewart's proposal.

It was proposed by Alderman A G Ewart, seconded by Councillor U Mackin, and agreed to recommend that the Officer's recommendations be agreed, namely:

- Officers continue engagement with Tourism NI, Historic Royal Palaces, the US Consulate, NI Chamber and neighbouring Councils to shape potential collaborative opportunities

3.2 USA 250 – Strategic Engagement Opportunities (Cont'd)

- Officers continue efforts to establish appropriate contacts in North Carolina and other relevant US locations with further reports being provided to the Committee in due course
- Officers continue to explore the potential for issuing a formal civic invitation to Hillsborough, North Carolina, subject to establishing appropriate contacts and engagement
- the progress to date in relation to USA 250 and the potential for a trade-focused visit to the US by Lisburn and Castlereagh businesses as part of a wider NI initiative be noted
- the opportunity to engage with a planned North Carolina business delegation visit to Northern Ireland in August 2026 be noted, and
- Officers explore potential Council involvement in associated events, including engagement at Hillsborough Castle

In addition to the Officer's recommendations, it was further agreed to recommend on a proposal by Alderman A G Ewart and seconded by Councillor U Mackin, that a committee of Elected Members and Council Officers, including those interested Members from other Councils, be established in order to progress and expedite the engagement opportunities as outlined.

The Head of Assets left the meeting during consideration of this item of business at 6.40 pm and returned at 6.44 pm.

4. Any Other Business

4.1 Report on Free Car Parking during December 2025 and January 2026 Director of Regeneration & Growth

The Director of Regeneration & Growth advised the Committee that Officers across the Directorates had been working on the relevant data arising out of the free car parking in Council-owned car parks in Lisburn City Centre during Saturdays in December 2025 and January 2026 and that a report in this regard would be brought to the Environment & Sustainability Committee in June 2026 for consideration and discussion.

4.2 Open Reach Director of Regeneration & Growth

The Director of Regeneration & Growth reported that Openreach had contacted the Council in regard to providing a briefing to Members on the extent of its infrastructure and future plans. The Director advised that it intended that a workshop for Members be

4.2 Open Reach (Cont'd)
Director of Regeneration & Growth

arranged and that an invitation would be furnished to Members of the Committee in due course.

4.3 Expansion of Belfast Bikes Scheme
Councillor J Harpur

Councillor J Harpur referred to conversations he had had with his colleagues on Belfast City Council regarding the expansion of the Belfast Bike Scheme and plans for the scheme to be extended up to Upper Ormeau and as well as further east of the City which, he stated, was close proximity to Castlereagh South and Castlereagh East. Councillor Harpur requested that Officers bring a report on costings for the Belfast Bike Scheme to be introduced in these DEAs as Active Travel was a significant part of Belfast as alternative ways to travel.

The Director of Regeneration & Growth advised that he would bring forward a report in this regard in due course and assured the Member that discussions were on-going with Belfast City Council. The Director also advised that this project remains on the Council's Works Programme.

4.4 New Businesses in Lisburn
Councillor G Hynds

Councillor G Hynds having advised that he had called in with a new business that had opened in Lisburn about four weeks ago to ask about any support the new business had received. Councillor Hynds enquired about what actions or support the Economic Development team provided to new businesses that opened up in the town.

The Head of Economic Development advised that contact with new businesses would be the remit of Lisburn City Centre Management team. He also discussed the wider packages of support for new businesses through the Go Succeed programme which provides support with business-planning, training and mentoring and also potentially grant funding. The Head of Economic Development having acknowledged that it may be worthwhile having collective dialogue, also indicated that the Economic Development team would not always be aware of new businesses setting up in Lisburn and often rely on word of mouth.

4.5 Controlled Explosion in Lambeg
Councillor G Hynds

Councillor G Hynds put on record his thanks to the Chief Executive, Directors and Council staff and also the PSNI for their efforts the previous evening in assisting residents relocate due to the controlled explosion on a suspected explosive device in the Hillview area.

5. Confidential Business

The Chairperson, Councillor C Kemp, advised that the confidential reports were required to be considered under confidential business 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 Alderman A G Ewart, seconded by Alderman J Baird, and agreed that the Confidential Reports be considered “in Committee” in the absence of press or members of the public. The audio recording was paused at this stage in proceedings and the member of the press left the Council Chamber (6.55 pm).

5.1 Confidential Report from the Head of Economic Development

5.1.1 Local Economic Partnership (LEP) Update and Programme Governance (Redacted report to be made available on programme completion)

The Committee considered a report outlining the background and key issues in connection with an update on the Local Economic Partnership (LEP) and programme governance.

The following documents had been appended to the report:

- a note of the meeting which took place on Monday 13th April 2026
- three associated updated Business Cases
- minutes of the most recent LEP meetings

It was proposed by Alderman J Baird, seconded by Councillor K Dickson, and agreed to recommend that:

- retrospective approval for the projects and associated Business Cases, as circulated, be approved,
- the appended minutes of the LEP meetings and the update on the LEP funding be noted,
- the inclusion of a cross-party civic delegation as part of the wider RoI trade programme to support strategic engagement with local government and business stakeholders be approved

5.2 Confidential Report from the Director of Regeneration & Growth

5.2.1 Rural Business Development Grant Scheme 2026/27

(Redacted report to be published when funding has received Ministerial approval, it is anticipated this will be May 2026)

The Director of Regeneration & Growth's report outlined the background and key issues in connection with the Rural Business Development Grant Scheme 2026/2027.

The Committee had been furnished with a copy of correspondence from DAERA which provided an update on the above grant scheme 2026/27.

It was agreed that:

- the update on the Rural Business Development Grant Scheme, together with the correspondence from DAERA be noted, and
- Members utilise local constituency networks to promote this funding opportunity to appropriate third parties in advance of the formal call.

It was noted that the Economic Development Manager would pass on any interested business contacts to the Programmes team with the view that these contacts would be invited to attend the various workshops in relation to this funding opportunity.

5.3 Confidential Report from the Head of Assets

5.3.1 Unit 2B and Unit 9, Omnipark, Dundonald BT16 1YG

(Redacted report to be published on ratification by Council)

The Head of Assets' report outlined the background and key issues in connection with Unit 2B and Unit 9 at the Omnipark Dundonald.

It was proposed by Councillor T Mitchell, seconded by Alderman J Baird, and agreed to recommend that the sub-leases, as outlined, be approved.

6. Any Other Business (Confidential)

6.1 Road Resurfacing in Royal Hillsborough Director of Regeneration & Growth

It was proposed by Alderman A G Ewart, seconded by Alderman J Baird, and agreed to recommend that the course of action, as outlined by the Director, be approved.

6.1 Road Resurfacing in Royal Hillsborough (Cont'd)
Director of Regeneration & Growth

Councillor G Hynds put on record his concerns regarding transparency in the absence of a written report in regard to the above matter. The Director of Regeneration & Growth explained that this had been a recent approach by DfI who required an urgent decision that the Council were willing to make a contribution to their scheme. The Director also explained the context given the extent of the quote that the Council had received for a similar scheme following the Member's request.

A number of Members expressed support for this course of action as outlined by the Director.

Resumption of Normal Business

It was proposed by Councillor A Martin, seconded by Alderman J Baird, and agreed to come out of Committee and normal business was resumed.

Conclusion of Meeting

The Chairperson thanked everyone for their attendance and wished everyone a lovely Easter. There being no further business for consideration the meeting was concluded at 7.18 pm.

Chairperson

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL**Minutes of Meeting of the Corporate Services Committee held remotely and in the Council Chamber, Island Civic Centre, The Island, Lisburn on Wednesday 13th May 2026 at 6.00 pm.****PRESENT IN
COUNCIL CHAMBER
(COMMITTEE):**

Councillor B Higginson (Chair)

Councillor J Bamford (Vice-Chair)

Aldermen A Ewart MBE, M Gregg and P Porter

Councillors T Beckett, R Carlin, K Dickson, A Ewing,
J Harpur, J Lavery BEM, G McCleave and N Parker**PRESENT IN
COUNCIL CHAMBER
(NON-COMMITTEE)**

Councillor G Hynds

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive (remote attendance)

Director of Finance & Corporate Services

Director of Organisation Development & Innovation

Head of Assets

Head of Finance

Head of Governance & Communications

Head of Innovation

IT Officer

Member Services Officers (BS & HB)

Commencement of Meeting

The Chair, Councillor B Higginson, welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that it would be audio recorded unless the item on the agenda was to be considered under confidential business.

Unauthorised recording was not permitted, as per 8.6 of the Council's Standing Orders. Mobile phones were to be turned off or on silent mode for the duration of the meeting. Members attending remotely were asked to keep their cameras on. Finally, the Chair asked that any Member entering or leaving the meeting alert the Member Services Officer accordingly so that this might be accurately reflected in the minutes.

The Director of Finance & Corporate Services outlined the evacuation procedures in the case of an emergency.

1. Apologies

Apologies for non-attendance at the meeting were accepted and recorded on behalf of The Hon Councillor N Trimble.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3. Report of Chief Executive

3.1 Corporate Priorities 2026-2027

The Chief Executive provided a report outlining the Corporate Priorities for 2026 - 2027. The Chief Executive responded to questions from Members following which it was agreed that the report be noted.

The Chief Executive left the meeting remotely at 6.10 pm after Item 3.1.

4. Report of Director of Finance & Corporate Services

4.1 Notice of Motion – Support for Serving Armed Forces Personnel in Relation to Rates

A copy of the undernoted Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor G Hynds had been circulated to Members:

“This Council recognises the service and sacrifice of members of the Armed Forces, many of whom are required to spend extended periods away from their homes as a result of their duties.

Council notes that, in other parts of the United Kingdom, council tax systems make provision to reflect the circumstances of serving personnel who may be absent from their primary residence due to deployment.

Council further notes that, by contrast, there is no specific provision within the Northern Ireland domestic rates system which recognises the unique circumstances of serving Armed Forces personnel who may be absent from their primary residence for significant periods due to deployment.

Council also notes that while some support may be available to serving personnel through military or other channels, this is not reflected within the rates system itself.

In line with the principles of the Armed Forces Covenant, Council agrees to write to the Minister of Finance to request a review of how the current rates

4.1 Notice of Motion – Support for Serving Armed Forces Personnel in Relation to Rates (Cont'd)

system applies to serving personnel, with a view to ensuring fairness and appropriate recognition of their service.

Council further agrees to explore what additional support, guidance, or signposting can be provided at a local level to assist serving personnel in accessing any existing reliefs or support schemes for which they may be eligible.”

Councillor G Hynds, who was not a Member of the Corporate Services Committee, was in attendance to present his Notice of Motion. He pointed out that:

- many in the armed forces face financial pressures during deployment when they are away from home for extended periods of time;
- those serving in the armed forces show courage, professionalism and duty which should be recognised;
- many serving personnel are not highly paid, considering their responsibilities and pressure they face;
- this Motion is not seeking preferential treatment for the armed forces but is calling for a review.

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor G Hynds and seconded by Councillor B Higginson.

Councillor Higginson elaborated on the Notice of Motion during which he highlighted the following:

- Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council has a long-standing relationship with the armed forces;
- this council is a signatory of the Armed Forces Covenant and therefore we have a responsibility to serving personnel;
- the issue of the current domestic rates system adequately reflecting the realities faced by those in the armed forces.

Councillor R Carlin spoke against the Notice of Motion, having pointed out that with 850 armed forces personnel based in Lisburn, a reduction in rates could result in a loss of up to £1 million per year. He also explained that there are already support structures, allowances and relief schemes which are provided by the Ministry of Defence for the armed forces.

Councillor K Dickson explained that other parts of the UK have council tax exemption and stated that the Alliance Party would be supporting the Motion.

Councillor A Ewing and Alderman P Porter also spoke in favour of the Motion.

Vote

The Notice of Motion on Support for Serving Armed Forces Personnel in relation to Rates was put to the meeting and on a recorded vote being taken, was declared 'carried', the voting being:

In favour Councillor B Higginson, Councillor J Bamford, Councillor T Beckett, Councillor K Dickson, Alderman A Ewart, Councillor A Ewing, Alderman M Gregg, Councillor J Harpur, Councillor J Laverty, Councillor N Parker, Alderman P Porter (11)

Against Councillor R Carlin and Councillor G McCleave (2)

5 Report of Head of Governance & Communications5.1 Armed Forces Covenant Conference 2026

The Head of Governance & Communications had provided a report in connection with the Armed Forces Covenant Conference 2026 which was taking place in Portsmouth during 23 and 24 June 2026 with a recommendation that Members approve:

- Attendance of the Veterans Champion at the Armed Forces Covenant Conference 2026 and associated travel and subsistence costs for this event.

In response to questions from a Member, the Head of Service confirmed that the Veterans Champion, Alderman J Tinsley, is organising his own accommodation therefore the cost to the Council would be in relation to travel and subsistence only which was estimated to be in the region of £300.

It was proposed by Councillor T Beckett, seconded by Councillor A Ewing that the Officer's recommendation be agreed.

Councillor G McCleave spoke against the Officer's recommendation.

The proposal in the name of Councillor T Beckett, and seconded by Councillor A Ewing, was put to the meeting and on a recorded vote being taken, declared 'carried' the voting being:

In favour Councillor B Higginson, Councillor J Bamford, Councillor T Beckett, Councillor K Dickson, Alderman A Ewart, Councillor A Ewing, Alderman M Gregg, Councillor J Harpur, Councillor J Laverty, Councillor N Parker, Alderman P Porter (11)

Against Councillor R Carlin and Councillor G McCleave (2)

6 Report of Head of Assets

6.1 Single Tender Action End of Year Position 2025 / 2026

Councillor J Harpur left the Chamber at the start of Item 6.1 at 6.40 pm and returned at 6.43 pm.

The Head of Assets had provided a narrative report and appendix detailing the Single Tender Actions (STA's) during 2025 / 2026. The number of Single Tender Actions had reduced over the past four years, and further staff training was planned to ensure that this continues to decline.

The Head of Assets responded to a question from a Member in connection with ongoing training on the in-house policy on STA's.

The report was duly noted.

Alderman A Ewart left the Chamber at 6.43 pm and returned at 6.49 pm.

7. Any Other Business (Non-Confidential)

7.1 Online Threats Councillor G Hynds

Councillor G Hynds explained that he recently received online threats and intimidation which, he stated, should never be normalised in public life. He put on record his appreciation in regard to the support of PSNI, Lisburn & Castlereagh Council Officers and those members of the public that had contacted him. Councillor Hynds enquired about what wider support could be provided by the Council alongside NILGA and the NAC (National Association of Councillors) in regard to support and guidance to Members in addressing such issues going forward.

It was proposed by Councillor N Parker that Council Officers contact NILGA and the NAC and consider what additional support could be provided to Members who had experienced any kind of attacks. This proposal was seconded by Alderman P Porter and agreed.

The Chair, Councillor B Higginson, condemned the threats and offered the support of Corporate Services Committee and his personal support to Councillor Hynds. There was unanimous support for Councillor G Hynds from all parties, and he thanked his fellow councillors for their contributions.

7.2 Armed Forces Covenant Alderman P Porter

Alderman P Porter raised the issue of the Council having adopted the Armed Forces Covenant and enquired about any impact this Covenant had made in regard to help and support the Council had provided to those serving, and also those who have served, in the armed forces.

7.2 Armed Forces Covenant Alderman P Porter (Cont'd)

It was proposed by Alderman P Porter, seconded by Alderman M Gregg, that a report be provided to the Committee detailing:

- i) What support does the council offer and has this itemised?
- ii) What difference does this support make?
- iii) How can this support make a difference going forward?

Confidential Business

"In Committee"

It was proposed by Councillor A Ewing, seconded by Councillor K Dickson, and agreed that the Confidential Reports be considered "in Committee". (Recording was paused at this stage in proceedings. The member of the press left the Chamber and member of the public in attendance left the public gallery).

Each of the confidential reports were confidential for reason of information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information), with the exception of item 7.2 Updated Emergency Volunteer Response Protocol, which was confidential for reason of information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the council or a government department and employees of, or office holders under, the council.

7.1 Report of Head of Assets

7.1.1 Report on Tender Awards

(Redacted report will be provided to Member Services following ratification and signing of contracts).

The undernoted tender reports and a summary of the tenders awarded had been provided with the narrative report and their contents duly noted.

- T25/26-074 PPM & RM 05: Fire Protection Equipment
- T25/26-084 Replacement Bleacher Seating System Lagan Valley Island
- T25/26-082 Future Pathways – Young People in Looked After Care Employability Programme
- T25/26-043 Delivery of the PEACEPLUS Programme – Thriving & Peaceful Communities – Sports Connects

The Head of Assets responded to questions from the Committee in connection with issues regarding climate change and social value.

7.2 Report of Director of OD & Innovation

7.2.1 Updated Emergency Volunteer Response Protocol

(Report will become available following formal Trade Union consultation).

The Director of OD & Innovation had provided a narrative report in connection with the updated Emergency Volunteer Response Protocol. It was proposed by Councillor N Parker, seconded by Alderman P Porter, and agreed to recommend that the updated Emergency Volunteer Response Protocol be agreed.

Councillor N Parker conveyed thanks all staff including the Director of Environmental Services for her help the previous week when a viable device had been discovered in Lambeg and residents had been evacuated to Lagan Valley Island.

Councillor R Carlin left the Chamber at the start of item at 7.01 pm and returned at 7.04 pm.

7.3 Report of Head of Innovation

7.3.1 Cyber Security Business Case

(Redacted report to be made available post award of contract).

The Head of Innovation's report outlined the background and key issues in connection with a Cyber Security Business Case.

The Director of Organisation Development & Innovation and the Head of Innovation responded to questions from Members on key issues contained in the report circulated.

It was proposed by Councillor K Dickson, seconded by Councillor R Carlin, and agreed to recommend that the business case for the procurement of a Managed eXtended Detection and Response (SOC, SIEM & SOAR) service, be agreed.

7.4 Report of Head of Governance & Communications

7.4.1 National Living Wage Increase Request

(Redacted report will become available on 1 June 2026).

The Head of Governance & Communications had provided a narrative report in connection with a request received relating to an increase in the National Living Wage.

7.4.1 National Living Wage Increase Request (Cont'd)

It was agreed that the request for increased costs as outlined in the Officer's report in relation to the contract for the provision of cleaning services at designated Council premises be noted.

7.5 Report of Head of Finance

7.5.1 Quarterly Finance Reports (Quarter 4, 2026)

(Redacted report to be available following ratification by Council on 26 May 2026).

The Head of Finance provided a Quarterly Finance Report for Quarter 4 in 2025 / 2026 along with appendices of the year end position of the Repairs and Renewals and year end position of the DfC budget.

It was proposed by Councillor J Harpur and seconded by Councillor J Bamford. and agreed that the recommendation that Members note the information contained in the report and approve the movements detailed in the report and appendices

7.5.2 Noting of Bad Debt Write Offs (Jan to March 2026)

(Redacted report to be available following ratification by Council on the 26 May 2026).

The Committee noted the content of a narrative report by the Head of Finance in connection with one bad debt of £306 which had been agreed by the Director of Finance and Corporate Services be written off for the reasons outlined.

8. Any Other Business (Confidential)

8.1 Pitch 5 at Lough Moss Councillor J Harpur

The Head of Assets responded to comments and questions from Councillor J Harpur in regard to Carryduff Colts and issues relating to Pitch 5 at Lough Moss Leisure Centre.

In response to comments from Councillor R Carlin, the Head of Assets advised that she would endeavour to meet with Carryduff Colts again to discuss the issues raised.

8.2 HMRC VAT Assessment Councillor K Dickson

The Director of Finance & Corporate Services having responded to a question from Councillor K Dickson in regard to the above matter undertook to bring an update report on this matter to the Committee in June.

Resumption of Normal Business

It was proposed by Councillor J Harpur, seconded by Councillor A Ewing and agreed to come “out of Committee.”

On the resumption of normal business the Chair, Councillor B Higginson, explained that this was his last meeting as Chair of Corporate Services Committee given that the Annual Meeting was taking place on 5 June 2026. He thanked Councillor J Bamford, Vice-Chair, for stepping in for him at meetings on occasions and his fellow committee members for their input during a busy year.

He also thanked the Directors and Officers for their efforts throughout the year and in bringing their various reports to Committee.

Councillor J Bamford, Vice-Chair, also thanked the Chair and fellow Members on the Corporate Services Committee for their support throughout the year.

The Chair, Councillor B Higginson, thanked everyone for their attendance, and there being no further business - the meeting concluded at 7.28 pm.

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Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held in the Council Chamber and in Remote Locations on Monday, 13 April, 2026 at 10.00 am**PRESENT IN CHAMBER:**

Alderman J Tinsley (Chair)

Councillor G Thompson (Vice Chair)

Alderman O Gawith

Councillors S Burns, P Catney, D J Craig, A Martin and N Trimble

IN ATTENDANCE:

Director of Regeneration and Growth
 Head of Planning & Capital Development
 Principal Planning Officer (PS)
 Senior Planning Officers (MB, GM, and LMcC)
 Member Services Officers (FA and EW)

Cleaver Fulton Rankin

Mr B Martyn, Legal Advisor

Mr P Lockhart (remote attendance)

Ms I Kelly (remote attendance)

Commencement of Meeting

At the commencement of the meeting, the Vice Chair, Councillor G Thompson, welcomed those present to the Planning Committee. The Vice Chair advised that the Chair, Alderman J Tinsley would be arriving late to the meeting and that she would chair the meeting until he arrived. The Acting Chair pointed out that, unless the item on the agenda was considered under confidential business, this meeting would be audio recorded. The Head of Planning & Capital Development outlined the evacuation procedures in the case of an emergency.

1. Apologies

It was agreed to accept an apology for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of Councillor J Lavery.

2. Declaration of Interests

Councillor D J Craig declared a pecuniary interest in planning application LA05/2023/0690/F as he was a Board Member of the Education Authority. He would withdraw from the Council Chamber during consideration of this application.

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Councillor S Burns arrived at the meeting (10.06 am).

3. Minutes of Meeting of Planning Committee held on 9 March, 2026

It was proposed by Councillor P Catney, seconded by Councillor A Martin and agreed that the minutes of the meeting of Committee held on 9 March, 2026 be confirmed and signed.

4. Report from the Head of Planning & Capital Development

4.1 Schedule of Applications

The Acting Chair, Councillor G Thompson, advised that there were 2 major and 5 local applications on the schedule for consideration at the meeting.

4.1.1 Applications to be Determined

The Legal Advisor, Mr B Martyn, highlighted paragraphs 43-46 of the Protocol for the Operation of the Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council Planning Committee which, he advised, needed to be borne in mind when determinations were being made.

- (i) LA05/2023/0690/F – New post-primary school, new primary school and nursery unit with associated works including car park, bus drop-off area and playing pitches with associated lighting at Fort Hill College, Belfast Road, Lisburn.

Having declared an interest in this matter, Councillor D J Craig left the Council Chamber whilst it was being considered (10.10 am).

The Senior Planning officer (LMcC) presented the above application as outlined within the circulated report.

The committee received Mr C Bryson to speak in support of the application. Mr Bryson was accompanied by Mr C Millar and together they responded to questions from Members'.

A number of Members' questions were responded to by Planning Officers.

Debate

During debate:

- Councillor P Catney spoke of the length of time plans for the new school buildings had been in process, and commented that traffic congestion, which had been highlighted during questions to Messrs. Bryson and Millar, was only during short windows of time at the start and end of the school day and welcomed the application which would bring the school estate up to modern standards.;

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- (i) LA05/2023/0690/F – New post-primary school, new primary school and nursery unit with associated works including car park, bus drop-off area and playing pitches with associated lighting at Fort Hill College, Belfast Road, Lisburn. (Cont'd)
- Councillor N Trimble advised he was happy to vote in favour of the application and spoke of how the plan would use the space on the site more effectively and efficiently, whilst also bringing the facility up to modern standards;
 - Alderman O Gawith stated that he could not find any cons to the application and that he welcomed it;
 - Councillor A Martin advised that he would be supporting the application and stated that he hoped the Northern Ireland Executive would provide adequate funding to enable it to progress; and
 - The Acting Chair, Councillor G Thompson welcomed the application and advised it was a great opportunity for the school and the local community.

Vote

Having considered the information provided within the report of the Planning Officer, the Committee agreed unanimously to adopt the recommendation to approve this application.

Adjournment of Meeting

The Acting Chair, Councillor G Thompson, declared the meeting adjourned at this point for a comfort break (10.44 am).

Resumption of Meeting

The meeting was resumed at 10.49 am. Councillor D J Craig returned to the meeting at this time.

- (ii) LA05/2024/0495/F – Freight transport hub for parking of HGV's and trailers, including a warehouse storage/distribution and office/administration building with onsite diesel storage and vehicle and trailer wash facilities. Dedicated site access with right turning lane, waste-water treatment plant and solar panels on South facing roofs on lands adjacent to 12 Lissue Road, Lisburn

The Senior Planning officer (GM) presented the above application as outlined within the circulated report.

The committee received Mr J McElroy to speak in support of the application and a number of Members' queries were addressed.

Planning Officers responded to questions from Members.

Arising from questions to Officers, but separate to the decision making of the application in question, The Director of Regeneration and Growth undertook to write

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- (ii) LA05/2024/0495/F – Freight transport hub for parking of HGV's and trailers, including a warehouse storage/distribution and office/administration building with onsite diesel storage and vehicle and trailer wash facilities. Dedicated site access with right turning lane, waste-water treatment plant and solar panels on South facing roofs on lands adjacent to 12 Lissue Road, Lisburn
(Cont'd)

to the Department of Infrastructure Roads (DfI Roads) regarding a concern separate to the application raised by Councillor D J Craig on road signage for height restrictions at a low bridge on the Lissue Road, Lisburn.

Debate

During debate:

- Councillor P Catney agreed with the issues raised regarding the low bridge during questions, however, continued that DfI Roads had no concerns with road safety in relation to the application. Councillor Catney spoke of the history of the applicant's business within the Lisburn area and advised that he welcomed their expansion, particularly during such financially uncertain times; and
- Councillor D J Craig welcomed the application and commented on the rising cost of fuel as the result of global political uncertainty.

Vote

Having considered the information provided within the report of the Planning Officer, the Committee agreed unanimously to adopt the recommendation to approve this application.

Adjournment of Meeting

The Acting Chair, Councillor G Thompson, declared the meeting adjourned at this point for a comfort break (11.21 am).

Resumption of Meeting

The meeting was resumed at 11.32 am. Alderman J Tinsley arrived at the meeting during the comfort break and assumed his role as Chair. The Chair, Alderman J Tinsley thanked the Vice Chair, Councillor G Thompson for chairing the meeting in his absence.

- (iii) LA05/2024/0835/F – Retention of car storage yard on lands to the rear of 12-16 Beechfield Manor, Aghalee

The Principal Planning Officer (PS) presented the above application as outlined within the circulated report.

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(iii) LA05/2024/0835/F – Retention of car storage yard on lands to the rear of 12-16 Beechfield Manor, Aghalee (Cont'd)

The committee received Ms L Quail to speak in support of the application, and she responded to a number of Members' queries.

Planning Officers responded to questions from Members.

Debate

During the debate:

- Councillor N Trimble referred to the response from DfI Roads stating there was no road safety issue in relation to the application and as a result he was content to accept the Officers' recommendation;
- Councillor D J Craig advised that given condition 4 of the Officers' recommendation, "The hours of operation at the site shall not exceed 08:00 – 18:00 Monday to Friday and 08:00 – 13:00 on Saturday with no activity on Sundays" would apply and that DfI Roads had no concerns he was content to accept the Officers' recommendation; and
- Councillor P Catney advised that he was content to support the application with the addition of a condition prohibiting sales at the site. This condition had been discussed during the questions to Officers and unanimously agreed by all Members.

Vote

Having considered the information provided within the report of the Planning Officer, the Committee agreed unanimously to adopt the recommendation to approve this application, with delegated authority to Planning Officers to include a condition prohibiting sales at the site.

At this point in the meeting, the agenda was running approximately 15 minutes ahead of schedule. The Chair, Alderman J Tinsley, decided to bring forward items 4.2 to 4.6 of the agenda, as a speaker registered for the next application to be heard, application LA05/2025/0819/F, had not yet arrived.

4.2 Statutory Performance Indicators – February 2026

It was agreed that information relating to Statutory Performance Indicators for February 2026 be noted.

4.3 Appeal against Enforcement Notice (LA05/2025/0068/CA)

Members agreed that the report and decision of the Planning Appeals Commission in respect of the above enforcement notice be noted.

4.4 Appeal against Enforcement Notice (LA05/2024/0041/CA)

Members agreed that the report and decision of the Planning Appeals Commission in respect of the above enforcement notice be noted.

4.5 Notification by telecommunication operator(s) of intention to utilise permitted development rights

It was agreed that information regarding notification by telecommunication operators of intention to utilise Permitted Development Rights at locations in the Council area be noted.

4.6 Letter to Heads of planning NIEA planning improvement programme

Members agreed to note the contents of the letter.

4.1 Schedule of Applications (Cont'd)

(iv) LA05/2025/0819/F - Removal of existing single storey flat roof extension and garage. Addition of single storey pitched roof extension and office/storage to replace existing garage at 3 Ardara Avenue, Dundonald.

The Senior Planning Officer (LMcC) presented the above application as outlined within the circulated report.

The committee received Mr B Greer to speak in opposition to the application via a remote location and a number of Members queries were addressed.

The committee received Mr R Gilmour to speak in support of the application following which he responded to questions from Members.

Planning Officers responded to questions from Members.

Following the questions to Planning Officers, it was proposed by Alderman O Gawith and seconded by Councillor N Trimble to defer the application to allow for a site visit. On a vote being taken, this proposal was declared 'carried', the voting being 5 in favour and 3 against.

Adjournment of Meeting

The Chair, Alderman J Tinsley, declared the meeting adjourned for lunch at this point (1.12 pm).

Resumption of Meeting

The meeting was resumed at 1.53 pm.

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- (v) LA05/2023/0439/O - Site for a dwelling and garage with associated site works on lands 50Metres Southwest of 271 Ballynahinch Road, Hillsborough.

The Senior Planning Officer (MB) presented the above application as outlined within the circulated report.

The Committee received Mr N Coffey, to speak in support of the application. There were no questions put to Mr Coffey.

Planning Officers responded to a number of questions from Members.

Debate

During the debate:

- Councillor N Trimble referred to policy COU16 (d) which states “ A new development proposal will be unacceptable where it mars the distinction between a settlement and the surrounding countryside, or otherwise results in urban sprawl” and advised he could not argue that this application did not do this. Councillor Trimble also queried why the applicant has chosen the land in question for the site given that they had other land in their ownership which fell within the settlement boundary, and as a result he agreed with the Officers assessment of the application.

Vote

On a vote being taken, it was agreed to adopt the recommendation of the Planning Officer to refuse planning permission, the voting being:

In favour: Councillor S Burns, Councillor P Catney, Alderman O Gawith, Councillor A Martin, Vice Chair, Councillor G Thompson, the Chair, Alderman J Tinsley, and Councillor N Trimble (7)

Against: Councillor D J Craig (1)

- (vi) LA05/2024/0639/O - Replacement dwelling and retention of existing dwelling (with alterations) as farm building at Approx 180m north of 19 Ballycrune Road, Hillsborough.

The Senior Planning Officer (MB) presented the above application as outlined within the circulated report.

The Committee received Mr A McCreedy to speak in support of the application and a number of Members' queries were addressed.

At this stage, it was proposed by Councillor D J Craig, seconded by Councillor P Catney and unanimously agreed that this application be deferred to allow a site visit to take place.

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Adjournment of Meeting

The Chair, Alderman J Tinsley, declared the meeting adjourned at this point for a comfort break (2.43 pm).

Resumption of Meeting

The meeting was resumed at 2.49 pm.

- (vii) LA05/2023/0550/F - Proposed demolition of existing ruby's bar and restaurant (retention of off sales retail unit) and redevelopment of land to comprise 12 2 bed apartments with private and communal amenity space, PV panels, bin and bicycle store, landscaping, car parking and all associated site works on lands at 793 and 793a Upper Newtownards Road, Dundonald

The Senior Planning Officer (GM) presented the above application as outlined within the circulated report.

The Committee received Mr T Stokes, accompanied by Ms A Diamond, to speak in support of the application and a number of Members' queries were addressed.

Planning Officers responded to questions from Members.

Debate

During the debate:

- Councillor P Catney spoke of the change in business and how the applicant has looked to new ways to use the space. Councillor Catney noted the large number of objections to the application but advised that he thought the proposal was tastefully done and that he was in favour of the Officers recommendation with or without the travel scheme which formed part of the application; and
- Councillor S Burns advised that as a local resident of the area, while she understood the economic pressures on hospitality businesses, she was concerned with the loss of the restaurant and bar. Councillor Burns advised that due to there be no clear reason within policy that she could go against the recommendation of the Officers, she would abstain from the vote due to the negative impact the loss of the restaurant and bar could have on her local community.

Vote

On a vote being taken, it was agreed to adopt the recommendation of the Planning Officer to approve this application, the voting being:

- (vii) LA05/2023/0550/F - Proposed demolition of existing ruby's bar and restaurant (retention of off sales retail unit) and redevelopment of land to comprise 12 2 bed apartments with private and communal amenity space, PV panels, bin and bicycle store, landscaping, car parking and all associated site works on lands at 793 and 793a Upper Newtownards Road, Dundonald (Cont'd)

In favour: Councillor P Catney, Councillor D J Craig, Alderman O Gawith, Councillor A Martin, Vice Chair, Councillor G Thompson and the Chair, Alderman J Tinsley **(6)**

Against: Councillor N Trimble **(1)**

Abstain: Councillor S Burns **(1)**

5. Any Other Business

5.1 Pillars at 70 Belfast Road, Lisburn Councillor P Catney

Councillor P Catney referred to an application which had been passed at the meeting of committee on 9 March 2026. Councillor Catney advised that there were three historic pillars at the entrance to the site and queried whether they would be retained as part of the new development. The Head of Planning and Capital Development advised that Officers would check the application for information on this but that the decision was legally binding and could not be revisited. The Head of Planning and Capital development suggested that a meeting could be arranged to allow Councillor Catney to discuss the matter directly with the applicant.

Conclusion of the Meeting

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Chair, Alderman J Tinsley, thanked those present for their attendance. There being no further business, the meeting was terminated at 3.33 pm.

Chair/Mayor

Committee:	Full Council
Date:	26 May 2026
Report from:	Chief Executive

Item for:	Decision	
Subject:	Commencement Time of June Meeting of Council	
1.0	<p>Purpose of Report: To seek agreement to change the commencement time of the June Meeting of Council to facilitate attendance at the Summit of the Cities pre dinner event on 23 June 2026.</p>	
2.0	<p>Background Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council has been invited to the first ever Summit of the Cities which will take place in Belfast City Hall on Wednesday 24 June 2026 with a pre-event dinner in Belfast on 23 June 2026 commencing at 7.30 pm which is the same night as Council.</p> <p>The keynote speaker is the former Mayor of New York City, Bill DeBlasio, who will be joined by senior Ireland, Northern Ireland and UK government Ministers. All other NI councils are attending as well as the six cities from the Republic of Ireland.</p> <p>Each City has been provided with 5 complimentary tickets, as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayor • Chief Executive • 3 additional staff members <p><u>Recommendation</u> Members are asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the invitation to attend the Summit of the Cities Event on 24 June and the pre-dinner event on 23 June at 7.30 pm • Bring forward the commencement time of the June meeting of Council to 6 pm to facilitate attendance at the pre dinner event at 7.30 pm on 23 June 2026. 	
3.0	<p><u>Finance and Resource Implications</u> Tickets are complimentary. There will be minimal costs associated with travelling.</p>	
4.0	<p><u>Equality/Good Relations and Rural Needs Impact Assessments</u></p>	
4.1	Has an equality and good relations screening been carried out on the proposal/project/policy?	N/A
4.2	Brief summary of the key issues identified and proposed mitigating actions <u>or</u> rationale why the screening was not carried out	
4.3	Has a Rural Needs Impact Assessment (RNIA) been completed?	N/A

4.4	Brief summary of the key issues identified and proposed mitigating actions <u>or</u> rationale why the screening was not carried out.	
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Appendices:	N/A
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Motion on Daithi's Law

It will be three years on the 1st June that Daithi's Law was passed.

Three years on, we must continue to do all we can to ensure the conversations are continuing to happen about organ donation.

Clear that our health minister has stopped getting the important message around organ donation out there.

This motion is a reminder to us all that the real power of organ donation is within people and conversations.

Motion

Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council:

- Recognises the importance of funding for public campaigns from the Department of Health and the role this has in raising awareness and potentially saving lives.
- Understands the vital role that having the conversations with friends and family has in raising awareness around organ donation and potentially saving lives.
- Agrees to write to the health minister urging him to change his decision about pausing funding for public campaigns within his department and also urging him to re double his efforts to get the important message of organ donation to the public.
- Agrees to light up the Civic Centre and Union Bridge pink on the 1st June in the colours of Daithi's campaign and Daithi's Law.

Proposed by: Cllr Declan Lynch

