



October 16th, 2024

**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, 22nd October 2024 at 7:00 pm** in the Council Chamber for the transaction of the business on the undernoted agenda.

A hot buffet will be available in Lighters 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)

📄 *Disclosure of Interests form Sept 24.doc*

Not included

4.0 COUNCIL MINUTES

4.1 Meeting of Council - 24 September 2024

For Approval

📄 *MM 24 09 2024 Draft Minutes for Adoption.pdf*

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4.2 Special Meeting of Council - 30 September 2024

For Approval

📄 *(S) Council 30.09.2024 Draft Minutes for adoption.pdf*

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5.0 MATTERS ARISING

6.0 DEPUTATIONS

(None)

7.0 BUSINESS REQUIRED BY STATUTE

7.1 Signing of Legal Documents

Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and South Eastern Regional College, 25 Castle Street, Lisburn BT27 4SU – Service Level Agreement – Multiply – Community Upskilling Numeracy Programme

8.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

8.1 Special Governance & Audit Committee - 26 September 2024

For Approval

[📄 \(S\) G A 26.09.2024 DRAFT minute for adoption.pdf](#)

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8.2 Communities & Wellbeing Committee - 1 October 2024

For Approval

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8.3 Environment & Sustainability Committee - 2 October 2024

For Approval

[📄 ESC 02 10 2024 DRAFT Minute for Adoption.pdf](#)

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8.4 Regeneration & Growth Committee - 3 October 2024

For Approval

[📄 RGC 03 10 2024 Draft Minutes for Adoption.pdf](#)

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8.5 Corporate Services Committee - 9 October 2024

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[📄 CSC 09 10 2024 DRAFT Minute for adoption.pdf](#)

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8.6 Planning Committee - 2 September 2024

For Noting

[📄 PC 02.09.2024 - Ratified Minutes - FOR NOTING.pdf](#)

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8.7 Special Planning Committee - 18 September 2024

For Noting

[📄 \(S\) PC 18.09.2024 - Ratified Minutes - FOR NOTING.pdf](#)

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9.0 REPORT FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE

(None)

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 on the subject of VOYPIC (Voice of Young People in Care) in the name of Councillor G Thompson**

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- 12.2 **No. 2 on the subject of HIV, TB and Viral Hepatitis Epidemics in name of Councillor J Harpur**

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13.0 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

- 13.1 **Requirement to Enter into a Section 76 Planning Agreement for Planning Application LA05/2023/0339/F**

For Decision

Confidential due to containing information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information)

 *S76 report - Full Council - 20230339F .pdf*

Not included

- 13.2 **Requirement to Enter into a Section 76 Planning Agreement for Planning Application LA05/2022/1006/F**

For Decision

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 *S76 report - Full Council - 20221006F 2.pdf*

Not included

- 13.3 **Requirement to Enter into a Section 76 Planning Agreement for Planning**

Application LA05/2022/1005/F

For Decision

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📄 *S76 report - Full Council - 20221005F (002) 2.pdf*

Not included

13.4 Requirement to enter into a Section 76 planning agreement for planning application LA05/2021/1219/F

For Decision

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📄 *Section 76 report - Full Council - 20211219F.pdf*

Not included

14.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS FOR FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 24th September

Mayor to visit St Joseph's Primary School Carryduff to meet with the newly elected school council

Wednesday 25th September

Mayor to chair Belfast Region City Deal meeting, Lagan Valley Island

Thursday 26th September

Mayor to visit The Quirky Cricketer Café at Lisburn Cricket Club, Wallace Park, Lisburn

Friday 27th September

Mayor to attend reception in celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China and welcome to new Consul General Mr Li Nan, Belfast Consulate

Saturday 28th September

Mayor to attend Macmillan Coffee morning, Pond Park Primary School

Mayor to attend Hillsborough Farmer's Market

Mayor to attend Belfast Championship Dog Show, Eikon Centre

Mayor to attend Belfast Championship Dog Show Dinner, Corrs Corner Hotel

Tuesday 1st October

Mayor to attend Annual General Meeting for Community Advice Lisburn and Castlereagh, Bridge Community Centre

Mayor to host group Happy Life Together NI CIC, LVI

Wednesday 2nd October

Mayor to attend Macmillan Coffee Morning, Lisburn & Castlereagh Move More, LVLP

Mayor to host reception for Olympians, Paralympians & Coaches from LCCC area to celebrate Paris Games success, LVI

Thursday 3rd October

Mayor to attend Royal Visit at Leckey, Lisburn

Mayor to attend coffee morning with Stepping Stones Youth Group, Antrim Street, Lisburn

Mayor to speak at Lisburn Fibromyalgia Group, Laganview Enterprise Centre

Mayor to attend Paris Celebration Event, SSE arena

Friday 4th October

Mayor to visit Meadow Bridge Primary School to present badges to newly elected school council members

Mayor to attend Macmillan Coffee morning, Lagan View Community Hall

Mayor to meet with representatives from World Care Day with Voice of Young people in Care, LVI

Mayor to attend launch of Friends' School Exhibition, ILC

Saturday 5th October

Mayor to attend Charity Bucket Collection for Mayoral charity, Tesco Bentrin Road, Lisburn

Sunday 6th October

Mayor to attend Lisburn Distillery Football Club Big Breakfast supporting Friends of Parkview Special School

Monday 7th October

Mayor to host the newly elected Chinese Consul General, Mr Li Nan, Mayor's Parlour

Mayor to attend Drumbo & Anahilt AGM

Tuesday 8th October

Mayor to attend Give and Take Annual Celebration Event, ILC

Mayor to attend World Mental Health Day, Market Square, Lisburn

Wednesday 9th October

Mayor to attend "I Am Someone" campaign launch, Stormont Long Gallery

Thursday 10th October

Mayor to host St Joseph's Primary school, Carryduff, school council members, LVI

Friday 11th October

Mayor to host his Inaugural Dinner, Lagan Valley Island

Saturday 12th October

Mayor to attend Moira Repair Café launch, Rowandale Integrated Primary School

Mayor to attend Italian Night, St Clare's Community Hall, Glenavy

Sunday 13th October

Mayor to attend service of thanksgiving, to celebrate 70 years of Christian witness in the Lambeg area, Harmony Hill Presbyterian Church

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LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL**Minutes of the Meeting of Council held in the Council Chamber, Lagan Valley Island on Tuesday 24 September, 2024 at 7:00 pm****PRESENT**

The Right Worshipful the Mayor
Councillor K Dickson

Deputy Mayor
Councillor R Carlin

Aldermen A G Ewart MBE, O Gawith, M Gregg,
A Grehan, H Legge, A McIntyre, S P Porter and J Tinsley

Councillors P Burke, S Burns, P Catney, D J Craig, N Eaton,
A P Ewing, J Gallen, A Givan, A Gowan, J Harpur,
B Higginson, G Hynds, C Kemp, P Kennedy, J Lavery BEM,
U Mackin, A Martin, G McCleave, C McCready, M McKeever,
T Mitchell, N Parker, G Thompson and Hon N Trimble

REMOTE:

Aldermen J Baird and S Skillen, and Councillor S Lowry

IN ATTENDANCE:

Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council

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

Commencement of the Meeting

At the commencement of the meeting, the Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor K Dickson, welcomed those present to the September meeting of Council which was being live streamed to enable members of the public to hear and see the proceedings. He 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.

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Prayers

In the absence of the Mayor's Chaplain, Councillor A Martin addressed the Council and said a prayer. The Right Worshipful the Mayor thanked Councillor Martin for carrying out devotions.

Councillor G Hynds entered the meeting at 7.06 pm.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, on behalf of the Council, extended condolences to Alderman S P Porter on the passing of his brother, Albert.

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, Councillor K Dickson, since the previous meeting of Council.

2. Apologies

It was agreed to accept apologies for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of Councillors D Bassett, R T Beckett and R McLernon.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no Members' Declarations of Interest declared at the meeting.

4. Council Minutes

4.1 Meeting of Council – 27 August 2024

It was proposed by Councillor A Givan, seconded by Councillor B Higginson, and agreed that the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 27 August 2024 be confirmed and signed.

5. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the above minutes.

6. Deputations

There were no deputations.

7. Business Required by Statute

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(i) Signing of Legal Documents

It was proposed by Alderman J Tinsley, seconded by Councillor T Mitchell, and agreed that the following legal documents be signed at the meeting:

- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Choice Housing Ireland Limited, Leslie Morrell House, 37-41 May Street, Belfast BT1 4DN – Deed of Variation between Choice Housing Ireland Limited and Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Dunbridge Ltd, c/o Omniplex Holdings (NI) Limited, Governor's Road, Lisburn BT28 1PP and Shen Cloud Ltd, Unit 2a East Point Entertainment Village, Old Dundonald Road, Dundonald, Belfast BT16 1YG and Hasan Topal and Hakan Sakalli, both of 8 Tullynagardy Grove, Newtownards BT23 4ZJ – Contract for Lease of Unit 2A, Omni Park, Dundonald

8. Adoption of Minutes of Committees**Communities & Wellbeing Committee****3rd September 2024**

Proposed by Alderman H Legge

Seconded by Councillor T Mitchell

Adopted subject to the following additional detail being included at the request of Alderman A McIntyre:

Item 10.2 Page 379European Heritage Open Days (14th & 15th September 2024)

“Alderman McIntyre requested that Officers from the Communities and Wellbeing Directorate and also the Regeneration & Growth Directorate engage actively with local churches and historical buildings across the Lisburn & Castlereagh Council area to encourage them to apply to Heritage Open Days 2025. Alderman McIntyre also made comment in relation to the Lisburn Museum submitting an application to be included in this programme of events.”

Alderman McIntyre, by way of an update, advised the Council that the closing date for applications to Heritage Open Days 2025 was April 2025.

Alderman Legge, Acting Chairperson, indicated that she was content that the minutes be amended to reflect Alderman McIntyre's comments.

Environment & Sustainability Committee**4th September 2024**

Proposed by Councillor P Catney

Seconded by Councillor G Hynds

Adopted subject to the undernoted items being referred back to Committee:

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Page 385 Item 4.2Street Naming Proposal off Ballynahinch Road, Carryduff

and

Page 386 Item 5.2New Public Health Bill Consultation**Regeneration & Growth Committee****5th September 2024**

Proposed by Alderman A Grehan

Seconded by Alderman A G Ewart

Corporate Services Committee**11th September 2024**

Proposed by Councillor N Trimble

Seconded by Councillor N Eaton

Governance & Audit Committee**12th September 2024**

Proposed by Councillor S Burns

Seconded by Alderman O Gawith

Planning Committee**5 August 2024**

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 5 August, 2024 had been circulated for noting as these minutes had been agreed at the subsequent meeting of the Planning Committee on 2 September 2024. It was proposed by Alderman M Gregg, seconded by Councillor U Mackin, and agreed that their contents be noted.

9. Report from Chief Executive

There was no reports from the 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.

12. Notices of Motion

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12.1 No. 1 on the subject of Winter Fuel Payment Policy Change

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

““This council strongly opposes the Government’s recent Winter Fuel Payment policy change. We resolve to write to the Prime Minister, urging the Government to reverse this harmful decision. **Furthermore to write to the Minister for Communities to request an update on the Fuel Poverty Task Force.** As detailed in the 2021 census, Lisburn and Castlereagh has an ageing population with 18% of the population aged 65 or over. Therefore this decision will have a far reaching devastating impact on pensioner households throughout Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council. Furthermore, we seek assurance that the Pension Credit minimum income guarantee will be increased, ensuring that more low-income pensioner households become eligible for pension credit.”

Councillor T Mitchell read out his Notice of Motion which contained an addendum that he wished to have included (as highlighted in bold above).

The Notice of Motion as proposed by Councillor T Mitchell, was seconded by Alderman H Legge.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor advised that the Notice of Motion be considered at the meeting that evening.

Councillor Mitchell elaborated on his Notice of Motion during which he highlighted a number of significant related issues, including:

- Age UK estimate that 2.5 million pensioners who badly need the Winter Fuel payment to stay warm will not now receive it and will suffer as a result, and the impact within the Lisburn and Castlereagh Council area where 18% of the population are over 65 will be no less significant
- whilst energy prices have fallen during summer months the global uncertainty such as the war in Ukraine and the current volatile situation in the Middle East will inevitably lead to fuel prices increases during the autumn and winter months
- the Department for Communities (DfC) has indicated that the estimated additional cost to the block grant of maintaining universal entitlement for this Winter Fuel payment is £44.3 m and this does not include additional delivery for staffing costs.
- these restrictions will exclude many pensioners who are not receiving specific benefits but need help financially and pensioners who miss qualifying for pension credit due to the current income threshold are of particular concern.
- in NI 28% of potentially eligible households are not receiving pension credit
- the removal of this essential assistance will lead to an increase in health inequalities which in turn will lead to further pressure on an already underfunded Health Service as older people who are unable to heat their homes are at greater risk of poorer health.
- enhancing awareness of Pension Credit would mitigate against the impact of these changes.

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12.1 No. 1 on the subject of Winter Fuel Payment Policy Change (Cont'd)

In closing Councillor Mitchell thanked Members for considering his Motion.

Alderman H Legge, having seconded the Notice of Motion, spoke in support of the issued raised by Councillor Mitchell. Alderman Legge emphasised that the reality was that this decision by the Labour Government would affect the most vulnerable in society. She stated that many of us are too proud to claim benefits and that we must encourage improved uptake in the Pension Credit and other benefits.

Councillors G Thompson, P Burke, J Gallen and D J Craig, on behalf of their respective political parties, spoke in support of the Notice of Motion. Aldermen S P Porter and S Skillen also spoke in support of the Motion. Alderman Skillen suggested that the Communities & Wellbeing Committee consider if it could support groups across the Council area through any underspends with hardship funding grants, the aim of which would be to support the most vulnerable in communities across the Council area. Councillor D J Craig, Chairperson of the Communities & Wellbeing Committee, undertook to raise this matter with relevant Officers.

The Notice of Motion as proposed by Councillor T Mitchell, seconded by Alderman H Legge, was put to the meeting and agreed unanimously.

13. Any Other Business

13.1 Support for Caleb's Cause NI and Request to Light Up Council Building Councillor M McKeever

Councillor M McKeever advised that he had met recently with a mother of an autistic child who had expressed concern about the lack of adult services for her son after he leaves school. The mother had requested to Councillor McKeever that the Council writes to the appropriate Minister in the Northern Ireland Executive to highlight the serious concerns regarding the lack of opportunities for these young people compared to those opportunities that were available in the mainland UK and also to highlight the work of a new group that this mother had formed called Caleb's Cause NI. Councillor McKeever also requested that the Council considers the lighting up of the Council building to promote Caleb's Cause NI.

The Chief Executive advised that in view of the detail of Councillor McKeever's requests that a formal Notice of Motion to the next meeting of Council would be the most appropriate course of action.

Councillor A Gowan spoke in support of the issues raised.

13.2 Rat Sightings in Hillsborough Forest Park Councillor A Gowan

Councillor A Gowan reported having been contacted in recent weeks by constituents who had had sightings of rats whilst walking with their families in

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13.2 Rat Sightings in Hillsborough Forest Park (Cont'd)

Hillsborough Forest Park. Councillor Gowan requested that Council Officers look into this matter.

13.3 Hillsborough GP Medical Practitioner, Dr Chris Hall Councillor A Gowan

Councillor A Gowan advised that Dr Chris Hall from Hillsborough Medical Centre had been awarded GP of the year in the Royal College of General Practitioners NI 'GP and Practice of the Year 2024' awards and requested that a letter from the Council conveying congratulations be sent to Dr Hall on this significant achievement. Councillor Gowan put on record that Dr Hall was a dedicated health professional.

13.4 Thanks to Officers in the Regeneration Unit Councillor A Gowan

Councillor A Gowan expressed thanks and appreciation in connection with the recent efforts by Officers in the Regeneration Unit regarding the regeneration works in Anahilt which he stated looked fantastic.

13.5 Vacant and Overgrown Property, Bridge Street, Lisburn Councillor N Trimble

Councillor N Trimble put on record his praise and thanks in regard to the work that had been carried out by two Council employees at a vacant and overgrown property in Bridge Street, Lisburn. Councillor Trimble stated that unfortunately there were a number of vacant properties in a poor state of repair across the city area, a number of which were privately owned. Councillor Trimble asked if the Council could explore options or initiatives to compel property owners to keep their properties in a good state of repair.

13.6 Aghalee Surgery Councillor C Kemp

Councillor C Kemp advised that Aghalee Surgery had been awarded NI GP Practice of the year in the Royal College of General Practitioners NI 'GP and Practice of the Year 2024' awards and requested that a letter from the Council conveying congratulations be sent to Aghalee surgery on this significant achievement.

13.7 Support for Calebs Cause NI and Request to Light Up Council Building Alderman M Gregg

The Chief Executive responded to questions and comments from Alderman M Gregg in regard to the request that Councillor McKeever bring forward a Notice of Motion for consideration at the next Council meeting on the issues he had raised. Following further comments from Alderman Gregg it was agreed that Councillor McKeever's motion be presented and considered at the next meeting of the Communities & Wellbeing Committee and that the Council grants the Committee delegated authority thereon.

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13.8 Employee Long Service Awards Event and NILGA Employee 2024 Award
Alderman H Legge

Alderman H Legge advised that as one of NILGA's Office Bearers she had been invited to attend the Council's Employee Long Service awards event which she stated had been a great event which honoured those employees who had completed 25 years or more with local government. Alderman Legge congratulated those employees who had received long service awards and for their dedication to the Council over many years.

Alderman Legge also put on record the significant achievement of one of the Council's employees, Lesley Wilson, Arts Officer, who had been awarded NILGA's Local Government Employee of the Year 2024 having been one of 14 other finalists. Alderman Legge stated that it was with much pride that Lesley had won this award who had overcome some personal difficulties during the past year. Alderman Legge also commended Lesley on the success of recent major Arts projects during this time.

Councillor D J Craig, Chairperson of the Communities and Wellbeing Committee, wished to be associated with Alderman Legge's sentiments and stated that it was only right that the Council marks Lesley's remarkable achievement.

14. Confidential Business

The Right Worshipful the Mayor advised that the undernoted Confidential items were confidential 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 Councillor A P Ewing, and agreed that the Confidential Reports be considered "in Committee" in the absence of press or members of the public. The livestream was paused at this stage in proceedings (7.47 pm).

14.1 UK Shared Prosperity Fund - End of Year Programme
(Redacted report to be published following the Council Call-In Period)

The Chief Executive outlined the background and key issues in connection with the availability of a UK Shared Prosperity Fund for Northern Ireland, the investment priority of which was themed on Communities and Place.

A copy of the UK Prosperity funding guidance document and a proposed schedule of compliant projects had been appended to the Chief Executive's report.

The Chief Executive and the Director of Regeneration & Growth responded to, and provided clarification on, questions and comments from Members on issues arising from the report and appended documents.

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Councillor P Catney left the meeting at 7.59 pm.

14.1 UK Shared Prosperity Fund – End of Year Programme (Cont'd)

It was proposed by Councillor U Mackin, seconded by Alderman A Grehan, and agreed that the recommendations as set out in the Officer's report be approved.

14.2 Requirement to enter into a Section 76 planning agreement for planning application LA05/2022/0612/F

(Redacted report to be made available after the agreement has been signed and sealed)

The Chief Executive and the Director of Regeneration & Growth, having responded to a number of comments and questions from Members in regard to the above agreement, undertook to revert to two Members on specific issues. It was noted that a workshop on Section 76 Planning Agreements would take place in the near future which would address the issues raised.

It was proposed by Alderman M Gregg, seconded by Alderman A Grehan, and agreed that approval be granted to the signing and sealing of the above Agreement by the Mayor and Chief Executive.

Resumption of Normal Business

It was proposed by Councillor A P Ewing, seconded by Councillor D J Craig, and agreed to come out of Committee and normal business was resumed.

At the conclusion of the meeting, The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor K Dickson, thanked those present for their attendance.

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was terminated at 8.21 pm.

Mayor

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LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL**Minutes of a Special Meeting of Council held in the Council Chamber, Lagan Valley Island on Monday 30 September, 2024 at 6:00 pm****PRESENT IN CHAMBER:**

The Right Worshipful the Mayor
Councillor K Dickson

Aldermen A G Ewart MBE and J Tinsley

Councillors D Bassett, P Catney, D J Craig, A P Ewing,
A Gowan, J Harpur, B Higginson and U Mackin

PRESENT IN REMOTE LOCATION:

Aldermen O Gawith, M Gregg, A McIntyre and S Skillen

Councillors S Burns, J Gallen, A Givan, G Hynds, C Kemp,
P Kennedy, J Lavery BEM, T Mitchell, M McKeever,
N Parker, G Thompson and N Trimble

IN ATTENDANCE:

Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council

Director of Finance and Corporate Services
Member Services Officers
Technician
IT Officer

South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust

Ms H Moore, Director of Planning, Performance & Informatics
Mr M Neil, Director of Unscheduled Care, Medicine & Cancer
Ms L Vladeanu, Assistant Director of Prevention and
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, Councillor K Dickson, welcomed those present to the special meeting of Council which was being live streamed 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 Member Services Officer read out the names of the Elected Members and Officers in attendance at the meeting.

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

Alderman O Gawith and Councillor N Parker joined the meeting (6.04 pm).

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.

1. Apologies

It was agreed to accept apologies for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of Aldermen J Baird and S P Porter and Councillors R T Beckett, N Eaton, S Lowry, A Martin and C McCready.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. To Receive Officials from the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust

Alderman McIntyre left and rejoined the meeting during consideration of this item of business (6.58 pm and 7.15 pm respectively); as did Councillor M McKeever (7.08 pm and 7.16 pm respectively). A number of Members left the meeting during consideration of this item of business, namely Councillor N Trimble (6.41 pm), Councillor A Gowan (6.51 pm), Councillor A P Ewing (6.54 pm), Alderman O Gawith (6.56 pm) and Councillor J Gallen (7.04 pm).

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor K Dickson, welcomed to the meeting:

- Ms H Moore, Director of Planning, Performance & Informatics
- Mr M Neil, Director of Unscheduled Care, Medicine & Cancer
- Ms L Vladeanu, Assistant Director of Prevention and Population Health, Health & Wellbeing

Ms Moore made a verbal presentation to Members, which she began by addressing several actions that had arisen from the January 2024 meeting relating to Lisburn Adult Resource Centre, Hillhall Centre and additional emergency respite care, contact services and GP services.

Ms Moore provided an update on issues such as health inequalities, integrated care system, elective care, waiting lists, Encompass digital system, My Care app, performance level targets and the £30m savings plan that was required to be met this year. She appealed to Members to encourage their constituents to give advance notice if they were unable to attend appointments. In respect of contact services, she also asked them to notify her if they were aware of available accommodation space within the North Down and Ards Area.

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3. To Receive Officials from the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (Contd)

Ms Moore addressed questions submitted in advance of the meeting in respect of Clinical Psychologist/Clinical Psychiatrist services in the Trust area and traffic lights at the entrance and exit of Lagan Valley Hospital. Given that Alderman S P Porter had not been able to be present at the meeting, Ms Moore agreed to provide him with a written response to his query (Clinical Psychologist/Clinical Psychiatrist services). She also advised that Ms R Gibbs, Director of Adult Services & Healthcare in Prison, would be happy to meet with Alderman Porter as a follow-up.

Officials noted Members' appreciation for the work of staff within both the South Eastern and Belfast Health & Social Care Trusts and agreed to convey these sentiments accordingly. They responded to a number of queries raised by Members relating to:

- the new Lisburn Primary and Community Care Centre;
- the Phone First initiative;
- the My Care app;
- 'Did Not Attend' (DNA) rates;
- health inequalities;
- Ulster Hospital Accident & Emergency Department;
- impacts of financial savings that required to be made;
- ambulance waiting times at Accident & Emergency Departments;
- vacancies within social work;
- bed capacity;
- consultant shortage;
- antisocial behaviour in hospitals;

Arising from discussion:

- it was agreed that an invitation would be extended to representatives from the Strategic Planning and Performance Group to attend the next meeting to provide an update in respect of access to GP services;
- Ms Moore agreed to provide a link to the Health Inequalities Report for circulation to Members;
- Ms Moore agreed to (a) continue to highlight the concerns of the Council in relation to traffic flow in and out of Lagan Valley Hospital at peak times and (b) request that Mr J Thompson, Assistant Director of Patient Experience, provide a response to Councillor D J Craig as to why the Road Traffic Management Survey that would have been carried out during the planning application process for the new Primary and Community Care Centre had not highlighted the potential for traffic flow problems at peak times and what steps could be taken with DfI Roads to resolve this issue;
- Ms Moore agreed to forward a link to the My Care app that Members could provide to their constituents;
- Ms Moore agreed to provide information to Councillor B Higginson regarding Veteran-friendly GPs;
- Ms Moore agreed to respond to Councillor B Higginson as to whether the savings plan that was required to be met this year would have an effect on the provision of MRIs by Alliance Medical;

3. To Receive Officials from the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (Contd)

- Ms Moore agreed to liaise with Ms L Preece, Director of Children's Services & Executive Director of Social Work, to ask that she meet with Councillor J Lavery to ensure he was provided with answers to the queries he had raised at the meeting in January 2024 regarding young people in care in the Council area, the facilities available for contact services and the costs associated with those. Ms Preece would also be asked to address a query raised by Councillor Lavery regarding vacancies within social work;
- Mr Neil agreed to look into a request from Councillor J Lavery regarding arrangements being made for children with special needs to be prioritised when attending Accident & Emergency Departments. Having stated that staff in the Children's Hospital always did the best they could, Mr Campbell also agreed to raise this matter within his Team;
- Ms Moore agreed to pass on a request from Councillor P Catney that a bench be provided at the entrance to the Primary and Community Care Centre that elderly people could avail of when waiting to be picked up by car;
- Ms Moore agreed to request that Ms R Gibbs, Director of Adult Services & Healthcare in Prison, contact Councillor N Parker to address her concerns on respite facilities and to get further details of a particular family she had referred to; and
- Ms Moore agreed that, workload permitting, she would endeavour to prepare a presentation for the next meeting that contained statistical information, similar to that presented in January 2024.

4. To Receive Officials from the Belfast Health & Social Care Trust

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor K Dickson, welcomed to the meeting:

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

Mr Campbell provided an update on issues such as the Encompass digital system, the savings plan that was required to be met this year, Accident & Emergency Departments, waiting lists, elective care and health inequalities. He further advised that the Belfast Health & Social Care Trust had recently been awarded the 'Trust of Sanctuary' Award in recognition of its commitment to providing a safe, welcoming environment to people from all over the world.

In relation to the question submitted in advance by Alderman S P Porter in respect of Clinical Psychologist/Clinical Psychiatrist services in the Trust area, Mr Campbell stated that he had nothing to add to the response given by Ms Moore, which would be provided in writing to Alderman Porter.

Officials answered a number of queries raised by Members in relation to antisocial behaviour at the Royal Victoria Hospital and agreed to provide information in relation to measures being taken to address this matter.

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There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was terminated at 7.51 pm.

Mayor

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LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL**Minutes of Special Meeting of the Governance & Audit Committee held in the Council Chamber, Island Civic Centre, The Island, Lisburn and in remote locations on Thursday 26th September 2024 at 6.02 pm.****PRESENT IN COUNCIL CHAMBER: (COMMITTEE)**

Alderman P Porter (Chair)
 The Right Worshipful The Mayor
 Councillor K Dickson
 Alderman O Gawith
 Councillors D Bassett, S Burns, J Craig, A Ewing, A Givan, P Kennedy, M McKeever, R McLernon and A Martin

PRESENT IN REMOTE LOCATION: (COMMITTEE)

Mr E Jardine (Independent Member and Vice-Chair)
 Councillors N Eaton and S Lowry

OTHER MEMBERS OF COUNCIL PRESENT IN CHAMBER:

Alderman M Gregg

OTHER MEMBERS OF COUNCIL PRESENT IN REMOTE LOCATION:

Councillor G Hynds

IN ATTENDANCE:

Director of Organisation Development & Innovation
 Director of Finance & Corporate Services
 Head of Finance
 Internal Audit Manager (Remote)
 Member Services Officers (RN & EW)

RBCA Accounting

Mr Brian Stewart

Northern Ireland Audit Office

Mr Richard Ross (Remote)

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Commencement of the Meeting

The Chair, Alderman P Porter, welcomed all present to the meeting, including Mr Brian Stewart from RBCA Accounting who was present in the Chamber, and Mr Richard Ross from the Northern Ireland Audit Office who was present on a remote basis. Mr Edgar Jardine, Committee vice-chair, was in attendance on a remote basis.

The Chair pointed out that - unless the item on the agenda was considered under confidential business - the meeting would be audio recorded. The Chair asked that mobile phones be put on silent or switched off for the duration of the meeting. The Director of Organisation Development & Innovation outlined the evacuation procedures in the case of an emergency.

1. Apologies

An apology for non-attendance at the meeting was accepted and recorded on behalf of Councillor J Gallen.

2. Declarations of Interest

The Chair invited Members to declare any interests they might have in relation to the business of the meeting and reminded them of the requirement that they complete Declaration of Interest forms in this regard which had been provided with the papers for the meeting and which were also available in the Chamber.

No declarations of interest were made.

3. Confidential Business

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

"In Committee"

It was proposed by Alderman O Gawith, seconded by Councillor A Givan and agreed that the following matters be considered "in Committee" in the absence of members of the press and public being present.

3.1 Report of Head of Finance

3.1.1 Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council - Statement of Accounts for Year Ended 31 March 2024

(Report will never become available - Final certified accounts will be published)

In addition to the narrative report, Members had been provided with a copy of Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council's Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2024.

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3.1.1 Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council - Statement of Accounts for Year Ended 31 March 2024 (Continued)

The Head of Finance presented the report and - together with the Director of Finance & Corporate Services and Mr Stewart - responded to a number of questions from Members.

The Committee commended Council Officers for the work involved in the preparation of the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts.

It was proposed by Councillor M McKeever, seconded by Councillor A Ewing and agreed to recommend that the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (which included the Governance statement) be approved and – in line with the authority delegated to the Committee by the Council in December 2023 - be submitted to the Northern Ireland Audit Office.

The Head of Finance would clarify the number of Council representatives on ARC 21.

3.1.2 Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council – Draft Report to Those Charged with Governance 2023-2024 (Report will never become available - Final certified accounts will be published)

In addition to the narrative report, Members had been provided with the Draft Report to Those Charged with Governance as issued by the Northern Ireland Audit Office.

The Chair, Alderman P Porter, invited Mr Brian Stewart from RBCA Accounting (the firm of auditors outsourced by the NI Audit Office) to present the draft report.

Mr Stewart made a verbal presentation to the Committee, highlighting the key points in the report. Mr Stewart and the Officers responded to a number of comments and questions raised by Members.

The Chair and Members commended the Council Officers for their efforts in bringing about the successful report and - following further discussion - the Report to Those Charged with Governance in regard to Lisburn & Castlereagh Council for 2023-2024 was noted by the Committee on a Proposal made by Councillor S Lowry and seconded by Alderman O Gawith.

Resumption of Normal Business

It was proposed by Councillor M McKeever, seconded by Councillor A Ewing and agreed to come “out of Committee” and normal business was resumed.

The Chair, Alderman P Porter, expressed his thanks to Councillor S Burns who – in Alderman Porter’s absence - had chaired the meeting of Committee on the 12th September 2024.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 6.20 pm.

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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 1st October 2024 at 6.00 pm.****PRESENT IN COUNCIL CHAMBER (COMMITTEE):**

Councillor D J Craig (Chairperson)

Alderman H Legge (Vice Chairperson)

Deputy Mayor, Councillor R Carlin

Aldermen A Grehan and A McIntyre

Councillors D Bassett, R T Beckett, J Gallen, B Higginson, C Kemp, S Lowry, and G Thompson

PRESENT IN A REMOTE LOCATION (COMMITTEE)The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor K Dickson
Alderman S Skillen**OTHER MEMBERS OF COUNCIL PRESENT IN COUNCIL CHAMBER & IN A REMOTE LOCATION**

Councillors A Gowan and M McKeever (Chamber)

Councillors G Hynds and P Kennedy (Remote)

IN ATTENDANCE:Director of Leisure & Community Wellbeing
Head of Communities
Head of Sports Services
Acting Head of Parks & Amenities
Member Services Officers (BS & CH)**Commencement of Meeting**

The Chairperson, Councillor D J Craig, welcomed everyone to the October meeting of the Communities & Wellbeing Committee and advised that the meeting 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.

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

The Chairperson 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.

Commencement of Meeting (Cont'd)

The Chairperson, Councillor D J Craig, put on record his thanks and appreciation to the Vice-Chairperson, Alderman H Legge, for her help and support during the past month. He expressed appreciation that Alderman Legge had stood in for him at very short notice on occasions.

1. Apologies

Apologies for non-attendance at the meeting were accepted and recorded on behalf of Councillors G McCleave and T Mitchell.

2. Declarations of Interest

During the course of the meeting the following Members declared a non-pecuniary declaration in respect of item 5.1 Sports Accelerator Fund – DEA Sports Funding 2024-2025:

- Councillor A Gowan - in view of a family member being a member of Dromara Village Football Club and Lisnagarvey Hockey Club.
- Alderman H Legge, Vice Chairperson - in view of a family member being a member of Pheonix Basketball Club
- Councillor C Kemp - in view of her membership of the Committee of St Joseph's GAC, Glenavy.
- Alderman A Grehan - in view of her membership of the Board of Ballymacash Football Club.

3. Report of Director of Leisure & Community Wellbeing

3.1 Motion - Caleb's Cause

The Committee considered a report by the Director of Leisure & Community Wellbeing on the subject of Caleb's Cause, it being noted that this motion had been raised by Councillor M McKeever under Any Other Business at the meeting of Council on 24 September 2024. The Committee had been granted delegated authority by the Council to consider this motion.

Councillor A Gowan entered the meeting at 6.05 pm.

The Chairperson, Councillor D J Craig, invited Councillor M McKeever to present his motion, as outlined below:

3.1 Motion - Caleb's Cause (Cont'd)

"This Council supports the spirit of Caleb's Cause NI, a grass-roots movement started by Caleb's mother, Alma White, whose son lives with autism and learning disabilities. At its core, Caleb's Cause NI aims to close the disparity in opportunities for young adults with disabilities accessing further education opportunities and to develop as individuals.

Caleb's Cause NI calls for the introduction of legislation to bring in post-19 Education Health and Care (EHC) Plans for these young people.

As a show of support, this Council will:

- a) pass this motion showing its support for Caleb's Cause NI demonstrating the Council's commitment to improving post-19 provision for individuals with Special Educational Needs
- b) write to the Minister for the Economy, Minister for Health and Minister for Education urging them to consider introducing legislation to introduce post-19 EHC plans; and furthermore asks them to prioritise cross-departmental collaboration on planning and implementing any changes given the cross-cutting nature of this request, and
- c) lights up Lagan Valley Island in blue and purple to raise awareness and show solidarity with the campaign using the hashtag #Caleb's Cause NI on social media posts.

Councillor McKeever thanked the Committee for the opportunity to present his motion that evening, which he stated was a subject close to his own heart both personally and professionally.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor R Carlin, entered the meeting at 6.09 pm.

Councillor McKeever addressed his motion during which he highlighted a number of key issues, including:

- the several charities across the Council area that are carrying out good work in the area of autism and learning difficulties
- having worked with adults and children in the field of social work he was well aware of the challenges many of these individuals, their families and carers faced,
- a change in legislation to introduce Education Health and Care plans would improve the quality of the lives of these individuals and their families,
- a recent review of Children's Social Care in Northern Ireland by Ray Jones highlighted the challenges to workstreams in place across Northern Ireland.

3.1 Motion - Caleb's Cause (Cont'd)

In concluding, Councillor McKeever paid tribute to Alma on her campaign for her son and others like him, and urged Members to listen to the voice of Alma and to support his motion.

Councillor A Gowan left the meeting at 6.13 pm.

In view of Councillor M McKeever not being a Member of the Community & Wellbeing Committee, Alderman A McIntyre formally proposed the motion as presented.

Alderman S Skillen having seconded the motion, spoke in support of Councillor McKeever's motion. She too referred to her own experience of a close family member having an autistic and non-verbal child, stating that she was very much aware of the challenges that lay ahead for this child's family. Alderman Skillen commended the efforts of Johnny Walker, the founder of the Four G Day Opportunity Service based in the Ballyoran Community Centre which provided opportunities for individuals with autism and learning difficulties. She referred also to other support groups in her DEA which were doing fantastic work, but which unfortunately were oversubscribed.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor R Carlin, Alderman H Legge and Councillor J Gallen, on behalf of their respective political parties, spoke in support of the motion. The Chairperson, Councillor D J Craig, also spoke in support of the motion, having stated that this was a matter close to his heart also, his Mayoral charity having been Autism NI.

The motion on the subject of Caleb's Cause NI, as proposed by Alderman A McIntyre and seconded by Alderman S Skillen, was put to the meeting and agreed unanimously.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor K Dickson, joined the meeting remotely during this item of business (6.14 pm).

4. Report of the Head of Communities

4.1 Good Relations Project Support Fund 2024/2025

The Head of Communities outlined the background and key issues in connection with the Good Relations Project Support Fund 2024/2025 which had been developed as a key element of the overall Council's Good Relations Action Plan 2024/2025 and which received financial assistance from The Executive Office. It was noted that the Good Relations Action Plan had been approved by the Committee at its meeting on 3 September 2024, and which included the above-mentioned Good Relations Project Support Fund initiative.

4.1 Good Relations Project Support Fund 2024/2025 (Cont'd)

A copy of the applications received and the outcomes of the assessments had been appended to the Officers report along with the Equality Screening report and the Rural Needs Impact Assessment.

In her report, the Head of Communities had recommended to the Committee that in order to remain with the budget of £20,000 the award of a grant be awarded to each successful applicant with a 29.6% reduction in the financial allocation, and that the unsuccessful applicants receive feedback and support from Officers as required.

Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor B Higginson, seconded by Alderman A McIntyre, and agreed to recommend that:

- a) the 29.6% reduction be not applied to the financial allocations and that Officers identify the sum of £8,000 from a suitable budget which would ensure that the successful groups received their full allocation of funding applied for, and
- b) the unsuccessful applicants receive feedback and support from Officers as required.

In response to questions from a Member the Director of Leisure & Community Wellbeing provided clarification on the different funding streams for various projects across the Directorate and undertook to identify the most appropriate budget from across the Department which would ensure the full allocation of funding, based on their weighted score, to all successful groups in respect of the Good Relations Project support fund.

Councillor A Gowan returned to the meeting during this item of business (6.26 pm).

5. Report of Head of Sports Services

5.1 Sports Accelerator Fund - DEA Sports Funding 2024/2025

The Head of Sports Services outlined the background and key issues in connection with the Sports Accelerator Fund – DEA Sports Funding 2025/2025 which had been allocated a budget of £100,000 as part of the DEA Investment Programme to support local constituted and affiliated to Sport Lisburn Castlereagh Clubs. It was noted that the maximum allocation per Club was £3,000.

Details of the scoring mechanism had been set out in the Officer's report which included thresholds which ensured that all eligible clubs received an allocation.

The Committee had been furnished with a copy of a paper setting out each of the funding allocations as well as the scoring result for each club.

5.1 Sports Accelerator Fund - DEA Sports Funding 2024/2025 (Cont'd)

It was noted that following the assessment based on the agreed scoring mechanism there was a shortfall of £4,883, and that this additional contribution could be accessed through the DEA Investment Programme as the Director had responsibility to re-direct small amounts of budget across Investment Programme whilst remaining within the overall budget.

The Head of Sport Services responded to questions and comments from Members in connection with a) the criteria that clubs had to be registered with Sport Lisburn and Castlereagh in order to be eligible to apply for funding from the Sports Accelerator Fund, b) the reason why some groups had scored below threshold, and c) the importance of feedback.

It was proposed by Alderman A McIntyre, seconded by Councillor R T Beckett, and agreed that the award of grants to all 46 successful applicants be noted and that Officers provide feedback and support to the unsuccessful applicants.

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Newtownbreda Football Pitch Councillor B Higginson

The Head of Parks and Amenities (Acting) responded to comments from Councillor B Higginson in regard to repairs that were required to the netting at the football pitches in Newtownbreda as well as repairs that were required to the goal posts at the smaller pitch.

6.2 Change in Winter Fuel Payment Policy and Support to Most Vulnerable Alderman S Skillen

Alderman S Skillen referred to the matter she had raised at the Council meeting on 24 September in regard to the need to support groups across the Council area through any underspends in hardship funding grants, the aim of which would be to support the most vulnerable across the Council area who would suffer as they were no longer eligible to receive the Government's Winter Fuel payment. Alderman Skillen asked if a report on this area of work could come to the Committee for consideration.

The Director of Leisure & Community Wellbeing advised that the Chairperson, Councillor Craig, would be discussing this matter with relevant Officers and that the outcome would be communicated to Members accordingly.

The Director reminded the Committee that at the Meeting of Council the previous week the Notice of Motion on the change of policy for the Winter Fuel Payment scheme had been considered and agreed, and that letters from the Council had been issued to the Prime Minister and the Minister for Communities.

6.2 Change in Winter Fuel Payment Policy and Support to Most Vulnerable (Cont'd)
Alderman S Skillen

In response to comments from the Committee, Alderman Skillen elaborated on the type of support that she would welcome, such as the provision of warm spaces at community centres or the provision of winter warmer packs.

Alderman A Grehan put on record that the Labour Government had a responsibility to assist local councils in supporting the most vulnerable residents who would suffer as a result of this policy change to the Winter Fuel payment.

7. Confidential Report from Director of Leisure & Community Wellbeing

The Chairperson, Councillor D J Craig, advised that the confidential reports would be considered in Confidential Business due to containing relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information).

In Committee

It was proposed by Councillor R T Beckett, seconded by Alderman A Grehan, and agreed that the Confidential Reports of the Director be considered "in Committee". The recording was paused at this stage in proceedings, and any members of the press and public left the meeting.

7.1 Update Position on the Refurbishment and Reinvigoration of the former Hilden Primary School
 (Redacted report to be published following ratification)

Presented by the Head of Communities.

In response to questions and comments from Members the Director:

- a) clarified the process for the reporting of Tender reports and undertook to furnish the Committee with the Tender report for the above capital project, and
- b) undertook to consider the suggestion of including a book launch within this programme of events in association with the Irish Linen Centre & Lisburn Museum.

It was proposed by Alderman A McIntyre, seconded by Councillor B Higginson, and agreed that the Director's report on the updated position on the refurbishment and reinvigoration of the former Hilden Primary School be noted, including:

- a) the full business case and associated appended documents, and

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7.1 Update Position on the Refurbishment and Reinvigoration of the former Hilden Primary School (Cont'd)

- b) the Activity Plan setting out the engagement and heritage work being planned to be undertaken by the Lisburn Museum in partnership with the Resurgam Trust.

7.2 Agahlee Changing Pavilion – Business Case
(Redacted Report to be published November 2024)

Presented by the Head of Parks & Amenities.

It was proposed by Councillor R T Beckett, seconded by Councillor C Kemp, and agreed to recommend that the business case for the provision of a new changing pavilion at Aghalee football pitch be approved and that this project progresses to tender stage.

7.3 Seycon Park Changing Pavilion – Business Case
(Redacted Report to be published November 2024)

It was proposed by Councillor R T Beckett, seconded by Alderman H Legge, and agreed to recommend that the business case for the provision of a new changing pavilion at Seycon Park football pitch be approved and that this project progresses to tender stage.

8. Any Other Business – Confidential

8.1 Re-Development of Dundonald International Ice Bowl
Director of Leisure & Community Wellbeing

The Director of Leisure & Community Wellbeing provided the Committee with a verbal update in connection with the progress of the above re-development project, it being noted that the contractor was on site. The Director advised that the Contractor was due to provide an update on the programme timeframe for this project and that a further update report would be presented to a future meeting of the Committee.

In response to comments from a Member the Director undertook to liaise with the Communications team in connection with the preparation of a suitable 'comms piece' for issue to constituents and communities.

Councillor C Kemp left and returned to the Chamber during this item (7.04 pm and 7.07 pm respectively).

8.2 Departmental Finances & UK Shared Prosperity Fund
Deputy Mayor, Councillor R Carlin

The Director of Leisure & Community Wellbeing responded to questions from the Deputy Mayor in regard to the current financial position across all

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8.2 Departmental Finances & UK Shared Prosperity Fund (Cont'd)
Deputy Mayor, Councillor R Carlin

Directorates and also in regard to the impact of the funding that was due to come to councils from the Government's UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

The Director responded to a number of comments by another Member in regard to the Council's assets and the need for a more strategic approach. The Director undertook to raise these issues at the next meeting of the Corporate Management Team.

Councillor B Higginson left the meeting at 7.21 pm.

8.3 Lough Moss Leisure Centre Roof
Councillor D Bassett

Councillor Bassett raised the issue of the on-going leak in the roof of Lough Moss Leisure Centre and requested that Officers progress the repair of same.

8.4 Carryduff Christmas Market
Councillor D Bassett

In response to Councillor Bassett's question in regard to the location of the Carryduff Christmas Market the Director advised that she would liaise with the Director of Regeneration & Growth as there had been ongoing discussions, and revert to Councillor Bassett thereon.

Resumption of Normal Business

It was proposed by Councillor D Bassett, seconded by Councillor S Lowry, and agreed to come "out of Committee". Normal business and audio recording were resumed.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 7.25 pm.

MAYOR/CHAIR

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL**Minutes of Meeting of the Environment & Sustainability Committee held in the Council Chamber, Island Civic Centre, on Wednesday 2nd October 2024 at 6.00 pm.****PRESENT IN CHAMBER (COMMITTEE):**

Councillor P Catney (Chair)
 Councillor G Hynds (Vice-Chair)
 Aldermen J Baird, O Gawith, A McIntyre and J Tinsley
 Councillors P Kennedy, C McCreedy, M McKeever, R McLernon and N Parker

PRESENT IN REMOTE LOCATION (COMMITTEE):

The Right Worshipful The Mayor
 Councillor K Dickson
 Alderman S Skillen
 Councillor A Gowan

OTHER MEMBERS OF COUNCIL PRESENT IN CHAMBER:

Alderman A Grehan
 Councillor U Mackin

OTHER MEMBERS OF COUNCIL PRESENT IN REMOTE LOCATION:

Alderman M Gregg
 Councillor A Givan

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive
 Acting Director of Environmental Services (RH)
 Head of Service (Building Control & Sustainability) (CD)
 Head of Service (Waste Management & Operational Services) (WM)
 Acting Head of Service (Environmental Health, Risk & Emergency Planning) (SC)
 Member Services Officer (CA & RN)

Commencement of the Meeting

The Chair, Councillor P Catney, welcomed all present to the meeting including the significant number of persons seated in the Public Gallery, and advised that the meeting would be audio recorded unless the item on the agenda was to be considered under confidential business.

The Chair stated that unauthorised recording was not permitted, as per the Council's Standing Orders. The Chair 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 Chair asked that those attending via zoom ensure that the meeting could neither be seen nor heard by any other person at their remote location when confidential business was being considered.

The Acting Director of Environmental Services proceeded to outline 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 S Burns.

2. Declarations of Interest

The following Declaration of Interest was made:

- Alderman J Baird in respect of Item 3.1 – “Consultation on the Draft Environmental Protection (Single-Use Vapes) Regulations (NI) 2024. (Single-vape user)

3. Report by Acting Head of Service (Environmental Health, Risk & Emergency Planning)

3.1 Department of Agriculture, Environment & Rural Affairs (DAERA)
Consultation on the Draft Environmental Protection (Single-Use Vapes)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2024

In addition to the narrative report, Members had been provided with the following:-

- Draft Environmental Protection (Single-Use Vapes) Regulations (NI) 2024;
- Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council's draft response to the consultation.

It was proposed by Alderman J Tinsley, seconded by Alderman O Gawith and agreed to recommend that the Council's response to the above consultation be approved and be submitted to DAERA, it being noted that DAERA had been requested to extend the closing date for the receipt of the Council's response.

3.2 Department of Health
Consultation - New Public Health Bill
(Closing date: 14th October 2024)

This matter has been discussed by the Committee at its meeting held on the 4th September 2024 and subsequently referred back by the Council at its meeting held on the 24th September 2024.

3.2 Department of Health
Consultation - New Public Health Bill
(Closing date: 14th October 2024) (Continued)

Several members voiced their concerns that the consultation would evoke varying responses, amongst other things - being influenced by personal beliefs and experiences of measures put in place during the Covid-19 pandemic.

It was proposed by Alderman J Tinsley, seconded by Councillor G Hynds and agreed that the draft Council response be not progressed and that – instead - political parties and/or individuals submit responses to the consultation by the stipulated closing date of the 14th October 2024.

4. Report by Head of Service (Waste Management & Operational Services)

4.1 Department of Agriculture, Environment & Rural Affairs (DAERA)
Consultation – “Proposed New Code of Practice on Sampling and
Reporting at Materials Facilities”
(Closing date: 12th November 2024)

A brief outline of the content and objectives of the above consultation had been provided in the report, with full details being available at <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-proposed-new-code-practice-sampling-and-reporting-materials-facilities>.

Members had been invited to provide the Head of Service by close of business on the 4th October 2024 with any comments they might wish to have included in the draft response to be prepared on behalf of the Council. The draft response would be presented to the November 2024 meeting of Committee.

It was proposed by Alderman J Tinsley, seconded by Alderman J Baird and agreed to recommend that:-

- any comments that Members might wish to make on the consultation be provided to the Head of Waste Management & Operational Services by close of business on the 4th October 2024;
- at its meeting to be held on the 22nd October 2024, the Council delegate authority to the Environment & Sustainability Committee to agree the draft response to the consultation at its November 2024 meeting so that the response might be submitted to DAERA by the stipulated closing date of the 12th November 2024.

4.2 Drinking Water Refill Stations at Council Facilities

The Head of Service reminded Members that a drinking water refill station had been operational at the Civic headquarters at Lagan Valley Island since June 2021. Since that date, a further nine locations had been added and these were listed in the report. A further two sites are under consideration. Staff members at each of the facilities are responsible for ensuring the maintenance and functionality of the taps.

4.2 Drinking Water Refill Stations at Council Facilities (Continued)

Details of the initiative can be found at

<https://www.lisburncastlereagh.gov.uk/w/water-refill-stations>

The provision of the taps and the associated promotion of the provision helps deliver an action in the Council's draft Climate Action Plan to "continue to promote reuse and refill initiatives in order to mitigate against further climate impacts from disposable water bottles."

It was proposed by Councillor M McKeever, seconded by Councillor N Parker and agreed to recommend that:-

- the report on this matter be noted;
- any suggestions on further proposed locations for drinking water refill stations be provided to the Head of Waste Management & Operations.

In this regard, Councillor N Parker reiterated her comments made at the previous meeting that there should be such provision at all Council facilities. In addition, there was a call for the provision of drinking water refill stations to be more widespread, including that within the shopping areas of the Council's area.

5. Any Other Business (Agenda Item 6.0 refers)

No items of a non-confidential nature were raised.

6. Confidential Report by the Acting Director of Environmental Services (Agenda Item 5.0 refers)

The Chair, Councillor P Catney, advised that the confidential report item 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 Alderman J Baird, seconded by Councillor C McCready and agreed that the following matter be considered "in Committee", in the absence of members of the press and public being present.

The persons seated in the Public Gallery and in the Press area left the Council Chamber. (6.15 pm).

6.1 Free Car Parking – Update & Strategy
(Redacted report and redacted appendices following Council ratification)

Presented by the Acting Head of Service (Environmental Health, Risk & Emergency Planning).

In addition to the narrative report which reported extensively on free car parking on Saturdays during the Christmas/New Year period of December 2024 followed by January 2025, the following documents were provided:-

- a statement of feedback by Economic Development on the free December/January car parking of 2022/2023 and the proposal for same in 2023/2024 (Saturdays only). The statement had been based on two surveys – one in regard to business owners and the other in regard to on-street pedestrians.
- “Lisburn and Castlereagh City Parking Strategy: Stage 4 – Parking Strategy & Action Plan” dated May 2019.

Based on the outcome of the surveys and the Economic Development statement, a recommendation as to car parking on Saturdays in December 2024/January 2025 was set out in the report.

It was proposed by Councillor C McCready, seconded by Councillor G Hynds and agreed to recommend that:-

- free-of-charge car parking that is due to take place on Saturdays in December 2024 be extended to the Saturdays of January 2025, and that this be widely publicised, and that sufficient data gathering of the impact of free car parking is undertaken;
- the situation be reviewed for the 2025/2026 Christmas/New Year period by which time the Car Parking Strategy may have been reviewed and which might address seasonal usage, new technology and pricing solutions.

During discussion, and before any decisions:-

- The Right Worshipful The Mayor, Councillor K Dickson, joined the meeting on a remote basis at 6.15 pm and left it at 6.20 pm.
- Councillor A Givan left the meeting on a remote basis at 6.20 pm.
- Alderman M Gregg left the meeting on a remote basis at 6.20 pm and returned to it at 6.23 pm.
- Councillor A Gowan left the meeting on a remote basis at 6.27 pm.
- Councillor R McLernon entered the Council Chamber at 6.34 pm.

7. Any Other Business (Confidential)

7.1 Refuse Collection Vehicles
Alderman J Baird

Alderman J Baird referred to the decision of the previous meeting that a possible increase to the capital budget be investigated as soon as possible so as to support and progress further purchases of new fleet, thereby ensuring the continued provision of services that the Council are legally obliged to deliver.

The Acting Director of Environmental Services advised that it was hoped that a report on this matter - to include a future strategy on Refuse Collection Vehicle (RCV) provision and the "health" of the current fleet - could be presented to the Committee by its January 2025 meeting.

Alderman A Grehan left the Council Chamber during discussion of this item.
(6.50 pm)

7.2 Roll-Out of Kerbside Model for Refuse Collection
Councillor M McKeever

In response to comments made by Councillor M McKeever, the Acting Director of Environmental Services provided an update on the roll-out of the Kerbside Model for Refuse Collection.

Resumption of Normal Business

It was proposed by Councillor C McCready, seconded by Alderman J Tinsley and agreed to come "out of Committee" and normal business was resumed.

The Chair expressed his thanks to Members for their constructive input to the proceedings and - there being no further business, the meeting concluded at 7.10 pm.

Chairperson

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL**Minutes of Meeting of the Regeneration & Growth Committee held in the Council Chamber, Island Civic Centre, The Island, Lisburn on Thursday 3rd October 2024 at 6 pm****PRESENT IN THE CHAMBER:**

Alderman A Grehan (Chairperson)

Alderman A G Ewart MBE (Vice Chairperson)

Aldermen J Baird and M Gregg

Councillors J Gallen, A Gowan, J Harpur, C Kemp, U Mackin, T Mitchell, C McCready and N Parker

REMOTE ATTENDANCE:

Councillor J Lavery BEM

OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillors G Hynds, G McCleave, G McKeever and N Trimble

IN ATTENDANCEDirector of Regeneration & Growth
Head of Economic Development
Head of Assets
Member Services Officers (CH and CR)
IT Officer**Commencement of Meeting**

The Chairperson, Alderman A Grehan, 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 Chair stated that unauthorised recording was not permitted, as per the Council's Standing Orders. The Chair 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 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 Director of Regeneration & Growth 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 Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor K Dickson together with Councillors P Burke and A Martin.

2. Declarations of Interest

The Director of Regeneration and Growth brought Item 4.3 'Development of Barbour Gardens' to the Committees attention, advising those Members who had membership of the Planning Committee that they may wish to leave the Chamber during discussion of that item of business, or alternatively, if they chose to remain for the item of business they would consider declaring an interest at any future Planning Committee in relation to the matter.

The following interests were declared:

- Councillor G McCleave in respect of item 4.5 'Small Settlements Update and Further Consideration' given that he resided within a development where a play park upgrade was recommended;
- Alderman M Gregg in respect of item 4.3 'Development of Barbour Gardens' given that he was a member of the Planning Committee.

3. Head of Service Reports

3.1 Report by the Head of Economic Development

3.1.1 Industrial Decarbonisation for Northern Ireland (ID-NI) - Knockmore Hill Industrial Cluster

The Head of Economic Development's report outlined the background and key issues in connection with the Industrial Decarbonisation for Northern Ireland (ID-NI) - Knockmore Hill Industrial Cluster.

It was reported that IDNI was an Innovate UK funded programme, which was led by Invest NI and included Manufacturing NI, Mineral Products Association, Ulster University, Queens, all 11 Councils, NIEN, SONI, Gas Operators, NI Water, DAERA, DFE, DFI, NI Chambers and others. It was further explained that the partnership aimed to create a decarbonization plan for Northern Ireland's industry by the end of 2024 and had identified a minimum of four industrial clusters of high energy users, within a defined geographical area.

3.1.1 Industrial Decarbonisation for Northern Ireland (ID-NI) - Knockmore Hill Industrial Cluster Cont'd

It was noted that an ID-NI workshop had taken place at Lagan Valley Island on Wednesday 12 June 2024, with a total of 52 attendees which included 36 businesses, 12 Stakeholders and four Council representatives. Attendees received information on ID-NI and were signposted to sign up to the Invest NI Portal.

The Committee had been furnished with a map of the Knockmore Hill Industrial Park and noted that the Knockmore Hill/Lissue industrial area, within Lisburn and Castlereagh had been selected as one of the four industrial cluster projects within Northern Ireland.

The Head of Economic Development responded to a number of comments and questions from the committee arising from the report. In response to a query raised by a member of the committee in relation to financial implications, the Head of Economic Development clarified that the Councils provision of programme support would not incur any additional financial implications beyond the existing funding already allocated within the green growth programme.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Alderman M Gregg, seconded by Councillor T Mitchell, and agreed to recommend that:

- a) LCCC businesses being one of four industrial clusters in NI be noted; and
- b) ongoing co-ordination and programme support in conjunction with Invest NI be approved.

3.1.2 Labour Market Partnership – Additional Funding Bids for Childcare Academies

The Head of Economic Development's report outlined the background and key issues in connection with the Lisburn and Castlereagh Labour Market Partnership design and the additional funding bids for Childcare Academies.

The Head of Economic Development reminded the Committee that it had considered and agreed the draft Action Plan at its meeting in June 2024, in order that the initiatives funded exclusively from the Council's match funding could proceed, and the planning for the delivery of the associated initiatives could progress subject to funding.

The Committee noted that the Council was now in receipt of the final Letter of Offer from the Department for Communities for the full amount of funding of £361,882.99 for the activities presented under the 24/25 Action Plan.

3.1.2 Labour Market Partnership – Additional Funding Bids for Childcare Academies Cont'd

It was reported that following a special meeting on 9 August, DfC advised all LMPs that additional funding had been sourced by the Department of Education (DE) to support childminding and from the Department for the Economy (DfE) for childcare, and following an open call for Expressions of Interest, two separate undernoted bids were submitted:

1. Childminding Academy for 13 participants at a cost of £26,000. Participants would have the opportunity to gain qualifications in Paediatric First Aid, Safeguarding Children, Health and Safety, Business Development and Marketing; and
2. Higher Level Childcare Academy for eight participants at a cost of £25,000. The academy would provide candidates with the skills needed to apply for positions within childcare as supervisor/room leader and provide ongoing support through a dedicated mentor to complete the L3 qualification.

It was noted that following submission of the bids to DfC a Letter of Offer was issued on 17 September 2024, for the Childminding Academy as per the submission.

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

- a) the Letter of Offer received for the Childminding Academy and any subsequent Letter of Offer for the Childcare Academy be accepted; and
- b) procurement for both Academies via the Belfast City Council Framework be approved, should this be the most expedient way to ensure delivery within the specified timeframes.

3.2 Report by the Head of Assets

3.2.1 Land Assembly Proposal

The Head of Assets outlined the background and key issues in connection with an option for enhanced blue/greenway provision within the Castlereagh South area. The Head of Assets explained that a residential street off the Purdysburn Road, close to Cairnshill Park and Ride, which was in close proximity to St Ita's Primary School became very congested at drop off and pick up times during term time, as parking within the school grounds was limited. It was further reported that the existing footpath along the busy Purdysburn Road was considered to present risks to the patrons of the school.

3.2.1 Land Assembly Proposal Cont'd

It was noted that an option had been identified to assemble a piece of land to enable a phased approach to a wider path network as part of the Capital Programme considerations.

The Head of Assets explained that as the Council had previously considered creating a network of greenways within the DEA, the option to acquire the piece of land and the installation of the pathway would act as a starting point for any future greenway paths and would align with the Council's Corporate Plan relating to Health and Wellbeing. It was further explained that the initial phase would enable parents to park their cars in the Park and Ride car park and walk their children safely to school in the first instance and ultimately form part of that wider network.

Separately officers had also submitted two expressions of land interests in the adjacent lands to provide for future consideration by members to understand the opportunities as per the Council's agreed works programme. The Committee had been furnished with the following:

- a map showing proposed pathway,
- a map of land to be acquired,
- equality screening document, and
- rural needs impact assessment.

Officers responded to a number of comments and questions from Members arising from the report. A number of Members paid tribute to Officers for their ongoing work on the project and to Michelle Guy for spearheading the project during her time as an Elected Member at Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council.

It was proposed by Councillor J Gallen, seconded by Councillor J Harpur, and agreed to recommend that:

- a) entering into an options agreement, or similar be approved, for the acquisition of the land from Northern Ireland Water for the construction of the greenway path adjacent to the covered reservoir;
- b) entering into agreement with the Department for Infrastructure for the creation of an entrance linking with the Park and Ride be approved; and
- c) the execution of these agreements be subject to the progression of the project proposals within the Council's Capital Programme.

The Chair, Alderman A Grehan, advised that Any Other Business would be considered at this point in the meeting.

4. Any Other Business

4.1 Hydebank Refurbishment - Water Fountain for Dogs Councillor J Gallen

Responding to a request by Councillor J Gallen for an external water fountain for dogs as part of the Hydebank refurbishment, the Head of Assets confirmed that Officers were currently looking into the request.

4.2 Local Economic Partnerships Director of Regeneration and Growth

The Director of Regeneration and Growth provided a verbal update to the Committee in relation to proposals, which had been announced the previous day by the Department for the Economy, in relation the Local Economic Partnerships.

It was reported that the document included a series of options to create Local Enterprise Partnerships with the undernoted objectives:

- helping business drive towards net zero,
- increase quality of jobs,
- improving productivity, and
- creating a balanced economy.

The Director undertook to circulate the document to Members for further consideration. Members also noted that a paper on the matter would be tabled to a future meeting of the Regeneration and Growth Committee.

5. Confidential Report by the Director of Regeneration & Growth

The Chairperson, Alderman A Grehan, advised that confidential report items 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),
- information likely to reveal the identity of an individual, and
- 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 if, or office holders under the Council.

In Committee

It was proposed by Alderman J Baird, seconded by Councillor A Gowan, and agreed that the Confidential Reports be considered "in Committee" in the absence of press or members of the public. The member of the press seated in the public gallery left the Council Chamber (6.39 pm).

5.1 Public Realm CCTV Integration
(Redacted report will be made available in January 2026)

Councillor A Gowan left the meeting at 6.52 pm and returned (6.55 pm).
Alderman J Baird left the meeting at 7.24 pm and returned (7.30 pm).
Councillor G Hynds left the meeting (7.26 pm).
Councillor T Mitchell left the meeting (7.30 pm).
Councillor N Parker left the meeting at 7.41 pm and returned (7.44 pm).
Councillor A Gowan left the meeting at 7.51 pm and returned (7.54 pm).

Both the Director of Regeneration and Growth and Councillor N Trimble paid tribute to board members for their continued support in finding a solution on the matters at hand.

The Director of Regeneration and Growth responded to a number of questions by Members arising from the report.

Following lengthy discussion, it was proposed by Alderman J Baird, seconded by Alderman M Gregg, and agreed to recommend that:

- a) progress to date and the complexities involved in bringing forward a seamless solution be noted,
- b) the next steps as outlined in the report be approved, with the exception of steps one and five, which was agreed would need further consideration at a future meeting of the Regeneration and Growth Committee,
- c) an extension of the existing security contract be approved, as detailed in the report, and in addition to the Officer's recommendations,
- d) that the PSNI's official position in relation to the matter be sought in writing, and
- e) further engagement be held with City Watch to ascertain their most up to date position, and details of both be included in a future report to the Regeneration and Growth Committee.

In seconding the proposal, Alderman M Gregg placed on record his disappointment of not being presented with alternative options, and felt Members had no choice other than to accept the Officers recommendations as outlined above.

5.2 Drumlough Landfill Site
(Redacted report will be made available following signing and sealing)

Councillor U Mackin left the meeting (8.11 pm).

5.2 Drumlough Landfill Site Cont'd

Following discussion, it was proposed by Alderman J Baird, seconded by Councillor A Gowan, and agreed to recommend that the terms of licence as outlined in the report be approved.

5.3 Development of Barbour Gardens

(Redacted report will be made available following Council ratification)

Alderman M Gregg left the meeting and 8.13 pm and returned (8.30 pm).

Councillor C McCready left the meeting (8.14 pm).

Alderman A G Ewart left the meeting at 8.15 and returned (8.18 pm).

Report Presented by the Head of Assets. Officers responded to a number of questions from the Committee arising from the report.

Councillor N Trimble put on record his opposition to the Officers recommendations as set out in the report.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor A Gowan, seconded by the Vice-Chairperson, Alderman A G Ewart, and agreed to recommend that the recommendations as outlined in the report be agreed in principle, with a report to be brought back to the committee following the outcome of a public consultation.

5.4 BMX Club Lease Extension and Amendment

(Redacted report will be made available following Council ratification)

Councillor N Trimble left the meeting (8.33 pm).

Councillor C Kemp left the meeting at 8.42 pm and returned (8.45 pm).

Report presented by the Head of Assets. Officers responded to a number of questions from the Committee arising from the report.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor N Parker, seconded by Councillor A Gowan and agreed to recommend that:

- a) the notice received for a new ten-year lease to commence 1st March 2025 be approved,
- b) any proposed amend to incorporate the Skateboard Park and Strating Ramp be approved,

and in addition to the Officer's recommendations,
- c) a paper be tabled to a future meeting of the Regeneration and Growth Committee, detailing rental charges for all sporting and community groups within the Council area.

5.5 Small Settlements Update and Further Consideration

(Redacted report will be made available following Council ratification)

In response to a request made by a Member of the Committee, the Director of Regeneration and Growth undertook to bring forward details of the revised BRCD programme.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor A Gowan, seconded by Councillor C Kemp, and agreed to recommend that:

- a) the update provided be noted, and
- b) the options presented for additional projects to be delivered from the potential underspend be approved.

5.6 Balmoral Show – Council Presence

(Redacted report will be made available following Council ratification)

Councillor J Gallen left the meeting (9.01 pm).

Report presented by the Head of Economic Development. Officers noted a number of Members comments around the lack of Council presence at the previous years show, and the desire going forward to have a Marquee similar to previous years, were feasible.

It was proposed by the Vice-Chairperson, Alderman A G Ewart, seconded by Councillor N Parker, and agreed to recommend that a further options paper on the matter be presented to a future meeting of the Regeneration and Growth Committee.

6. Confidential Any Other Business

6.1 Go Succeed Transfer

Director of Regeneration and Growth

Members noted a verbal update by the Director of Regeneration and Growth, in relation to correspondence received from the Department for the Economy regarding the Go Succeed transfer targets.

6.2 Carparking Survey Statistics
Councillor N Parker

In response to concerns raised by several Members in relation to the quality of data and statistics presented at Environment and Sustainability Committee the previous evening regarding a recent car parking survey, the Director of Regeneration and Growth noted Members' disappointment.

Resumption of Normal Business

It was proposed by Alderman J Baird, seconded by Vice-Chairperson, Alderman A G Ewart, and agreed to come out of Committee and normal business was resumed.

Conclusion of Meeting

The Chairperson thanked everyone for their attendance and there being no further business for consideration the meeting was concluded at 9.19 pm.

Chairperson

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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 9th October 2024 at 6.00 pm.****PRESENT IN COUNCIL CHAMBER (COMMITTEE):**

Councillor The Hon N Trimble (Chair)

Councillor N Eaton (Vice-Chair)

The Right Worshipful The Mayor
Councillor K Dickson

Aldermen A Ewart MBE, M Gregg, A Grehan and H Legge

Councillors T Beckett, A Ewing, A Givan, J Harpur, B Higginson, C Kemp, J Lavery BEM, and G McCleave

OTHER MEMBERS OF COUNCIL PRESENT IN COUNCIL CHAMBER:

Alderman O Gawith

Councillors P Catney and G Hynds

OTHER MEMBERS OF COUNCIL PRESENT IN REMOTE LOCATION:

Alderman S Skillen

IN ATTENDANCE:

Director of Finance & Corporate Services

Director of Organisation Development & Innovation

Head of Assets

Head of Corporate Communications & Administration

Head of Finance

Member Services Officers (RN & EW)

Commencement of Meeting

The Chair 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. 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.

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

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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.

Alderman A Grehan left the Chamber during the housekeeping announcements.
(6.03 pm)

1. Apologies

Apologies for non-attendance at the meeting were accepted and recorded on behalf of the Deputy Mayor, Councillor R Carlin; and Councillor P Burke.

2. Declarations of Interest

The Chair invited Members to declare any interests they might have in relation to the business of the meeting and reminded them of the requirement that they complete Declaration of Interest forms in this regard which had been provided with the papers for the meeting and which were also available in the Chamber.

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3. Report of Head of Organisation Development & Innovation

3.1 Equality Update

In addition to the narrative report, an update on the Equality Scheme had been provided. As well as a general update, the report advised of actions related to the Notice of Motion on the subject of the LGBTQ+ community as presented to the Council at its meeting held on the 22nd August 2023 and thereafter considered by the Corporate Services Committee on the 13th September 2023.

The Directors responded to Members' questions.

The Right Worshipful The Mayor, Councillor K Dickson, expressed his thanks to the Officers for progressing the LGBTQ+ Notice of Motion and for briefing both him and Councillor D Bassett (proposer of the Notice of Motion). Councillor Dickson looked forward to the Council building on the measures already put in place.

The Right Worshipful The Mayor and other Members welcomed the proposed establishment of the Disability Forum.

The overall updated Equality Scheme was welcomed by the Chair and a number of other Members.

3.1 Equality Update (Continued)

It was agreed that the report of the Director of Organisation Development & Innovation and the attendant Equality update be noted.

It was further agreed on a Proposal made by Councillor C Kemp and seconded by Councillor G McCleave that any appropriate forthcoming consultations and documents published by the Council incorporate an “easy read” version.

Councillor C Kemp asked to have placed on record her concerns in relation to Equality Screenings both in terms of when they are applied, and – at times - their relevance and/or absence of data. The Director of Organisation Development & Innovation noted these comments.

Councillor A Givan asked to have placed on record that all sections of the community within Section 75 should be treated as equal and viewed as equal. There should be no hierarchy of importance within Section 75.

Alderman A Grehan returned to the Chamber during the presentation of this item. (6.06 pm)

4. Report of Head of Corporate Communications & Administration

4.1 Draft Illuminations Policy

In addition to the narrative report which set out the key changes to the Illuminations Policy, the following items had been provided:-

- Minutes of meetings of the Illuminations Working Group held on the 22nd November 2023, and the 16th January 2024;
- Draft illuminations Policy;
- Updated Equality Screening;
- Current Illuminations Policy (for comparative purposes only).

The Head of Service explained and elaborated on the draft policy and responded to Members' questions.

The Head of Service confirmed that any illuminations already agreed for 2025 would be honoured and that the call for applications would include those groups whose requests had been declined.

Subsequent to Council ratification on the 22nd October 2024, a call for applications for building illuminations would be made and based on the outcome thereof, the annual programme of building illuminations for 2025 would be presented to the December 2024 meeting of Committee.

4.1 Draft Illuminations Policy (Continued)

The social media information surrounding an illumination would be as informative as possible in regard to the aim, objectives and history of the charity involved. Furthermore, the publicity for an illumination would – if applicable – also refer to other illuminations that the Council may have programmed for related charities.

The Head of Service advised that - when the programme of building illuminations was being presented each year, the attendant report would include an evaluation of any feedback sourced from the Council's website and from the website of the charities in question.

In response to comments from Alderman H Legge, the Head of Service advised that an illumination for International Women's Day may be included within Section 6 – "Days of Observance" or – if agreed – added to the list that would be presented to the Committee in December 2024.

It was proposed by Councillor C Kemp, seconded by Alderman H Legge and agreed to recommend that:-

- the Draft Illuminations Policy be approved;
- the minutes of the meetings of the Illuminations Working Group and the updated Equality Screening be noted.

The Chair thanked the Officers for the work associated with this matter and also the Members of the working group for their constructive input. These comments were endorsed by other Members present.

5. Any Other Business – Non-Confidential

5.1 Armed Forces Day 2027 Councillor B Higginson

Councillor B Higginson sought an update on the Council's application to host Armed Forces Day in 2027.

The Head of Corporate Communications & Administration advised of the receipt of an interim response but that there was no confirmation as yet.

5.2 Consultation – "The 'Good Jobs' Employment Rights Bill" Councillor C Kemp

Councillor C Kemp referred to the consultation from the Department for the Economy entitled "The 'Good Jobs' Employment Rights Bill" and to which a response (prepared by Officers) had been included in the October 2024 Information & Correspondence Schedule.

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5.2 Consultation – “The ‘Good Jobs’ Employment Rights Bill” (Continued)
Councillor C Kemp

Councillor Kemp referred to the extensive consultation period and expressed concern that it had apparently not be possible to bring the draft response to Committee.

The Head of Organisation Development & Innovation advised that – whilst the consultation period had been 1st July – 30th September 2024, the Council only received the consultation days prior to the closing date. An extension of time for submission of a response had been given for a period of two days only. For this reason, it had not been possible to bring the draft response to Committee; however it had been considered appropriate that a response be made.

Councillor C Kemp asked that it be noted that the response to the consultation by Officers was not supported by the Alliance Party NI.

5.3 “Blue Bridge” at Hilden
Councillor G Hynds

Councillor G Hynds enquired as to the ownership of the “Blue Bridge” at Hilden which had fallen into disrepair along with an adjacent fence.

The Chair, Councillor N Trimble, advised that the “Blue Bridge” was a Department for Infrastructure asset. The Head of Assets confirmed that this was likely the case but that she would confirm with DFI.

6. Confidential Report from Director of Finance & Corporate Services

The reasons for confidentiality were as set out in the agenda, ie:-

6.1 Report on Tender Awards

(Confidential for reason of information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information.)

Redacted report to be available following ratification and signing of contracts.

6.2 Estimates 2025/2026 – First Draft

(Confidential for reason of information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information.)

Report will never become available – Final Estimates will be released.

6.3 Reserves at 31st March 2024

(Confidential for reason of information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information.)

Redacted report will be available after Council ratification on the 22nd October 2024.

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6.4 Housing Ideation: Innovation Project

(Confidential for reason of information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information.)

Report will never become available.

In Committee

It was proposed by Councillor A Ewing, seconded by Councillor J Lavery and agreed that the Confidential Report of the Director be considered "in Committee". (Recording was paused at this stage in proceedings, and any members of the press and public left the meeting.) (6.42 pm)

The Head of Corporate Communications & Administration left the Chamber. (6.42 pm)

Alderman S Skillen left the meeting on a remote basis. (6.42 pm)

6.1 Report on Tender Awards

Presented by the Head of Assets who also responded to Members' questions.

Tender Reports and a Summary of Tenders Awarded had been provided with the narrative report.

It was proposed by Alderman M Gregg, seconded by Councillor J Lavery and agreed to recommend that the tenders awarded in regard to the following contracts, together with the attendant tender reports, be noted:-

- T24/25-012 – Gamified Learning Skills Programme – Re-Tender;
- T24/25-007 - Community Numeracy Bootcamp (Additional Needs).

It was further agreed to recommend that the signing and sealing of the Tender documents be approved.

The Head of Assets agreed to:-

- look into a revision of the format of tender reports so that the matrix of marks might be included;
- confirm the duration of the Gamified Learning Skills Programme and advise Alderman O Gawith accordingly.

The Director of Finance & Corporate Services noted comments about the minimum number of persons on a tender evaluation panel and confirmed that she was supportive of this.

6.1 Report on Tender Awards (Continued)

During this item of business:-

- Councillor G McCleave left the Chamber during the Head of Assets' presentation of T24/25-007 and returned to it during discussion. (6.45 pm and 6.47 pm respectively.)
- Councillor P Catney left the Chamber during discussion. (6.46 pm)
- Councillor B Higginson left and returned to the Chamber during discussion. (6.48 pm and 6.51 pm respectively.)

6.2 Estimates 2025/2026 – First Draft

Presented by the Head of Finance.

Members noted the content of the extensive narrative report in regard to the draft estimates for 2025/2026. The paper reflected discussions that had taken place at Members' workshops regarding the Estimates' process in September 2024.

The Director of Finance & Corporate Services and the Head of Finance responded to Members' questions. The request that any decisions to not fill posts should be reported to the Efficiency Review Steering Group was noted.

During discussion, the Head of Corporate Communications & Administration returned to the Chamber at 6.58 pm. Both she and the Head of Assets left the Chamber at 6.59 pm.

6.3 Reserves at 31st March 2024

Presented by the Head of Finance.

In addition to the narrative report, tabular information on the Reserves Summary as at the 31st March 2024 was provided.

The Director of Finance & Corporate Service and the Head of Finance responded to Members' questions. The Director referenced the minute of the previous meeting which had referred to Capital movements.

It was proposed by Alderman M Gregg, seconded by Councillor C Kemp and agreed to recommend that:-

- the report on Reserves be noted;
- subject to the deferral of the earmarked variance associated with the Local Development Plan, approval be granted for the earmarking/transfer of the various Reserves as detailed in the Head of Finance's report.

6.3 Reserves at 31st March 2024 (Continued)

There was discussion on legal costs and Judicial Review costs. The Director of Finance & Corporate Services said there would be additional analysis on legal costs in the Management Accounts going forward.

During discussion:-

- the Head of Assets returned to the Chamber. (7.03 pm)
- the Head of Corporate Communications & Administration returned to the Chamber. (7.05 pm)
- Alderman A Ewart left the Chamber. (7.17 pm)
- Alderman H Legge left the Chamber. (7.19 pm)

6.4 Housing Ideation: Innovation Project

Presented by the Director of Organisation Development & Innovation.

In addition to the narrative report, the following had been provided:-

- a proposal outlining a business innovation entitled "Innovation in Action - Housing Pilot Proposal: Ideation";
- a schedule of anticipated costs of Ideation.

With the aid of a shared-screen presentation, the Director explained the aims and objectives of the Housing Pilot Proposal.

It was proposed by Councillor A Givan and seconded by Councillor A Ewing that the Housing Pilot Proposal progress to Business Case stage. The proposal was put to the Meeting and – on a show of hands - declared "lost", the voting being two in favour, eight against and one abstention.

It was therefore agreed that the progression of the Housing Pilot Proposal to Business Case be not proceeded with.

During the presentation:-

- Councillors B Higginson and G Hynds left the Chamber. (7.22 pm)
- Councillor A Ewing left and returned to the Chamber. (7.22 pm and 7.40 pm respectively.)
- Councillor T Beckett left the Chamber. (7.30 pm)

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7. Any Other Business – Confidential

7.1 Reports/Surveys of Council Assets Alderman M Gregg

Alderman M Gregg considered that – on the occasions when the Committee was being recommended to agree expenditure for the maintenance of a Council asset – it should be a requirement that Members be provided with the associated “condition/survey of asset” report so that a considered decision could be made when committing expenditure.

Alderman Gregg asked that – not only going forward should this be a requirement, but also that such “condition/survey of asset” reports be provided to Members in regard to asset expenditure for the past four years, ie since October 2020. Such reports could be provided to Members via the Information & Correspondence Schedule.

The Director of Finance & Corporate Services advised that this request would be passed to the Director of Regeneration & Growth for progressing.

7.2 Health Centre building in Linenhall Street, Lisburn Councillor A Ewing

Councillor A Ewing enquired if Officers were aware of any plans for the redundant health centre in Linenhall Street, Lisburn.

The Director of Finance & Corporate Services advised that this request for information would be passed to the Director of Regeneration & Growth for appropriate investigation.

Resumption of Normal Business

It was proposed by Alderman M Gregg, seconded by Councillor C Kemp and agreed to come “out of Committee”. Normal business and audio recording were resumed.

8. Any Other Business

Dealt with under Item 5.

The meeting concluded at 8.05 pm.

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LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL**Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held in the Council Chamber and in Remote Locations on Monday, 2 September, 2024 at 10.21 am****PRESENT IN CHAMBER:**

Alderman M Gregg (Chair)

Councillor S Burns (Vice-Chair)

Alderman O Gawith

Councillors P Catney, U Mackin, A Martin, G Thompson and N Trimble

IN ATTENDANCE:

Director of Regeneration and Growth
 Head of Planning & Capital Development
 Principal Planning Officer (RH)
 Senior Planning Officers (MB, PMcF, GM, AS and PS)
 Member Services Officers (CR and CH)

Mr B Martyn (Cleaver Fulton Rankin) – Legal Advisor

Commencement of Meeting

At the commencement of the meeting, the Chair, Alderman M Gregg, welcomed those present to the Planning Committee. He pointed out that, unless the item on the agenda was considered under confidential business, this meeting would be audio recorded. He went on to outline the evacuation procedures in the case of an emergency.

1. **Apologies**

It was agreed to accept apologies for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of Alderman J Tinsley and Councillors D Bassett and D J Craig.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

The following declarations of interest were made:

- Councillor A Martin declared an interest in respect of planning application LA05/2022/0538/F, given that he had had a conversation with the applicant, he shared a laneway with the proposed development and his farm ran alongside this one. Councillor Martin stated that he would be leaving the Council Chamber when this application was being considered;
- In respect of planning application LA05/2022/0033/F, Councillor P Catney stated that he had met with a representative of the residents but had not given an opinion at that meeting and did not consider that he had conflicted himself in any way; and

2. Declarations of Interest (Contd)

- Councillor U Mackin declared an interest in respect of planning application LA05/2022/0033/F given that he would be speaking on behalf of residents. He stated that he would be leaving the Council Chamber when this application was being considered.

3. Minutes of Meeting of Planning Committee held on 5 August, 2024

It was proposed by Councillor G Thompson, seconded by Councillor S Burns and agreed that the minutes of the meeting of Committee held on 5 August, 2024 be confirmed and signed.

4. Report from the Head of Planning & Capital Development

4.1 Schedule of Applications

The Chair, Alderman M Gregg, advised that there were 1 major and 8 local applications on the schedule for consideration at the meeting. He further advised that application LA05/2024/0291/F had been withdrawn from the schedule to allow Officers time to consider amended details which had been submitted by the agent on 29 August, 2024.

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) LA05/2023/0914/F – The development is seeking full retrospective planning permission for the retention of an earthen screening bund located along the western extents of the permitted quarry at Temple Quarry, 26 Ballcarngannon Road

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

The Committee received Mr C Tinsley who stated that he was in support of the application and was happy to address any Members' queries, of which there were none.

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There were no comments made at the debate stage.

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- (i) LA05/2023/0914/F – The development is seeking full retrospective planning permission for the retention of an earthen screening bund located along the western extents of the permitted quarry at Temple Quarry, 26 Ballcarngannon Road (Contd)

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.

- (ii) LA05/2022/0033/F – Erection of 17 dwellings in a mix of 15 detached and 2 semi-detached dwellings with associated parking, landscaping, site works and access arrangements from Quarterlands Road on lands between 58 and 66 Quarterlands Road, northeast of 54b-c & 56 Quarterlands Road north of 7-12 Rural Cottages and southeast of 4-7 Zenda Park, Drumbeg

Prior to the application being presented by Officers, the Chair, Alderman M Gregg, stated that it was necessary to go 'into committee' in order that legal advice could be sought.

"In Committee"

It was proposed by Alderman O Gawith, seconded by Councillor P Catney and agreed to go 'into committee' to consider this matter. Those members of the public in attendance left the meeting, as did Councillor U Mackin (10.41 am).

Legal advice was provided by the Legal Advisor in respect of this application.

Resumption of Normal Business

It was proposed by Councillor P Catney, seconded by Councillor S Burns and agreed to come out of committee and normal business was resumed (11.03 am).

When the members of the public returned to the public gallery, the Chair, Alderman M Gregg, stated that, as a result of legal advice received, it was necessary that this application be deferred to allow further written legal advice to be provided. It was anticipated that a meeting would be convened within the next few weeks to enable this application to be considered.

It was proposed by Alderman O Gawith, seconded by Councillor S Burns and agreed that the application be deferred, as outlined by the Chair.

Adjournment of Meeting

The Chair, Alderman M Gregg, declared the meeting adjourned at this point for a comfort break (11.05 am).

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Resumption of Meeting

The meeting was resumed at 11.17 am.

Councillor U Mackin returned to the meeting at this time.

- (iii) LA05/2021/0789/F – Erection of 10 residential units comprising two-storey semi-detached dwellings, provision of hard and soft landscaping including retaining walls, provision of in curtilage car parking spaces, electric charging points and all associated site works on land to the north of 56 Magheralave Road, Lisburn

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

There was no-one registered to speak in respect of this application.

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

Debate

During debate:

- Alderman O Gawith referred to the number of houses being built and the provision of affordable housing units. He had been reassured by Officers during discussion that all 10 would be built, and presumably sold and occupied, and was not concerned about the condition in this instance; and
- the Chair, Alderman M Gregg, stated that he had concerns regarding trigger points in relation to affordable housing. He considered conditions should be written in such a way that there was no wriggle room for the rest of developments to be delivered prior to Section 76 or any other Agreements.

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.

The Chairman, Alderman M Gregg, advised that, to afford time for the next speaker to arrive, consideration of item 4.1 Schedule of Applications would be adjourned at this time and other report items would be considered.

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- 4.2 Submission of an Application under Section 54 of the Planning Act (NI) 2011 to Vary Condition 8 of Planning Approval S/2014/0884/F to Allow Submission and Approval of a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) on a Phased Basis (Enabling Works and Main Works). If required, submission of a further application under Section 54 of the Planning Act (NI) 2011 to vary or remove condition 9 & 10 of planning approval S/2014/0884/F which relate to the requirement for noise insulation measures, subject to agreement of appropriate noise mitigation measures during construction on land east of Knockmore Road, south of 68-80 Addison Park and 8-10 Knockmore Road and north of Flush Park, Lisburn

It was proposed by Councillor P Catney, seconded by Alderman O Gawith and agreed to note information in respect of the above Pre-Application Notice and that it be submitted in accordance with the relevant section of the legislation and related guidance.

- 4.3 Site for New Cemetery including New Main Vehicular Access and Secondary Access, Parking and Associated Infrastructure Works on Lands Located circa 60m east of 10 Quarterlands Road, circa 80m west of 28 Quarterlands Road, circa 80m east of 27 Carnaghliiss Road and circa 150m east of 29 Carnaghliiss Road, Crumlin

It was proposed by Councillor N Trimble, seconded by Councillor P Catney and agreed to note information in respect of the above Pre-Application Notice and that it be submitted in accordance with the relevant section of the legislation and related guidance.

- 4.4 Proposed Redevelopment of the Poole's SuperValu Site in Moira Incorporating 1 Replacement Retail Unit and 3 Lettable Hot Food Units. Proposed Demolition of the Existing Retail Units and Associated Outbuildings. Proposed Adjustment of Site Entry and Exist Point Locations. Proposed Construction of Associated Car Parking including 3 DDA, 2 Parent & Child, 1nr Air/Water/Vac Spaces and 4 EV Car Charging Point. Proposed Pedestrian Footpaths with Protection Bollards and Landscaped Areas. Proposed Dedicated Secure Delivery Yard at 1 Main Street, Aughnafosker, Moira

It was proposed by Councillor G Thompson, seconded by Alderman O Gawith and agreed to note information in respect of the above Pre-Application Notice and that it be submitted in accordance with the relevant section of the legislation and related guidance.

The Chair, Alderman M Gregg, advised that consideration of item 4.1 Schedule of Applications would now resume.

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- (iv) LA05/2023/0339/F – Erection of 8 dwellings (change of house type to site 398a-e and 400a-e previously approved under LA05/2018/0512/F), garages and all associated site on lands surrounding 9 Millmount Road comprising lands north east of Comber Greenway, east of Millmount Road and 150m west and south west of 60 Greengraves Road, Dundonald

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

The Committee received Mr N Salt to speak in support of the application and a query raised was responded to.

There were no Members' queries put to Planning Officers.

Debate

During debate:

- Alderman O Gawith welcomed the fact that obligations around wider roadworks would be fulfilled, as well as the obligation that 2 affordable housing units would be built and available for occupation before the sixth unit was occupied; and
- the Chair, Alderman M Gregg, welcomed work having started in relation to traffic lights. He also welcomed the provision of affordable housing which would be delivered through a Section 76 Agreement. However, Alderman Gregg was disappointed that the Council seemed to continually miss opportunities to provide developer-led improvements. There had been a perfect opportunity with this application for the developer to provide linkages to the Billy Neill Country Park, as well as footpath linkages into Greengraves, but that opportunity had been missed. Alderman Gregg stated that he was in support of the recommendation of the Planning Officer to approve planning permission.

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.

- (v) LA05/2021/1181/O – Proposed new two storey detached dwelling on lands to the rear of existing houses on lands to the rear of 11a and 15 Wallace Avenue, Lisburn

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

There was no-one registered to speak in respect of this application.

There were no Members' queries put to Planning Officers.

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- (v) LA05/2021/1181/O – Proposed new two storey detached dwelling on lands to the rear of existing houses on lands to the rear of 11a and 15 Wallace Avenue, Lisburn (Contd)

Debate

There were no comments made at the debate stage.

Vote

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

Adjournment of Meeting

The Chair, Alderman M Gregg, declared the meeting adjourned at this point for a comfort break (12.15 pm).

Resumption of Meeting

The meeting was resumed at 12.21 pm.

The Chairman, Alderman M Gregg, advised that, given the proximity to lunch break, consideration of item 4.1 Schedule of Applications would be adjourned at this time and other report items would be considered.

- 4.5 Northern Ireland Annual Statistics – Annual Statistical Bulletin (April 2023 – March 2024)

A number of Members' queries were responded to by the Head of Planning & Capital Development.

It was proposed by Councillor N Trimble, seconded by Councillor P Catney and agreed to note the contents of the Northern Ireland Statistics Bulletin, together with the analysis of the bulletin relative to Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council.

- 4.6 Statutory Performance Indicators – July 2024

It was proposed by Alderman O Gawith, seconded by Councillor P Catney and agreed that information relating to Statutory Performance Indicators for July 2024 be noted.

Adjournment of Meeting

The Chair, Alderman M Gregg, declared the meeting adjourned at this point for lunch (12.35 pm).

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Resumption of Meeting

The meeting was resumed at 1.06 pm.

The Chair, Alderman M Gregg, advised that consideration of item 4.1 Schedule of Applications would now resume.

- (vi) LA05/2023/0022/F – Proposed 4 glamping pods including associated communal/recreation area, parking, access paths with new ranch type fencing to the site boundary 135m north of 14b Feumore Road, Lisburn

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

The Committee received Mr D Rooney, accompanied by Mr R Armstrong, to speak in support of the application and a number of Members' queries were addressed.

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

Debate

During debate:

- Councillor N Trimble stated that the applicant was a young entrepreneur who was keen to progress a tourism business that had become popular. He accepted comments made about the application not quite conforming with policy; however, his reading of policy was that the application was fluid enough to be approved through policy and not be an exception. The nature of this accommodation demanded that it be located outside of settlement limits as that was the appeal of glamping. Councillor Trimble was satisfied that there was enough of a tourism offering nearby, eg. Sandy Bay Marina, Rams Island, bird reserve and the lough itself, to warrant this type of self-catering accommodation. In respect of TOU3, he also considered there to be enough information to warrant that it had been demonstrated why it could not be within a settlement due to the nature of the accommodation. Whilst Councillor Trimble appreciated Officers' rationale, he deemed that this application could be approved through policy and was not in support of the recommendation of the Planning Officer to refuse planning permission. In respect of policies COU15 and COU16, they required that the proposal sympathetically integrate into the countryside and that it not have a detrimental impact on the rural character. Councillor Trimble believed that this proposal met both of those requirements. In relation to clustering, that was not specifically defined as being immediately adjacent to or restricted by a distance. There was an element of judgement whether there was a visual link or whether it was within the scope of existing buildings. Councillor Trimble saw no reason why he could not argue that this proposal clustered in. It was on the periphery of the settlement and to bring it any closer would negate the appeal of the proposal itself;

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- the Chair, Alderman M Gregg, concurred with Councillor Trimble's comments. The appeal of glamping pods was their isolation. He did not agree with Officers that the application should be refused and that it was an exception to policy. He considered that the application did fit with policy TOU3. By the nature of this accommodation, it was demonstrated that it would not be within a settlement. He stated that the car park element of the proposal did cluster with other buildings within the settlement and the pods were visually linked to the car park;
- Councillor U Mackin referred to the economic benefits associated with a new business venture such as this one and stated that this should be taken into account. He too considered that, by the nature of the accommodation being sought, it could not be located with the settlement. In respect of the conversion of other buildings, those may or may not be within the control of the applicant. Councillor Mackin stated that new businesses should be encouraged. In respect of the requirement that the proposal be associated with existing approved tourism accommodation, that was not possible as this was a new venture. Councillor Mackin considered that the application should be approved and that there was adequate justification for that. In respect of policies COU15 and COU16 around clustering, admittedly the site was on the edge of a development or close to it. The applicant had confirmed that the farm could be seen very clearly from the site and was within a 100 metre distance and, therefore, it did cluster. The overriding policies were TOU3 and TOU4;
- Councillor P Catney stated that, whilst he had sympathy for the applicant, he was in support of the recommendation of the Planning Officer to refuse planning permission. He knew the area very well and knew businesses that operated in the area. Taking on board tourist amenity, as defined by Tourism NI, the view of Lough Neagh was not considered as tourism, but Lough Neagh itself was tourism. Councillor Catney deemed that, with tweaking and working there was probably a viable tourism business in this proposal, but looking at the criteria as set out and delivered to the Committee, he was in agreement with the recommendation of the Planning Officer. He further voiced concern regarding the potential impact on surrounding wildlife and the fact that approval of this application could set a precedent;
- Councillor A Martin stated that the applicant had vision and it was good for a young person to have that. However, the application fell down on policy TOU4 in that it was not an extension of existing tourist accommodation. If this was approved, Councillor Martin could apply to site glamping pods on his farm. He was in support of the recommendation of the Planning Officer to refuse planning permission;
- Alderman O Gawith referred to policy TOU3 and the point made by Officers that it had not been demonstrated that there were no suitable opportunities by means of the conversion and reuse of a suitable building or the replacement of a suitable building for tourist accommodation. He stated that glamping pods were a very specific type of tourist accommodation and it was not possible to convert an old building into a glamping pod; therefore,

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that criteria did not apply. In respect of policy TOU4, Officers had laid out their objections to the surrounding tourism offers and considered an attraction 1.5 miles away to be too far. Alderman Gawith pointed out that the glamping pods were aimed at people who wanted to get away for a bit. They could walk, cycle or drive to Sandy Bay Marina, where there was parking available. He did not consider that the objection in respect of TOU4 applied and stated that he was not in support of the recommendation of the Planning Officer to refuse planning permission; and

- Councillor G Thompson stated that she was not in support of the recommendation of the Planning Officer to refuse planning permission. This proposal was for a glamping site and, by its nature, did not have to be sited within a settlement. A 1.5 mile walk to the nearest tourist attraction would not be a problem for the people this accommodation would attract;

At this point, it was proposed by Councillor P Catney and seconded by Councillor A Martin that the application be deferred to allow for a site visit. On a vote being taken, the proposal was declared 'lost', the voting being 2 in favour and 6 against.

With the indulgence of the Chair, a number of Members' queries were addressed by the Head of Planning & Capital Development.

"In Committee"

At this point, it was proposed by Councillor P Catney, seconded by Alderman O Gawith and agreed to go 'into committee' in order that legal advice could be sought. Those members of the public in attendance left the meeting (2.49 pm).

Legal advice was provided by the Legal Advisor in respect of this application.

Resumption of Normal Business

It was proposed by Councillor P Catney, seconded by Councillor G Thompson and agreed to come out of committee and normal business was resumed (3.16 pm).

When the members of the public returned to the public gallery, the Chair, Alderman M Gregg, stated that the meeting had gone 'into committee' to seek legal advice, which was good practice given that there seemed to be a level of disagreement with the Planning Officer's recommendation on this application.

Having listened to the legal advice given, Councillor G Thompson proposed that the application be deferred to allow for a site visit in order that clarification could be provided in respect of distance and clustering. This proposal was seconded by Councillor P Catney and, on a vote being taken, declared 'carried', the voting being 5 in favour and 3 against.

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Adjournment of Meeting

The Chair, Alderman M Gregg, declared the meeting adjourned at this point for a comfort break 3.19 pm).

Resumption of Meeting

The meeting was resumed at 3.29 pm.

- (vii) LA05/2022/0538/F – Proposed farm dwelling adjacent to and south of 9a Pothill Lane

Having declared an interest in this application, Councillor A Martin did not return to the Council Chamber during its consideration.

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

The Committee received Mr A Johnson, accompanied by Mr M Malcolmson, to speak in support of the application and a number of Members' queries were responded to.

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

Debate

There were no comments made at the debate stage.

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 G Thompson, Councillor Trimble and the Chair, Alderman M Gregg **(6)**

Against: None **(0)**

Abstain: Councillor U Mackin **(1)**

Councillor A Martin returned to the meeting at 3.54 pm.

- (viii) LA05/2022/0226/O – Site for dwelling on land between 6 Ballykeel Road and 1 Glebe Road, Hillsborough

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

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(viii) LA05/2022/0226/O – Site for dwelling on land between 6 Ballykeel Road and 1 Glebe Road, Hillsborough (Contd)

The Committee received Mr N Coffey, accompanied by Mr A McCready, to speak in support of the application and a number of Members' queries were responded to.

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

Debate:

During debate:

- Councillor N Trimble stated that there was a cluster of development at this location that was clearly outwith the farm. The site itself was on a farm, albeit a disused farm for the last 5 years. If this application was approved, the outbuildings would go and the farm would cease to exist so the farm issue would totally disappear and the argument that the proposal would add to ribbon development would not apply. There was a cluster of development outside the farm, ie a crossroads, Orange Hall, etc. Councillor Trimble stated that he was not in support of the recommendation of the Planning Officer to refuse planning permission;
- Councillor U Mackin pointed out that policy COU2 (a) stated that the cluster of development lay outside a farm and consisted of 4 or more established buildings. It did mention the type of buildings that would be excluded. There were 4 buildings within this cluster, and many more, with the focal point of the crossroads and Orange Hall. At the site visit, Members had stood at the side of the road and could observe the crossroads, Orange Hall, a property at Glebe Road, a long building and numbers 6 and 8 Ballykeel Road, so there was clearly a cluster. Councillor Mackin did not believe that COU2 (a) referred to a cluster of buildings on a farm. The cluster of development here lay outside the farm. In relation to COU16, Councillor Mackin did not consider that the proposal would adversely impact the rural character. Given that the current buildings on the site were in a state of disrepair, this proposal would actually improve the rural character. Councillor Mackin also stated that there would be no addition to existing ribbon development. He was not in support of the recommendation of the Planning Officer to refuse planning permission.;
- Alderman O Gawith referred to one of the refusal reasons offered by the Planning Officer relating to COU8 and the creation of ribbon development. If the current outbuildings were taken away, there would be a space that would have to be built on and that would create ribboning on Ballykeel Road. Reference was also made to fact that the site was not a small gap, sufficient to accommodate 2 dwellings; therefore, the proposal did not meet that requirement of COU8;
- the Chair, Alderman M Gregg, stated that he understood the point made by Alderman Gawith regarding COU8, in that if the site was judged as a small gap, it would have to be large enough to accommodate 2 dwellings. However, the difference here was that there was already something on the site. He suggested that perhaps COU4 was the appropriate policy to measure against rather than COU8;

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- Councillor N Trimble stated that, if seeking to approve the application under COU8, he would agree that there was not a sufficient gap to accommodate 2 dwellings. However, based on what had been presented, he considered that approval could be granted under COU2 – a new dwelling in an existing cluster; and
- Councillor A Martin stated that in relation to COU1, erecting a new house at this site would look very well. In respect of COU2, he pointed out that this was not an active farm, so that policy fell. In respect of COU8, there was already a ribbon of development in existence and in relation to COU16, he did not consider that the proposed development would have an adverse impact on the area's rural character. Councillor Martin was not in support of the recommendation of the Planning Officer to refuse planning permission.

Vote

On a vote being taken, it was agreed not to adopt the recommendation of the Planning Officer to refuse planning permission, the voting being:

In favour: None **(0)**

Against: Councillor S Burns, Councillor U Mackin, Councillor A Martin, Councillor G Thompson, Councillor Trimble and the Chair, Alderman M Gregg **(6)**

Abstain: Councillor P Catney and Alderman A Gawith **(2)**

Given that the Officer recommendation to refuse planning permission had fallen, it was proposed by Councillor N Trimble, seconded by Councillor U Mackin and, on a vote being taken, agreed that the application be approved, the voting being as follows:

Vote

In favour: Councillor S Burns, Councillor U Mackin, Councillor A Martin, Councillor G Thompson, Councillor Trimble and the Chair, Alderman M Gregg **(6)**

Against: None **(0)**

Abstain: Councillor P Catney and Alderman A Gawith **(2)**

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(viii) LA05/2022/0226/O – Site for dwelling on land between 6 Ballykeel Road and 1 Glebe Road, Hillsborough (Contd)

In agreeing to approve the application, the following reasons were offered:

- In respect of COU2, the application met all the criteria of a new dwelling in an existing cluster. To engage with the recommended refusal reasons on COU2, in relation to (a) there was a clear demonstration that there was an existing cluster outwith the farm, complete with focal point; and (e) the consolidation of this cluster through rounding off would not intrude into the open countryside or create a ribbon of development;
- COU8 would fall way as a refusal reason if COU2 was met;
- In respect of COU16, the proposed development would not have an adverse impact on the rural character of the area, rather it would enhance the area as it would be removing dilapidated structures. The proposed development would not be unduly prominent on the landscape; would be sited to cluster with an established group of buildings; respected the traditional pattern of settlement in the area; did not mar the distinction between the development and surrounding countryside; would not adversely impact on rural character or residential amenity; all necessary services were available and could be provided without significant adverse effect on the environment or character of the facility; impact of ancillary works would not have an adverse impact on rural character; and access to the public road could be achieved without prejudice to road safety or significantly increasing the flow of traffic;
- COU1 as a refusal reason would fall away as refusal reasons under COU2, COU8 and COU16 had been addressed.

It was agreed that authority be delegated to the Head of Planning & Capital Development to formulate the precise wording of conditions relating to planning permission for this application.

4.7 Council Validation Checklist Requirements

It was proposed by Councillor P Catney, seconded by Councillor A Martin and agreed (a) to note the Council Validation Checklist Requirements document and associated validation matrix; and (b) that the document be presented to the September meeting of the Regeneration and Growth Committee for decision, published on the Council website and implemented with effect from the date on which the proposed legislation takes effect.

4.8 Notification by Telecommunication Operator(s) of Intention to Utilise Permitted Development Rights

It was proposed by Alderman O Gawith, seconded by Councillor P Catney and agreed to note from the report, information regarding notification by a telecommunication operator to utilise Permitted Development Rights at a location in the Council area.

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4.9 Local Development Plan 2032 Quarterly Update

It was proposed by Councillor G Thompson, seconded by Councillor N Trimble and agreed to note the update information in respect of the Local Development Plan 2032, together with the contents of correspondence regarding NI Water economic constraints and wastewater treatment works capacity.

4.10 Enforcement Quarterly Update

It was proposed by Councillor P Catney, seconded by Councillor N Trimble and agreed to note the quarterly update in respect of enforcement cases.

5. Any Other Business

5.1 Date of Next Meeting

The Chair, Alderman M Gregg, advised that the next meeting of the Planning Committee would be held on Monday, 7 October. He also reminded Members that a special meeting would be convened before that date to consider planning application LA05/2022/0033/F, as agreed earlier.

Conclusion of the Meeting

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Chair, Alderman M Gregg, thanked those present for their attendance.

There being no further business, the meeting was terminated at 5.16 pm.

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Minutes of Special Planning Committee Meeting held in the Council Chamber and in Remote Locations on Wednesday, 18 September, 2024 at 5.05 pm**PRESENT IN CHAMBER:**

Alderman M Gregg (Chair)

Councillor S Burns (Vice-Chair)

Aldermen O Gawith and J Tinsley

Councillors D Bassett, P Catney, D J Craig, U Mackin, A Martin, G Thompson and N Trimble

IN ATTENDANCE:

Director of Regeneration and Growth
 Head of Planning & Capital Development
 Principal Planning Officer (RH)
 Senior Planning Officers (MB and PMcF)
 Member Services Officers (CR and EW)

Mr B Martyn (Cleaver Fulton Rankin) – Legal Advisor

Commencement of Meeting

At the commencement of the meeting, the Chair, Alderman M Gregg, welcomed those present to the special Planning Committee. He pointed out that, unless the item on the agenda was considered under confidential business, this meeting would be audio recorded. He went on to outline the evacuation procedures in the case of an emergency.

1. **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

The following declarations of interest were made in respect of planning application LA05/2022/0033/F:

- Councillor U Mackin declared an interest given that he would be speaking on behalf of objectors. He also advised that he would have to leave the meeting early due to a prior appointment;
- Councillor P Catney declared an interest given that he had met with a representative of the residents, as well as a representative of the applicant. At no time had he expressed an opinion on the application; and
- Councillor A Martin declared an interest given that he was a member of the Board of Lagan Valley Regional Park, which could be part of that Regional Park or outside of it. It is in close proximity to the application site. He had not had any conversation with the applicant or anyone else to do with this.

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2. Declarations of Interest (Contd)

During the meeting, Alderman J Tinsley submitted a written declaration of interest in respect of this application as he had been contacted by objectors about this application. He made it clear that he was a member of the Planning Committee and did not express an opinion. He confirmed that he remained undecided.

3. Report from the Head of Planning & Capital Development

3.1 Schedule of Applications

The Chair, Alderman M Gregg, advised that there was 1 local application on the schedule for consideration at the meeting.

3.1.1 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) LA05/2022/0033/F – Erection of 17 dwellings in a mix of 15 detached and 2 semi-detached dwellings with associated parking, landscaping, site works and access arrangements from Quarterlands Road on lands between 58 and 66 Quarterlands Road, northeast of 54b-c & 56 Quarterlands Road north of 7-12 Rural Cottages and southeast of 4-7 Zenda Park, Drumbeg

Prior to this application being presented by Officers, Mr Wm Orbinson KC, requested to speak on a procedural matter and this request was acceded to by the Chair.

Mr Orbinson advised that, earlier in the month, the objectors' group had posted a link to a petition on its X account asking people to sign this. The link had been reposted by Mrs K Nicholl MLA encouraging people to support the objectors' campaign to have the application refused by signing the petition. It had come to Mr Orbinson's attention that the Chair, Alderman M Gregg, had reposted the link. Whilst the post had since been deleted, Mr Orbinson stated that there was a strong view that, by retweeting the post, Alderman Gregg had shown support and either real or apparent bias by actively advocating the objectors' case. He considered that Alderman Gregg had not maintained impartiality and was in breach of paragraphs 8.1 (h) and 8.1 (i) of the Northern Ireland Local Government Association Code of Conduct for Councillors. In light of this, Mr Orbinson considered that Alderman Gregg should declare a non-pecuniary interest in the application and withdraw from taking part in the meeting.

The Chair, Alderman M Gregg, apologised for his oversight in having shared the objectors' petition. He stated that he would leave the meeting and invited the Vice-Chair, Councillor S Burns, take the chair.

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- (i) LA05/2022/0033/F – Erection of 17 dwellings in a mix of 15 detached and 2 semi-detached dwellings with associated parking, landscaping, site works and access arrangements from Quarterlands Road on lands between 58 and 66 Quarterlands Road, northeast of 54b-c & 56 Quarterlands Road north of 7-12 Rural Cottages and southeast of 4-7 Zenda Park, Drumbeg (Contd)

Adjournment of the Meeting

Councillor S Burns took the chair and declared the meeting adjourned at this point (5.18 pm).

Resumption of the Meeting

The meeting was resumed at 5.25 pm.

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

The Committee received the following:

- Dr J Adgey, accompanied by Ms R McDade, to speak in opposition to the application;
- Councillor U Mackin to speak in opposition to the application (Councillor Mackin left the meeting after addressing Members' queries);
- Alderman J Baird to speak in opposition to the application;
- Alderman A McIntyre to speak in opposition to the application;
- Mrs K Nicholl MLA to speak in opposition to the application;
- Mr E Poots MLA to speak in opposition to the application; and
- Mr Wm Orbinson KC, accompanied by Mr G Dodds, Ms A Wiggam, Mr D Thompson, Mr P Lynas, Mr R Barclay, Ms A Reynolds, Mr C Carvill and Mr M Carvill, to speak in support of the application.

A number of Members' queries were addressed by the speakers.

At the stage when Members' queries were being put to Mr Orbinson and his colleagues, Mr Orbinson drew attention to the fact that Councillor A Martin had declared an interest in this application as he was a member of the Board of Lagan Valley Regional Park, which was an objector to the application. Therefore, Mr Orbinson considered that Councillor Martin should have recused himself from the meeting. Councillor Martin had remained in the meeting had had asked several questions. Mr Orbinson asked that Councillor Martin now recuse himself from further discussion and not take part in the vote, on the same basis as the Chair, Alderman M Gregg, had done earlier.

Adjournment of the Meeting

Councillor S Burns declared the meeting adjourned at this point (7.46 pm).

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Resumption of the Meeting

The meeting was resumed at 8.09 pm.

Councillor A Martin confirmed that he had declared an interest in the application given that he was a member of the Board of Lagan Valley Regional Park. He had only become aware from comments by Dr Adgey earlier in the meeting that Lagan Valley Regional Park had submitted an objection. Councillor Martin had not sat on any Board or Committee that had decided about objecting and he had not been aware of such a decision. Councillor Martin left the meeting at this point (8.11 pm).

“In Committee”

It was proposed by Councillor D Bassett, seconded by Councillor N Trimble and agreed to go ‘into committee’ to receive legal advice. Those members of the public in attendance left the meeting (8.11 pm).

Legal advice was provided by the Legal Advisor in respect of this application.

Resumption of Normal Business

It was proposed by Councillor N Trimble, seconded by Councillor P Catney and agreed to come out of committee and normal business was resumed (8.54 pm).

It was proposed by Councillor N Trimble and seconded by Councillor P Catney that the application be deferred for the following reasons:

- Following legal advice, it had become clear that there could be a perception that Councillor A Martin’s involvement in the meeting, until such point as he had left, had had the potential to influence other Members and, therefore, it was appropriate to defer; and
- There was a disparity in information provided in relation to waste water capacity and NI Water would be requested to provide clarification on the capacity at Drumbeg Waste Water Treatment Works to accommodate the proposed development and to address comments raised by third parties and the applicant team as part of their presentations.

Prior to this proposal being voted on, Mr Wm Orbinson KC requested permission to address the Committee. The Acting Chair, Councillor S Burns, stated that, as there was a proposal in front of the Committee, the vote would be taken at this stage in proceedings.

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The proposal in the name of Councillor N Trimble, seconded by Councillor P Catney, that the application be deferred was put to the meeting and unanimously agreed.

Mr Wm Orbinson KC referred again to Councillor A Martin having remained in the meeting after making a declaration of interest. He stated that Councillor Martin had engaged in the debate and asked questions of objectors in a way that could have generated a negative opinion of the application and there was potential for those questions to have influenced other Members. Mr Orbinson sought clarity on how Councillor Martin now having removed himself would solve anything, given that the potential influence was already there. He stated there was a serious question arising as to apparent bias and apparent pre-determination if the Council proceeded to reconvene the meeting at a later date with the same membership, all of whom had been tainted by what had occurred this evening.

The Acting Chair, Councillor S Burns, stated that Mr Orbinson's submission had been noted; however, the vote had been taken and a decision made to defer the application.

Conclusion of the Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was terminated at 9.07 pm.

Chair/Mayor



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Notice of Motion

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VOYPIC (Voice of Young People in Care) is the charity for children and young people with lived experience of care in Northern Ireland. Created in 1993 by a group of young people in care and the professionals that supported them, VOYPIC has over 30 years of experience promoting the rights and voice of children in care and care leavers. They work to ensure every child in care feels safe, valued and loved, and that every young person leaving care does so with dignity and respect, and thrives into adulthood.

CARE DAY is the world's biggest celebration of children and young people with care experience. This group includes children and young people who are or were cared for by foster carers, or other family members, and those who live in children's homes. CARE DAY in the UK and Ireland is a joint initiative across five children's rights charities, and led in Northern Ireland by VOYPIC. CARE DAY 25 will take place on Friday 21 February 2025.

This being the tenth CARE DAY, VOYPIC are asking all councils to plant a tree in a public space, in honour of the care experienced community.

In recognition of this, this Council will plant a tree in a public place in the council area in honour of those with lived care experience which includes those currently in care, those who have been in care, and those who will experience care in the future.

Proposer

Cllr Gretta Thompson

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This Council recognises the urgent need to end the HIV epidemic within our community and globally. Achieving this requires a comprehensive approach that ensures all individuals, especially those in need, can access quality, lifesaving treatment. This includes enhancing prevention, care, and support services for HIV, tuberculosis (TB), and viral hepatitis, and integrating these into broader sexual, reproductive, and mental health services to achieve universal healthcare access.

The Council further acknowledges the importance of eliminating stigma and discrimination by promoting a greater understanding of scientific evidence. Successful HIV treatment and viral suppression prevent transmission, which not only improves public health outcomes but also helps reduce stigma, encouraging people living with HIV to begin and adhere to treatment.

By working collaboratively with other cities and municipalities, Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council can accelerate local efforts to end the HIV, TB, and viral hepatitis epidemics, contributing to the global goal of eliminating these diseases by 2030.

In line with the New Urban Agenda, the Council will utilise its reach, infrastructure, and human capacity to create a more equitable, inclusive, prosperous, and sustainable future for all residents, regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, or socio-economic background.

Therefore, Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council commits to signing the Paris Declaration and supporting the Fast-Track Cities initiative. This will reinforce our commitment to eliminating the stigma associated with HIV and AIDS and striving for no new HIV diagnoses by 2030.

Signed

Councillor Jamie Harpur

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