

**LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Remote Meeting of the Capital Projects Committee held on Tuesday 11 October 2022 at 6:01 pm**

**PRESENT IN CHAMBER:**

Councillor S Lowry (Chairperson)

Alderman D Drysdale, A G Ewart MBE

Councillors R T Beckett, S Hughes, J Lavery BEM, S Lee and H Legge

**PRESENT IN REMOTE LOCATION:**

The Right Worshipful the Mayor Councillor S Carson

Councillors A Gowan, M Gregg, G McCleave and R McLernon

**ALSO ATTENDED:**

Alderman S Martin and Councillor A Givan (both via Zoom)

Councillor A Swan

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council:

Director of Service Transformation

Head of Planning and Capital Development

Head of Sports Services (via zoom)

Capital Programme Manager

Member Services Officers (BF, CH and EW)

IT Officer

Technician

**Commencement of the Meeting**

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting. She stated that, in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders, unauthorised recording was not permitted. On behalf of the Committee, she welcomed Mr Andrew Gault, the newly-appointed Capital Programme Manager to the meeting.

1. **Apologies**

It was agreed to accept apologies for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of Deputy Mayor Councillor M Guy.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### 3. Confidential Business

The Chairperson pointed out that the matters contained in the confidential report were to be considered “in committee” by virtue of Paragraph 3, Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014, since they contained information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person or organisation (including the Council holding that information).

#### “In Committee”

It was proposed by Councillor J Laverty, seconded by Councillor S Lee, and agreed that the following matters be considered “in committee”. The live stream of the meeting was paused at this stage.

#### 3.1 Changes and Movements in the Capital Programme

The Head of Planning and Capital Development outlined the main aspects of the Director of Service Transformation report, in relation to a number of proposed changes and movements within the capital programme.

Both officers then responded to questions from the Members and provided clarification on the issues raised, specific to project timescales, having adequate resources in place to deliver on programme commitments that projects are delivered with sustainability and within the cost parameters allowed for in the budgets.

Accordingly, it was proposed by Councillor S Hughes, seconded by Councillor H Legge, and agreed that the Committee adopt the recommendations of the Director of Service Transformation in respect of the following projects:

- a) Redevelopment of the former Hilden Primary School - that the project move from Phase 1 (Outline Business Case) stage to Phase 2 (Full Business Case) stage within the capital programme on the associated budget as outlined; and
- b) Resurfacing of Council Assets Programme – that the project move from Phase 1 (Outline Business Case) stage to Phase 2 (Full Business Case) stage within the capital programme on the associated budget as outlined.

#### 3.2 Capital Programme Update and Financial Position

The Head of Planning and Capital Development spoke to the Director of Service Transformation report which gave an overview on the current financial status of the Council’s capital programme. The report included details of the updated spending profiles, which took into account the spend-to-date, up to and including, Year 3, Period 5 (August 2022), together with forecasted underspend/overspend and spend against contingency.

3.2 Capital Programme Update and Financial Position (Cont'd)

Councillor A Gowan left the meeting during consideration of this item of business (6.22pm).

Both officers answered a range of Members' question in respect of the report and clarified issues raised in regards to several projects. In addition, the Committee was provided with an update on the safeguarding and risk management processes in respect of its overall governance, the re-profiling of schemes and affordability issues.

In response to a request by Alderman D Drysdale, the Head of Planning and Capital Development undertook to provide additional information in respect of expenditure which had been incurred to date for the development of a 3G Pitch at Billy Neil Country Park and Playing Fields.

It was proposed by Councillor J Laverty, seconded by Councillor S Hughes, and agreed that the Committee note and approve the financial position of the Capital Programme as at Year 3, Period 5 (August 2022).

3.3 Dundonald International Ice Bowl Redevelopment

Alderman Stephen Martin left the meeting during consideration of this item of business (6.50pm).

The Director of Service Transformation provided a verbal update in regard to the redevelopment of Dundonald International Ice Bowl in terms of the tender process for a main contractor it was noted that further consideration would be given to the project at a special meeting at a time still to be agreed. A provisional date of 24<sup>th</sup> October 2022 was suggested but subject to confirmation.

The Committee noted the update by the Director of Service Transformation.

“Resumption of Normal Business”

It was proposed by Alderman A G Ewart, seconded by Councillor S Lee, and agreed that normal business be resumed.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 6.55pm.

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Chairperson