

**LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Hybrid Monthly Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 25 April, 2023  
at 7:00 pm**

**PRESENT IN  
CHAMBER:**

The Right Worshipful the Mayor  
Councillor S Carson

Deputy Mayor  
Councillor M Guy

Aldermen J Baird, W J Dillon MBE, D Drysdale,  
A G Ewart MBE, O Gawith, A Grehan, S Martin, S P Porter  
and J Tinsley

Councillors R T Beckett, F Cole, D J Craig, A P Ewing,  
J Gallen, A Givan, A Gowan, M Gregg, S Hughes, J Lavery  
BEM, S Lee, H Legge, S Lowry, C McCready, A McIntyre,  
R McLernon, U Mackin, T Mitchell, Jenny Palmer,  
John Palmer, A Swan and Hon N Trimble

**PRESENT IN REMOTE  
LOCATION:**

Councillors N Anderson, G McCleave and S Skillen

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council

Chief Executive  
Director of Leisure and Community Wellbeing  
Director of Service Transformation  
Acting Director of Environmental Services  
Head of Corporate Communications and Administration  
Member Services Officers  
Technician  
IT Officer

Reverend R Higginson, Mayor's Chaplain

**Commencement of the Meeting**

At the commencement of the meeting, The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor S Carson, welcomed those present to the April meeting of Council which was the last meeting of the current council term.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor reminded the Council that In line with Local Government (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of District Council Meetings) Regulations (NI) 2020, the meeting was being live streamed to enable members of the public to hear and see the proceedings. He pointed out that, unless the item on the agenda was considered under confidential business, the meeting would be broadcast online and members of the public could be captured on the livestream. Data captured on the livestream was processed in the exercise of official authority which covered public functions and powers which were set out in law and to perform a specific task in the public interest.

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

The Member Services Officer read out the names of the Elected Members and Officers in attendance at the meeting.

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

Councillor S Lowry entered the meeting at 7.02 pm.

Councillor N Anderson joined the meeting remotely at 7.04 pm.

Prayers

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor S Carson, welcomed his Chaplain, Reverend Roger Higginson, Lisburn Free Presbyterian Church, to the meeting which, he stated, would be the last full Council meeting that Reverend Higginson would attend prior to the Annual Meeting of Council. He expressed thanks and appreciation to Reverend Higginson for the manner in which he had carried out devotions at the meetings of Council during his mayoral term thanked him for having served as his mayoral chaplain.

Aldermen A Grehan and S P Porter entered the meeting at 7.10 pm.

Reverend Higginson having stated that it had been a privilege to serve as mayoral chaplain wished all Elected Members God's richest blessing and good wishes for the future. He also thanked the Right Worshipful the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor and the Chief Executive for their friendship over the past year. Reverend Higginson then gave an address and concluded with a prayer.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor S Carson, thanked Reverend Higginson for his attendance and he left the meeting (7.19 pm).

1. Business of The Right Worshipful the Mayor

1.1 Mayor's Engagements (00:16:48)

The Council noted a number of engagements attended by The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor S Carson, and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor M Guy, since the last meeting of Council.

2. Apologies (00:17:07)

It was agreed to accept apologies for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of Alderman M Henderson and Councillor R Carlin.

3. Declarations of Interest (00:17:33)

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Council Minutes (00:18:23)

4.1 Meeting of Council held on 28 March 2023

Proposed by Councillor M Gregg

Seconded by Alderman A G Ewart

5. Matters Arising (00:18:47)

There were no matters arising out of the Council meeting minutes of 28 March 2023.

6. Deputations (00:19:02)

There were no deputations.

7. Business Required by Statute

(i) Signing of Legal Documents (00:19:10)

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

- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and DFPF Ltd t/a People 1<sup>st</sup>, Rosemont, 89 Malone Road, Belfast BT9 6SP – T22/23-058 – Award letter to People 1<sup>st</sup> Ltd as the supplier to deliver the Self-Employment Support Programme
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Ulster Supported Employment Ltd, 182-188 Cambrai Street, Belfast BT13 3JH – T22/23-036 – Award letter to Ulster Supported Employment Ltd as the supplier to deliver the Economic Inactivity Linked to Disability Programme
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Doris Elizabeth Cromie, Jonathan Richard Cromie, Geoffrey Simon Cromie and Louise Victoria Belshaw, c/o The House of Vic Ryn, Moira Road, Lisburn BT28 2RF – Lease of Units 5 and 6, Blaris Industrial Estate, 24 Altona Road, Lisburn BT27 5QB being the part of the premises currently comprised in Folio DN 39717 County Down
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Citywatch CCTV Northern Ireland, PSNI, 15 Barrack Street, Lisburn BT28 1TJ – Letter of Offer – Supplement Agreement – Mortgage of Chattels between Citywatch CCTV Northern Ireland and Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council

(i) Signing of Legal Documents (Cont'd)

- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and M Large Tree Services Limited, 74 Church Road, Glengormley, Newtownabbey BT36 7LN - Contract for the Provision of Arboricultural Services
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Stepping Stones, 39 Seymour Street, Lisburn BT27 4SY – STA 22/23-056 – Management Agreement relating to the Provision of Catering Services at Lagan Valley Island
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Bangor West Limited, Block D, 17 Heron Road, Belfast BT3 9LE – Contract for Disposal of Land at Hillsborough Road, Lisburn
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Placecube Limited, 1 London Street, Reading RG1 4PN – Contract for Digital Platform
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Eircom UK Ltd t/a Eir Evo, Davenport House, 16 Pepper Street, Glengall Bridge, London E14 9RP – Contract for Telephony Services
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and British Telecommunications plc, 1 Braham Street, London E1 8EE – Contract for Managed Service to support Local Area Network (LAN)
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Eircom UK Ltd t/a Eir Evo, Benmore House, 343-353 Lisburn Road, Belfast BT2 8LA – Contract for the Provision and Implementation of an IT Cloud Transition and Ongoing Support Services
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Maghera Developments Ltd, 21 The Square, Castlewellan BT31 9DN – Contract for Proposed Viewing Gallery at Wallace Park, Lisburn

8. Adoption of Minutes of Committees

**Leisure and Community Development Committee**

**4 April, 2023**

(00:19:35)

Proposed by Councillor A McIntyre

Seconded by Councillor A Gowan

Matters Arising (00:20:05)

The Right Worshipful the Mayor expressed thanks to Councillor A McIntyre for the manner in which he had chaired the Leisure and Community Development Committee meetings during the past year. He also thanked the Vice Chairman, Councillor A Gowan, for having supported the Chairman.

**Environmental Services Committee**

**5 April, 2023**

(00:20:55)

Proposed by Councillor M Gregg

Seconded by Councillor C McCready

Matters Arising (00:21:24)

The Right Worshipful the Mayor expressed thanks to Councillor M Gregg for the manner in which he had chaired the Environmental Services Committee meetings during the past year. He also thanked the Vice Chairman, Councillor C McCready, for having supported the Chairman throughout the year.

**Development Committee**

**6 April, 2023**

(00:21:50)

Proposed by Alderman A G Ewart

Seconded by Alderman A Grehan

Matters Arising (00:22:17)

The Right Worshipful the Mayor expressed thanks to the Chairman, Alderman A G Ewart, and the Vice Chairperson, Alderman A Grehan, for the manner in which they had carried out their respective roles on the Development Committee during the past year.

**Corporate Services Committee**

**12 April, 2023**

(00:22:51)

Proposed by Councillor S Hughes

Seconded by Councillor U Mackin

Matters Arising (00:23:18)

The Right Worshipful the Mayor expressed thanks to the Chairman, Councillor S Hughes, and the Vice Chairman, Councillor U Mackin, for the manner in which they had carried out their respective roles on the Corporate Services Committee during the past year and in particular in relation to the number of additional meetings of that Committee in connection with the rate setting process. He acknowledged that a lot of work in this regard had been carried out behind the scenes and expressed thanks and appreciation thereon.

**Planning Committee**

**6 March, 2023**

(00:23:56)

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 6 March, 2023 had been circulated for noting only as these minutes had been agreed at the subsequent meeting of the Planning Committee on 3 April, 2023. It was proposed by Councillor John Palmer, seconded by Alderman O Gawith and agreed that their contents be noted.

At this point in the meeting The Right Worshipful the Mayor welcomed Councillor John Palmer who was in attendance at the meeting following his recent period of ill health which had necessitated time in hospital. The Right Worshipful the

**Planning Committee**  
(Cont'd)

Mayor assured Councillor Palmer that he had been in his thoughts during that period of time.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor expressed thanks to the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee, Alderman J Tinsley and Councillor John Palmer, respectively, for their sterling efforts over the past year.

9. Report from Chief Executive (00:25:45)

There were no reports for consideration at the meeting.

10. Reports from Members on Boards (00:25:51)

There were no reports from Members on Boards.

11. Reports on Decisions Subject to the Reconsideration Procedure (00:25:56)

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

12. Notice of Motion

12.1 Support to NI Farmers and Lower Food Prices (00:26:01)

A copy of the above Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor N Anderson had been circulated to Members with the notice convening the meeting.

Technical Difficulties (00:26:04)

The Right Worshipful the Mayor indicated that Councillor N Anderson who was in attendance remotely, was experiencing connection issues, and that he intended moving on to the next agenda item in order to allow Councillor Anderson time to re-connect to the meeting in order to propose formally his Notice of Motion.

13. Confidential Business (00:27:11))

There was no confidential business for consideration

14. Any Other Business (00:27:34)

14.1 Request for Technical Assistance at Vintage Rally Events (00:27:47)  
Alderman J Baird

At the request of Alderman J Baird and in the absence of Committee meetings next month due to the local government elections, it was agreed that technical assistance from the Council in the form of stewarding/gates and security barriers be granted to the Drumbo Vintage Rally on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023, and Temple and District Vintage and Classic Club Rally on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

14.2 Congratulations to Martin Busch on his Appointment as President to the Irish League of Credit Unions (00:28:28)  
Councillor D J Craig

Councillor D J Craig referred the recent retirement of Martin Busch who was well known to the Council having chaired the local Lisburn Citizens Advice Bureau for 15 years and also having been a member of the Lisburn and Castlereagh Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) for many years. Councillor Craig also advised that Mr Busch currently volunteers as a director of Lisburn Credit Union and recently made the decision to put himself forward for the Presidency of the Irish League of Credit Unions. Mr Busch succeeded in his election campaign and has now been installed in this role as President of the Irish League of Credit Unions. Councillor Craig stated that this is a huge achievement for Mr Busch and also a significant achievement that someone from the Lisburn area has achieved this position.

It was agreed at the request of Councillor D J Craig that a letter from The Right Worshipful the Mayor be sent to Mr Busch congratulating him on his achievement and also wishing him well in his new role.

15. Notice of Motion (Continued from item 12.1 above)

15.1 Support to NI Farmers and Lower Food Prices (00:31:18)

Councillor N Anderson read out his Notice of Motion on the subject of support to NI farmers and lower food prices, as follows:

“This Council recognises the invaluable contribution of the thousands of farmers and other workers within the Agri-foods sector to Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council’s local economy, vibrant community and natural Environment.

This Council notes the late stage in which amendments to the targets within the Climate Change (Northern Ireland) Act 2022 were introduced. This provided insufficient time to assess evidence or satisfactory consult the Agri-food sector. The targets have potential consequences on food security and food prices particularly in the context of a cost of living crisis. The impact of such targets will be keenly felt by NI’s Agri-food industry, the local economy and Lisburn & Castlereagh residents.

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The Council further notes NI farmers are part of the solution. Farmers in NI have signed up to tackling emissions with the GHGIP. Milk production in NI has achieved 68% reduction in fuel and electric emissions between 1990 and 2017. Targets are therefore best considered and achieved in conjunction with this sector.

This Council agrees to write to the Secretary of State to request that HM Government presents a Bill to Parliament to strike down the agricultural targets within the Climate Change (Northern Ireland) Act 2022.”

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor N Anderson and seconded by Alderman W J Dillon.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor S Carson, advised that, in accordance with Standing Order 16.1 (6), as the above Notice of Motion fell within the remit of the Environmental Services Committee, it would be referred to that Committee for consideration.

16. Any Other Business (Continued from item 14 above)

16.1 Thanks of Councillor S Hughes (00:35:55)

Councillor S Hughes, Chairman of the Corporate Services Committee, who was not standing for re-election in the forthcoming local government elections, wished to put on record his thanks to a number of individuals. He conveyed thanks to The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor S Carson, for the support he had provided to him during his time as Chairman of the Corporate Services Committee. He stated that he and The Right Worshipful the Mayor had attended many events together in their respective roles. Councillor Hughes wished Councillor Carson and his family best wishes for the future.

Councillor Hughes conveyed thanks to the Officers with whom he had worked alongside during his time on the Council – from the Chief Executive and Directors to the various Heads of Service and also to all other members of staff who had helped him with various issues. He referred to his acceptance speech four years ago when he had referred to the adverse communities in which we live, all with different views and all having to be respected. He stated that the qualities of harmony, tolerance and respect were important to him and was hopeful that he had demonstrated these qualities during his time on the Council as we all must do what we can to promote inclusive communities. Councillor Hughes made a number of comments on the current situation in Northern Ireland and his desire to see a fully functioning stable NI Executive.

Councillor Hughes continued by expressing thanks and appreciation to his Ulster Unionist colleagues for having worked effectively as a team. He also thanked his wife, Nicola, as well as his mother and brother for their support, his father having sadly passed away in November 2021. Councillor Hughes stated that he was proud that his father had seen him elected to this Council in 2019 and concluded by wishing everyone well for the future.



16.2 Tributes to Members not Standing for Re-Election (00:41:25)

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor S Carson

The Right Worshipful the Mayor wished to pay tribute to those Members of the Council for which this meeting would be their last meeting of Council; namely: Alderman W J Dillon, Councillors N Anderson, F Cole, S Hughes, J McCarthy and John Palmer. The Right Worshipful the Mayor commended each Member for their commitment during their time on the Council and expressed thanks and appreciation for their contribution across the various Committees. He also wished these Members well for the future.

At this point The Right Worshipful the Mayor wished to pay a particular tribute to Alderman W J Dillon who had served in local government for 46 years, having been first elected on 18 May 1977, which he stated was a phenomenal achievement. The Right Worshipful the Mayor spoke of Alderman Dillon's astuteness - a trait he had shown across the all Committees during his time on the Council. The Right Worshipful the Mayor referred to Alderman Dillon as being a particularly efficient Elected Representative and mentioned specifically his recent efforts with DfI Roads in addressing an ongoing issue on Megarrystown Road, Moira. He concluded by saying that Alderman Dillon would be a loss to this Council and also to Local government in Northern Ireland.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor thanked once again the contribution of those Members who were not standing for re-election.

Councillor S Lee (00:47:42)

Councillor S Lee wished to endorse the comments made by The Right Worshipful the Mayor in relation to those Members not standing for re-election and expressed thanks to them for their friendship over the past number of years.

Alderman A G Ewart (00:48:58)

Alderman A G Ewart conveyed best wishes for the future to all those Members who were retiring from Council and in particular wished Councillor John Palmer good wishes for a full recovery following his recent period of ill health.

Alderman Ewart paid tribute to his friend and colleague Alderman W J Dillon who he described as a legend and proceeded to highlight Alderman Dillon's many achievements and accolades during and his time in local government, having been elected on to the then Lisburn Borough Council in 1977. He referred to Alderman Dillon having served two years as Mayor of Lisburn in 2000/2001 and 2001/2002. More recently he had been bestowed with Freeman of Lisburn and Castlereagh in February 2020.

Alderman Ewart referred to Alderman Dillon having been instrumental in many Council initiatives with perhaps one of the most notable being the re-development of the Lagan Valley Island site and the new civic building which is the Council's headquarters today. Alderman Ewart also highlighted that Alderman Dillon had been instrumental in progressing the Harry Ferguson Memorial Aircraft Sculpture

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and more recently had been influential in having the Memorial sculpture relocated to Hillsborough Forest Park.

Alderman Ewart also referred to Alderman Dillon having had the privilege during his Mayoral term of representing the Council in 2001 when he welcomed the late HM Queen Elizabeth II and the late Duke of Edinburgh at the official opening of Lagan Valley Island.

Alderman Ewart also mentioned Alderman Dillon's keen interest in all planning matters having given valuable advice and astute judgement at many meetings of the Planning Committee. In 2018 Alderman Dillon had been awarded a lifetime achievement award by NILGA for his services to local government.

Alderman Ewart concluded by thanking Alderman Dillon for his friendship over the years and stated that he had no doubt that Alderman Dillon would continue to be a voice of support and advocate of the work of the Council. He extended best wishes for the future to Alderman Dillon.

Councillor G McCleave (00:52:17)

Councillor G McCleave wished to echo the sentiments expressed by The Right Worshipful the Mayor regarding those Members not standing for re-election and wished those Members well in their future endeavours.

Councillor N Trimble (00:52:47)

Councillor N Trimble wished to be associated with the sentiments expressed in regard to those Members not seeking re-election and conveyed his thanks to them for the years of service they have given to this Council. Councillor Trimble also expressed best wishes to those Councillors seeking re-election.

Councillor Trimble paid tribute to his three colleagues on the UUP who were retiring from the Council; Councillor John Palmer, Alderman W J Dillon and Councillor S Hughes. He wished Councillor John Palmer and Alderman Dillon, both representing Downshire West DEA, the best of health in their retirement and best wishes for the future. He also conveyed best wishes to his Lisburn North DEA colleague, Councillor S Hughes, who he described as having shone very brightly and having gained much respect since coming on to the Council in 2019.

Alderman W J Dillon (00:54:44)

Alderman W J Dillon put on record his thanks to The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor S Carson, the Chief Executive and staff of the Council for the courtesy and respect, and also the friendship that they had afforded him during his time on the Council. He recounted the time in 1977 when he had thought long and hard

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about standing for election with the belief at that time that he would serve for one four-year term only.

Alderman Dillon thanked his friend and colleague, Alderman A G Ewart, for his kind words and for his friendship over the years. He recounted some of the highlights of his time on the Council, and thanked the Council for the accolade of the Freedom of the City of Lisburn and Castlereagh which had been bestowed on him in February 2020. Alderman Dillon also welcomed the news that the Park and Ride facility at Moira railway station was finally coming to fruition next year having lobbied continually on this project for the past seven years. Alderman Dillon expressed gratitude to Alderman Ewart for his efforts and valuable assistance with lobbying for the Moira Park and Ride project.

Alderman Dillon concluded by thanking everyone again for the courtesy they had shown him over the years and for their good wishes to him for the future.

At this point the Council gave a round of applause in acknowledgement of Alderman Dillon's lifetime of service to local government.

Alderman J Tinsley left the meeting at 8.13 pm and returned at 8.15 pm.

Alderman S Martin (01:07:05)

Alderman S Martin commended Alderman W J Dillon on his farewell speech and reminded the Council that Alderman Dillon, during his earlier years on the Council, had served this community during the height of its darkest days but also saw the Council through some of its brightest days such as the day when the late HM Queen Elizabeth II came here to Lagan Valley Island to grant City Status to Lisburn. He mentioned too that more recently Alderman Dillon had been fundamental in Hillsborough being granted Royal status. Alderman Martin stated that he held Alderman Dillon in the same regard as other well respected elected members that had gone before such as the late Sammy Semple, the late Charlie Poots, the late Seamus Close and the late Ivan Davis. He stated that this City was much better for Alderman Dillon's service on this Council.

Alderman Martin then paid tribute to the aforementioned Members of Council who were not standing for re-election. He paid a particular tribute to Councillor John Palmer who had become an expert in his fields of which there were many particularly in relation to his roles on the Council's Planning Committee and Policing and Community Safety Partnership and his engagement with many of the statutory bodies all for the benefit of his constituents.

Alderman S Martin paid tribute to two of his Lisburn North colleagues, Councillor S Hughes and Councillor J McCarthy. He referred to the intellect of Councillor Hughes and his clarity of thought, his approach to matters pertaining to health and wellbeing which he described as unfailing. He extended best wishes to Councillor Hughes and his family for the future.

Alderman Martin paid tribute to Councillor J McCarthy who had been elected to Council the same year as himself in 2014. He referred to Councillor McCarthy

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having served as Deputy Mayor in 2019/2020 and his sense of humour having left his mark.

In paying tribute to Councillor N Anderson whom he said always put in extra effort in his role as an elected Member and has given a huge amount to his constituents in Castlereagh South. Alderman Martin felt that whilst Councillor Anderson will be saddened to leave the role as Elected Member he has developed a different career path which will allow him to give something back to the community.

Alderman Martin extended best wishes to Councillor Anderson and his family for the future.

In concluding Alderman Martin paid tribute to Councillor F Cole whom he described as an outstanding individual and leader. He stated that he admired her ability to challenge and to think outside the box and wished her and her family well for the future.

Councillor F Cole (01:15:52)

Councillor Cole at the outset expressed thanks and appreciation to The Right Worshipful the Mayor who had been so welcoming to her when she first came on to the Council 12 months' ago. She also extended sincere thanks to her party colleague, the Deputy Mayor, Councillor M Guy, who had become her mentor during her time on the Council and who had stepped up at every occasion.

Councillor Cole thanked her party group leader, Alderman A Grehan, and the Alliance team whom she described as incredibly supportive. Councillor Cole spoke about the need for the Council to continue to be inclusive and to be the voice for every single constituent and about the need for a devolved government that works for everyone. She hoped the new Council would have the same commitment for inclusivity and diversity.

Councillor John Palmer (01:20:04)

Councillor G McCleave left the meeting at 8.26 pm.

Councillor John Palmer rose to express his thanks and appreciation for the kind words from those Members who had spoken. He recalled that he had been appointed as an independent member initially to the then District Policing Partnership (DPP) in 2008 and that following his election in 2011 he had been appointed to the newly formed on the PCSP. Councillor Palmer mentioned many projects which he had been involved in during his time on the Council and thanked all the Officers on the Council for having supported him well during that time.

Deputy Mayor, Councillor M Guy (01:24:39)

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor M Guy, thanked Councillor Cole for stepping in and having served the constituents in Castlereagh South with enthusiasm and wished Councillor Cole good luck for the future.

Alderman J Tinsley (01:25:59)

Alderman Tinsley thanked each of the Members not standing for re-election for their commitment and contribution to the Council whether it had been one year's service or 46 years' service. He acknowledged the huge sacrifice that was required of those who held public office. He wished all those Members not standing good wishes for the future and assured them that their legacy would live on.

Conclusion of the Meeting (01:28:10)

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor S Carson, stated that as this current mandate draws to a close he wished to thank each and every Member of Council for their contribution and support over the past four years. It had been a privilege to have served as Mayor of Lisburn and Castlereagh. He wished those Members seeking re-election well in the coming weeks.

He also thanked the Deputy Mayor, Councillor M Guy, for her support and commitment throughout the year and also to the Chief Executive, Directors and all the staff for their help and support.

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

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was terminated at 8.40 pm.

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Mayor