

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council

Leisure & Development Committee Tuesday 12th May 2015

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5.	Good Relations Strategy 2014-17	<i>Approve</i>
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Leisure & Development Committee

Minutes of the Meeting of Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council Leisure & Development Committee, held in Council Chamber, Civic Headquarters, Coleraine Office on Tuesday 12th May 2015 at 7.00 pm.

In the Chair: Councillor M A McKillop

Members present: Aldermen Hickey, Hillis and Mullan
Councillors Clarke, Douglas, Knight-McQuillan, McCandless, McCorkell, McGlinchey, McLean, Nicholl, Stevenson and Wilson

In attendance: Mr D Jackson, Chief Executive
Mr R Baker, Director of Leisure and Development
Mrs E McCaul, Committee Clerk

Mrs P Cameron, Good Relations Officer
Mrs J Welsh, Community Services Manager
Mrs L Scullion, Community Services Manager
Mrs W McCullagh, Healthy Living & Sport Manager

Councillor G Duddy

Also in Attendance: Mr Henry Taggart, O'Connor Kennedy and Turtle
Press x 3
Public x 7

1. Apologies

Apologies were recorded from Councillors Holmes and Mulholland.

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were reported.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting held 14th April 2015

The minutes of meeting held 14th April 2015 which were ratified by Council on 28th April 2015 were confirmed as a correct record.

4. Update from Officers on Leisure & Development 4 Key Service Areas for Year 1

The Director of Leisure & Development presented details on the 4 key service areas and service responsibility for year 1 within the Development Directorate. The vision and service priorities for each of the 4 service areas were noted by the committee.

5. Good Relations Strategy 2014-17

The Good Relations Officer presented a report on the Good Relations Strategy for 2014-17 previously circulated and as undernoted:

The four legacy Councils had an established track record for working collaboratively on Good Relations, and in 2011, developed the first joint Good Relations Strategy for what is now the Causeway Coast and Glens Council area. This was the first of its kind among all Councils in Northern Ireland, in an effort to begin preparations for the Review of Public Administration. In order to continue with this collaborative approach and to ensure the promotion of Good Relations in the geographical area covered by the cluster, the Councils developed a second Good Relations Strategy and Action Plan (2014-2017). This would span the final year of the existing Council structures and provide an interim Strategy and Action Plan for the first two years of the new Causeway Coast & Glens Council.

In October 2014, the Shadow Council participated in a Community Services workshop. The workshop focused on detailing the background, development approach and key priority areas identified when developing the Community Services Framework and associated strategies. The Good Relations Strategy formed an integral element of this framework, alongside Community Development and Policing & Community Safety strategies.

Following this process, staff were tasked with developing detailed costed action plans, based on anticipated budgets for all three service areas.

In February 2015, Councils were asked to submit applications/bids to the Office of the First & Deputy First Minister, in order to avail of funding through their 'Council Good Relations Challenge Programme'. Councils have subsequently been successful in accessing £240,856 of funding, (subject to Council's adoption of the strategy and action plan), with the option of making additional applications to the Department's 'Summer Intervention Programme', currently open for application.

Legislative & Policy Context

There are clear statutory duties for all public bodies under Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act in relation to Good Relations and Equality. Section 75 (2) of the Northern Ireland Act states 'a public authority shall in carrying out its functions relating to Northern Ireland have regard to the desirability of promoting good relations between persons of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group'

'Together Building a United Community' (TBAUC) is the Executive's Strategy, led by OFMDFM which focuses on the delivery of Good Relations, including support to Local Authorities in delivering their statutory duty. It recognizes the value of, and commits to supporting a range of actions including supporting Councils, through a District Councils Good Relations Challenge Programme to resource Good Relations work.

When developing the new programmes within the Good Relations Action Plan, it was essential that each action could be directly linked with one or more of the themes of TBAUC. It has also been necessary to measure performance against the Good Relations Indicators as prescribed by the Department, thus allowing clear measurement across all Councils towards the achievement of the NI Executive Strategy.

Identifying Need – Audit and Planning

The process to identify need was twofold:

- 1. A comprehensive desk research analysis was undertaken to establish the existing policy landscape and identify opportunities for collaborative working and gaps in existing provision.**
- 2. Direct consultation and engagement process (surveys, individual consultations, workshops, open meetings) with the residents, community and voluntary representatives, private and public sector stakeholders, elected members and Council staff.**

In total 747 Consultees representing statutory and community groups, Council officials, Elected Members and local residents engaged during the audit process.

In addition to the audit findings, consideration of the existing and emerging policy landscape at both a local and regional level, helped shape the final strategic Good Relations Action Plan. It was imperative that both the audit findings, existing interventions and policy landscape (both local and regional) were considered together in order to give a full picture and enable the development of new relevant, innovative programmes.

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When designing the Strategic Action Plan, a five step framework was developed to ensure only the actions which have the potential to achieve the maximum impact were progressed. The five steps included:

- Identification of the most relevant Regional Policy.**
- Alignment with one of the identified priority strands.**
- Identification of the most relevant issues was to be addressed.**
- Identification of the most relevant stakeholders:**
- Complementarity with the local policy landscape.**

The strategic framework resulted in the development of five thematic programmes, which would commence in 2014 in each of the existing four Council areas, taking into consideration existing interventions and local sensitivities. It was anticipated that these programmes would then continue through 2015, 2016 and 2017, building year on year the confidence, knowledge and skills of the participants to contribute to the development of a culture of respect, understanding and tolerance within the Causeway Coast and Glen's area.

How will Good Relations deliver? - Key Priorities and Deliverables

The actions contained within Strategy and action plan reflect priority needs identified through the audit and existing areas of responsibility.

Key priorities and associated deliverables are outlined in the table below:

Priority	Activities/deliverables
<p>Our Children and Young People: Improving attitudes amongst our young people and to build a community where they can play a full and active role</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Youth Cohesion Project targeting 20 youth peer leaders delivered • 1 Youth education citizenship resource including DVD developed and delivered to 18 post primary schools and targeting 1000 young people. • 1 youth leadership ‘Let’s Talk’ local democracy project delivered engaging at least 120 young people
<p>Promoting Shared Communities: creating a community where division does not restrict life opportunities; where all areas are open and accessible to everyone</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 positive media programme delivered to positively promote GR with local and social media • Policy development – provision of support to the corporate policy function on GR (S75) issues, in relation to development of new policies. • 1 Mediation and Dialogue programme, including 12 facilitated workshops and up to 30 meetings involving both statutory & community stakeholders to address a range of issues relating to cultural expression, shared space etc across the Borough area. This programme also includes provision to provide mediation on an inter or intra community basis (reactive response) • 1 Early years programme delivered across the Borough, promoting shared communities through cultural diversity, involving 12 playgroups, 24 practitioners and up to 80 families
<p>Safe Communities:: to create a community where everyone feels safe in moving around and where life choices are not inhibited by fears around safety</p>	

<p>Cultural Expression: Creating a community which promotes mutual respect, is strengthened by its diversity, and cultural expression is celebrated and embraced</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Cultural Capacity programme, engaging with up to 6 cultural/heritage groups (up to 80 individuals) to encourage positive engagement with wider communities on cultural identity • 1 Cultural Showcase (dependent on additional external OFMDFM funds) hosting 4 events to celebrate culture and heritage within the Council area • 1 Celebrating Sporting Difference Programme (dependent on additional external OFMDFM funds) targeting 120 young people and young adults
<p>Increase and improve leadership, capacity, organisation and capital building skills in order to support Good Relations outcomes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Community & Statutory Dialogue (strategic/proactive) programme with representatives from relevant community & statutory partners to identify shared priorities/themes and develop collaborative approaches to addressing these – Community Planning for GR • 1 Good Relations Action Learning Programme. Advice/mentoring to at least 40 groups to develop GR projects. Delivery of 20-30 GR Action Learning Grants to local groups, involving at least 500 participants in activities supported. 2 shared GR peer focused workshops, attended by at least 80% of groups supported through grant aid. • 1 Monitoring & Evaluation toolkit developed to be used for all programme areas. 1 evaluation report compiled using data • 1 Train the Trainer Programme delivered to support staff in the delivery of training programmes to the community. At least 30 staff targeted to receive GR training and at least 40 groups receive GR training (inc. grant recipient groups).

Measurement – How will Good Relations measure change?

A range of key performance targets have been identified to measure how Good Relations Programmes are achieving targets and contributing to the realisation of outcomes. These key performance indicators have been aligned to both regional performance indicators, including those contained within OFMDFM’s Good Relations programme Indicators, as well as local indicators highlighted as part of the planning process. In addition, this data will be collated and analysed by way of the development of a bespoke Monitoring and Evaluation Framework/toolkit.

A comprehensive list of key performance indicators are included in the body of the action plan, and include, among others, the following:

Priority	Key Performance Indicators
<p>Our Children and Young People: Improving attitudes amongst our young people and to build a community where they can play a full and active role</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40% increase in favourable towards people from other community backgrounds (from baseline position) • 40% of participants/children (age 16) who think relations between Protestants and Catholics are better than they were five years ago • 50% increase in no of participants children (age 16) who think relations between Protestants and Catholics will be better in 5 years' time • 40% increase in young people who have engaged in projects with pupils from other schools • Of those who have done projects - 60% who thinks sharing is a good idea
<p>Promoting Shared Communities: creating a community where division does not restrict life opportunities; where all areas are open and accessible to everyone</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25% increase in number of positive articles (local issues) in media • Number of policies reviewed/ screened with impact on S75 (2) • Number of new policies developed which positively impact on S75 (2) • % who think that Protestants and Catholics tend to go to different local shops or use different/ other services in their area. • Decrease in community issues requiring mediation (self-referral or 3rd party referral) • Increase in inter and intra community dialogue on GR issues in contested areas • 70% participants favourable towards people from other community backgrounds
<p>Safe Communities:: to create a community where everyone feels safe in moving around and where life choices are not inhibited by fears around safety</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in number of racial incidents and crimes Reduction in number of homophobic incidents and crimes, sectarian incidents and crimes, religion incidents and crimes, disability incidents and crimes recorded • 40% increase of participants who see town centres as safe and welcoming places for people of all walks of life. • % local community issues which attract cross sector and community engagement to seek successful outcomes
<p>Cultural Expression: Creating a community which promotes mutual respect , is strengthened by its diversity, and cultural expression is celebrated and embraced</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40%+ Protestant participants who think that their cultural identity is respected • 40%+ Catholic participants who think that their cultural identity is respected • 70% participants who think that the culture and traditions of indigenous and/or BME communities add to the richness and diversity of society

<p>Increase and improve leadership, capacity, organisation and capital building skills in order to support Good Relations outcomes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60% who feel they have an influence when it comes to any of the local decisions made in their neighbourhood, and can have an impact on services are delivered within local communities • % programmes successfully completing M&E requirements - 100% • M&E toolkit reflects success of action plan in measuring contribution to GR Indicators as agreed by OFMDFM • 100% of participants successfully completing programme • Number of training session delivered to local communities and/or staff as a result
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1.5 Outcomes – achieving results and encouraging change

The five key priorities work with a variety of constituent groups, to address evidenced based need with the shared aims of fulfilling Council’s Good Relations duty by tackling sectarianism, racism and other forms of intolerance while actively promoting good relations both within Council and building positive relations within local communities.

The outcomes are included in the body of the action plan, and include, among others, the following:

Priority	Outcomes
<p>Our Children and Young People: Improving attitudes amongst our young people and to build a community where they can play a full and active role</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving attitudes between young people from different backgrounds • Young people engaging in bringing the community together.
<p>Promoting Shared Communities: creating a community where division does not restrict life opportunities; where all areas are open and accessible to everyone</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared Space is accessible to all. • Improved understanding of the norms cultures traditions and religions within the Causeway Coast and Glens Council area • Increased use of shared space and services
<p>Safe Communities: to create a community where everyone feels safe in moving around and where life choices are not inhibited by fears around safety</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute to the reduction and the prevalence of hate crime and intimidation • A community where places and spaces are safe for all • Increased Partnership working in the Causeway Coast and Glens Council area
<p>Cultural Expression: Creating a community which promotes mutual respect , is strengthened by its diversity, and cultural expression is celebrated and embraced</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural diversity is celebrated • Improved understanding of the norms cultures traditions and religions within the Causeway Coast and Glens Council area • Increased engagement

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- Increase sense of community belonging (widens contribution beyond community background)
- Increased Partnership working in the area
- Improved understanding of the norms cultures traditions and religions within the Causeway Coast and Glens Council area
- Efficient delivery of GR Strategy.
- Focused, targeted approach to the delivery of GR.
- More positive relationships developed

Resourcing the Plan

Council have been successful in accessing £240,856 of funding for the period 2015/16 from the Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister, based on the proposed strategy and action plan with the option of making additional application for funding to the Department's 'Summer Intervention Programme'. The Plan has been prioritised according to the audit findings within the strategy (high/medium/low), with the planning assumption that lower priority programmes will be subject to accessing funds additional to 'core' funding available from the Department to address the highest priority issues. These costs are based on current staffing levels (the Department prioritising funding 75% of costs towards staffing and operating costs), and may therefore be subject to adjustment in year, following agreed staffing structures for the service area.

The action plan has been developed based on a contribution from Council of £119,103, a 5% saving on the 2014/15 period. The total available costs for implementation of the Good Relations Action Plan will therefore be £359,959, with an additional application of £20,000 to OFMDFM's Summer Intervention programme, to bring levels of funding to 97% of the baseline level of funding from the Department in the 2014/15 period, if successful.

It is recommended that Council adopt the Good Relations Strategy, 2015-16 Action Plan and financial contribution of up to £119,103 from Council and £240,856 from OFMDFM, to facilitate continuation of service delivery for the new Council area in the 2015-2016 period.

Following the presentation, Officers answered a number of questions on delivery and screening of the programme. It was suggested that there was a need to monitor resources, especially those spent on KPI's. It was also suggested that members get a breakdown at the end of 2016 on where the good relations funding had been spent.

It was proposed by Councillor McGlinchey, seconded by Alderman Hickey and **AGREED: to recommend that Council adopts the Good Relation Strategy, 2015-16 Action Plan and financial contribution of up to £119,103 from Council and £240,856 from OFTDFM, to facilitate continuation of service delivery for the new Council area in the 2015- 2016 period.**

6. Audit of Community Centres and Halls

The Community Services Manager presented a report on the Audit of Community Centres and Halls as previously circulated and undernoted:

In January 2015, the 4 legacy Councils took forward an Audit of existing Community Centres and Halls in the new Council area in order to map out the current provision of Council owned Community Centres as well as the levels of support for voluntary run Community Centres and to offer key conclusions and observations which could be used to inform and shape future vision and strategy.

The agreed definition of a Community Centre is:

A multipurpose centre available for community use and or service provision by a range of user groups or for public hire. They are facilities which offer opportunities for the community to meet, stay active, learn new skills and volunteer.

Blu Zebra Consultants were commissioned to carry out the Audit which was part funded by additional DSD grant monies received through the Community Support Programme and the Community Foundation for NI. The Audit considered all Community Centres and Halls across the Causeway Coast & Glens area, whether Council owned, supported or community owned and supported. The Audit Report contains an analysis of data relating to the Community Centres including age, location, staffing, general state of repair, use of building, size and accessibility, annual running costs and number of users, as well as a range of maps showing locations and plotting location against deprivation levels etc.

In summary:

- *There are 20 Council owned Community Centres / Halls.*
- *Of these 20 Council owned Centres, 12 (former Coleraine and Moyle Council areas) are managed directly by Council and 8 are leased to and managed by local community groups (Ballymoney and Limavady)*
- *There are 35 Community owned Community Centres/ Halls which have been developed through community led projects and which are now eligible to receive financial support through Causeway Coast and Glens Community Development Support Grant.*
- *The total spend by all four legacy Councils on Community Centres in 2014-15 was £497,163 This includes grants to other voluntary run community development facilities.*

A copy of the Executive Summary of the Community Centres/Halls Report was previously circulated. Given the quantity of detail and analysis in the full Audit Report, it is recommended that a workshop is held where the consultant can brief Elected Members fully on the current situation with regard to Community Centre provision and allow discussion about future levels of support and resources.

It is recommended that a workshop is arranged for Councillors to review the Audit of Community Centres and Halls.

It was proposed by Alderman Hillis, seconded by Councillor Stevenson and AGREED: **that a workshop would be arranged as soon as possible to review the Audit of Community Centres and Halls.**

7. Community Festival Funding

The Director of Leisure & Development presented a report on Community Festival Funding previously circulated and as undernoted:

The Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure (DCAL) is seeking views on its draft revised Community Festivals Fund Policy and Guidance Framework. The deadline for submission of responses to DCAL is 18th June.

The Community Festivals Fund (CFF) has been in existence (in various forms) since 2006. The Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure (DCAL) has overall responsibility for the CFF while responsibility for making awards to individual festivals rests with individual Councils.

In 2012, an evaluation considering various aspects of the Fund including the pattern of funding over time, how funding has been distributed, effectiveness and impact, was undertaken by DCAL's Economic Services Unit. Organisations who have applied for CFF funding were also consulted to inform the evaluation.

As a result of this evaluation, DCAL has drafted a revised Community Festivals Fund Policy and Guidance Framework which, once agreed and finalised, will replace the existing framework which has been in operation since 2007. The consultation paper can be accessed at <http://www.dcalni.gov.uk/index/quick-links/consultation.htm>.

A draft consultation response from Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council has been prepared, which takes on board comments from Elected Members at the last Council meeting and feedback from local community organisations.

It is recommended that Council approves the draft response to Consultation on DCAL Community Festival Fund Revised Policy and Guidance Framework 2015 and submits a response to DCAL prior to deadline of 18th June.

It was proposed by Alderman Hickey, seconded by Councillor Clarke and AGREED to **recommend that Council approved the draft response to the Consultation on DCAL Community Festival Fund Revised Policy and Guidance Framework 2015 and submit a response to DCAL prior to the deadline of 18th June.**

It was proposed by Alderman Mullan, seconded by Councillor Clarke and AGREED that agenda items 8 to 12 would be discussed **IN COMMITTEE.**

8. Coleraine Enterprise Zone

The Director of Leisure & Development presented a *confidential* report to update members on the progress that had been made to date and to seek conditional approval to proceed with the Enterprise Zone Project.

It was recommended that Council accept the Outline Business Case and Economic Appraisal.

It was stressed that further work would not proceed unless and until Enterprise Zone status of the relevant land was confirmed and an anchor tenant had been secured.

In anticipation of the aforementioned conditions being met, **it is recommended** that Council form an Enterprise Zone Project Board, to provide governance to the project (Suggested composition – 6 Councillors / 4 Officers).

In the event that the aforementioned conditions were met, the Enterprise Zone Project Board will seek **Council's approval** to:

- **Complete the long lease purchase of the relevant land with the University of Ulster.**
- **Complete the back-to-back sub-lease with the anchor tenant.**
- **Design, procure and carry out the civil engineering/electrical enabling works to the site.**
- **Market the site to achieve optimal tenancy.**
- **Investigate the supply of lower cost energy to the site and report findings back to Council.**

There followed a discussion on membership to the Project Board with a number of suggestions being made on member selection.

It was proposed by Councillor McCandless, seconded by Councillor Nicholl and AGREED that: **the recommendations would be approved by the Leisure & Development Committee.** Noted that membership to the Project Board was not confirmed.

9. Transfer of Coleraine Harbour

The Director of Leisure & Development presented a confidential report to provide Councillors with an initial assessment of the Coleraine Harbour asset, function / operation, capital / revenue and risks, in order to allow Council to make an informed decision whether to proceed with further investigation and consideration of the proposal to transfer Coleraine Harbour (including General Powers, Duties and Responsibilities).

The Director outlined the historic context of the transfer, the current position of DRD, the relevance of the initial assessment, financial position, development potential, site/infrastructure conditions and port viability.

It was recommended that officers seek the Committee's approval to undertake the steps outlined within the report (cost will be incurred in Step 1, no greater than £5k).

It was proposed by Alderman Hillis, seconded by Councillor McCorkell and AGREED that:

- **Further investigation and analysis be carried out to establish the accuracy of the findings and assumption make in the report.**
- **Engagement take place with the Harbour Commissioner to ensure that Council's consideration of the DRD communication is done so in an open manner.**
- **Engagement take place with DRD at the earliest opportunity to discuss the assumptions made within this report, the responsibility placed upon Council to fund any due diligence and specifically question the market demand to sustain a commercial port in Coleraine.**
- **Engagement take place with DSD to discuss the regeneration opportunity, including models for doing so.**

10. Dunluce Centre Portrush

The Chair welcomed Mr Henry Taggart, O'Connor Kennedy & Turtle to the meeting.

The Director of Leisure & Development presented a confidential report to gain Council's direction regarding the future of the Dunluce Centre. He outlined that early in 2015 an Expressions of Interest (EOI) exercise had been carried out on potential use for parts or all of the site from commercial parties, social enterprise and community groups. He said that although four parties had initially expressed an interest in the centre, when requested to submit an outline Business Cases from which officers could make a recommendation to Council for further consideration, only one party had submitted the detailed documentation requested.

It was recommended that:

- a) **Council consider the situation to date and indicate to officers which option should be pursued;**
- b) **Dependent on the selected option, members are asked to indicate how they wish officers to proceed with initial EOI from a boxing club.**

Mr Taggart confirmed that the property had been extensively advertised on various websites.

The following points were made:

- There was a need to look at all options on how the site would be developed.
- Take into consideration the 2019 golf tournament.
- There was an upturn in the local economy.
- The site was a premium tourist site and suitable for commercial enterprises.
- Take into consideration how the community could benefit from the site.
- The approximate cost to keep the site 'as is' was £40K.

Alderman Hickey proposed that: '**Council enter into meaningful discussion with a local school who had expressed an interest in leasing the site.**' The proposal was seconded by Alderman Mullan.

Councillor Wilson proposed an amendment that '**Council "hold fire" and wait to see what options might become available with regard to the site in the foreseeable future.**' The amendment was seconded by Councillor Wilson and on being put to the committee was declared carried, with 10 voting for and none against. AGREED.

11, Carrick Dhu Caravan Park Update

The Director of Leisure & Development presented a confidential report previously circulated which detailed an Outline Business Case to allow the Carrick Dhu Upgrade Works to proceed from Stage 1 to Stage 2. He gave a synopsis of the business case in terms of need and provided an analysis of options open to Council on progressing to the next stage as follows:

He said that *option 4: complete both the electrical and drainage works* addressed all the outstanding issues and would allow the site revenue to be maximised, with ongoing operating costs being kept to a minimum. Accordingly, Option 4 had been identified as the preferred option.

It was recommended that: Council approves moving into Stage 2 with this Project based on the preferred option identified above. This will allow a tendering exercise to proceed in

order to refine the final costs and Business Case and will result in the presentation of a Tender Report to Council to enable the Investment Decision to be made.

It was proposed by Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Nicholl and AGREED that: **the Leisure & Development Committee approves the recommendation to proceed with the preferred Option 4 to allow the project to proceed from Stage 1 to Stage 2 at a cost of £1.95 million.**

12. Tender Report for East Strand

The Director of Leisure & Development presented a confidential tender report previously circulated. He explained to the committee that due to limited strip concrete foundation which had become undermined due to wave action, the bottom section of the steps on the East Strand had to be removed. He advised that to ensure that this portion of the steps was fully functional and safe for the peak season in 2015, it was proposed that temporary repair work be undertaken.

Following assessment of quotations submitted and tender analysis:

It was recommended that: Messers. McMackin Contracts Limited be awarded the contract to allow the works at East Strand to proceed.

It was proposed by Alderman Hillis, seconded by Alderman and AGREED that **Messers McMackiin Contracts Limited be awarded the contract.**

13. Matters for Reporting to Partnership Panel - None

14. Charging for Special Policing Services – New Policy Between the Policing Board and the PSNI

Alan Todd, Assistant Chief Constable has written to advise Council that from 1st April 2015 a new policy entitled 'Charging for Special Policing Services' came into effect. From that date the PSNI will charge for the supply of police officers at events and enterprises under Section 11 of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000.

The policy which is available on the PSNI website identifies a number of event and categories and set out how the PSNI will respond to requests for an event to be policed. The policy formalises what the PSNI have done for a number of years and brings Northern Ireland in line with other UK Police Services.

Further information is available on the policy from the PSNI Operational Support Department. http://www.psni.police.uk/policing_costs_at_ni_assembly.pdf

15. Decisions of Legacy Councils

Councillor Stevenson made reference to decisions made by the legacy Councils and the need to make sure those decisions were actioned. In response the Chief Executive advised members to email him in the first instance and if any follow action was needed, items could be put on the next Council agenda.

16. Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 9th June 2015 at 7:00 pm.

The meeting closed at 9: 25 pm.