

COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 1 AUGUST 2023

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No.	Item	Decision
1.	The Mayors' Business	Received
2.	Apologies	None
3.	Declarations of Members' Interest	None
4.	Minutes of Council Meeting held on Thursday 29 June 2023	Confirmed and signed as a correct record
5.	Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 28 June 2023	Noted
6.	Public Authority Statutory Equality and Good Relations Duties Annual Progress Report 2022-23	Council approves the submission of the Annual Progress Report 2022/23 to the Equality Commission NI
7.	Matters for reporting to the Partnership Panel	None
8.	Conferences	None
9.	Correspondence	Noted
(i)	J Glass, Local Government and Housing Regulation, Department for Communities, dated 29 June 2023	
(ii)	NILGA, dated 30 June 2023	
(iii)	Marie Ward, Chief Executive of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council, dated 7 July 2023	
10.	Consultation Schedule	Noted
11.	Seal Documents	Seal Affixed
	'IN COMMITTEE' (Item 12)	

12.	<p>'Call In' of the Council Decision of 7 February 2023 regarding the NI 100 Stained Glass Window for Coleraine Town Hall</p> <p>'RESOLVED – That Council approve Option 1 – To agree to proceed with the manufacture of the Stained Glass Window as per current design</p>	<p>Option 1 – To agree to proceed with the manufacture of the Stained Glass Window as per current design</p>

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE
COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AND VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE
ON TUESDAY 1 AUGUST 2023 AT 7.00PM**

In the Chair : The Mayor, Councillor Callaghan (C)

Present : Alderman Boyle (C), Coyle (C), Fielding (C), Hunter (R)
Knight-McQuillan (C), John McAuley (C), S McKillop (C),
Scott (C), Stewart (C)

Councillors Anderson (C), C Archibald (C), N Archibald (C), Bateson (R), Callan (C), Chivers (C), Holmes (R), Huggins (C), Kane (C), Kennedy (C), Kyle (C), Mairs (C), Jonathan McAuley (C), McCully (C), McGlinchey (R), McGurk (C), McMullan (C), McQuillan (C), McShane (R), Nicholl (R), Peacock (C), Schenning (C), Stirling (C), Storey (C), Wallace (R), Watson (C), Watton (C), Wilson (R), Wisener (C)

Officers Present : D Jackson, Chief Executive (C)
M Quinn, Director of Corporate Services (R)
P Donaghy, Democratic and Central Services Manager (R)
J Mills, Land and Property Solicitor (R)
J Keen, Committee & Member Services Officer (R)
I Owens, Committee & Member Services Officer (C)

In attendance : A Lennox, Mobile Operations Officer (C)
C Thompson, ICT Operations Officer (C)

Press (2 No) (R)

Key – C = Attended in the Chamber
R = Attended Remotely

The Chief Executive undertook a roll call.

The Mayor opened the meeting and extended a welcome to members of the press and public in attendance and provided guidance in relation to Council's Remote Meetings Protocol and audio recordings.

1. THE MAYOR'S BUSINESS

The Mayor provided a summary of his key engagements and highlights since last Council Meeting as follows:-

“On Friday 28th July I hosted The Mayor of Douglas, Councillor Natalie Bryon and her husband Andrew along with Councillor Stephen Pitts and his wife Paula. Also in attendance were members of Ballymoney Twinning Committee and it is my hope that contacts made will flourish.

I wish to pay tribute to William Munnis the Chair of Armoy Roads Race for the fantastic event concluding on Saturday 29th July where I was in attendance with my guests from Douglas.

A sincere vote of thanks to Victor Leonard, MBE, Chair of Supercup NI and his dedicated team of volunteers and committee members and sponsors for a fantastic well organised event. Thanks to the good work of Council Officers and staff to contributed to the success of the event especially for the hospitality shown at Heights and Anderson Park. Congratulations to all teams with a special congratulations to the players of County Londonderry team who came through some tight games under the management of Martin Smith and his coaching staff winning the Boys Premier Section decider. Northern Ireland also triumphed and Valencia defeated Manchester United to win the Elite Section. Well done to all teams throughout the groups and particularly to the winners. I was in attendance at 8 matches across the borough and the 2 Finals in Ballymena Showgrounds. People from all over the world complimented the hospitality, accommodation and tourism on offer. It was indeed a privilege for me to represent our Council at such a prestigious event.

Finally I would like to record my thanks to the Deputy Mayor, Councillor MA McKillop who has undertaken engagements for me since we took up office”.

2. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

3. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS’ INTERESTS

There were no Declarations of Interest

4. MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD THURSDAY 29 JUNE 2023

Copy, previously circulated.

Proposed by Councillor Watton
Seconded by Councillor Scott and

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Council meeting held Thursday 29 June 2023, were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

5. MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 28 JUNE 2023

Copy, previously circulated.

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held Wednesday 28 June 2023 are received and noted.

6. PUBLIC AUTHORITY STATUTORY EQUALITY AND GOOD RELATIONS DUTIES ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT 2022-23

Report, previously circulated, was presented by the Director of Corporate Services.

Introduction

Under Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 (and included as a commitment in the Council's Equality Scheme) is a requirement that the Council provide an annual report to the Equality Commission for NI on progress in meeting our obligations under the equality and good relations duties.

The report also requires the Council to report on how it is fulfilling its statutory duties under Section 49A of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 by reporting on progress made on the commitments included in the Council's Disability Action Plan.

Annual Progress Report 2022/23

A copy of the Annual Progress Report for 2022/23 is attached for your information, previously circulated.

The format of the report is based on a template provided by the Equality Commission and the report always covers the previous financial year. The period of time this report deals with therefore is from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023.

Part A (previously circulated) of the report relates to the Section 75 Equality # and Good Relations duties and covers outcomes, impacts and good practice in relation to these areas of work, along with progress on the Council's Equality Action Plan, consultations undertaken, screening and Equality Impact Assessments undertaken, monitoring arrangements, training and complaints made in relation to equality and good relations issues.

Part B (previously circulated) outlines actions achieved, partially achieved or not achieved in relation to the Council's Disability Action Plan.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Council approves the submission of the Annual Progress Report 2022/23 to the Equality Commission NI.

The Director of Corporate Services provided commentary on the report, previously circulated, as follows:

Page 4 - Disability Hate Crime Animation including reference to useful video;

Page 4 - Easy Read with 6 new Easy Read Documents on line which have been subject to a peer review;

Page 4 - Inclusive Cycling Equipment & Mobile accessible changing facilities in conjunction with Council's Town & Village team. Press Release associated with this and recent awards to follow;

Page 6 - Foodsmart - Community Fridges. Further Press Release to follow regarding this very successful initiative;
Page 8 - Other Relevant Activities including distribution of 770 keep warm packs. This is linking to the Warm Spaces and actively working with the Age Friendly Co-Ordinator;
Page 15 - Equality Awareness Programme and reference to Macaton for staff use;
Page 19 - Pre visit Video – JDLC, in line with Autism Action Plan - Consulting with groups, excellent feedback. Preparing a video on this at the moment;
Positioning of Warning Signs;
Macacton flashcards currently being piloted in Civic buildings 2023/24;
Calm packs - pilot in Leisure Centres/Caravan Parks, then across Council Services;

The Director of Corporate Services spoke of the good work undertaken by Officers in reaching this milestone alongside various stakeholders.

The Chief Executive welcomed the report and the implementation of initiatives in accordance with Statutory Equality and Good Relations duties and spoke of the great work undertaken by Officers which he hoped would continue.

Proposed by Alderman Boyle
Seconded by Alderman Callan and

RESOLVED - that Council approves the submission of the Annual Progress Report 2022/23 to the Equality Commission NI.

7. MATTERS FOR REPORTING TO THE PARTNERSHIP PANEL

There were no matters for reporting to Partnership Panel.

8. CONFERENCES

There were no conferences.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Purpose of Report

The purpose of the report is to present correspondence for Members' consideration.

The following correspondence has been received:

- (i) J Glass, Local Government and Housing Regulation, Department for Communities, dated 29 June 2023;
- (ii) NILGA, dated 30 June 2023;

- (iii) Marie Ward, Chief Executive of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council, dated 7 July 2023.

It is recommended that Council consider the correspondence.

Council noted the correspondence schedule.

10. CONSULTATION SCHEDULE

Consultation schedule, previously circulated, presented as read.

- Department for Communities Consultation on Grosvenor Barracks, Enniskillen – Application for renewal of Outline Planning Permission 4th September 2023;
- Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs Consultation on permitting regimes for the recreational targeting of bluefin tuna in UK waters 4th September 2023;
- The Executive Office - Provision of Free Period Products – Public Consultation 18th September 2023;
- Department for Communities Consultation on changes to Discretionary Support Scheme 25th September 2023;
- Department of Finance Equality Screening for fire safety changes to Building Regulations 25th September 2023;
- The Executive Office Consultation on the Children's Rights Impact Assessment and Rural Need Impact Assessment for the Executive Office's Spending Plans for 2023-24 – 2nd October 2023.

Available to View:

- Department for the Economy Equality Scheme 2022-2027;
- Department of Education Equality Screenings Q/E June 2023;
- Department of Finance Equality Screening in relation to Recruitment Advertising interim process arrangements;
- Department of Finance EQIA Screening Document for Secondment Policy Derogation;
- Department of Finance Draft Budget 2023-24 Equality Screening Document.

Open Consultations were listed:

- The Executive Office - Equality & Human Rights Unit Budget Consultation 2023-24 – submission by 7 June & 2 August 2023;
- Department for Communities - Consultation on Department for Communities Budget 2023-24 allocations – submission by 2 August 2023;
- The Executive Office - Consultation on The Executive Office Draft Equality Scheme 2023-2028 - submission by 11 August 2023;
- Department of Education - Consultation on the Department of Education 2023-24 Resource Budget - submission by 13th August 2023;

- Northern Ireland Policing Board - Northern Ireland Policing Board Engagement Strategy 2023-25 Consultation - submission by 5th September 2023;
- Northern Health and Social Care Trust - Consultation on Draft Equality and Disability Action Plans 2023-28 – 25th September 2023;
- Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs - Consultation on Northern Ireland's 2030 & 2040 Emissions Reduction Targets & First Three Carbon Budgets & Seeking views on Climate Change Committee (CCC) Advice Report: The path to a Net Zero Northern Ireland – submission by 10th October 2023.

11. SEAL DOCUMENTS

- Grave Registry Certificates, No's 5616 to 5637;
- Covid Recovery Small Settlements Regeneration Programme Armoy Play Area, Church Road – Deed Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and Richard Stuart of Garden Escapes (Ireland) Ltd (Ref L&D 230418 / CM 230524);
- Covid Recovery Small Settlements Regeneration Programme Mosside Community Centre Refurbishments – Deed Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and JPM Contracts (Ref L&D 230418 / CM 230524).
- Agreement Relating to Advance for Purchase of Car - Ref. 210-5189

Proposed by Alderman Callan
Seconded by Councillor MA McKillop and

RESOLVED – that the Sealing of documents, as listed, be approved (Items i-iv)

MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN COMMITTEE'

Proposed by Alderman Knight McQuillan
Seconded by Alderman S McKillop and

RESOLVED – that Council move '*In Committee*'.

* **Press were disconnected from the meeting at 7:15pm**

The information contained in the following item is restricted in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014.

12. 'CALL IN' OF THE COUNCIL DECISION OF 7 FEBRUARY 2023 REGARDING THE NI 100 STAINED GLASS WINDOW FOR COLERAINE TOWN HALL

'RESOLVED – *That Council approve Option 1 – To agree to proceed with the manufacture of the Stained Glass Window as per current design.*

At the request of the Mayor the Land and Property Solicitor provided background for contextual purposes.

The Mayor advised that in advance of taking a vote he would permit discussion to take place on the Call-In.

Alderman Boyle said she welcomed the opportunity for engagement and referred to the findings of the EQIA report saying there had been a lack of discussion on this matter.

In advance of taking the vote, at the request of Alderman Boyle the Chief Executive advised of the options available to Elected Members.

Councillor Wilson said the matter had been discussed by the NI 100 2021 Centenary Working Group and there had been ample opportunity for Elected Members to have their say.

The Mayor put the Motion to the Council to vote.
20 Members voted For; 20 Members voted Against; 0 Members Abstained.
The Mayor having the Casting Vote voted For and declared the Motion Carried.

RESOLVED – That Council approve Option 1 – To agree to proceed with the manufacture of the Stained Glass Window as per current design.

MOTION TO PROCEED ‘IN PUBLIC’

Proposed by Alderman Knight-McQuillan
Seconded by Alderman Scott

AGREED – that Council Meeting move ‘*In Public*’.

This being all the business, The Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 7.30pm.

Mayor