

THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2026

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2.	Apologies	Alderman Boyle Councillor Wilson
3.	Declaration of Members' Interests	None
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	Matters Arising	
4.1	Deputation – Presentation on Regulation of Houses in Multiple Occupation (Item 4, Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting 6 December 2025) (Item 5.1)	Noted
4.2	Adoption of the Minutes	Confirmed as a correct record
5.	Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held Tuesday 6 January 2026	Confirmed as a correct record
6.	Minutes of Environmental Services Committee meeting held Tuesday 13 January 2026	
	Matters Arising	
6.1	Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging Scheme (Item 13)	Noted
6.2	Adoption of the Minutes	Adopted and Recommendations therein approved
7.	Minutes of Leisure and Development Committee meeting held Tuesday 20 January 2026	Adopted and Recommendations therein approved

	Matters Arising	
7.1	Motorbikes for Joey Dunlop Museum (Item 10)	Noted
7.2	Funding Unit Organisational Design (Item 7)	Noted
7.3	Adoption of the Minutes	Adopted and Recommendations therein approved, as amended
8.	Minutes of Finance Committee meeting held Thursday 22 January 2026	
	Matters Arising	
8.1	NJC Pay Briefing Survey (Item 10)	Noted
8.2	Adoption of the Minutes	Adopted and Recommendations therein approved, as amended
9.	Minutes of Corporate Policy and Resources Committee meeting held Tuesday 27 January 2026	Adopted and Recommendations therein approved
	Matters Arising	
9.1	Notice of Motion Proposed by Councillor Leanne Peacock, Seconded by Councillor Ciaran McQuillan, from Council Meeting held Tuesday 6 January 2026 (Item 10)	Noted
9.2	Adoption of the Minutes	Adopted and Recommendations therein approved
10.	Matters for reporting to the Partnership Panel	None
11.	Conferences	None
12.	Correspondence	None
13.	Consultation Schedule	Noted
14.	Seal Documents	Seal Affixed (Items i-iv)

15.	Notice of Motion proposed by Alderman Callan seconded by Councillor Elder (abbrev. UK Town of Culture)	<i>To Support the Notice of Motion</i>
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**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE
COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON
TUESDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2026 AT 7.00 PM**

In the Chair : The Mayor, Councillor McMullan

Members Present : Alderman Brown Stewart, Callan, Coyle, Fielding,
Hunter, Knight-McQuillan, McAuley, S McKillop,
Scott

Councillors Anderson, C Archibald, N Archibald,
Bateson, Callaghan, Chivers, Elder, Holmes,
Huggins, Kane, Kennedy, Kyle, Mairs, McAuley,
McCully, McGlinchey, McGurk, MA McKillop,
McQuillan, McShane, Nicholl, Peacock, Schenning,
Storey, Wallace, Watson, Watton, Wisener

Officers Present : D Jackson, Chief Executive
M Quinn, Director of Corporate Services
A McPeake, Director of Environmental Services
P Mulvenna, Director of Leisure and Development
D Wright, Chief Finance Officer
J Mills, Council Solicitor
A Hamilton, Democratic and Central Services Manager (R)
U Harper, Committee & Member Services Officer

In Attendance: C McTaggart, ICT Officer
A Lennox, ICT Manager

Press: 2 no. (R)

Key – R = Attended Remotely

The Mayor advised Council of its obligations and protocol whilst the meeting was being audio recorded.

1. THE MAYOR'S BUSINESS

With the Mayor's permission and on behalf of Council, Councillor Huggins expressed condolences to Alderman Scott and his family on his mother's passing.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were recorded for Alderman Boyle and Councillor Wilson.

3. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

There were no Declarations of Interest.

4. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 6 JANUARY 2026

Copy previously circulated, presented as read by the Mayor.

Matters Arising

4.1 Deputation – Presentation on Regulation of Houses in Multiple Occupation (Item 4, Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting 6 December 2025) (Item 5.1)

In response to a query from Councillor Watton, the Chief Executive advised that it is hoped that the presentation will be scheduled in the coming weeks.

4.2 Adoption of the Minutes

Proposed by Alderman Hunter

Seconded by Alderman Scott and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held Tuesday 6 January 2026 are confirmed as a correct record.

5. MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 6 JANUARY 2026

Copy previously circulated, presented as read by the Mayor.

Proposed by Alderman Callan

Seconded by Councillor MA McKillop and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held Tuesday 6 January 2026 are confirmed as a correct record.

6. MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 13 JANUARY 2026

Copy, previously circulated, presented as read by the Chair of the Environmental Services Committee, Alderman S McKillop.

Matters Arising

6.1 Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging Scheme (Item 13)

Councillor Holmes highlighted the income from this scheme and emphasised its importance to Council. The Chief Executive advised that Officers will bring a report to the Environmental Services Committee in the coming months with proposals for using the money for recycling initiatives.

6.2 Adoption of the Minutes

Proposed by Alderman S McKillop
Seconded by Councillor Callaghan and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held Tuesday 13 January 2026 are confirmed as a correct record.

7. MINUTES OF LEISURE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 20 JANUARY 2026

Copy, previously circulated, presented as read by the Chair of the Leisure and Development Committee, Councillor Anderson.

Matters Arising

7.1 Motorbikes for Joey Dunlop Museum (Item 10)

Alderman Callan stated that he seconded this Item.

7.2 Funding Unit Organisational Design (Item 7)

The Director of Leisure and Development advised Members of a correction to the report, which should have specified 5 PEACEPLUS temporary positions in the structure, rather than 4. She advised that as all the PEACEPLUS positions are 100% funded, there is no financial cost to Council.

7.3 Adoption of the Minutes

Proposed by Councillor Anderson
Seconded by Alderman Callan and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Leisure and Development Committee meeting held Tuesday 20 January 2026 are confirmed as a correct record, as amended at Items 7.1 and 7.2 above.

8. MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD THURSDAY 22 JANUARY 2026

Copy previously circulated, presented as read by the Chair of the Finance Committee, Councillor Kyle.

Matters Arising

8.1 NJC Pay Briefing Survey (Item 10)

Councillor Holmes requested that the minutes be amended to remove the two sentences beginning “Councillor Holmes considered” and “Councillor Holmes

deemed” to instead say “Councillor Holmes stated that Council should not be ruling any of the options out”, to more accurately reflect what he said.

8.2 Adoption of the Minutes

Proposed by Councillor Kyle
Seconded by Alderman Scott and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held Thursday 22 January 2026 are confirmed as a correct record, as amended at Item 8.1 above.

9. MINUTES OF CORPORATE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 27 JANUARY 2026

Copy, previously circulated, presented as read by the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee Chair, Councillor McShane.

Matters Arising

9.1 Notice of Motion Proposed by Councillor Leanne Peacock, Seconded by Councillor Ciaran McQuillan, from Council Meeting held Tuesday 6 January 2026. (Item 10)

Councillor Holmes expressed his sincere condolences to the Sherry family. He stated that his understanding is that provision for CAR-T therapy in the South is at or near capacity. He stated that efforts are underway to develop the haematology ward at Belfast City Hospital, and if that business case is approved, this therapy could be available in Northern Ireland before the end of the decade, and Members of all Parties and the Executive should work together to try to achieve that.

9.2 Adoption of the Minutes

Proposed by Councillor McShane
Seconded by Councillor Watson and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held Tuesday 27 January 2026 are adopted and recommendations therein approved.

10. MATTERS FOR REPORTING TO THE PARTNERSHIP PANEL

There were no matters for reporting to the Partnership Panel.

11. CONFERENCES

There were no Conferences.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no Correspondence.

13. CONSULTATION SCHEDULE

The following Consultation Documents were listed:

- The Executive Office NI Executive's Response to the Covid-19 Inquiry Module 2 Report submission/engagement event dates detailed in report
- Department for Communities Consultation on notice to quit periods submission by 29 March 2026
- Department for Agriculture Environment and Rural Affairs Rethinking Our Resources: Northern Ireland Resources and Waste Management Strategy submission by 8 April 2026
- Department for Infrastructure (Roads) Speed Limit Review 2026 - Councils submission by 22 April 2026
- Department for Agriculture Environment and Rural Affairs Significant Water Management Issues submission by 18 June 2026

Councillor Storey expressed frustration that there is a consultation on the NI Executive's response to the Covid Inquiry but the only in-person event is held in Stormont, with no provision for rural dwellers or people in any other parts of NI.

In response to a query, the Chief Executive advised that a draft response to the Department for Agriculture Environment and Rural Affairs Waste Management Strategy consultation will be brought to the Environmental Services Committee. The Chief Executive stated that in future, the consultation schedule will indicate which consultations will have a corporate response drafted by Officers.

Council NOTED the Consultation Schedule.

14. SEAL DOCUMENTS

Members were advised of the undernoted items for signing and sealing by Council, approval having been previously granted and all necessary legislative requirements being met.

Seal Documents

- (i) Grave Registry Certificates, No's 6120 to 6142 inclusive;
- (ii) Licence Agreement relating to the Works Compound – New Market Street Gap Site, Coleraine – Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and MJ McBride Construction Limited (Approved under Scheme of Delegation Section 4 Paragraph 4.6 by the Director of Corporate Services on 12/01/2026)

- (iii) Capital Grants Programme - Deed of Dedication Ballymoney RFC (L&D 250218; CM 250304)
- (iv) Licence Agreement – Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and Frazer Foyle Holdings Limited for the use of the premises at Magilligan Point for the purposes of the Ferry Service from 1st April 2025 – 30th September 2025 (Approved under the Scheme of Delegation in January 2026 by the Director of Corporate Services.

Proposed by Councillor Kane
Seconded by Alderman Callan and

RESOLVED – That the sealing of documents, as listed, are approved (Items i-iv).

15. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY ALDERMAN CALLAN SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ELDER

That Council instructs officers to develop a comprehensive submission to the UK Town of Culture 2028 competition on behalf of Limavady, with the objective of positioning the town as a strong candidate for this prestigious national award.

Alderman Callan introduced the motion and advised that it was being heard at Council to allow Officers enough time to prepare a submission for the UK Town of Culture competition deadline of 31 March 2026.

Alderman Callan spoke about the effect of such a distinction for an area, citing the example of Londonderry UK City of Culture in 2013, which created overnight stays, generated additional spend, higher hotel occupancy, and boosted the city's image as a place to visit and invest. He stated that it raised pride and confidence among the local community. He noted that Derry City and Strabane District Council have been able to leverage further investment in the area as a result.

He stated that Limavady has a very distinctive cultural story, with a deep heritage from the Plantation to the present day and noted that it is the birthplace of the Londonderry Air, also known as Danny Boy. He stated that Limavady has a well-established arts and cultural centre in the centre of town and key events throughout the year, such as the Steinbeck Festival and the Stendhal Festival. He mentioned the huge range of local groups who are very active in the area, such as churches, bands, schools, community groups, and sporting organisations.

Alderman Callan stated that Limavady ticks the box for each of the criteria for the UK Town of Culture: culture for everyone; making it happen; and your story. Limavady has a compelling story around music, myth, and the heritage of the local area. Limavady has a strong heritage and history in cross-community work and participation in a wide range of festivals and organisations, both rurally and in the town. Limavady punches above its weight in making things happen in the

local area, with the arts and culture centre being one of the most visited centres in Northern Ireland.

Alderman Callan stated that the motion asks that Council gets Officers to immediately commence preparation of the expression of interest, by engaging with key stakeholders across a range of sectors to build a shared vision and to leverage the cultural assets of the area. He stated that Officers should work alongside the different organisations to design an expression of interest that showcases Limavady's strengths while addressing the local needs. This will lend itself to future regeneration, health and wellbeing, as well as cultural development.

He noted that there is not much cost involved in developing the expression of interest, and that if shortlisted, resources would become available from the Department. He detailed the financial benefits of progressing in the competition, with £60,000 to build a business case for shortlisted applications, and a reward of £3.5 million for the successful applicant. National recognition as the first UK Town of Culture would position Limavady as a centre of excellence for culture heritage in Northern Ireland. He asked Members to support the motion that Limavady is submitted for the UK Town of Culture 2028.

Councillor Chivers expressed her support for the motion. She stated that achieving the Town of Culture for Limavady would bring much-needed economic benefits through increased tourism and footfall. She stated that Council should make more of the fact that Limavady is the home of Danny Boy, recalling that the old Limavady Council had the Danny Boy Festival and suggested that it be revived. She stated that the motion is a brilliant idea for Limavady, and that Limavady has a lot to offer.

Councillor Elder stated that she was delighted to second the motion in support of this ambitious step for Limavady, as it celebrates our culture and brings communities together and shapes a confident and positive future for the town.

Councillor Schenning expressed her support for the motion.

Councillor Mairs expressed her support for the motion and stated that Limavady's cultural strength doesn't just lie in the rich landscapes and the sceneries, but in the people who put in the effort, the energy and the commitment to the local area. They give their time to the arts, music, to community-driven initiatives that bring generations together, to our heritage and to local businesses that enrich and strengthen our local identity. She stated that the community effort in Limavady contributes towards its vibrant culture and makes it a very strong and credible candidate for this award.

Proposed by Alderman Callan

Seconded by Councillor Elder and

RESOLVED – to support the Notice of Motion.

This being all the business, the Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 7.31pm.

Mayor

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