

**LAND AND PROPERTY AND STRATEGIC ASSETS
SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY 7 OCTOBER 2026**

No	Item	Summary of Key Recommendations	Estimated Timescale for completion
1.	Apologies	<i>Councillor McShane</i>	<i>N/A</i>
2.	Declarations of Interest	<i>None</i>	<i>N/A</i>
3.	Minutes of Meeting held Wednesday 2 nd September 2026	<i>Confirmed as a correct record</i>	<i>N/A</i>
	<i>IN COMMITTEE (Items 4 – 9.1 inclusive)</i>		
4.	Requests to Purchase/Dispose of Council Land		
4.1	Ballycastle, Land at Fairhill Street	<i>To recommend that Officers determine if the land is surplus to Council's requirements</i>	<i>N/A</i>
5.	CC&GBC Leases and Licenses		
5.1	Ballycastle, Leisure Centre – Article 161 Agreement	<i>To recommend that Corporate Policy and Resources committee note the content of this report and give approval for the Deed of Termination of Article 161, Quay Road, Ballycastle</i>	<i>-</i>

6.	CC&GBC Estate Strategy 2025 – 2030		
6.1	CC&GBC Asset Register – Biannual Update	<i>Note</i>	TBC
7.	Requests to use Council Land		
7.1	RTU Ref/82/25 –ORW Productions, Portrush	<i>Note</i>	N/A
8.	Requests to Purchase/Dispose of Council Land (cont)		
8.1	CC&GBC Third Party Requests to Purchase – Biannual Update	<i>Note</i>	Ongoing
9.	CC&GBC Leases and Licenses (cont)		
9.1	Benone, The Ark – New Commercial Lease	To recommend that Corporate Policy and Resources Committee Enter into a new commercial lease for the Council owned property known as The Ark, Benone, for a term of 5 years at the annual rent of £[REDACTED] per annum, commencing on the 1st October 2026.	1st October 2026
9.2	Ballycastle, Ferry Terminal Building – Sea Haven Lease	<i>Note</i>	31st March 2027

**MINUTES OF THE LAND AND PROPERTY AND STRATEGIC ASSETS
SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE
ON WEDNESDAY 7 OCTOBER 2026 AT 7.00PM**

Chair: Alderman Knight-McQuillan

Present: Alderman Fielding
Councillors C Archibald, McCully, Nicholl, Wilson, Wisener

Officers Present: M Quinn, Director of Corporate Services
J Mills, Acting Senior Solicitor
G McIlroy, Strategic Assets Manager
J Drillingcourt, Land and Property Officer
S Carty, Strategic Assets Officer
G Aston, Assistant Land and Property Officer
P Thompson, Head of Tourism and Recreation
W McCullough, Head of Sport and Wellbeing
I Owens, Democratic Services Officer

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were recorded for Councillor McShane

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2026

Summary, previously circulated.

AGREED – that the Minutes of the Land and Property and Strategic Assets Sub Committee meeting held Wednesday 2 September 2026 were confirmed as a correct record.

MOTION TO PROCEED ‘IN COMMITTEE’

Proposed by Councillor Archibald
Seconded by Councillor McCully and

AGREED – that the Land and Property and Strategic Assets Sub Committee move ‘*In Committee*’.

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

The Chair advised of a change to the order of business.

4. REQUESTS TO PURCHASE/DISPOSE OF COUNCIL LAND

4.1 Ballycastle, Land at Fairhill Street

Confidential report by virtue of paragraph(s) 1 - 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland), previously circulated, was presented by the Head of Tourism and Recreation.

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to inform Members of a request from [REDACTED] regarding a proposed land exchange at Fairhill, and to seek Elected Members' direction on which, if any, of the options outlined in this report officers should progress. [REDACTED] has presented two options for consideration, with a third potential route identified should agreement not be feasible.

Details of Options 1-3 were previously circulated.

Recommendation(s)

The Land and Property Committee is asked to consider the options outlined above and provide direction to officers on which option, if any, Members wish officers to investigate and progress in relation to the proposed acquisition of the bed and soil of the former Ballycastle Railway Line and the associated land arrangements with [REDACTED]. In providing this direction, Members are asked to note that the Council-owned land at Fairhill Street has not, to date, been declared surplus to Council requirements and is currently used once each year in connection with the Lammis Fair. No disposal or transfer of the Council-owned land is being approved by this report. Any preferred option involving Council land would be subject to the necessary further consideration and approvals, including determination of its future requirement/surplus status, legal advice, valuation by Land and Property Services (LPS), and the appropriate Council governance and disposal process.

The Committee is also asked to indicate whether it wishes a site meeting involving Elected Members and Council Officers to be arranged before officers undertake further work on the preferred option.

The Chair said it would be pointless to proceed with any option without determining if the land was surplus to Council's requirements.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson
Seconded by Councillor McCully and

AGREED – To recommend that Officers determine if the land is surplus to Council's requirements.

5. CC&GBC LEASES AND LICENSES

5.1 Ballycastle, Leisure Centre – Article 161 Agreement

Confidential report by virtue of paragraph 6(b) of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014, previously circulated, was presented by the Head of Sport and Wellbeing.

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval for a Deed of Termination re Article 161 Agreement with NI Water for the adoption of a water pipe that runs through the Quay Road site in Ballycastle.

Further details were provided in the reports, previously circulated.

Recommendation(s)

It is recommended that Members of the Land and Property and Strategic Assets Sub-Committee note the content of this report and give approval for the Deed of Termination of Article 161, Quay Road, Ballycastle.

The Chair asked for clarification of the timeline to understand why this was being considered at this juncture in the process.

The Head of Sport and Wellbeing advised that during the construction process issues arose around required works on the drainage line which followed discussions with stakeholders and it was concluded that the most prudent optional financially would be to approve the Deed of Termination.

Proposed by Councillor McCully
Seconded by Councillor Archibald and

AGREED – To recommend that Corporate Policy and Resources committee note the content of this report and give approval for the Deed of Termination of Article 161, Quay Road, Ballycastle.

6. CC&GBC ESTATE STRATEGY 2025 – 2030

6.1 CC&GBC Asset Register – Biannual Update

Confidential report, by virtue of paragraph(s) 3 & 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014, previously circulated was presented by the Strategic Assets Officer.

Purpose of Report

The purpose for this report is to update and inform the Land & Property and Strategic Assets Subcommittee of the current status of the Corporate Asset Register and associated projects.

Further details were provided in the reports, previously circulated.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Land & Property and Strategic Assets Subcommittee notes the information in the report and agrees that updates on the Corporate Asset Register and associated projects will be provided as and when updates are available going forward.

The Strategic Assets Officer provided commentary on the report and advised the Sub Committee on the current status of the Assets Register.

AGREED – To recommend that Corporate Policy and Resources Committee note the information contained in the report.

7. REQUESTS TO USE COUNCIL LAND (RTU)

7.1 RTU Ref/82/25 –ORW Productions, Portrush

Confidential report, by virtue of paragraph(s) 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014, previously circulated, was presented by the Strategic Assets Manager.

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to update Members of the Land and Property and Strategic Assets Sub-Committee (L&PSA-SC) of the OKT valuation received relating to the request to use Council land application (RTU Ref/82/25) for a proposed two/three-day outdoor live music concert at East Strand Car Park, Portrush in June 2027 by ORW Promotions.

Further details were provided in the reports, previously circulated.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Land and Property and Strategic Asset Sub-Committee note the information presented in this report.

The Strategic Assets Manager advised that communication had been received from ORW Productions advising they did not wish to pursue the request due to a potential for another key event taking place at that time and the financial commitment involved.

The Strategic Assets Manager advised that the valuation details were now available.

The Chair said it was disappointing that the event would not be taken forward but understood the rationale behind the decision.

At the request of Councillor McCully the Strategic Assets Manager advised that the other key event referred to, when being considered by Council would be subject to due diligence and at this stage there was no information to provide to Elected Members.

AGREED – To recommend that Corporate Policy and Resources Committee note the information contained in the report.

The Land and Property Officer advised that Agenda Item 5.2 – *RTU/Ref/102/22 Ballycastle Harbour, Easement* had been withdrawn from the Agenda.

8. REQUESTS TO PURCHASE/DISPOSE OF COUNCIL LAND (cont)

8.1 CC&GBC Third Party Requests to Purchase – Biannual Update

Confidential report, by virtue of paragraphs 1-3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014, previously circulated, was presented by the Strategic Assets Officer.

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to update the Land & Property and Strategic Assets Subcommittee (L&PSA-SC) regarding the current third-party requests to purchase Council land.

Further details were provided in the reports, previously circulated.

Recommendation(s)

It is recommended that the Land and Property and Strategic Assets Sub Committee notes the information presented in the report.

Alderman Fielding advised of an error in application 03/26 which the Strategic Assets Office confirmed would be amended.

AGREED – To recommend that Corporate Policy and Resources Committee note the information contained in the report.

9. CC&GBC LEASES AND LICENSES (cont)

9.1 Benone, The Ark – New Commercial Lease

Confidential report, by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014, previously circulated, was presented by the Assistant Land and Property Officer.

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to seek approval from the Land and Property and Strategic Asset Sub-Committee (L&PSA-SC) to enter into a new commercial lease for the Council asset known as The Ark located at the Benone Holiday and Leisure Park.

Further details were provided in the reports, previously circulated.

Options

- Enter into a new commercial lease for the Council owned property known as The Ark, Benone, for a term of 5 years at the annual rent of [REDACTED] per annum, commencing on the 1st October 2026;
- Refuse to enter into a new commercial lease for the Council owned property known as The Ark, Benone.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Council considers the options outlined in this report at paragraph 4.1 and 4.2 and make a recommendation to Council to:

- Enter into a new commercial lease for the Council owned property known as The Ark, Benone, for a term of 5 years at the annual rent of [REDACTED] per annum, commencing on the 1st October 2026.

OR

- Refuse to enter into a new lease for the Council owned property known as The Ark, Benone.

Proposed by Councillor Archibald

Seconded by Councillor McCully and

AGREED – To recommend that Corporate Policy and Resources Committee Enter into a new commercial lease for the Council owned property known as The Ark, Benone, for a term of 5 years at the annual rent of [REDACTED] per annum, commencing on the 1st October 2026.

9.2 Ballycastle, Ferry Terminal Building – Sea Haven Lease

Confidential report, by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014, previously circulated was presented by the Land and Property Officer.

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to inform the Land and Property and Strategic Asset Sub-Committee (L&PSA-SC) of correspondence received from Council's tenant at Sea Haven Therapy regarding the commercial lease of part of the Ballycastle Ferry Terminal.

Further details were provided in the reports, previously circulated.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Members of the Land and Property and Strategic Assets Sub- Committee note the information presented in this report.

The Acting Senior Solicitor provided narrative on LPS valuation and lease details including rent and rates and advised of processes in place across Council in relation to Leases and Licenses and the requirement for due diligence and equity when reaching decisions. The Acting Senior Solicitor also referred to issues arising from legacy leases and licenses.

AGREED – To recommend that Corporate Policy and Resources Committee note the information contained in the report.

MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN PUBLIC'

Proposed by Councillor Wilson
Seconded by Councillor Archibald and

AGREED – to recommend that Land and Property Sub Committee move '*In Public*'.

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting closed at 7:50 pm.

Chair

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