

COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 3 OCTOBER 2023

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		obligations and also to use a Co Production Model which has been successfully used in Scotland to address health and wellbeing
7.3	Consideration of proposed Dog Control Order to keep Dogs on Leads on lands between Ballintoy and Whitepark Bay – Findings of Public Consultation (Ref Minute Item 8)	Deferred following submission of new evidence
7.4	Adoption of the Minutes	That the Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held Tuesday 12 September 2023, are adopted and recommendations therein approved including the Amendment at Item 7.2 and the deferred Item at 7.3 above
8.	Minutes of Finance committee meeting held Thursday 14 September 2023	Adopted and recommendations therein approved
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9.1	Asylum Seekers Support Services (Ref Minute Item 12)	That a report is brought back detailing what the staff costs are, or, projected costs will be; That Council make contact with the Home Office requesting they cover this cost within the £162,000, or, in addition to it; That all relevant reports indicate the staff costs that are being inherited because of other Agencies/Bodies, in order that Council can have a full picture, when making decisions.

9.2	Adoption of the Minutes	<i>Adopted and recommendations therein approved</i>
10.	Minutes of Audit Committee meeting held Wednesday 20 September 2023	<i>Adopted and recommendations therein approved</i>
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11.1	Correspondence Karen Smyth, Head of Policy & Governance, NILGA, dated 14 August 2023 (Ref Minute Item 14.1)	<i>That Council nominate to NILGA Strategic Policy Network, via rolling d'hondt; Councillor McMullan (SF)</i>
11.2	Adoption of the Minutes	<i>Adopted and recommendations therein approved</i>
12.	Matters for reporting to the Partnership Panel	<i>None</i>
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16.	Seal Documents	<i>Seal Affixed</i>
17.	Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor C Archibald, seconded by Councillor McShane	<i>Referred to Leisure and Development Committee</i>

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE
COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AND VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE
ON TUESDAY 3 OCTOBER 2023 AT 7.00PM**

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

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

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

Officers Present : D Jackson, Chief Executive (C)
A McPeake, Director of Environmental Services (C)
R Baker, Director of Leisure and Development (C)
M Quinn, Director of Corporate Services (R)
D Wright, Chief Finance Officer (C)
J Welsh, Head of Community and Culture (R)
J Mills, Land and Property Solicitor (R)
S Gamble, Corporate Communications & PR Manager (R)
J Keen, Committee & Member Services Officer (C)
S Duggan, Civic Support & Committee & Member Services Officer (R)

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

Press (2 No) (C)
Public (1 No) (C)

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:

I would like to congratulate the local producers from Causeway Coast and Glens who had a successful haul of awards at the Irish food awards in Dingle, last weekend.

They secured 8 Gold, 5 Silver, and 6 Bronze medals with Morelli's Ice Cream picking up the Best in County Derry, Best in Ulster, and supreme champion.

With over 3000 products from every county in Ireland submitted for awards, making it to the final is a huge achievement.

I would like to congratulate Eoin McConnell, Devils Churn, for winning a gold medal for his caramel sauce at the Northern Ireland and Social Enterprise awards and personally winning small producer of the year 2023.

I would like to pay tribute to Mr Richard Baker, the Director of Leisure and Development, who has served this council professionally since 2011. I wish him well in his new post as CEO of Antrim and Newtownabbey Council.

Since the last council meeting, I have represented the Borough at 49 events. I would like to thank my deputy Margret Ann McKillop for her support during the month and especially representing me at the 3 fairs dinner events in Ballinasloe.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were recorded for Alderman Fielding, Councillor McMullan, Councillor McQuillan and Councillor Wisener.

3. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Declarations of Interest were recorded for:

Alderman Boyle in Minutes of Environmental Services Committee meeting held Tuesday 12 September 2023 Item 30 – Car Parks & Concessionary Trading, Concessionary Trading site at Christie Park, Coleraine, Planning Application submission, advertising and auctioning of the site. Having declared an interest, Alderman Boyle did not participate in the Items.

Alderman Hunter in Minutes of Environmental Services Committee meeting held Tuesday 12 September 2023 Item 30 – Car Parks & Concessionary Trading, Concessionary Trading site at Christie Park, Coleraine, Planning Application submission, advertising and auctioning of the site. Having declared an interest, Alderman Hunter did not participate in the Items.

Councillor Schenning in Minutes of Leisure and Development Committee meeting held Tuesday 19 September 2023 Item 10 – DfC Social Supermarket Support Fund. Having declared an interest, Councillor Schenning did not participate in the Items.

Councillor Storey in Minutes of Environmental Services Committee meeting held Tuesday 12 September 2023 Item 21.1 – Keep Recycling Local, date 3rd July 2023. Having declared an interest, Councillor Storey did not participate in the Items.

4. MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2023

Copy, previously circulated.

Proposed by Councillor Huggins
Seconded by Councillor MA McKillop and

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Council meeting held Tuesday 5 September 2023, were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

5. MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD MONDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2023

Copy, previously circulated.

Proposed by Councillor Schenning
Seconded by Councillor Kane and

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Council meeting held Monday 25 September 2023, were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

6. MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 23 AUGUST 2023

Copy, previously circulated.

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held Wednesday 23 August 2023 are received and noted.

7. MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2023

Copy, previously circulated.

Matters Arising

7.1 Coleraine Marina Economic Appraisal (Ref Minute Item 32)

In response to Councillor Watton, the Director of Environmental Services confirmed that there was a proposal for a workshop to be held on 20 October 2023 with regard to consideration of the item.

7.2 Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor McCully, seconded by Alderman Stewart referred from Council meeting held Tuesday 5 September 2023 (abbrev re blue-green algae) (Ref Minute Item 23)

Alderman S McKillop read the following statement:

Before I start I want to assure the public that we as a party are committed to protecting our environmental heritage, which will be key to Northern Ireland's success for generations to come. In the last Assembly, DUP Ministers introduced many environmental policies including ground-breaking Climate Change legislation with balanced protections for agriculture. We also delivered £13.5m for projects to deliver for habitats, species and improved water and air quality through the DAERA Environmental Fund.

It is simply not prudent to ask tax payers to fund the creation of another layer of bureaucracy especially when there is no guarantee of better outcomes. Everyone knows that additional monies will need to be found to fund the formation of an Independent Environment Protection Agency structure.

I know that the public want the affected council areas to provide a coordinated approach to tackle the green blue algae issue and to stop it reoccurring. I also know that they want statutory organisations including this council to fulfil their legal obligation without incurring additional costs. It's shouldn't sit well with any council including ours that we would need to set up another structure to enable us to implement our statutory duties nor should it sit well with our other multiple layers of government and NIEA. I know that it doesn't sit well with DAERA. The New Decade New Approach was a "ocum'nt was agreed between the UK Government and the Irish Government. A programme for government will be agreed by the local parties not by 2 governments.

This should be about environmental issues not party politics; This chamber should not be used for political point scoring.

I reiterate that our existing structures need to be fit for purpose. We need to use targeted policies and meaningful enforcement action and ensure we have the necessary capital support available to us. I would further add that this council needs to operate a co-production model which has been used to address health and wellbeing situations in Scotland.

If other parties want to unanimously agree this motion then the section about the IEPA needs to be removed and replaced by a co production model such as that used by the Scottish government needs to be put in place.

I would say that if there is no political appetite for my proposal then the likelihood of any outcomes from a QUANGO would be slim.

I propose an amendment to remove the last section about the IEPA and ensure that we as a Council use target policies and meaningful enforcement action and also ensure that have the necessary capital support available to us to make sure that we are able to implement our statutory obligations and also to use a

Co Production Model which has been successfully used in Scotland to address health and wellbeing.

Amendment

An amendment was proposed by Alderman McKillop and seconded by Alderman Knight-McQuillan - *That we do ensure that our structures are fit-for purpose; and that we do also use a model such as used by the Scottish Government, the Co-Production Model; and that we remove the reference to IEPA.*

Councillor Bateson queried whether the amendment could be considered after being considered at Committee level. The Mayor advised the amendment could be considered as Council was a different constituted body.

Councillor Bateson stated the New Decade New Approach had been established and the call for the Environment Protection Agency was something that could not be implemented immediately. The focus was getting a cross party meeting across the affected Council areas; involving the relevant departments. Councillor Bateson stated the Environment Agency should be invited to present to Council to show what is being done to resolve the issue. The New Decade New Approach was put forward by all parties and agreed by all governments and something that will happen down the line; Council should be showing a proactive approach. Councillor Bateson stated he rejected the amendment and felt Council should proceed with the agreement made at Committee.

Councillor McCully spoke against the amendment. Councillor McCully stated the Independent EPA was a standard Government structure across Europe; Northern Ireland was the only area that does not have an Independent EPA. Councillor McCully advised an IEPA was needed because of its ability to hold major polluters to account, and a degree of independence was required to achieve that, alongside significant enforcement powers. The New Decade New Approach agreement was the basis of the restoration of the Executive in January 2020; 5 parties went back into Government using New Decade New Approach as the formation of that; it was about honouring what people have signed up for in the past. Councillor McCully stated Council can deal with the short-term concerns and the long term; if it is to avoid ecological disasters like Lough Neagh, an Independent EPA was needed.

Councillor Storey stated that Council needed to go back to the law of first principles and consider what Council had a statutory responsibility for. Councillor Storey stated Council need to discuss the issue with other Councils, where it impinges on waterways and loughs in its jurisdiction, and this should be the priority. Councillor Storey referred to the New Decade New Approach, highlighting that the full quota of police officers had not been met and stated that Council cannot pick and choose what to implement. An Independent EPA was another bureaucratic quango to the cost to the public purse. Council has the opportunity to accept the amendment take out the establishment of IEPA which Council has no power over and to work with other Councils. Council can

then send out the message it is doing what it can, within its powers to address the issue.

Councillor N Archibald stated she found the DUP's Councillor comments interesting, citing a DUP Minister's comments supporting the Independent Environment Protection Agency.

Alderman McAuley responded to comments on what the Minister had said, stating no one was disputing this, but Council should deal with what it had the powers to deal with.

Councillor Watton requested clarity on the amendment, and asked for it be repeated.

Alderman S McKillop restated the Amendment:

Amendment

- That Council take out the last section about the IEPA and ensure that we as a Council use target policies and meaningful enforcement action and also ensure that have the necessary capital support available to us to make sure that we are able to implement our statutory obligations and also to use a Co Production Model which has been successfully used in Scotland to address health and wellbeing.

Alderman S McKillop requested a Recorded Vote.

The Mayor put the Amendment to the vote.

18 Members voted For; 18 Members voted Against; 0 Members Abstained.
The Mayor used his casting vote **For** and declared the Amendment Carried.

Recorded Vote Table

For (18)	Alderman Hunter, Knight McQuillan, John McAuley, S McKillop, Scott
	Councillor Anderson, Callaghan, Callan, Holmes, Huggins, Kennedy, Kyle, Jonathan McAuley, Stirling, Storey, Wallace, Watton, Wilson
Against (18)	Alderman Boyle, Coyle, Stewart
	Councillor C Archibald, N Archibald, Bateson, Chivers, Kane, Mairs, McCully, McGlinchey, McGurk, MA McKillop, McShane, Nicholl, Peacock, Schenning, Watson
Casting Vote For (1)	The Mayor, Councillor Callaghan

RESOLVED – That Council take out the last section about the IEPA and ensure that we as a Council use target policies and meaningful enforcement

action and also ensure that have the necessary capital support available to us to make sure that we are able to implement our statutory obligations and also to use a Co Production Model which has been successfully used in Scotland to address health and wellbeing.

For the purposes of the reader this is set out as:

This Council is concerned by the recent blooms of blue-green algae in our waters; notes the detrimental impact these blooms have had on local businesses; asks the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs to swiftly convene a cross party meeting between affected Council areas involving all the relevant Departments and Agencies with responsibilities to discuss the issue & to develop an action plan to address it; and ensure that we as a Council use target policies and meaningful enforcement action and also ensure that have the necessary capital support available to us to make sure that we are able to implement our statutory obligations and also to use a Co Production Model which has been successfully used in Scotland to address health and wellbeing.

7.3 Consideration of proposed Dog Control Order to keep Dogs on Leads on lands between Ballintoy and Whitepark Bay – Findings of Public Consultation (Ref Minute Item 8)

Councillor MA McKillop requested an update on the proposed Dog Control Order.

The Director of Environmental Services advised that new evidence had been received since the last Environmental Services Committee meeting and a report would be brought the Environmental Services Committee.

Council NOTED the item deferred following submission of new evidence.

7.4 Adoption of the Minutes

Proposed by Councillor C Archibald
Seconded by Councillor MA McKillop

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held Tuesday 12 September 2023, are adopted and recommendations therein approved including Amendment at 7.2 and deferred Item at 7.3 above.

8. MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD THURSDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2023

Copy, previously circulated.

Proposed by Councillor Peacock
Seconded by Councillor Huggins and

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held Tuesday 14 September 2023, are adopted and recommendations therein approved.

9. MINUTES OF LEISURE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2023

Copy, previously circulated.

Matters Arising

9.1 Asylum Seekers Support Services (Ref Minute Item 12)

Alderman McAuley stated the Home Office were not covering staff costs, whilst this was not a statutory requirement of Council. He stated this was a small section of the total sum allocated by the Home Office for the Asylum and Refugee Plan. Alderman McAuley presented a motion, he stated in order to look after rate payers' money, the Home Office need to cover all of the costs, that Council need to know the extent of the good will, especially near Rate setting.

The Director of Leisure and Development confirmed that going forward, reports would include how additional staffing costs were being met. The Director of Leisure and Development clarified, that in relation to Asylum Seekers Support Services, Central Government and the Home Office were funding an administration post currently being filled by Agency 3 days a week, he further advised the Head of Service and Good Relations Manager posts continue to be funded by Council.

Councillor Wilson echoed the comments made by Alderman McAuley and stated budgets should be used where they were allocated.

Proposed by Alderman McAuley
Seconded by Councillor Wilson and

RESOLVED - That a report is brought back detailing what the staff costs are, or, projected costs will be;
That Council make contact with the Home Office requesting they cover this cost within the £162,000, or, in addition to it;
That all relevant reports indicate the staff costs that are being inherited because of other Agencies/Bodies, in order that Council can have a full picture, when making decisions.

In response to further questions, the Director of Leisure and Development advised that funding received was programme/project specific; some are 100% funding; and some part funded.

Councillor Schenning requested that Council also receive figures for the additional costs to Council for work put upon staff and hours in kind for other programmes/projects in Council, for example the Department for Communities Cost of Living funding.

Alderman Boyle commended staff for the work completed with Asylum Seekers, she queried whether Good Relations was funded by NIO, and why Council would be concerned if the work was funded from outside. Alderman Boyle thanked the Mayor for the meeting held with local MLA's and Councillors and others to look at how Council can address issues that cannot be addressed by what has already been provided by the Asylum Seekers; the human cost and concerns which are coming to light.

The Director of Leisure and Development clarified funding for Good Relations comes from the Executive Office and that he could also provide a breakdown of the figures.

Councillor Watton expressed concern raised to him by constituents regarding money being spent on assisting Asylum Seekers, whilst local residents may be experiencing hardship.

The Mayor invited the Director of Leisure and Development to address the Council.

The Director of Leisure and Development stated:

Mr Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Alderman, Councillors I will keep this brief. With the odd exception I have worked with all of you in this Council Chamber. I have attended over 300 Council and Committee meetings and I would genuinely like to thank you all for your camaraderie and your professional support over the last 11/12 years. We have had our ups and downs, its been an interesting period and I have learned a lot, this covers projects such as building leisure centres, town centre regeneration, enabling the Open golf, the Air Show, the North West 200 and managing the devastating impact of Covid. Thank you very much, thank you sincerely. I would also like to personally thank the Chief Executive, I do believe to be a good leader, you know how to be a good follower and David hopefully I have supported you as you have supported me, thank you. David's leadership has brought us to a position of financial stability, and it is clear that we have a new era of political cooperation and that has been led by you Mr Mayor. Whilst I've had the opportunity I believe that this Council is entering a positive and prosperous phase. So Members as a rate payer in this Borough I look forward to leaving but also seeing the realisation of the Growth Deal, the Open golf and new leisure centres in Ballycastle and Coleraine. Thank you Mr Mayor, thank you very much indeed.

Councillor Peacock, on behalf of Sinn Fein, thanked the Director of Leisure and Development for his hard work and dedication and wished him every success in his new post.

Councillor Wilson, on behalf of the Ulster Unionist Party, passed on best wishes to the Director of Leisure and Development in his new role; stating there had been an excellent working relationship between the Ulster Unionist Party and the Director of Leisure and Development.

Alderman Boyle, on behalf of Alliance, wished the Director of Leisure and Development best wishes stating their work together had been memorable. Alderman Boyle wanted to mention how the Director of Leisure and Development was quick to respond to queries and also at the beginning of the new Council term the Director of Leisure and Development was attentive to the induction of new Members, this has been appreciated.

Alderman Knight McQuillan, on behalf of the DUP, wished the Director of Leisure and Development all the best in his new role, that he would be missed. Alderman Knight McQuillan stated events had occurred due to his foresight, leadership and commitment including the Air Show and the Open Golf.

Alderman Coyle, on behalf of the SDLP, provided congratulations to the Director of Leisure and Development on his new post. Alderman Coyle, being a new Councillor, stated he had met the Director of Leisure and Development in the past and stated he had put a lot of work in.

Councillor Watton wished the Director of Leisure and Development all the best for his new role and shared a memory of them attending the Open Golf.

Councillor Kyle, on behalf of the TUV, congratulated the Director of Leisure and Development on his new role and stated the TUV Members had been here a short time and thanked the Director of Leisure and Development for making them welcome.

9.2 Adoption of the Minutes

Proposed by Councillor Callan
Seconded by Councillor Schenning

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Leisure and Development Committee meeting held Tuesday 19 September 2023, are adopted and recommendations therein approved.

10. MINUTES OF AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2023

Copy, previously circulated.

Proposed by Councillor Kyle
Seconded by Councillor Kane

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held Wednesday 20 September 2023, are adopted and recommendations therein approved.

11. MINUTES OF CORPORATE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2023

Copy, previously circulated.

Matters Arising

11.1 Correspondence

**Karen Smyth, Head of Policy & Governance, NILGA, dated 14 August 2023
(Ref Minute Item 14.1)**

The Director of Corporate Services advised that NILGA require a nomination to the NILGA Strategic Policy Network. An email was issued to Elected Members on 3 October 2023 providing an update; Council have 8 NILGA members and 1 representative sitting on the NILGA Policy and Learning Network; the NILGA Strategic Policy Network is a new appointment. The Director of Corporate Policy and Resources advised this appointment is made through rolling d'hondt; the next pick, Sinn Fein. The first meeting has already taken place; once the minutes of the meeting have been confirmed they will be forwarded to the Member who has been nominated. The Director of Corporate Resources requested consideration of the nomination.

Councillor Peacock proposed that Council move forward with the nomination and nominated Councillor McMullan for the role.

Proposed by Councillor Peacock
Seconded by Councillor McGurk and

RESOLVED – That Council nominate to NILGA Strategic Policy Network, via rolling d'hondt, Councillor McMullan (SF).

11.2 Adoption of the Minutes

Proposed by Councillor Nicholl
Seconded by Councillor Watton

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee meeting held Tuesday 26 September 2023, are adopted and recommendations therein approved.

12. MATTERS FOR REPORTING TO THE PARTNERSHIP PANEL

There were no matters to report to the Partnership Panel

13. CONFERENCES

There were no conferences.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

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

The following correspondence has been received:

- (i) **Colin Woods, Deputy Secretary for Transport and Roads Asset Management, Department for Infrastructure, dated 21 September 2023**

Copy, previously circulated.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Council consider the correspondence.

The Chief Executive clarified this correspondence is not a direct response to correspondence sent from Council.

Councillor Storey stated the correspondence confirmed how dire the situation was and how it would impact on the roads network financially; that the strategic direction was not in favour of the car. Councillor Storey stated astonishment that a department has 400 vacancies. He advised the correspondence highlights the impact of the Department of Infrastructure's issues will have in the Borough. Councillor Storey stated he was glad to see road works, like those in Ballymoney, being completed and that Council needed to recognise the impact of political correctness.

The Chief Executive confirmed Roads Services would be presenting to Council in January 2024.

RESOLVED – that Council note the correspondence schedule (Item i).

15. CONSULTATION SCHEDULE

Consultation schedule, previously circulated, presented as read.

- (i) Department of Health Consultation on end to the European Commission Decision Reliance Procedure submission by 27 September 2023
- (ii) Northern Health and Social Care Trust Consultation on Draft Equality and Disability Action Plans 2023-2028 submission by 30 September 2023
- (iii) Department of Education Consultation on Statutory Guidance on the Reduction and Management of Restrictive Practices in Educational Settings submission by 3 November 2023
- (iv) Choice Consultation on Choice's Draft Equality Scheme and Disability Action Plan submission by 17 November 2023
- (v) Department of Health Independent Review of Children's Social Care Services - Initial Consultation on the recommendations submission by 1 December 2023
- (vi) Department for Communities Consultation on the Pensions (Extension of Automatic Enrolment) Bill submission by 11 December 2023

Available to View

- (i) Equality Unit, Northern Health and Social Care Trust Annual Progress Report 22-23 and Equality Newsletter
- (ii) Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs DAERA Quarterly Screening Report 01 April - 30 June 2023
- (iii) NIE Networks Providing SSG Export Offers Decision

- (iv) Department of Finance Consultation response on NICS Pension Scheme Retrospective Remedy
- (v) NIE Cluster Decision Paper
- (vi) NIE Networks response to UR/DfE CfE
- (vii) Equality Unit, Northern Health and Social Care Trust Equality and human rights screening report

Open Consultations (previously Listed)

- 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
- Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency, Outputs Consultation – submission by 15 October 2023
- The Diversity and Inclusion Unit, Queen's University Belfast, Consultation seeking the views of staff, students, Trade Union representatives and external consultees on our new draft Equality Scheme and Action Plan 2024-2029 – submission by 23 October 2023
- Department of Finance, Consultation on a review of energy efficiency requirements and related areas of Building Regulations - submission by 15 November 2023

RESOLVED – that Council noted the Consultation Schedule.

16. SEAL DOCUMENTS

- (i) Grave Registry Certificates, No's 5650 – 5662;
- (ii) Commercial Lease – Drumaheglis Slipway Café and Coffee Dock – Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and Hilda Fenton (L&P SC – 230905 CP&R- 230926 CM – 231003)
- (iii) Commercial Lease – Benone Bistro, Waves – Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and Sarah Marie McLaughlin (L&P SC – 230905 CP&R- 230926 CM – 231003)
- (iv) Memorandum of Agreement – RPI Rent Review Portstewart Football and Community Club
- (v) Grant of Easement for Gas Connection – Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and Megan Sweeney (L&P SC - 230607 CP&R- 230627 CM- 230629)

Proposed by Councillor Kane
 Seconded by Councillor C Archibald and

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

**17. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR C ARCHIBALD,
 SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MCSHANE**

This Council recognises and values the huge contribution our LGBTQIA+ citizens make to the area and rejects all forms of discrimination against the LGBTQIA+ community.

Takes note of the first Causeway Pride event which was a significant and positive initiative for the north coast.

As a statement of our solidarity with our LGBTQIA+ citizens and community and as a show of positive and progressive change this Council commits to supporting the organisation of an annual Pride parade.

And calls on Council to engage with the Causeway Pride Committee, other relevant groups and organisations to work collectively on the organisation of a parade or pride festival.

The Mayor referred the Notice of Motion, without discussion, to the Leisure and Development Committee.

This being all the business, The Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 8:00pm

Mayor