

THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 1 OCTOBER 2024

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**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON
TUESDAY 1 OCTOBER 2024 AT 7.00PM**

In the Chair : The Mayor, Councillor McQuillan

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

Councillors Anderson, C Archibald, N Archibald, Callaghan, Chivers, Holmes, Huggins, Kane, Kennedy, Mairs, Jonathan McAuley, McCully, McGlinchey, McGurk, MA McKillop, McMullan, McShane, Peacock, Schenning, Storey, Wallace, Watson, Watton, Wilson, 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 (R)
P Donaghy, Democratic and Central Services Manager (R)
U Harper, Committee and Member Services Officer
J Keen, Committee and Member Services Officer (R)

In attendance : T Molloy, Director of Planning, Performance and Corporate Services, Western Health and Social Care Trust
S Walls, Interim Assistant Director of Planning Performance and Business Services, Western Health and Social Care Trust

A Lennox, Mobile Operations Officer
M Kennedy, ICT Technical Support Officer

Press, 3 no. (R), Public 2 no. (R)

Key – (R) = Attended Remotely

1. THE MAYOR'S BUSINESS

The Mayor stated:

The past month has been very active in terms of events. I've had the pleasure of opening the playpark in Greysteel, attending the opening of the upgraded new hockey pitch at the Joey Dunlop Centre, and speaking at the Violence Against

Women and Girls vigil. Also, this month, we have begun attending all our depots to show appreciation to our staff and the vital work they do daily.

This month, I've also announced my charities for the year: MindWise and Northern Ireland Kidney Patients' Association (NYKPA). In rural and stigmatized areas, it's important to boost awareness and ensure we can tackle the ever-growing concern of mental health. Additionally, NYKPA are a vital lifeline for many constituents across the Council area, and especially within my own village of Dunloy. They have provided many constituents with critical organs that have given them a new hope of life. By building awareness of both charities, we will hopefully help them overcome the present challenges in society.

I would also like to thank the Deputy Mayor for her continued support at events over the past couple of months.

Furthermore, on behalf of the Council, I would like to express our sympathies to Councillor Kyle on the sudden passing of his father. I would also, on behalf of the Council, like to express our condolences to Robert Lee's family, and to Councillor Mairs on the passing of her step-brother last month. Our thoughts and prayers are with all the families at this time.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were recorded for Councillor Bateson, Councillor Kyle and Councillor Stirling.

- * **Councillor MA McKillop joined the meeting in the Chamber at 7.03pm.**

3. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

There were no declarations of Interest.

4. DEPUTATION – WESTERN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE TRUST – WESTERN TRUST CORPORATE PLAN 2024-2027

The Mayor invited Teresa Molloy, Western Health and Social Care Trust (WHSC) Director of Planning, Performance and Corporate Services, and Steven Walls, Interim Assistant Director of Planning Performance and Business Services, to present the Western Trust Corporate Plan 2024-2027.

- * **Alderman Knight-McQuillan joined the meeting in the Chamber at 7.05pm.**

The Director of Planning, Performance and Corporate Services in the Western Health and Social Care Trust thanked Council for the opportunity to present. She then delivered a presentation, the key points of which were:

- As an Integrated Health and Social Care Trust, WHSCT performs the following functions:
 - Operates three hospitals (Altnagelvin, Omagh, South West Acute).
 - Runs residential homes.
 - Procures services from residential home providers.
 - Provides and procures domiciliary care.
 - Provides district nurses services, coterminous with GP practices and supporting maternity services.
 - Provides extensive social work services, including services for children and children in care.
 - Provides mental health services, including mental health and learning disability and patient services and hospitals.
 - Provides subregional services from Altnagelvin Hospital: trauma, orthopedic services, urology, ophthalmology and oral surgery services, through agreement with the Northern Trust.
 - Operates the second Cancer Centre in Northern Ireland, which provides services to Donegal.
 - Operates Primary PCI, providing emergency cardiac services to people in Donegal.
 - Runs four GP practices across the west of Northern Ireland, at the request of the Department of Health.

- The Western Trust serve the population of the Causeway Coast Council in the Limavady and Benbradagh area – approximately 35,000 people.

- The Corporate Plan was devised in the context of:
 - Significant financial pressures / ongoing cycle of contingency and recovery plans.
 - Recruitment and retention challenges across all professions – medical, psychology, nursing, social work, allied health professionals.
 - An increasing older population, which brings increased level of need for health and social care services
 - Some of the highest poverty and deprivation rates in the region resulting in a high level of need.
 - Growing demand coupled with demand / capacity imbalance across many services resulting in long waiting lists and unmet need.
 - Pressures in primary care – instability in provision.
 - Recognition of the need to work in partnership as a system to meet the needs of our population. For example, the Trust is already working with Council partners and other partners to prepare for Integrated Care Systems in Northern Ireland.

- A significant growth in the older population is expected in the Western Trust area, which will bring additional pressure on the services.

- Some Key Population Health Considerations include:
- Deprivation – high concentration of most deprived areas are within areas covered by the Western Trust
- Poverty - some of the highest poverty rates in NI are within the Western Trust area
- Highest rate of children on child protection register / second highest rate of looked after children & children in need
- Members were advised to read the Health Inequalities Annual Report 2023–24.

The Interim Assistant Director of Planning Performance and Business Services reported that:

- The Trust carried out extensive engagement with staff and stakeholder groups and the feedback from this has been used to shape the Corporate Plan.
- There has been a shift in emphasis to “our people” and “our culture”.
- Examples were given of how success will be measured under the different strategic items:
 - Quality and safety - compliance with audit and standards, which helps to instil the trust that service users expect.
 - People – increase staff retention by improving work life balance, staff engagement & recognition.
 - Performance and Access - implement Encompass, which is a programme that will replace 70+ systems.
 - Delivering value – management of budgets. As expected, this is a stand-alone priority in its own right, given that the budget totals almost £1 billion.
 - Our culture - build systems to support innovation and staff engagement.

* **Alderman Hunter and Councillor McGlinchey joined the meeting in the Chamber at 7.14pm, during consideration of this Item.**

Councillor Peacock asked what plans are in place to build the confidence of women in the cervical screening program, given the issues in the Southern and Western Trusts. The Director of Planning, Performance and Corporate Services stated that the Public Health Agency works with Trusts and the public to ensure that those services are delivered and accessed as they should be. She advised that the Trust is conscious of the concerns around elements of the screening program and offered to provide Council with detailed information on the screening programme in the Western Trust and the particular steps that it has taken in respect of that.

Alderman Coyle stated that the care provided by the Trust is very good once someone is in the system, but that people are struggling to get appointments to see their doctors. He raised an issue about the signage at Altnagelvin Hospital and at the Gransha site and stated that the sites were difficult to navigate.

The Director of Planning, Performance and Corporate Services stated that services move at the sites, but that work has recently been undertaken to improve signposting. She advised that if anyone is still having difficulties, they should register it through Care Opinion or send a comment into the Trust under the general comments or complaints services.

The Director of Planning, Performance and Corporate Services acknowledged that there are long waiting lists for services, particularly for patients who are viewed to be routine, but clarified that the Trust does not manage GP services other than the four practices mentioned. She advised that should Council wish to raise issues regarding primary care services, including GP services and community pharmacy, they should contact the Strategic Planning and Performance Director in the Department of Health.

Councillor Storey expressed appreciation to the Trust for the services provided at Altnagelvin Hospital. He asked what impact the Trust envisaged on the relationship between Causeway Hospital and Altnagelvin Hospital and the provision of services at these sites, following the Health Minister's announcement regarding the designation of three types of hospitals here.

The Director of Planning, Performance and Corporate Services stated that change is a feature of running health and social care. She advised that the clinical and professional networks are critical to providing the best outcomes for patients. She advised that the introduction of elective care centres is an example of how the Trust is already working towards providing hospital networks.

Alderman Callan noted the pressures faced by the health service. He asked about the withdrawal of the enhanced out-of-hours service in Benbradagh and noted that local GPs felt that the service should be retained. He queried whether there has been a review of the out-of-hour care at Altnagelvin Hospital since that decision was taken.

The Director of Planning, Performance and Corporate Services advised that out-of-hours care falls under primary care services. She advised that that service is provided under Western Urgent Care, which has a contract with the Department of Health, and that Council should contact the Department with questions relating to primary care services.

The Mayor thanked the representatives from the Western Trust for their presentation.

* **The WHSCT representatives left the Chamber at 7.40pm.**

5. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2024

Copy, previously circulated.

Proposed by Councillor Schenning
Seconded by Councillor Peacock and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of The Council Meeting held Tuesday 3 September 2024 were confirmed as a correct record.

6. MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD MONDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 6.00PM

Copy, previously circulated.

Proposed by Alderman Coyle
Seconded by Alderman Hunter and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of The Special Council Meeting held Monday 23 September 2024 at 6.00pm were confirmed as a correct record.

7. MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD MONDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 7.00PM

Copy, previously circulated.

Proposed by Councillor Schenning
Seconded by Alderman Hunter and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of The Special Council Meeting held Monday 23 September 2024 at 7.00pm were confirmed as a correct record.

8. MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD MONDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 7.30PM

Copy, previously circulated.

Proposed by Councillor N Archibald
Seconded by Alderman Hunter and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of The Special Council Meeting held Monday 23 September 2024 at 7.30pm were confirmed as a correct record.

9. MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 26 JUNE 2024, RECONVENED ON WEDNESDAY 28 AUGUST 2024 AT 9.30AM

Copy, previously circulated.

Alderman S McKillop stated that her late apologies should have been noted in the minutes.

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held Wednesday 26 June 2024, reconvened on Wednesday 28 August 2024 at 9.30am were received and noted.

10. MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 28 AUGUST 2024 AT 10.30AM

Copy, previously circulated.

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held Wednesday 28 August 2024 at 10.30am were received and noted.

11. MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2024

Copy, previously circulated.

Matters Arising

11.1 Consultation on Policy Proposals to Underpin a New Public Health Bill (Item 4)

The Director of Environmental Services briefed Members on this item and advised that it had been deferred for further consideration to allow time for a response to be drafted. He advised that a suggested response was provided at Appendix 1 of the papers previously circulated for this Environmental Services Agenda Item, and was based on responses from senior Environmental Health Officers from the Environmental Health Northern Ireland grouping and Council officers. He further advised that the response deadline had been pushed back to 14 October.

Alderman John McAuley stated that he had been contacted by constituents with serious concerns about this Bill. He stated that there was no point in trying to get an agreed approach in the Chamber given the diversity of opinions, and proposed that no corporate response should be sent, with it instead left for parties to respond as they chose.

Councillor Kane agreed with Alderman John McAuley and stated that the matter raised questions about Council providing statutory responses to consultations.

Proposed by Alderman John McAuley
Seconded by Councillor Kane and

RESOLVED – that Council does not submit a statutory response to this consultation.

11.2 Festive Light Upgrades and Repairs (Item 23)

In response to a request from Alderman John McAuley for an update on the timeline for repairs, the Director of Environmental Services advised that he would issue a programme for repairs the day after this meeting and further advised that he was satisfied that the lights would be installed before the scheduled switch-on.

In response to a query from Councillor Storey regarding the potential impact of the new lights in Ballymoney High Street on the festive lights, the Director of Environmental Services advised that the Christmas lights had been built into the design of the new High Street lighting.

Further to the discussion on the timeline for the festive lights repairs, Councillor Huggins raised a concern regarding the waiting times to get day-to-day issues resolved and proposed that a paper be brought to the Environmental Services Committee on the outstanding jobs on the TABS system, what dates the jobs were requested, and, if a backlog is identified, what plan is in place to alleviate it.

The Chief Executive advised that this was not an item on the meeting Agenda and that, as no AORB can be raised at a Council meeting, it should be submitted as an AORB item for the upcoming Environmental Services Committee meeting.

11.3 Update to Enforcement Section of Council's Litter Strategy 2022 to 2026 (Item 5)

Alderman S McKillop stated that she welcomed the recruitment of environmental wardens and asked that the service be evenly spread across the Borough, and that attention is given to villages needing a deep clean, prior to the environmental wardens carrying out their routine work, specifically in the DEA area of Bushmills.

The Director of Environmental Services advised that, as the recommendation for this Item was to bring a paper back, this element could be included in the paper and brought back to the next Environmental Services meeting.

11.4 Bylaws in Waterfoot Carpark (Item 26.1)

In response to a query from Alderman S McKillop regarding whether this item referred to a capital works project being agreed, the Director of Environmental Services advised that this was an AORB item and that a paper would have to be brought back to Committee before any work is done.

The Chief Executive advised that AORBs are not an alternative route for bringing a motion to Council and suggested that there should be an amendment to the Minutes clarifying that a report will be brought back to Committee.

11.5 Period 3 ES Management Accounts and Financial Positions 2024/25 (Item 13)

Alderman John McAuley raised the issue of the consultation on the carparking fees. He stated that the rescinding motion was for Ballycastle only, and queried why

charging at Portrush West Strand was postponed pending the outcome of the consultation, and when Members were notified of this decision.

The Director of Environmental Services stated that there was a challenge based on the Equality Policy, so both areas had to be dealt with in the same way. He stated that Members were not notified of the decision to consult on both areas and apologised for this.

Alderman John McAuley stated that there is a £339,000 deficit in the budget and that Members were used for political cover when needed.

Councillor Storey stated that the decision regarding the equality consultation should have been brought back to the Chamber.

11.6 Adoption of the Minutes

Proposed by Councillor Jonathan McAuley
Seconded by Alderman S McKillop and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held Tuesday 10 September 2024, as amended, were adopted and recommendations therein approved, including the Resolution at Item 11.1 above.

12. MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD THURSDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2024

Copy, previously circulated.

Matters Arising

12.1 Correspondence - Derry City and Strabane District Council paper on Rates Support Grant (Item 7)

Alderman S McKillop stated that this was an excellent piece of work and proposed that Council produce a paper on the impact of the reduction of the rates support grant on the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area.

The Chief Finance Officer stated that there was discussion at the meeting about doing a version of the paper for Causeway Coast and Glens, to take into account the more rural profile of the area and the older age profile of the population. He advised that he will bring a paper to Committee providing this.

Councillor Peacock seconded Alderman McKillop's proposal. She further asked that the recent presentation delivered to the Partnership Panel be shared with the Chief Finance Officer as it included a lot of useful information on the rate support grant.

Proposed by Alderman S McKillop
Seconded by Councillor Peacock and

RESOLVED - That a paper is brought to the Finance Committee on the impact of the reduction of the rates support grant on Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area.

12.2 Vehicle Fuel (Item 13 (iii))

Alderman S McKillop asked that the Director of Environmental Services provide an explanation as to why there is an adverse variable against the budget for fuel when the cost for fuel had dropped.

The Chief Executive advised that this Item had been heard in Committee and asked the Member to ensure that they did not breach commercial sensitivity.

The Chief Finance Officer advised that the Director of Environmental Services was aware of the issue and that it would be addressed.

12.3 Adoption of the Minutes

Proposed by Councillor Huggins
Seconded by Alderman S McKillop and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held Thursday 12 September 2024, as amended, were adopted and recommendations therein approved, including the Resolution at Item 12.1 above.

13. MINUTES OF LEISURE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2024

Copy, previously circulated.

13.1 Equality Impact Assessment for Draft Memorial Policy (Item 5)

Councillor Huggins stated that Appendix 5 of the Council's draft memorials policy relates to memorial trees and does not appear to allow applications for memorial trees to be planted outside of permitted locations. She noted that there are no permitted locations in the Bann DEA, and given that there may be strong, sentimental and compassionate reasons why a family or an individual would wish for a tree to be in a certain area, such cases should be at least given the opportunity to be heard, understanding that requests would go through a rigorous eligibility process.

She suggested that a paper exploring this issue be brought to the Environmental Services Committee.

The Director of Leisure and Development stated that memorial trees are dealt with through the Environmental Services directorate. She stated that she would liaise with the Director of Environmental Services and come back to Councillor Huggins on this matter.

13.2 Taste Causeway Request for Support (Item 7)

Councillor Holmes advised that there had been correspondence between the Committee Chair and the Taste Causeway Chair and that an operational plan has been submitted. He proposed that a decision on the matter be deferred for a month to allow the Leisure and Development Committee to consider the operational plan.

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Holmes

Seconded by Councillor Wisener

- to defer a decision on the Taste Causeway Request for Support for one month to allow the Leisure and Development Committee to consider the Taste Causeway operational plan.

The Mayor put the Amendment to the Council to Vote.

4 Members voted For; 31 Members voted Against; 1 Member abstained.

The Mayor declared the Amendment lost.

13.3 Skateboarding - Station Square, Portrush (Item 16.3)

In response to a request from Councillor Holmes for an update on this Item, the Director of Leisure and Development advised that there is a meeting with stakeholders scheduled on 9 October in which proposals will be presented regarding new equipment and maintenance issues will be discussed.

Councillor Holmes queried whether the bin at Station Square had been replaced and also stated that there is no skirting at the bottom of the barriers, which is creating a hazard. The Director of Leisure and Development advised that the bin will be replaced this week and that she understood that the skirting had been replaced but she would follow up on both matters.

13.4 Adoption of the Minutes

Proposed by Councillor McGurk

Seconded by Councillor Schenning and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Leisure and Development Committee meeting held Tuesday 17 September 2024 were adopted and recommendations therein approved.

14. MINUTES OF AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2024

Copy, previously circulated.

Proposed by Councillor Chivers
Seconded by Councillor Callaghan and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held Wednesday 18 September 2024 were adopted and recommendations therein approved.

15. MINUTES OF CORPORATE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2024

Copy, previously circulated.

Proposed by Alderman Knight-McQuillan
Seconded by Councillor McCully and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee meeting held Tuesday 24 September 2024 were adopted and recommendations therein approved.

16. MATTERS FOR REPORTING TO THE PARTNERSHIP PANEL

There were no matters for reporting to the Partnership Panel.

In response to a query from Alderman Callan, the Chief Executive advised that the report from the recent Partnership Panel meeting has not yet been circulated but it will be shared with Members as soon as it is available.

17. CONFERENCES

Report, previously circulated, was presented as read by the Chief Executive.

Purpose of report

The purpose of the report is to inform Elected Members of conferences and courses they may wish to attend.

The following is listed:

17.1 National Association of Councillors - Annual General Meeting 2024 (Retrospective)

Date: Friday 20 September 2024
Registration 9.30am-10.30am
Venue: The Glenavon House Hotel, 52 Drum Road, Cookstown

17.2 Menopause Together – Annual Menopause Conference

Date: 13 October 2024
Time: 10.00am-3.00pm
Location: Crowne Plaza Hotel, Belfast
Cost: £35.00

- <https://menopausetogether.org/>
- <https://fixr.co/en-US/event/menopause-together-annual-menopause-conference-tickets-431976370>

17.3 Policy Forum for Northern Ireland keynote seminar: Priorities for healthcare in Northern Ireland

Date: Thursday, 28th November 2024

Timing: 9am - 1pm (registration from 8.30am)

Venue: ***Taking place Online - delegates will receive full information and guidance on how to take part***

Price per delegate: £299 plus VAT

Agenda:

- <https://www.policyforumforni.co.uk/agenda/NI-Health-24-agenda.pdf>

Elected Members should contact Committee and Member Services to register their interest.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Council consider the Conference report.

Council NOTED the Conference report.

18. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence report, previously circulated, was presented as read by the Chief Executive.

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

The following correspondence has been received:

- i) **Michelle McNaughton, Senior Communications Officer, Northern Health and Social Care Trust, email dated 24 September 2024** (copy Corporate Plan previously circulated)

Full Extract

We thought you may be interested to read our Corporate Plan which we have just recently published. It can be found here on our website [Corporate Plan 2024-25 - 2027-28 - Northern Health and Social Care Trust \(hscni.net\)](https://www.hscni.net)

*The plan sets out the Trust's vision and strategic priorities for the next three years and you will see that it is built around five Team **NORTH** themes:*

build Northern partnerships and integrate care;

- *continue to improve outcomes and experience;*
- *deliver value by optimising resources;*
- *nurture out people, enable our talent and build our teams;*
- *improve population health and address health and social care inequalities.*

Recommendation

It is recommended that Council consider the correspondence.

Council NOTED Correspondence Item (i).

19. CONSULTATION SCHEDULE

Consultation schedule, previously circulated, presented as read by the Chief Executive.

Open Consultations

- Northern Ireland Executive Draft Programme for Government 2024-2027 'Our Plan: Doing What Matters Most' Public Consultation submission by 4 November 2024
- Northern Health and Social Care Trust Health and Social Care NI (HSCNI) Involvement and Consultation Scheme submission by 11 November 2024
- Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs) (DAERA) Consultation on Proposed new Code of Practice on Sampling and Reporting at Materials Facilities submission by 12 November 2024
- Department of Health Consultation on commencement of provisions under the Mental Capacity Act (NI) 2016 relating to Acts of Restraint submission by 1 December 2024

Available to View -

- Department for Health DoH Equality annual reports

- Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) Annual progress reports to the Equality Commission (DAERA)
- Department of Finance Consultation on Non-domestic and Domestic rating measures to support budget sustainability by raising additional revenue

In response to a query from Alderman Callan, the Chief Executive advised that NILGA is drafting a response to the draft Programme for Government, and the Chief Executive is also drafting a response on behalf of Council.

Council NOTED the Consultation Schedule.

20. 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.

- (i) Grave Registry Certificates, No's 5841 to 5856 inclusive;
- (ii) Car loan Agreement (Employee reference 702/2054);
- (iii) Lansdowne Road Car Park, Portrush - Conveyance of Possessory Interest – Department of Infrastructure to Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council (Retrospective);
- (iv) Deed of Conveyance - Sale of the Dunluce Centre Portrush (Retrospective) (Ref L&P 220907/CP&R 220927/CM 221010)

Proposed by Alderman Callan
 Seconded by Councillor Wilson and

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

This being all the business, The Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 8.18pm.

Mayor