

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 23 September, 2025 at 7:00 pm

PRESENT IN CHAMBER:

The Right Worshipful the Mayor
Alderman A Grehan

Deputy Mayor
Alderman H Legge

Aldermen J Baird, A G Ewart MBE, O Gawith, M Gregg,
A McIntyre, S P Porter and J Tinsley

Councillors J Bamford, R T Beckett, S Burns, R Carlin,
P Catney, D J Craig, K Dickson, A P Ewing, J Gallen,
A Givan, A Gowan, J Harpur, B Higginson, G Hynds,
J Lavery BEM, S Lowry, D Lynch, U Mackin, B Magee,
A Martin, T Mitchell, C McCready, M McKeever, R McLernon,
N Parker and G Thompson

PRESENT REMOTELY:

Alderman S Skillen

IN ATTENDANCE:

Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council

Director of Organisation Development and Innovation
Director of Leisure and Community Wellbeing
Director of Environmental Services
Director of Regeneration and Growth
Member Services Officers (CR & EW)
Technician
IT Officer

Northern Ireland Housing Executive

In Person:

Ms J Hawthorne, Director of Housing
Mr L Gunn, Belfast Regional Manager
Ms F McGrath, Head of Place Shaping Belfast

Remotely:

Mr A Kennedy, Assistant Director Asset Strategy
Mr C Stitt, Lisburn & Castlereagh Area Manager
Ms A McDermott, Area Manager, Belfast Housing Solutions
and Support Team
Mr G Davis, Income Collection Manager, Belfast Region

Commencement of the Meeting

At the commencement of the meeting, The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman A Grehan, welcomed those present to the meeting of Council which was being livestreamed to enable members of the public to hear and see the proceedings. The Mayor pointed out that, should the meeting go into committee to consider confidential business, any members of the press and the public in attendance would be required to leave the Council Chamber for the duration of those matters.

The Director of Organisation Development and Innovation outlined the evacuation procedures in the case of an emergency. The Right Worshipful the Mayor requested that all mobile phones be put on silent or switched off for the duration of the meeting and pointed out that, in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders, whilst the meeting was being live-streamed, unauthorised recording was not permitted.

Prayers

The Right Worshipful the Mayor advised that her Chaplain, Rev A Thompson, was unable to be present this evening and, in his place, she welcomed Rev P Jamieson from Hillhall Presbyterian Church. Rev Jamieson addressed the meeting and said a prayer, during which he remembered the following bereavements:

- Stephen Moreland who had worked as a joiner in Assets. Stephen had worked for the Council for over 22 years, having previously been with the former Castlereagh Borough Council, and had been a beloved and valued colleague to many; and
- Her Royal Highness, The Duchess of Kent.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman A Grehan, thanked Rev Jamieson for his attendance and he left the meeting (7.13 pm).

1. Business of The Right Worshipful the Mayor

1.1 Mayor's Engagements

The Council noted a number of engagements attended by The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman A Grehan, and the Deputy Mayor, Alderman H Legge, since the last meeting of Council.

2. Apologies

It was agreed to accept apologies for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of Councillors D Bassett, C Kemp, G McCleave and N Trimble and the Chief Executive. Councillor J Gallen offered apologies at this stage as he would be required to leave the meeting early.

3. Declarations of Interest

Councillor D J Craig declared an interest in item 7.2 of the Communities and Wellbeing Committee minutes “Provision of Generalist Advice Services”, given that his wife was Chair of the Board of Community Advice Lisburn Castlereagh, which delivered the Generalist Advice Service.

4. Council Minutes

4.1 Council Meeting – 26 August, 2025

It was proposed by Alderman A G Ewart, seconded by Councillor T Mitchell and agreed that the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 26 August, 2025 be confirmed and signed.

5. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

6. Deputations

6.1 NIHE – Presentation of the Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council Housing Investment Plan 2025

During this item of business, Councillor J Gallen left the meeting (7.45 pm) and the following Members left, and returned to, the meeting:

- Councillor D Lynch (7.36 pm and 7.47 pm respectively);
- Councillor J Harpur (7.38 pm and 7.40 pm respectively);
- Councillor B Higginson (7.48 pm and 7.52 pm respectively);
- Alderman A McIntyre (7.49 pm and 7.52 pm respectively);
- Councillor A Gowan (7.55 pm and 8.05 pm respectively);
- Councillor R McLernon (8.05 pm and 8.10 pm); and
- Councillors T Mitchell and C McCready (8.07 pm and 8.09 pm).

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman A Grehan, welcomed to the meeting, Ms J Hawthorne, Mr L Gunn and Ms F McGrath who were present in the Council Chamber and Mr A Kennedy, Mr C Stitt, Ms A McDermott and Mr G Davis who were joining the meeting remotely.

At the outset, the Mayor reminded Members that answers to pre-submitted questions of a strategic nature relating to the Housing Investment Plan had been provided earlier in the day on Decision Time. She also pointed out that DEA workshops had been arranged to take place on 13 October, at which operational issues could be addressed.

6.1 NIHE – Presentation of the Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council Housing Investment Plan 2025 (Contd)

Ms Hawthorne made a presentation, during which she covered areas such as community planning update, Housing Executive spend 2024/25, waiting list trends 2022-2025, the 15 year housing assessment market, affordable housing supply, projected spend 2025/26 and key housing challenges and opportunities.

A number of Members' queries were addressed in respect of:

- allocation of housing to people from the local community;
- succession policy;
- planning permission for programmed schemes;
- intermediate units;
- grants for rural areas;
- oil buying clubs;
- direct exchange process; and
- assistance provided for partially-sighted tenants.

During discussion, NIHE representatives agreed to provide Members with:

- information on when the cavity wall insulation scheme would be implemented in the different housing areas;
- information on whether schemes programmed for this year were on target; and
- information in relation to the direct exchange policy.

It was noted that the following would be addressed at the forthcoming DEA workshops:

- discrepancy between disabled facilities grants awarded and the actual costs of completion since 2020/21; and
- actions to ensure contractors fulfilled their obligations.

Councillor P Catney put on record his thanks to Mr D Marley who was retiring as Lisburn and Castlereagh Area Manager. He also extended best wishes to Mr C Stitt, who had taken up this position.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman A Grehan, thanked the NIHE representatives for their attendance and they left the meeting (8.12 pm).

7. Business Required by Statute

(i) Signing of Legal Documents

It was proposed by Alderman J Tinsley, seconded by Councillor A Givan and agreed that the following legal documents be signed at the meeting:

(i) Signing of Legal Documents (Contd)

- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Belfast City Council, City Hall, Belfast BT1 5GS; Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council, Mossley Mill, Newtownabbey BT36 5QA; Ards and North Down Borough Council, Town Hall, The Castle, Bangor BT20 4BT; Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council, Council Offices, The Palace Demesne, Armagh BT60 4EL; Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council, Cloonavin, 66 Portstewart Road, Coleraine BT52 1EY; Derry City and Strabane District Council, 98 Strand Road, Derry BT48 7NN; Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, Enniskillen Townhall, 2 Townhall Street, Enniskillen BT74 7BA; Mid and East Antrim Borough Council, 1-29 Bridge Street, Ballymena BT43 5EJ; Mid Ulster District Council, Burn Road, Cookstown BT80 8DT; Newry, Mourne and Down District Council, Monaghan Row, Newry BT35 8DJ – Addendum to Collaboration Agreement in respect of The Northern Ireland Enterprise Support Service (NIESS);
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and South Eastern Regional College, 25 Castle Street, Lisburn BT27 4SU – For Delivery of Lisburn and Castlereagh Labour Market Partnership 2025/26 Action Plan – Employee Upskilling Programme; Welding Academy; Digital Academy (Level 2); Women in Engineering; Women into Welding; Greener Heat for Homes Academy;
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and JPM Contracts Ltd, 79 Main Street, Dungiven BT4 4LE – Lisburn Orientation and Walkability Project – Wayfinding Signage Lisburn Centre (T24/25-049) - Form of Deed; and
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Northern Ireland Office, Erskine House, 20-32 Chichester Street, Belfast BT1 4GF – Lease for Ground Floor Office, 1st Floor Office and Former Council Chamber at Bradford Court.

8. Adoption of Minutes of Committees

Councillor D J Craig left the meeting (8.13 pm).

Communities and Wellbeing Committee

2 September, 2025

Proposed by Councillor T Mitchell

Seconded by Councillor A Givan

'Play Park at Hilden, Lisburn' and 'Play Park at Huguenot Drive, Lisburn'
Page 432, Items 6.2 and 6.3

Councillor G Hynds put on record his thanks to the Director of Leisure and Community Wellbeing and the Acting Head of Service (Parks & Amenities) for the quick action taken to address maintenance issues at the above play parks and welcomed any future improvement works that would take place.

Environment and Sustainability Committee

3 September, 2025

Proposed by Alderman O Gawith

Seconded by Councillor S Burns

Regeneration and Growth Committee

4 September, 2025

Proposed by Councillor J Harpur

Seconded by Alderman A McIntyre

Car Parking Strategy – Update
Page 454, Item 6.8

In response to comments by Councillor G Hynds, the Director of Regeneration and Growth advised that an information session would be held, possibly in October, in respect of the car parking strategy.

Corporate Services Committee

10 September, 2025

Proposed by Councillor B Higginson

Seconded by Councillor J Bamford

Councillor B Higginson pointed out that the Corporate Service Committee minutes remained subject to the call-in procedure until 10.00 am on 25 September, 2025.

Notice of Motion on Transparency
Page 472, Item 8.2

In response to comments by Councillor G Hynds regarding the delay in implementation of transparency measures, the Director of Organisation Development and Innovation gave a reassurance that the Council not only achieved, but exceeded, the statutory requirements on transparency. Members had already commended Officers for having increased transparency. The delay referred to by Councillor Hynds had been occasioned by there currently being no Director of Corporate Services nor Head of Service in post, but both posts were being actively recruited. The Council was meeting its obligations, but understood there was a need for progressing the Notice of Motion, which would happen as soon as was possible. Councillor P Catney concurred with comments made by Councillor Hynds.

Governance and Audit Committee

11 September, 2025

Proposed by Councillor D Lynch

Seconded by Alderman J Tinsley

Planning Committee

4 August, 2025

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 4 August, 2025 had been circulated for noting only as these minutes had been agreed at the subsequent meeting of the Planning Committee on 1 September, 2025. It was proposed by Alderman J Tinsley, seconded by Alderman O Gawith and agreed that their contents be noted.

Councillor A P Ewing left the meeting (8.22 pm).

9. Report from Chief Executive

Councillor D J Craig returned to the meeting (8.23 pm).

9.1 Requirement to Enter into a Section 76 Planning Agreement for Planning Application LA05/2020/0303/F

During consideration of this item of business, Councillor J Bamford left, and returned to, the meeting (8.23 pm and 8.26 pm respectively) and Councillor A P Ewing returned to the meeting (8.25 pm).

It was proposed by Alderman M Gregg, seconded by Councillor D J Craig and agreed that this matter be referred back to the Planning Unit for clarification as a description of the development in the annex C in the Section 76 Agreement did not align with the description of the application approved at Committee.

9.2 Requirement to Enter into a Section 76 Planning Agreement for Planning Application LA05/2021/1169/F

It was proposed by Alderman M Gregg, seconded by Councillor D J Craig and agreed that approval be granted to the signing and sealing of the above agreement by the Mayor and Chief Executive.

10. Reports from Members on Boards

There were no reports from Members on Boards.

11. Reports on Decisions Subject to the Reconsideration Procedure

There were no reports on decisions subject to the reconsideration procedure.

12. Notice of Motion

12.1 Climate Friendly Burials
Councillor B Magee

A copy of the following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor B Magee, had been circulated to Members with the notice convening the meeting:

“That this Council recognises the significant environmental impact of traditional burial and cremation practices, including high carbon emissions, chemical pollution, and long-term land use challenges, as highlighted in the All-Party Group on Climate Action’s briefing paper ‘Beyond Burial and Cremation’

This Council further acknowledges the growing public interest in more sustainable, dignified, and low-carbon alternatives to conventional practices – such as natural (green) burials, tree pod interment, and other emerging end-of-life methods.

Natural burial, which involves the use of biodegradable materials, avoids embalming, and often takes place in woodland or meadow

12.1 Climate Friendly Burials (Contd)
Councillor B Magee

settings with minimal ongoing maintenance, has already been successfully implemented in other parts of the UK as a simple and ecologically restorative option.

Accordingly, this Council agrees to:

1. explore the feasibility of providing sustainable burial options within existing or new cemeteries, including the designation of natural burial grounds or woodland burial areas within our district; and
2. provide an update report to the All-Party Group on Climate Action on any identified legislative, planning, infrastructural, or regulatory barriers that may impact the delivery of these sustainable end-of-life options locally”.

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor B Magee and seconded by Councillor J Bamford.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman A Grehan, advised that the above Notice of Motion would be referred, without debate, to the Environment and Sustainability Committee for consideration.

Alderman S P Porter requested that the Environment and Sustainability Committee be advised of the number of requests received for these types of burials.

12.2 Voting at 16
Councillor J Harpur

A copy of the following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J Harpur, had been circulated to Members with the notice convening the meeting:

“Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council believes that young people deserve a say in who represents them and welcomes the UK Government’s announcement to allow people aged 16 and 17 to vote in future Westminster, Assembly and Council elections. This Council believes that this should be in place ahead of 2027 in time for the next Assembly and Council elections and calls on the First and Deputy First Minister to write to the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland to ensure that any necessary UK legislation is passed to meet this timeline”.

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor J Harpur and seconded by Councillor D Lynch.

Councillor J Harpur stated that he believed it was time to stop talking about the future and trust it. Young people should be given a real say in the direction of

12.2 Voting at 16 (Contd)
Councillor J Harpur

our society. This Notice of Motion was responsible, democratic and overdue and was a cross-party issue. There were currently around 48,000 16 and 17 year olds in Northern Ireland – young people who lived, worked, paid taxes and volunteered here. Many were carers, already active in shaping their communities. They were trusted to leave school, get a job, pay National Insurance and even join the Armed Forces, yet they were not trusted to have a say in who represented them. As this Council's youngest Elected Member, Councillor Harpur knew what it was like to be underestimated because of age, but he also knew what young people were capable of when given the platform. The reality was that 16 and 17 year olds were already political beings, but not politically represented. Having spoken with youth councils and youth organisations across Northern Ireland, the message was clear that young people were ready – they wanted to vote and to have a seat at the table, yet on election day they were excluded. Councillor Harpur went on to speak about previous support in the NI Assembly in 2012 and 2024 in respect of extending voting rights to 16 and 17 year olds, support for this in Westminster and the fact that Scotland and Wales had moved ahead with this. Northern Ireland should not be left behind. Councillor Harpur alluded to the benefits that would be achieved by allowing 16 and 17 year olds to vote and urged his Council colleagues to support his Notice of Motion.

In seconding this Notice of Motion, Councillor D Lynch stated that Sinn Féin had been to the fore on this issue for a long time now, advocating that 16 and 17 year olds should be allowed to vote in future elections. It was positive news that the UK Government had announced that those young people could vote in future Westminster, Assembly and Council elections. Sinn Féin had been pressing the Irish Government to extend voting rights for the Irish Presidential election and would continue to do so. Councillor Lynch stated that 16 and 17 year olds were not just citizens of the future, they were full citizens now, playing an active and valuable role in society and he disagreed with the notion that they were not mature enough to play a role in the democratic process. He referred to Scotland and Wales and the other EU countries that had already extended their voting rights to 16 and 17 year olds. Sinn Féin had always advocated for a progressive and inclusive society where everyone had the right to shape their future.

Councillor G Hynds proposed an amendment to the Notice of Motion, namely that a final sentence be included – “Calls for expanded, non-partisan voter education programmes, partnering with schools, community groups, and government bodies, to inform youth, especially in areas with historically low turnout, about voting, equip them with knowledge for independent decisions, and encourage active, unbiased electoral participation”. Councillor J Harpur confirmed that he was content with this amendment to his Notice of Motion.

A number of Members spoke in support of the Notice of Motion, and the amendment, namely Councillor P Catney, Councillor R Carlin and Councillor G Hynds. Councillor Hynds pointed out that, whilst he firmly believed that 18 remained the best age at which to have voting rights, the UK Government had announced the extension of voting rights to 16 and 17 year olds and Councillor

12.2 Voting at 16 (Contd)
Councillor J Harpur

Harpur's Notice of Motion would ensure the young people of Northern Ireland were not left behind.

Councillor C McCready stated that his party, the DUP, considered that 18 was the right age at which to vote. As one of the younger Elected Members, he stated that he had gotten involved in politics at 16 and encouraged other young people to get involved in politics and find their way and their path. However, he pointed out that it had been made clear that extending voting rights to 16 would not happen by 2027. The Chief Executive of the Electoral Commission had advised that the Commission was under real pressure to run the elections smoothly by 2027. Councillor McCready stated that it would be best to get this right and not rush and, given those concerns, his party would be abstaining from the vote.

On a vote being taken, the Notice of Motion by Councillor J Harpur, including the amendment by Councillor G Hynds, was declared 'carried', the voting being as follows:

In favour: Alderman J Baird, Councillor J Bamford, Councillor R Carlin, Councillor P Catney, Councillor K Dickson, Alderman O Gawith, Alderman M Gregg, The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman A Grehan, Councillor J Harpur, Councillor G Hynds, Deputy Mayor, Alderman H Legge, Councillor S Lowry, Councillor D Lynch, Councillor B Magee, Councillor A Martin, Alderman A McIntyre, Councillor M McKeever, Councillor R McLernon, Councillor N Parker and Councillor G Thompson **(20)**

Against: Councillor R T Beckett **(1)**

Abstain: Councillor S Burns, Councillor D J Craig, Alderman A G Ewart, Councillor A P Ewing, Councillor A Givan, Councillor A Gowan, Councillor B Higginson, Councillor J Lavery, Councillor U Mackin, Councillor C McCready, Alderman S P Porter, Alderman S Skillen and Alderman J Tinsley **(13)**

Having left the meeting, Councillor T Mitchell did not participate in the vote.

12.3 Housing Allocation System
Councillor D J Craig

Alderman A G Ewart left, and returned to, the meeting during consideration of this item of business (9.06 pm and 9.09 pm respectively).

A copy of the following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor D J Craig, had been circulated to Members with the notice convening the meeting:

12.3 Housing Allocation System (Contd)
Councillor D J Craig

“That this Council recognises the significant disruption and distress caused to local communities by a small number of residents who engage in persistent antisocial behaviours, resulting in considerable frustration and anger for those living nearby.

This Council further calls on the Minister for Communities to review the current housing allocation system and to consider the following measures as part of that review:

1. Antisocial behaviour history – that the applicant’s record of antisocial behaviour, both in their current and previous neighbourhoods, is given greater weight within the allocation process.
2. Condition of previous property – that the state in which an applicant has left any previous property, including any damage caused, is considered as part of their housing assessment.
3. Information sharing – that full and effective sharing of applicant history between all public housing providers, including Housing Associations, is implemented to ensure a fair and accurate assessment under a revised allocation system”.

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor D J Craig and seconded by Councillor A P Ewing.

Councillor D J Craig stated that antisocial behaviour could involve many things – neighbours being noisy or having parties, children kicking a ball against a property, drinking and drug abuse, threats and violence against neighbours and, unfortunately, there had been a case very recently where a murder had occurred. Antisocial behaviour was a serious issue that needed to be tackled by housing providers. As an Elected Member, Councillor Craig had witnessed over the years, the impact of antisocial behaviour on others, resulting on many occasions in the victims being forced to move home, but seemingly no consequences for the perpetrators. He also alluded to the high costs to housing providers of having to repair damage caused to properties as a result of tenants’ antisocial behaviour activities, adding to the backlog in maintenance schemes and often meaning properties were off the market for some time. Councillor Craig went on to speak about some specific cases. Currently, there was no mechanism whereby housing providers could take into account when allocating properties, the past behaviour of individuals and Councillor Craig would like that to change.

In seconding this proposal, Councillor A P Ewing stated that it was important to point out that the majority of residents were decent, respectful and law-abiding people from local areas. However, it only took a small number of unruly individuals to wreak havoc. The negative impact on local communities and

12.3 Housing Allocation System (Contd)
Councillor D J Craig

people's quality of life caused by antisocial behaviour should not be underestimated and this needed to be addressed urgently.

Councillor N Parker thanked Councillor D J Craig for bringing forward this Notice of Motion, which she supported, and proposed an amendment, namely that it include: "This Council further urges all Housing Associations to enter into formal information sharing agreements with the PSNI, similar to those already in place between the PSNI and the Housing Executive, so that best practice can be achieved and statutory bodies can work more effectively together with all relevant information". Councillor D J Craig confirmed that he was content with this amendment.

Councillor P Catney thanked Councillor D J Craig for bringing forward his Notice of Motion, which he supported, and proposed an amendment, namely that it include: "And further calls on the Minister of Justice to outline how her Department intends to tackle Anti-Social Behaviour from a criminal justice perspective, and to work with the Minister for Communities to assess how her Department can support and improve the housing allocation process". Councillor D J Craig confirmed that he was content with this amendment.

Councillors G Hynds and R Carlin spoke in support of the Notice of Motion.

It was unanimously agreed that the Notice of Motion by Councillor D J Craig, including the amendments by Councillors N Parker and P Catney, be approved.

13. Confidential Business

There was no confidential business.

14. Any Other Business

14.1 Murder of Charlie Kirk
Alderman S P Porter

Alderman S P Porter referred to the recent murder of Charlie Kirk in the United States. Mr Kirk had had a clear vision – he wanted people to talk out and debate their differences and make sure all views were represented. Alderman Porter expressed his condolences to Mr Kirk's wife, Erika, and his two children and proposed that a letter of sympathy be sent to the Kirk family, on behalf of the Council. This was seconded by Councillor G Hynds and agreed.

14.2 Reopening of Hilden School
Councillor G Hynds

Councillor G Hynds referred to the reopening of Hilden School which, he stated, would be a massive asset to the local and wider community. He paid tribute to all those involved in this project, including the Resurgam Trust. Councillor D J Craig

14.2 Reopening of Hilden School (Contd)
Councillor G Hynds

concurred with sentiments by Councillor Hynds and welcomed the project, which had taken some 15 years to bring to fruition. He particularly commended Alderman S P Porter for his involvement, as well as the Council, the Resurgam Trust and the contractors for their high level of workmanship.

14.3 The Northern Ireland Football Fund (TNIFF) Performance Programme
Councillor G Hynds

Councillor G Hynds expressed his best wishes to Lisburn Rangers, Lisburn Distillery and Ballymacash Sports Academy, all of which were now progressing to the next stage of the TNIFF Performance Programme.

14.4 Lisburn & Castlereagh Housing Liaison Forum
Councillor G Hynds

The Director of Communities and Wellbeing took note of comments by Councillor G Hynds to organise a meeting of the Lisburn & Castlereagh Housing Liaison Forum.

14.5 Junction Improvements McKinstry Road, The Cutts, Derriaghy
Councillor A Givan

Councillor A Givan welcomed recent junction improvements carried out at McKinstry Road, The Cutts, Derriaghy. He paid tribute to former Councillor, the late Mrs M Tolerton, who had campaigned vigorously for this over the years. Councillor Givan proposed that a letter of thanks be sent to DfI Roads for having completed this work. This proposal was seconded by Alderman S P Porter and agreed.

14.6 30mph Speed Limit Sign at Brokerstown Road
The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman A Grehan

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman A Grehan, welcomed the 30mph speed limit that was now in place at Brokerstown Road, which Elected Members, Parkview Special School and others had called for over a long period of time. She stated that a yellow box outside the school gates would also be welcomed.

At this stage, Councillor D J Craig advised that he wish to raise an item of any other business of a confidential nature.

"In Committee"

It was proposed by Alderman J Baird, seconded by Councillor P Catney and agreed that the following matters be considered "in committee", in the absence of members of the press and public being present.

14.7 Internal Audit Report
Councillor D J Craig

Councillor J Lavery left the meeting during consideration of this item of business (9.27 pm).

Councillor D J Craig having referred to a matter relating to an Internal Audit Report, The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman A Grehan, requested that he address this directly with Officers.

Resumption of Normal Business

It was proposed by Alderman J Tinsley, seconded by Councillor A P Ewing and agreed to come out of committee and normal business was resumed.

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was terminated at 9.34 pm.

Mayor