

**LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 25 March, 2025 at 7:00 pm**

**PRESENT IN CHAMBER:**

The Right Worshipful the Mayor  
Councillor K Dickson

Deputy Mayor  
Councillor R Carlin

Aldermen J Baird, A G Ewart MBE, O Gawith, M Gregg, A Grehan, H Legge, A McIntyre, S P Porter, S Skillen (part of the meeting) and J Tinsley

Councillors J Bamford, R T Beckett, S Burns, P Catney, D J Craig, N Eaton, A P Ewing, J Gallen, A Givan, J Harpur, B Higginson, G Hynds (part of the meeting), C Kemp, J Lavery BEM, S Lowry, D Lynch, A Martin, U Mackin, G McCleave, C McCready, M McKeever and G Thompson

**PRESENT REMOTELY:**

Alderman S Skillen (part of the meeting)

Councillors G Hynds (part of the meeting) T Mitchell and N Trimble

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council

Director of Finance and Corporate Services  
Director of Leisure and Community Wellbeing  
Director of Organisation Development and Innovation  
Director of Regeneration and Growth  
Acting Director of Environmental Services  
Corporate Communications Manager  
Member Services Officers (CR & BS)  
Technician  
IT Officer

**Commencement of the Meeting**

At the commencement of the meeting, The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor K Dickson, 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 Leisure and Community Wellbeing 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.

At this stage, The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor K Dickson, advised that Councillor P Kennedy had left the Council. He paid tribute to former Councillor Kennedy, stating that he had been a good friend, a hardworking constituency Member and had done great work on both the Environment and Sustainability and Governance and Audit Committees. He would be missed by the Alliance Group and they wished him well for the future. Councillor Dickson went on to welcome the new Elected Member for Lisburn South, Councillor J Bamford, who he looked forward to working with.

On behalf of their parties, Alderman A G Ewart, Alderman H Legge, Councillor J Gallen and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor R Carlin, wished former Councillor Kennedy well for the future and welcomed Councillor Bamford.

### Prayers

The Right Worshipful the Mayor advised that his Chaplain, Rev S Reain-Adair, was unable to be present this evening. He invited Councillor A Martin to address the meeting and say a prayer. During devotions, Councillor Martin expressed condolences to Alderman H Legge on the recent death of her father.

## 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, Councillor K Dickson, and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor R Carlin, 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 and R McLernon and the Chief Executive.

## 3. Declarations of Interest

The following declarations of interest were made in respect of item 4.1 of the Communities and Wellbeing Committee minutes 'VE Day Grant Funding':

- Councillor U Mackin as he was a member of one of the beneficiary groups;
- Councillor A Gowan as he had family members involved with Baillies Mills Accordion Band and attending Anahilt Primary School;
- Councillor B Higginson as he was a member of the Royal British Legion;
- Alderman S Skillen as she was a member of Ballybeen Improvement Group, Dundonald Purple Vine Orange Lodge 1056, Ballybeen Women's Centre, Davarr Community Initiative and BEACHH (Ballybean Education & Cultural Heritage Hub); and
- Alderman Tinsley as he was a member of the Royal British Legion and he had helped a number of the groups.

3. Declarations of Interest (Contd)

Alderman A Grehan stated that she too had declarations to declare in relation to this item and would do these in writing. At the end of the meeting, she advised that, on reflection, as she had declared the interests at the meeting of the Communities and Wellbeing Committee, she did not consider it necessary to declare them again this evening.

Alderman S Skillen, having been in remote attendance, left the meeting at 7.08 pm.

4. Council Minutes

4.1 Council Meeting – 25 February, 2025

It was proposed by Councillor A Givan, seconded by Councillor P Catney and agreed that the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 25 February, 2025 be confirmed and signed.

5. Matters Arising

Page 96, Follow Up on Actions from Special Council Meeting to Receive DfI Roads (Eastern Division) – 18 November, 2024

Councillor G Hynds having sought an update on this matter, the Director of Regeneration and Growth confirmed that representatives from DfI would be in attendance at the special meeting of Council on 31 March, 2025. Written correspondence had also been received and would be circulated to Members.

6. Deputations

6.1 Presentation from Fibrus

During this item of business, the meeting was paused (from 7.20 pm to 7.35 pm) due to technical difficulties associated with the livestream audio.

Alderman A G Ewart left the meeting at 7.30 pm. Councillor D Lynch left the meeting at 7.35 pm. Councillor J Gallen left, and returned to, the meeting (7.40 pm and 7.45 pm respectively).

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor K Dickson, welcomed to the meeting Mr J Simpson, Ms B Mitchell and Mr M Moore from Fibrus, who were in remote attendance. Mr Simpson provided a verbal presentation regarding the Fibrus response to emergency, business continuity and resilience for reinstatement of broadband post Storm Eowyn.

6.1 Presentation from Fibrus (Contd)

A number of Members' queries were responded to in respect of:

- communication with customers during the storm;
- working with partners such as BT and Openreach;
- prioritisation of reconnection for rural businesses and vulnerable customers;
- protection of the network for future storms;
- political engagement; and
- impact on rural customers.

Further to questions asked, representatives stated that, as part of the post-storm review, Fibrus would be reviewing prioritisation and hierarchy of those registered on the system as vulnerable and the feasibility for provision of Wifi hubs for customers in any similar such situations.

Members asked that their thanks be conveyed to those staff who had worked exceptionally hard during, and in the aftermath of, Storm Eowyn. The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor K Dickson, thanked the representatives for their attendance and they left the meeting (7.53 pm).

7. Business Required by Statute

(i) Signing of Legal Documents

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

- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Cobra Specialist Security Services Ltd, Unit C6, Knockmore Hill Business Park, 9 Ferguson Drive, Lisburn BT28 2EX – Deed of Variation relation to T21/22-037 Lock and Unlock, Key Holding and Alarm Response Service for Council Facilities – Lot 2 – Open/Close with Visual Inspection, Litter Lift and Disposal including Toilet Cleaning;
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and AECOM Limited, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, The Clarence West Building, 2 Clarence Street West, Belfast BT2 7GP – Letter of Appointment – T24/25-034 The Appointment of an Integrated Consultancy Team to produce an Outline Business Case (OBC) for the Delivery of an Environmental Improvement Scheme in Carryduff Town Centre; and
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Perfect Circle JV Limited, Halford House, Charles Street, Leicester LE1 1HA – Delivery Agreement in respect of Full Business Case and Addendum to Outline Business Case for Destination Royal Hillsborough.

8. Adoption of Minutes of Committees

Having been in remote attendance earlier in the evening, Alderman S Skillen arrived to the Council Chamber at 7.56 pm.

**Communities and Wellbeing Committee****4 March, 2025**

Proposed by Councillor D J Craig

Seconded by Councillor T Mitchell

At this point Councillor D J Craig referred to the recent success of Wallace High School in having won the Schools' Cup. He congratulated the team, as did The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor K Dickson, and it was noted that a reception would be held to mark this achievement.

Page 120, item 7.6"Santos Football Pitch" at Carryduff

Councillor B Higginson referred to the provision of toilet facilities at the above location. He stated that there had been an indication at the March meeting that a temporary port-a-loo would be provided, but that was still not in place. Councillor Higginson pointed out that this pitch was a funding stream for the Council and many clubs were keen to use it. He encouraged that works be expedited. The Director of Leisure and Community Wellbeing advised that this was in hand.

Councillor A Gowan left the meeting at 7.57 pm.

**Environment and Sustainability Committee****5 March, 2025**

Proposed by Councillor P Catney

Seconded by Councillor G Hynds

**Regeneration and Growth Committee****6 March, 2025**

Proposed by Alderman A Grehan

Seconded by Alderman J Baird

**Corporate Services Committee****12 March, 2025**

Proposed by Councillor N Trimble

Seconded by Alderman M Gregg

**Governance and Audit Committee****13 March , 2025**

Proposed by Councillor A Givan

Seconded by Councillor A P Ewing

**Planning Committee****3 February, 2025**

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 3 February, 2025 had been circulated for noting only as these minutes had been agreed at the subsequent meeting of the Planning Committee on 3 March, 2025. It was proposed by Councillor S Burns, seconded by Councillor P Catney and agreed that their contents be noted.

9. Report from Chief Executive

There were no reports from the 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 Hilden Mill

Councillor A Gowan returned to the meeting at 8.00 pm.

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

“This Council recognises the profound historical, architectural, and cultural significance of Hilden Mill, a landmark site in our community established in 1823 by the Barbour family. Notes with concern its ongoing deterioration since closure in 2006, exacerbated by repeated arson attacks, vandalism, and neglect, which threaten to erase this invaluable piece of our history. We further acknowledge the recent proposal by PJK Developments to demolish most of the listed structure, a move that, while driven by economic considerations, risks permanent loss of heritage if not balanced with preservation efforts or decisive public intervention.

There this Council resolves to:

Declare its commitment to protecting Hilden Mill’s historical and architectural integrity, ensuring that any development or ownership transition preserves key elements of the site, and their cultural context, for future generations.

Continue to engage with the property owners to ensure that any options which may come forward are sound and respect the heritage assets. Subject to Planning consideration these could include commercial, recreational/cultural uses and in part, a housing scheme. As a proactive approach, this Council will assist and support third party application for funding by prioritising Statutory Consent.

Explore external funding sources to support the restoration and adaptive reuse of Hilden Mill, ensuring it becomes a vibrant, sustainable part of our community.

Offer to facilitate discussions or negotiations between the owners of Hilden Mill and the Northern Ireland Executive to explore an economically viable way of developing the site to safeguard the site’s heritage.

12.1 Hilden Mill (Contd)

Urge the current owners to implement immediate and robust security measures, such as enhanced fencing, CCTV, and monitoring, to prevent further vandalism and damage while a long-term solution – private or public – is developed.

Encourage public consultation and input from local residents, heritage groups, and stakeholders to shape the future of Hilden Mill, ensuring it reflects the needs and pride of our community under any ownership scenario.

This Council believes that Hilden Mill's preservation is not only a duty to our past but an opportunity to enrich our future. We call for urgent action – whether through partnership with private developers or proactive public takeover – to prevent a 'legacy of decay' and to transform this world-famous site into a source of pride, economic benefit, and community vitality".

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor G Hynds and seconded by Councillor D J Craig.

Councillor D J Craig advised that the main gates to Hilden Mill were open and asked Officers to contact the owner to ask that the site be secured. The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor K Dickson, stated that this matter had been brought to Officers' attention earlier in the day and the gates had subsequently been closed. Councillor G Hynds put on record his concern about the gates to the site having been open, especially as the developers had been quoted as saying that the site was a risk to life and limb.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor K Dickson, advised that the above Notice of Motion would be referred, without debate, to the Regeneration and Growth Committee for consideration.

12.2 Role of Dogs

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

"This Council recognises the significant role that dogs play in the lives of many of our residents, contributing to social engagement, improved mental health, and overall wellbeing.

Lisburn & Castlereagh has an opportunity to foster a more inclusive and dynamic local community by encouraging responsible dog ownership and supporting dog-friendly events. This approach will strengthen community bonds, support local businesses, enhance tourism, and create a welcoming environment for dog owners and their pets.

12.2 Role of Dogs (Contd)

While advancing this initiative, the Council will prioritise responsible pet ownership through education, engagement, and public awareness.

Accordingly, I propose that Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council:

1. ask Council staff to prepare a report on the feasibility, costs, and implementation strategies for dog-friendly initiatives within the district;
2. includes recommendations for potential pilot programmes and partnerships, such as:
  - Dog adoption drives
  - Responsible dog ownership workshops
  - Dog-friendly Council events and social gatherings”.

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor A P Ewing and seconded by Alderman S Skillen.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor K Dickson, welcomed Alderman Skillen and stated that it was good to have her back in the Council Chamber.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor K Dickson, advised that the above Notice of Motion would be referred, without debate, to the Communities and Wellbeing Committee for consideration.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor K Dickson, advised that Any Other Business would be considered at this point.

13. Any Other Business

13.1 Thanks to Countryside Custodians Keep Lisburn Tidy Group  
Councillor N Parker

Councillor N Parker stated that she wished to recognise and thank the Countryside Custodians Keep Lisburn Tidy Group. On 15 March, the Group had undertaken a ‘Big Spring Clean’, gathering 26 bags of rubbish along with a lot of other debris. Councillor Parker was grateful for the dedication of the volunteers involved. Given that one of this year’s mayoral themes was the environment, Councillor Parker asked if The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor K Dickson, would invite the group to the Council offices to acknowledge its community work. Councillor Dickson agreed to this request.

13.2 Thanks to Friends’ School  
Councillor N Parker

Councillor N Parker thanked the pupils and staff of Friends’ School, which was celebrating its 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Councillor Parker put on record her thanks for the work they had undertaken earlier today as part of their ‘Day of



13.2 Thanks to Friends' School (Contd)  
Councillor N Parker

Service', litter-picking and tidying up areas in Lisburn. The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor K Dickson, advised that he would send a letter of thanks to the school.

13.3 Harmony Hill Primary School – 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Councillor N Parker

Councillor N Parker advised that Harmony Hill Primary School was celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary and asked that The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor K Dickson, write a letter of congratulations on this achievement. The Mayor agreed to this request.

13.4 Brooklands Primary School – 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Alderman H Legge

Alderman H Legge advised that Brooklands Primary School was celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. There were events planned to mark this milestone and Alderman Legge hoped that The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor K Dickson, would be able to attend some of those. She also advised that the school's principal was retiring. She paid tribute to him and wished him well in his future endeavours. The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor K Dickson, added his congratulations to Brooklands Primary School. He advised that he would write a letter to the school and would be happy to attend some of the celebratory events.

13.5 Thanks for Condolences  
Alderman H Legge

Alderman H Legge, on behalf of her family, thanked all those who had called, texted, sent cards expressing condolences on the recent death of her father and who had attended his funeral. This support had been greatly appreciated. She also thanked Councillor A Martin for having prayed for her and her family in earlier devotions.

Councillor G Hynds left the meeting at 8.10 pm.

13.6 Knockbreda Out of Hours GP Service  
Councillor B Higginson

Councillor B Higginson referred to a Notice of Motion he had brought before Council in November 2024 calling for Council opposition to the removal of the Knockbreda Out of Hours GP Service. He was pleased to inform Members that, on 6 March, 2025, Belfast Health & Social Care Trust had made the decision not to proceed with plans to remove this service. The Out of Hours Service would now proceed with a multidisciplinary team approach at Knockbreda, supporting GPs and creating a Primary Care Out of Hours Service. This would help ensure patients could access the right care from the most appropriate clinician. The Trust also planned to work with the Department of Health and Pharmacy to explore options for the development of electronic prescribing.

13.6 Knockbreda Out of Hours GP Service (Contd)  
Councillor B Higginson

Councillor Higginson went on to express his disappointment that this Notice of Motion had not been unanimously supported by all parties in November. He thanked those Members who had supported the Motion and put on record his thanks to the Council for having written to the Trust.

13.7 Welfare Benefits  
Councillor G McCleave

It was proposed by Councillor G McCleave, seconded by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor R Carlin, and agreed to write to the British Government opposing its recent decision to cut welfare benefits and asking that it reverse this decision.

13.8 Mrs Stephanie Gregg, Stoneyford Community Group  
Alderman J Tinsley

Alderman J Tinsley referred to the recent passing of Mrs Stephanie Gregg. He paid tribute to her longstanding work with Stoneyford Community Group and expressed his condolences to her family. The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor K Dickson, also expressed his condolences.

13.9 Adoption of Red Phone Boxes  
Alderman J Tinsley

Alderman J Tinsley referred to former Mayor, Scott Carson, having supported the adoption of red phone boxes. Alderman Tinsley had been contacted by a number of constituents advising that BT had put a notice on phone boxes notifying that they would be removed in 90 days if they were not used. He had spoken to a Council Officer who had been proactive regarding one particular box. However, this matter was across the board. Alderman Tinsley asked if Officers could have a conversation with BT to ask that this decision be held off. Telephone boxes were an important asset in hamlets and villages.

13.10 Dundonald Household Recycling Centre  
Alderman S Skillen

Alderman S Skillen referred to having requested, at last month's meeting, that a feasibility study be carried out regarding a Household Recycling Centre (HRC) in Dundonald and asked if she could have a timeline for this. The Director of Regeneration and Growth confirmed that investigations were ongoing to identify sites but that process was not yet completed. Tender documents were out for consulting for the Carryduff HRC. Within those was cited the designs and influences to be able to use those standardised designs for the proposed Carryduff HRC, should a suitable site be identified. A timeline could not be provided until sites were evaluated by Members. There were criteria and costs involved that required to be taken through the governance process.

13.11 Thanks for Welcome  
Alderman S Skillen

Alderman S Skillen thanked The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor K Dickson, for his earlier welcome. This was the first meeting that she had attended in person since the death of her mother and the birth of her baby and it was good to be back in the Council Chamber. She advised that her daughter was in the public gallery this evening, having been elected to the school council, and the Mayor welcomed her too to the meeting.

13.12 Mears Housing  
Alderman S P Porter

Councillor G Hynds joined the meeting remotely during consideration of this item of business (8.24 pm).

Alderman S P Porter referred to having attended, a number of years ago, a meeting with Home Office Officials, Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE) Officials and representatives from Mears Housing. At that meeting, the Home Office Officials had outlined a new policy to deal with the massive increase in asylum seekers in Northern Ireland and across the UK. The policy, through public funding, was to fund Mears Housing to buy and rent properties in the wider Belfast/Lisburn area – either buy or enter into long-term rental agreements with landlords to house illegal immigrants. At that meeting, Alderman Porter had asked if this policy would have an impact on those people currently living in such houses and in turn make them homeless. Alderman Porter stated that he had been contacted by many families who had had been made homeless by landlords for no other reason than they were selling their properties.

Alderman Porter referred to information provided at a special meeting of Council in November 2024 by the Chief Executive of the NIHE when he had enquired as to the impact Mears Housing was having on the availability and price of rental accommodation in the wider Belfast/Lisburn area.

Questions had been asked, over the last number of months, as to how many houses Mears Housing had bought or rented over the last 4 years in the wider Belfast/Lisburn area. The Home Office, who supplied the money and signed off contracts, had advised that it did not keep those figures. Despite his best efforts in endeavouring to establish the impact of the Home Office policy on the residents and constituents, single parents, vulnerable adults, in the Council area, the questions had not been answered. It was important to support those seeking refuge here and it was also important not to discriminate against those already in temporary accommodation.

Alderman Porter proposed that the Council write to Mears Housing asking, within the Lisburn and wider Belfast area, how many units it purchased over the last 4 years and how many rental agreements it had entered into with landlords over the same period. He further proposed that the same question be put to the Home Office and that the Council write to the Treasury, given that the Office for Value for Money (OVfM) was currently looking into asylum housing costs, asking if this policy had been reviewed. Alderman Porter's proposal was seconded by Councillor B Higginson.

13.12 Mears Housing (Contd)  
Alderman S P Porter

Councillor C Kemp voiced concerns about referring to people as ‘illegal’, particularly in light of the incidents that had occurred last summer when homes and businesses had been attacked because of the narrative that people not originally from here were taking houses off people who were from here. No research had been carried out to outline that the lack of housing in this jurisdiction was because of asylum seekers and refugees and it was due to a lack of housing, not people seeking sanctuary.

The proposal in the name of Alderman S P Porter was put to the meeting, and on a vote being taken, was declared ‘lost’, the voting being 16 in favour and 20 against.

13.3 River Lagan/Canal  
Councillor U Mackin

Alderman H Legge left the meeting during consideration of this item of business (8.29 pm), as did the Deputy Mayor, Councillor R Carlin (8.31 pm). Alderman M Gregg left, and returned to, the meeting during consideration of this item of business (8.30 pm and 8.31 pm respectively).

Councillor U Mackin advised that a number of residents had brought to his attention, the state of the River Lagan/Canal. Having looked at this himself, he stated that he had observed a large metal structure, a shopping trolley, a car, at least 3 scooters, the remains of a bicycle and at least 12-14 high level security barriers. Some residents had written to the Rivers Agency regarding this matter, but had not received a satisfactory response.

Councillor Mackin stated that the condition of the Lagan/Canal was a danger to anyone wishing to use it. He proposed that the Council write to the relevant body asking that it work in conjunction with the appropriate directorates in the Council to make a place of potential beauty into something worthwhile. Alderman A Grehan recalled when Lagan Valley Island had first opened, there were boat tours taking place and she would like to see such activities returned. Alderman Grehan seconded the proposal by Councillor Mackin and this was agreed.

Councillor D J Craig concurred with comments made by Councillor Mackin and Alderman Grehan.

13.4 Road Surface at Lagan Valley LeisurePlex  
Councillor C McCready

Councillor C McCready stated that he welcomed the forthcoming attendance of DfI Roads representatives at the special Council meeting on 31 March, 2025. He went on to comment on the poor condition of the road surface at the Lagan Valley LeisurePlex and asked if it was due to be resurfaced by the Council or if it had been adopted by another Department. The Director of Regeneration and Growth confirmed that a number of road surfaces had been identified as requiring attention and through risk analysis a priority resurfacing would be undertaken and Lagan Valley LeisurePlex was one of those for consideration.

13.5 Hilden Brewery  
Councillor P Catney

Councillor P Catney advised that sadly, through ill-health, Seamus and Ann Scullion were leaving their business of 40 years, Hilden Brewery. Hilden Brewery had helped drive the nighttime economy in the Council area with its festivals. Councillor Catney proposed that The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor K Dickson, write a letter of recognition to Mr & Mrs Scullion and wish them the best for the future. This proposal was seconded by Councillor D J Craig. The Mayor having stated that he was saddened to hear this news, agreed to write as requested.

14. Confidential Business

The matters contained in the confidential report would be dealt with "In Committee" due to containing information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information).

"In Committee"

It was proposed by Councillor A P Ewing, seconded by Councillor D J Craig and agreed that the following items be considered "in committee", in the absence of members of the press and public being present. The livestream was paused at this point (8.40 pm). Alderman S Skillen and Councillor A Gowan left the meeting at this point.

14.1 Requirement to Enter Into a Modified Section 76 Planning Agreement for Planning Application LA05/2023/0953/F  
 (Report will be made available after the agreement is signed and sealed)

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

14.2 Requirement to Enter into a Section 76 Planning Agreement for Planning Application LA05/2021/0033/F  
 (Report will be made available after the agreement is signed and sealed)

It was proposed by Alderman M Gregg, seconded by Councillor J Lavery and agreed that approval be granted to the signing and sealing of the above agreement by the Mayor and Chief Executive, subject to the phasing section of the agreement being amended at the Phasing Section to reflect what had been agreed by the Planning Committee in December, ie:

- To secure the employment use earlier and the benefits accrued from this the phasing should be broadly in line with the following parameters:
  - The provision of all the infrastructure necessary to deliver the 31 employment units in the subsequent phasing.

14.2 Requirement to Enter into a Section 76 Planning Agreement for Planning Application LA05/2021/0033/F (Contd)

- Phase 1 – No more than 36 residential units of which 7 units should be affordable housing are to be constructed until the employment units at sites 1-20 are constructed to Industrial occupation standard.
- Phase 2 - No more than 72 residential units of which 7 units (14 in total accumulated over the two phases) should be affordable housing are to be constructed until the employment units at sites 21-28 are constructed to Industrial occupation standard.
- Phase 3 - No more than 90 residential units of which 5 units (19 in total accumulated over the three phases) should be affordable housing are to be constructed until the employment units at sites 29-31 are constructed to Industrial occupation standard.

14.3 Requirement to Enter into a Section 76 Planning Agreement for Planning Application LA05/2022/0562/F

Alderman S Skillen and Councillor A Gowan returned to the meeting during consideration of this item of business (8.43 pm and 8.45 pm respectively).

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

Resumption of Normal Business

It was proposed by Councillor C Kemp, seconded by Alderman A McIntyre and agreed to come out of committee and normal business was resumed. The live stream of the meeting was recommenced at this stage.

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was terminated at 8.47 pm.

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Mayor