

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Special Meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber and in Remote Locations on Friday, 30 September 2022 at 10.02 am

PRESENT IN CHAMBER:

The Right Worshipful The Mayor
Councillor S Carson

Aldermen W J Dillon MBE, A G Ewart MBE, O Gawith,
A Grehan and J Tinsley

Councillors D J Craig, A Swan and N Trimble

PRESENT IN REMOTE LOCATION:

Deputy Mayor
Councillor M Guy

Aldermen M Henderson MBE

Councillors N Anderson, R Carlin, F Cole, A P Ewing,
J Gallen, A Givan, A Gowan, M Gregg, S Hughes,
J Lavery BEM, H Legge, S Lowry, J McCarthy, G McCleave,
C McCready, A McIntyre, R McLernon, T Mitchell,
S Mulholland, Jenny Palmer, John Palmer and S Skillen

IN ATTENDANCE IN CHAMBER:

Chief Executive
Director of Finance & Corporate Services
Head of Human Resources & Organisation Development
Member Services Officers
Technician

Commencement of Meeting

At the commencement of the meeting, The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor S Carson, welcomed those present to the special meeting of Council which, in line with Local Government (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of District Council Meetings) Regulations (NI) 2020, was being live streamed to enable members of the public to hear and see the proceedings. The Mayor pointed out that, unless the item on the agenda was considered under confidential business, this meeting would be broadcast live online.

At this point, the Member Services Officer read out the names of the Elected Members and Officers in attendance at the meeting.

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.

The Chief Executive proceeded to outline the evacuation procedures in the case of an emergency.

1. Apologies

It was agreed to accept apologies for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of Aldermen D Drysdale and S P Porter, Councillors R T Beckett and U Mackin, the Director of Environmental Services and Director of Service Transformation.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Confidential Business

3.1 Trade Union Matters - Negotiations

This matter would be dealt with “in Committee” due to containing information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the Council or a Government Department and employees, or office holders under, the Council.

Councillor A Givan joined the meeting, and Alderman M Henderson left the meeting, during consideration of this item of business (10.15 am and 10.18 am respectively).

In Committee

It was proposed by Alderman A G Ewart, seconded by Councillor D J Craig and agreed that the following matter be considered “in Committee” in the absence of members of the press and public being present. The live-stream was paused at this stage in proceedings (10.07 am).

The Chief Executive noted comments by Alderman W J Dillon in relation to confidential business.

The Member Services Officers and the Technician left the meeting at this point (10.08 am).

A report had been made available to Members and was presented by the Chief Executive.

It was proposed by Alderman J Tinsley, seconded by Councillor N Trimble and agreed that the Chief Executive would be granted delegated authority to make an offer on behalf of the Council as detailed in Option 2A in the report to Members with regards to the ongoing Trade Union negotiations. Furthermore, Members agreed that the offer would not be conditional on the outcome of the regional offer currently out to ballot. Council recognised that this increased financial risk in the absence of absolute certainty regarding the regional offer.

The Member Services Officers and the Technician, returned to the meeting at (10.38 am).

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, the Special Meeting concluded at 10.38 am.

Mayor