

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Hybrid Meeting of the Capital Projects Committee held on Wednesday, 18th January, 2023 at 6:00pm

PRESENT IN CHAMBER:

Councillor S Lowry (Chairperson); Aldermen D Drysdale, A E Ewart and A Grehan; Councillors R T Beckett, M Gregg, S Hughes, J Laverty, G McCleave and the Hon N Trimble.

PRESENT IN REMOTE LOCATION:

The Right Worshipful the Mayor Councillor S Carson, Deputy Mayor Councillor M Guy; and Councillors A Gowan, S Lee, H Legge and R McLernon.

OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Aldermen W J Dillon (Zoom), S Martin (Zoom), J Tinsley (Zoom) and Councillor A Swan.

IN ATTENDANCE

Director of Service Transformation
Director of Leisure & Community Wellbeing
Director of Finance and Corporate Services
Head of Planning and Capital Development
Head of Sports Services
Head of Finance
Capital Programme Manager
Member Services Officers (BF & BS)

1. Apologies

No apologies were received.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Confidential Business

The Chairperson indicated that the matters contained in the confidential report were required to be considered 'in committee' by virtue of Paragraph 3, Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014, since they contained information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person or organisation (including the Council holding that information).

It was proposed by Councillor M Gregg, seconded by Councillor G McCleave, and agreed that the following matters be considered 'in committee', in the absence of members of the press and public.

3.1 Changes and Movements in the Capital Programme

The Head of Planning and Capital Development outlined the principal aspects of a report in relation to two proposed changes and movements within the Capital Programme. The Director and the Head of Planning and Capital Development addressed Members' queries and provided clarification on various issues raised.

After discussion, it was

- a) proposed by Councillor M Gregg, seconded by Alderman A Grehan, and agreed that the Cemeteries Programme re: the work associated with Blaris Cemetery, move from Phase 1 to Phase 2 within the Capital Programme on the related budget as outlined; and
- b) proposed by Councillor M Gregg, seconded by Councillor G McCleave, and agreed that the IT Strategy Refresh Project move from Phase 2 to Phase 3 within the Capital Programme on the associated budget as outlined.

3.2 Capital Programme Update and Financial Position

(Alderman J Tinsley joined the meeting at 18:21)

The Head of Planning and Capital Development spoke to a report which gave an overview on the current financial position of the Council's Capital Programme. The report included details and updated spending profiles, up to and including Year 3 Period 9, i.e., as at December 2022, together with forecasted variations. Both officers then answered a range of Members' questions in respect of the report.

The Committee noted and agreed the financial position for the Capital Programme as at Year 3 Period 9 of the financial year.

3.3 Dundonald International Ice Bowl – Project Update & Next Steps

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Service Transformation with regard to the redevelopment of Dundonald International Ice Bowl. The Director reminded the Committee of the background, key issues, future steps and timescales associated with the development, subject to the Committee agreeing a course of action at the meeting. He reminded the Committee that the options presented within the report had been examined in detail at an all-Members' workshop on Monday, 16th January, during which clarity had been provided in respect of a number of queries.

After discussion, it was proposed by Councillor S Lee, seconded by Alderman D Drysdale, and agreed that the Committee adopt the recommendation of the Director of Service Transformation, i.e., to endorse Option 3 as outlined at the meeting, and the associated course of action within the recommendation regarding the business case and funding options for the project.

It was proposed by Councillor M Gregg, seconded by Alderman D Drysdale, and agreed to come out of confidential matters and normal business was resumed.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 6.41pm.

Chairperson