



**CORPORATE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY 22 MARCH 2022**

<b>No</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Summary of Key Recommendations</b>
1.	Apologies	<b>Alderman Finlay, Councillor McGurk</b>
2.	Declarations of Interest	<b>Nil</b>
3.	Minutes of Corporate Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held Tuesday 22 February 2022	<b>Taken as read and signed as correct</b>
	<b>'In Committee' (Items 4-6 inclusive)</b>	
4.	Minutes of the Land and Property Sub Committee meeting held 2 March 2022	<b>to recommend that Council approve and recommendations therein</b>
5.	Populating the Organisation Structure Update	<b>to recommend that Council approve the Final Agreed Management Proposal, and associated Terms and Conditions within Sport and Well Being in the Leisure and Development Directorate</b>
6.	Corporate Services Management Accounts – Period 10	<b>Information</b>

7.	Council Standing Orders Update	<p><b>that Council</b></p> <p><b>i) note the amendment to Council's Standing Orders, Protocol for the Operation of the Planning Committee, Annex D and update the document</b></p> <p><b>ii) keep Standing Order 2, Time and Place of Meetings</b></p>
8.	Planning Review Steering Group Notes	<b>Approve</b>
9.	Conferences	<b>Information</b>
10.	Correspondence	
(i)	National Association of Councillors	<b>to recommend that Council approve the request from National Association of Councillors to pay the Annual Membership for the period 2022/23 of £3,200</b>
(ii)	M Kelly, Ombudsman, Northern Ireland Public Service Ombudsman	<b>to recommend that Council note the correspondence from M Kelly, Ombudsman, Northern Ireland Public Service Ombudsman and a report is presented at the next Corporate Policy and Resources meeting detailing Council involvement in SOLACE, costings and who makes the decision regarding Council membership in SOLACE, i.e. staff or Elected Members.</b>
(iii)	Riding for the Disabled Association	<b>to recommend to Council that Elected Members interested in supporting the RDA event contact Democratic Services and that Members pay individually.</b>

<b>11.</b>	Consultations	<b><i>Nil</i></b>
<b>12.</b>	Matters for Reporting to the Partnership Panel	<b><i>Nil</i></b>
<b>13.</b>	Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor P McShane, seconded by Councillor Quigley referred from Council Meeting, 1 March 2022	<b><i>Motion Lost</i></b>
<b>14.</b>	Any Other Relevant Business (notified in accordance with Standing Order 12(o))	<b><i>Information</i></b>
	Sub- Committee's and Working Groups (Councillor Wilson) <i>Can the (approximate) cost of servicing these (by council staff) be provided?</i>	

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE  
CORPORATE POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC HEADQUARTERS,  
AND VIA VIDEO-CONFERENCE ON  
TUESDAY 22 MARCH 2022 AT 7.00 PM**

**In the Chair:** Alderman Knight McQuillan (C)

**Present:** Alderman Baird (R); Duddy (C); Fielding (R); Hillis (R);  
Councillors Beattie (R); Chivers (R), Dallat O'Driscoll (R);  
McLean (C); C McShane (R), Wilson (R)

**Non - Committee  
Members Present:** Councillor P McShane (R)  
Councillor Quigley (R)

**Officers Present:** M Quinn, Director of Corporate Services (C)  
R Baker, Director of Leisure and Development (R)  
P Donaghy, Democratic and Central Services Manager  
(R)  
K Mailey, Head of Organisational Development & Human  
Resources (R)  
W McCullough, Head of Sport and Wellbeing (R)  
W Hall, Asset Realisation Officer (R)  
J Keen, Committee and Member Services Officer (C)

**In Attendance:** A Lennox, Mobile Operations Officer(C)  
C Thompson, ICT Officer (C)

Press (3 No.) (R)

**Key:** (C) Attended in the Chamber  
(R) Attended Remotely

The Director of Corporate Services undertook a roll call of committee members present.

The Chair advised Committee of its obligations and protocol whilst the meeting was being audio recorded; and with the remote meetings protocol.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were recorded for Alderman Finlay and Councillor McGurk.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. MINUTES OF CORPORATE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD TUESDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2022**

Copy, previously circulated.

The minutes of the meeting of 22 February 2022 were taken as read and signed as correct. It was reported that those minutes had been adopted by the Council at its meeting on 1 March 2022.

The Chair advised of a change to the Order of Business, that Items to be considered 'In Committee' would be considered at this point to allow Council Officers to leave the meeting afterwards.

### **MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN COMMITTEE'**

Proposed by Alderman Baird  
Seconded by Councillor McLean and

**AGREED** – to recommend that Council move 'In Committee'.

\* **Members of the Press left the meeting at 7:07pm**

*The information contained in the following items is restricted in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014.*

#### **4. MINUTES OF THE LAND AND PROPERTY SUB COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 2 MARCH 2022**

Minutes previously circulated.

Proposed by Councillor McLean  
Seconded by Councillor Wilson and

**AGREED** – to recommend that Council approve the Minutes of the Land and Property Sub-Committee meeting held Wednesday 2 March 2022 and recommendations therein.

In response to questions in relation to the timescale associated with the processing of requests to use Council Land the Director of Corporate Services confirmed Land and Property policies and procedures. The Democratic and Central Services Manager provided reassurance that all requests to use Council land are processed as quickly as possible including late requests.

#### **5. POPULATING THE ORGANISATION STRUCTURE UPDATE**

Report, previously circulated, presented by the Director of Corporate Services.

##### **Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this report is to update Members and seek approval for the recommendation and implementation of harmonised terms and conditions within Leisure and Development in relation to the employment for staff in

Council's 6 main and minor leisure centres. (Appendix 1 (circulated) provides further details, including the Final Agreed Management proposals)

**Recommendation(s)**

**It is recommended** that the Final Agreed Management Proposal, and associated Terms and Conditions within Sport and Well Being in the Leisure and Development Directorate is approved (Appendix 1).

In response to questions the Director of Leisure and Development provided clarity regarding terminology used within the report. The Director of Leisure and Development confirmed that a standardised shift pattern has been implemented across the Leisure Centres and the settling in period for staff has passed.

Proposed by Alderman Duddy  
Seconded by Councillor McLean and

**AGREED** – to recommend that Council approve the Final Agreed Management Proposal, and associated Terms and Conditions within Sport and Well Being in the Leisure and Development Directorate

**6. CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS – PERIOD 10**

Confidential report, previously circulated, presented by the Director of Corporate Services.

The purpose of this report to provide Members with information on the current financial position of Corporate Services Directorate at the end of Period 10.

**MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN PUBLIC'**

Proposed by Alderman S McKillop  
Seconded by Councillor McLean and

**AGREED** – to recommend that Council move '*In Public*'.

\* **Members of the Press were readmitted to the meeting at 7:19pm**

**7. COUNCIL STANDING ORDERS UPDATE**

Report, previously circulated, presented by the Director of Corporate Services.

**Introduction**

The purpose of the report is to present two matters for Corporate Policy and Resources Committee consideration in relation to Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council's Standing Orders.

The matters are set out as:

- i) A previously agreed amendment to Council's Standing Orders, Protocol for the Operation of the Planning Committee, Annex D and proceed to update the document;
- ii) To consider the review of Standing Order 2, Time and Place of Meetings, following Council's decision to approve no change to the provision of Standing Order 2 in October 2021, following Council's initial decision to amend in June 2021.

### **Background – Standing Order, Protocol for the Operation of the Planning Committee, Annex D**

At its Planning Committee meeting held 23 February 2022, Committee resolved to amend The Protocol for the Operation of the Planning Committee, Annex D within Council's Standing Orders, and this took effect from 2 March 2022 (Appendix 1(circulated)).

The key changes relate to:

- The Planning Committee Reports will now be circulated to Planning Committee Members one week prior to the Planning Committee meeting.
- Removal of reference to when a member should not vote on an application; this is a matter of the Member to determine.
- Deferred applications returning to Committee for determination – presentations should focus on the new issues not previously presented to Committee.
- The deadline for those wishing to register to speak on a planning application at Planning Committee, in line with the requirements of section 6.4 of the Protocol, is amended to 10am on the Monday prior to the Planning Committee meeting on which they wish to speak. Note that for those applications deferred and brought back to a subsequent Planning Committee meeting for determination, those who have not registered to speak when the application was previously before the Committee cannot register to speak at any subsequent meeting that the application is being determined at.
- Reminder that lobbying of Members of the Planning Committee is not permitted.

### **Standing Order 2, Time and Place of Meetings**

The matter is now before Elected Members for review, in line with Council's previous decisions. At its meeting held 5 October 2021, it was resolved that Council:

- a) notes that the Local Government (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of District Council Meetings) Regulations (NI) 2020 come into effect again from 27 August 2021 and;
- b) having reviewed Standing Order 2, approves no change to the provisions of the Standing Order which state that 'The Annual Meeting and other meetings of the Council shall normally be held at 7.00 pm in the Council

Chamber, or in remote or hybrid format, except where otherwise fixed by statute or by special summons', subject to review in March 2022.

Standing Order 2 currently states that 'The Annual Meeting and other meetings of the Council shall normally be held at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, or in remote or hybrid format, except where otherwise fixed by statute or by special summons.'

### **Department for Communities (DfC) Call for Evidence on Northern Ireland Councils - Remote/Hybrid Meetings**

There was no express provision for remote meetings for district councils in Northern Ireland pre-pandemic. The Local Government (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of District Council Meetings) Regulations (NI) 2020 which came into operation following the introduction of the Coronavirus Act 2020, made provision for councils in Northern Ireland to hold meetings before 7 May 2021 remotely (such as through digital conferencing software or telephone conference) so that they could protect their members and comply with public health guidance. Subsequently, the Local Government (Meetings and Performance) Act 2021, which came into force on 27 August 2021, extended those regulations until the date that section 78 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 is due to expire (currently 24 March 2022). As district councils in Northern Ireland have now had extensive experience of conducting remote meetings over the past year, DfC issued a call for evidence to give an opportunity to understand these experiences and inform a decision about whether to make these arrangements permanent. Any permanent change would require subordinate legislation that would be subject to the agreement of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

At its meeting held 1 February 2022 Council considered a draft response to the Call for Evidence and, it was resolved that Council:

Issue a Corporate response to the DfC consultation on the Call for Evidence on Northern Ireland Councils – Remote/Hybrid Meetings.

The Council's response has been attached as Appendix 2 for information.

At the time of writing this report it is understood that the subordinate legislation required to make the arrangements outlined above permanent will be before the Assembly week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022

### **Recommendation(s)**

**It is recommended** that Council

i) note the amendment to Council's Standing Orders, Protocol for the Operation of the Planning Committee, Annex D and update the document (attached Appendix 1).

**It is recommended** that Council

ii) keep Standing Order 2, Time and Place of Meetings which states 'The Annual Meeting and other meetings of the Council shall normally be held at



7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, or in remote or hybrid format, except where otherwise fixed by statute or by special summons’.

The Director of Corporate Services provided a verbal update, received by Council, Monday 21 March 2022:

*“The Coronavirus Act 2020 (Extension of Provisions Relating to Local Authority Meetings) Order (NI) 2022 was made on 14 March by the confirmatory procedure in the Assembly – this means that whilst they came into operation on the day they were made, they had to be approved by the Assembly within 40 days of making or else they would fall.*

*The Assembly have approved the making of the Order today (21 March 2022) which means that s78 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 and the current arrangements for remote/hybrid meetings made under that section will continue to apply until 24 September 2022.”*

Alderman S McKillop referred to the Protocol for the Operation of the Planning Committee, page 2 of 4, section 2.2 last paragraph - *Note that for those applications deferred and brought back to a subsequent Planning Committee meeting for determination, those who have not registered to speak when the application was previously before the Committee cannot register to speak at any subsequent meeting that the application is being determined at.*

Alderman S McKillop stated she would like to see this paragraph removed from the Planning Committee Protocol. Alderman S McKillop expressed concern stating that as she sits on the Planning Committee, that for her own satisfaction, she would like to hear all the information to help determine that application. ~~Alderman S McKillop proposed that this paragraph was taken out of the protocol. There was no seconder.<sup>1</sup>~~

The Chair confirmed that Alderman S McKillop’s comments would be noted.

The Director of Corporate Services confirmed the Planning Committee resolved to amend the Protocol for the Operation of Planning Committee, any changes would need to be considered by the Planning Committee. The Director of Corporate Services confirmed that Planning Committee have full Council powers and it is a matter of procedure the Annex was noted as an update to Standing Orders through Corporate Policy and Resources.

Alderman S McKillop stated she would raise her concerns at Planning Committee.

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<sup>1</sup> Council Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022 RESOLVED That the two sentences be removed from the paragraph.

In response to questions the Director of Corporate Services confirmed the regulations for hybrid meetings will be reviewed by the Assembly on 24 September 2022 and that Council would also review their procedures to reflect this.

\* **Councillor McCaw joined the meeting remotely at 7:28pm**

Proposed by Alderman Duddy  
Seconded by Alderman Baird and

**AGREED** – that Council

i) note the amendment to Council's Standing Orders, Protocol for the Operation of the Planning Committee, Annex D and update the document (attached Appendix 1).

ii) keep Standing Order 2, Time and Place of Meetings which states 'The Annual Meeting and other meetings of the Council shall normally be held at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, or in remote or hybrid format, except where otherwise fixed by statute or by special summons'.

**8. PLANNING REVIEW STEERING GROUP NOTES**

Report, previously circulated, presented by the Director of Corporate Services.

Councillor Dallat O'Driscoll stated that she sent apologies, but they are not recorded in the notes.

**AGREED** – to recommend that Council approve the notes of the Planning Review Steering Group and actions therein.

**9. CONFERENCES**

Report, previously circulated, presented by the Director of Corporate Services.

**Purpose of report**

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

The following are listed:

**i) National Association of Councillors (NAC) UK Conference – Leisure and Tourism**

**Venue:** The Royal Hotel, Scarborough  
**Date:** Friday 8<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2022  
**Delegate Fee:** £350 plus VAT  
**Accommodation:** Accommodation is available for delegates at the Conference Hotel at the special NAC Conference Delegate rate of £70 plus VAT per night.

Elected Members should contact Democratic Services to register interest.

## 10. CORRESPONDENCE

Report, previously circulated, presented by the Director of Corporate Services.

### **Purpose of Report**

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

The following correspondence has been received:

#### **i) National Association of Councillors** (correspondence dated 28 February 2022)

Correspondence has been received from the National Association of Councillors advising the 'Annual Membership', for the National Association of Councillors, NI region, is due for renewal.

The subscription fee for 2022/'23 is £3,200, which has remained unchanged since 2015.

Council has previously resolved to contribute for the period 2021/'22 £3,200 and have resolved to host the National Association of Councillors' meeting in July 2022 in The Council Chamber, including refreshments.

**It is recommended** that Corporate Policy and Resources Committee consider the request from National Association of Councillors to pay the Annual Membership for the period 2022/'23 of £3,200 (Item 2.1).

**AGREED** – to recommend that Council approve the request from National Association of Councillors to pay the Annual Membership for the period 2022/23 of £3,200

#### **ii) M Kelly, Ombudsman, Northern Ireland Public Service Ombudsman** (correspondence dated 2 March 2022)

##### **Re: Development of a Model Complaints Handling Procedure (MCHP) for Local Government**

Extract:

*"I have carefully considered the comments received alongside the criteria that I set for determining how best to proceed. Having done so, I have decided that the first sector NIPSO will work with in developing a MCHP will be the Local Government sector. NIPSO will also commence scoping work with the Health and Social Care sector.*

*I will liaise with the SOLACE Chairperson to seek nominations to represent Council CEOs on the strategic network. I would ask, however, that you nominate an appropriate Officer from your organisation to participate on the operational network. Nominations to the operational network with appropriate contact details should be forwarded to NIPSO's Complaints Standards Manager, Mrs Joanne Matthews, by 31 March 2022".*

**It is recommended** that Corporate Policy and Resources Committee note the correspondence from M Kelly, Ombudsman, Northern Ireland Public Service Ombudsman (Item 2.2).

In response to questions regarding the Council's involvement with SOLACE the Director of Corporate Services confirmed she would provide a report at the next Corporate Policy and Resources meeting detailing Council involvement in SOLACE, costings and who makes the decision regarding Council membership in SOLACE, i.e. staff or Elected Members.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson  
Seconded by Alderman Knight McQuillan

**AGREED** – to recommend that Council note the correspondence from M Kelly, Ombudsman, Northern Ireland Public Service Ombudsman and a report is presented at the next Corporate Policy and Resources meeting detailing Council involvement in SOLACE, costings and who makes the decision regarding Council membership in SOLACE, i.e. staff or Elected Members.

**iii) G Downey, Riding for the Disabled Association**  
(correspondence dated 9 March 2022)

Correspondence has been received from Riding for the Disabled Association (RDA). RDA are holding a Charity Ball to raise funds for the RDA on Saturday 8th October 2022, The Bushtown Hotel, Coleraine, Tickets £60pp. RDA would be delighted if Council could offer support by taking a table and / or providing Sponsorship.

Costs:

- A Table for 8, 10 or 12 people, approximately £480-£720
- Sponsor a Drinks Reception, approximately £750-£1,000 (approximately 200 guests)

**It is recommended** that Corporate Policy and Resources Committee consider the request from Riding for the Disabled Association (Item 2.3).

During debate Members were agreeable to supporting the RDA Charity Ball and consideration was given to the best way for Council to support this event.

Alderman S McKillop proposed, seconded by Councillor McGlinchey, that Council take a table of 10 at a cost of £660. Later in the debate Alderman S McKillop withdrew the proposal.

Councillor Wilson commended the work of RDA and suggested Council book a table of 8 and Members pay individually. Councillor Wilson stated there are many worthy charities that could approach Council asking for support which could lead to difficulties in deciding who to support.

The Chair added to this stating that Members could contact Democratic Services to express interest and confirmed that Members pay individually.

**AGREED** – to recommend to Council that Elected Members interested in supporting the RDA event contact Democratic Services and that Members pay individually.

## **11. CONSULTATIONS**

There were no consultations.

## **12. MATTERS FOR REPORTING TO THE PARTNERSHIP PANEL**

There were no matters to report to the Partnership Panel.

## **13. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR P MCSHANE, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR QUIGLEY REFERRED FROM COUNCIL MEETING, 1 MARCH 2022**

*That no sales or long term leases of any land or property assets be considered or acted upon until the conclusion of the extraordinary audit into land and asset disposals at Causeway Coast and Glens Council. That further consideration is given to land asset disposals after the audit report and the potential legal actions arising from same are considered by the full Council.*

Councillor P McShane asked if the sale of the Dunluce Centre had been completed. The Chair ruled that proceedings were not in committee, and that as the Dunluce Centre matter was commercial in nature it would not be appropriate to add to the motion being presented.

Councillor P McShane presented the Notice of Motion “*That no sales or long term leases of any land or property assets be considered or acted upon until the conclusion of the extraordinary audit into land and asset disposals at Causeway Coast and Glens Council. That further consideration is given to land asset disposals after the audit report and the potential legal actions arising from same are considered by the full Council.*”

Presenting his motion Councillor McShane stated that the notice of motion is based on the knowledge and understanding of what took place in the organisation in relation to the sale of assets/lands and the disposal of same. Councillor P McShane referred to the fact that he has mentioned fraud in the past and has evidence of what he believes is fraud to this organisation, on two previous Audit Committees as far back as 2019, and also to the Department and the Audit Office. The evidence produced to the Department led to the extraordinary audit being conducted. Councillor P Mc Shane further explained

that in terms of perspective, no local government authority has been subject to an extraordinary audit in the past 20 years. The Audit office were unaware of the powers they had due to no-one in that office having been involved in an extraordinary audit in local government. Given the warning that now exists in the Council's own risk matrix concerning this extraordinary audit it would be prudent and safe to suspend all sales, disposals and long-term leases until the outcome of the extraordinary audit has been reported and until the Corporate body can understand what the extraordinary audit will reveal.

Councillor Quigley spoke to support the Notice of Motion as its seconder. Councillor Quigley stated that it was her view that whilst the Extraordinary Audit is being carried out, that Members act with due diligence, and in terms of transparency and good governance, until the findings and outcome of the Audit are known. She further stated that Members could potentially be leaving themselves open to challenge as custodians of ratepayers' money and property if Council continued to go ahead and sell anything else whilst there is an ongoing Audit.

During the ensuing debate the following issues were raised by Members.

- Clarification from Councillor P McShane if evidence of alleged fraud has been presented to the PSNI.
- The reasons for the Department commencing the Extraordinary Audit (and in the view that associated lobbying led to the Department to carry out an audit).
- The importance of the Council's democratic decision-making process in relation to matters which could potentially be affected.
- The impact of the motion given that leases are also included as well as the sale of assets which would affect those who currently have a lease. A blanket ban would have a negative impact on the most vulnerable and those who have been left out since the inception of Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and also considered that Council is not optimising their income over the next few months.
- The financial implications for Council if the Notice of Motion gains support (for example, on Council's income and in relation to rates/income/tourism development/social housing) and the effect of the delay on the sale or lease of assets.
- Previous reports in relation to land transactions did not, in Members' views, find any irregularities nor has Council been alerted to wrongdoing during the year since the Extraordinary Audit commenced which would be expected even though the report has not yet been released.
- Members of the Land and Property Sub-Committee stated that land and property matters are debated at length at the Sub-Committee's meetings, that all details are considered and due diligence is applied. Members of the Land and Property Sub-Committee take the role seriously and the Chair, Councillor Knight-McQuillan noted that she does not believe she has been misled in decisions she has made in the Chamber; she feels she can ask for further information if needed.

Having been permitted to respond to issues raised during the debate Councillor P McShane clarified, that when he used the word fraud, he stated that he always said he believed there was evidence of fraud, and was not qualified to say there was fraud. Councillor P McShane stated he has presented concerns to the Council and organisations which oversee Council as a matter of good governance. Councillor P McShane confirmed that the Department became involved after receiving evidence presented by himself. He stated he has followed the democratic process and that all Councillors have been misled. He further stated that he anticipated the Extraordinary Audit report would come after the Elections to be held in May and that if his Motion was supported that it would not be in place for longer than 3 months and could be reviewed if it was to run longer.

In response to a Member's query in relation to the number of sales that the Motion could potentially affect if supported, the Director of Corporate Services referred to the report presented to Finance Committee on 11 November 2021 stating that the report detailed assets with potential value of disposal. The Director advised that this report provided an indication of the number of assets in the process of disposal. She further advised that she did not have details of what have been built into the minimum revenue provision or otherwise to hand but this information could be provided if required.

Referring to the debate, Councillor Quigley requested it be noted that she considered the comment from Councillor Wilson during discussion referring to some Councillors as 'those people' to be rude.

The Chair invited Councillor P McShane to sum up as there were no further questions or comments from Members. In summing up Councillor P McShane stated that he considered Members' comments staggering. He commented that other Members had previously said that previous reports brought so far had found nothing and further commented that the Happy Raspberry report had not been referred to by these Members. He stated that the allegations he had raised were not vague but raised before and during the Judicial Review and subsequently from extensive reading of reports and papers made available to Members. He stated that no other Members had attended the Judicial Review or read the information provided in detail, but only for a short period of time. He further stated that political parties in Council had worked together for their own purposes in relation to the sale of the Dunluce Centre.

At the conclusion of the debate and summing up, the Chair put the Motion to the vote.

1 Member voted For; 12 Members voted Against; 0 Members Abstained.

The Chair declared the Motion lost.

#### **14. ANY OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS (NOTIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 12(O))**

##### **14.1 Sub Committee's and Working Groups (Councillor Wilson)**

*To ask the Director:*

*How many sub committees and working groups are currently operating within our corporate structure?*

*Can a list of the above be provided alongside frequency of meetings and average duration of meetings?*

*Can the (approximate) cost of servicing these (by council staff) be provided?*

Councillor Wilson presented the item of Any Other Relevant Business.

The Director of Corporate Services presented the list of live Sub Committees and Working Groups and stated the information could be circulated to Members. The Director of Corporate Services confirmed that more detailed information would be difficult to gather due to the degree of variance for example the frequency of which the meeting occur, the varying levels of officer attendance, the format and duration of meetings.

Councillor Wilson thanked staff for getting the information together on short notice stating it was good information to have for Staff and Members to consider.

Councillor C McShane asked for approximate costs for associated costs. She would advocate that additional groups could be added to the Leisure and Development Agendas as these meetings have become very long. Councillor C McShane stated that she had raised previously the Governance Working Group consider the overall structures of Committee meetings.

There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 8:22pm.

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Chair