

COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 28 AUGUST 2018

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2	Apologies: <i>Aldermen Hillis and Robinson Councillors McLaughlin, C McShane and Wilson</i>	Recorded
3	Declarations of Interests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Deighan – Agenda Item 6 Environmental Services Committee Meeting Minutes 7 August 2018 – Minute Item 24 NWRWM Group Joint Committee Minutes • Councillor Hunter – Agenda Item 7 Leisure & Development Committee Minutes 14 August 2018 – Minute Item 7 Update on Activities and Funding of the Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust • Councillor McCorkell – Agenda Item 15 Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor McCaw, Seconded by Council A Mulholland – Personal Independence Payments 	Noted in Register
4	Presentation – Zomba Action Project (ZAP) Councillor Quigley	Withdrawn to be taken to September Council Meeting
5	Minutes of Council Meeting held Tuesday 24 July 2018	Confirmed
6	Minutes of Environmental Services Committee Meeting held Tuesday 7 August 2018	
6.1	Street Name Plates (Minute Item 7)	Amendment Lost

		Director of ES to bring back cost of replacing all signs
	6.2 Affordable warmth Scheme Funding – Service Level Agreement (Minute Item 8)	Information
	6.3 Adoption of the Minutes	Adopted
7	Minutes of Leisure and Development Committee Meeting held Tuesday 14 August 2018	
	7.1 CCTV –(Minute Item 5) Correction to the wording of the agreed recommendation	Noted
	7.2 Draft Play Investment Strategy (Minute Item 6)	Updated list of Capital Projects and Environmental Services Projects to be brought back
	7.3 BID Process (Minute Item 4)	None
	7.4 Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Stevenson, Seconded by Alderman Campbell (Minute Item 13)	None
	7.5 Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Stevenson, Seconded by Alderman Campbell (Minute Item 14)	Motion lost, no seconder
	7.6 Adoption of the Minutes	Adopted including correction to wording of recommendation at Item 7.1 above
8	Minutes of Corporate Policy & Resources Committee Meeting held Tuesday 21 August 2018	
	8.1 Legal Services (Minute Item 17)	CE to look into system of career progression for Council Solicitors and employing young graduate solicitors
	8.2 Notice of Motion Proposed by Councillor Stevenson, Seconded by Alderman Campbell (Minute Item 15)	Motion lost, no seconder
	8.3 Adoption of the Minutes	Adopted

9	Matters for reporting to Partnership Panel – Local Government Side	None
10	Conferences	None
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NILGA 2018 Annual Conference, Exhibition & Gala Awards to be held on Thursday 11 October 2018 in the Armagh City Hotel 	Noted
11	Correspondence	None
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Derry City and Strabane District Council – Marie Curie and Motor Neurone Disease Association – Personal Independence Payments (PIP) in Northern Ireland (11 July 2018) 	Noted
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Derry City and Strabane District Council – Use of Medical Cannabis (11 July 2018) 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department of Health – Annual Progress Report (10 August 2018) 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northern Ireland Commissioner for Children and Young People and Local Government Policy Division (NICCY) Department for Communities; Community Planning Conference Report – Co-Operation in Community Planning; Working with Children and Young People (13 August 2018) 	
12	Consultation Schedule	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Devolution within Northern Ireland; Consultation for Member Councils 31 July 2018 – 30 September 2018 preparedness and Response 	Noted
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northern Ireland Audit Office; The Code of Data Matching Practice of the Comptroller and Audit General for Northern Ireland 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department for Justice; Proposals to Extend the Unduly Lenient Sentence Scheme 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northern Ireland Housing Executive; Draft Community Involvement Strategy Report 2018-2023 	

13	Seal Documents	
	13.1 Grave Registry Certificates, Coleraine, Ballywillan, Agherton and Portstewart Cemeteries (No's 4667-4676 inclusive)	Seal affixed
	13.2 Grave Registry Certificates, Ballymoney Cemetery (No 2937)	
	13.3 Performance Bond – McLaughlin & Harvey Ltd and Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council (reference ES 180206)	
	13.4 Deed of Dedication between Cushendun Building Preservation Trust and Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council (reference L&D 170214)	
	13.5 Planning Agreement received for LA01/2016/1157/F (reference PC 180228 reconvened 180312)	
	13.6 Draft Easement/Right of Way at Reservoir Road, Corkey, Loughguile, Ballymoney (reference L&PSC 180627)	Deferred to September Council Meeting
14	<p>Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Alderman Campbell</p> <p><i>“That this Council determine that the top ten capital projects decided by Members under each department head be completed by the end of the next Council term and that a workshop is held and a scheme agreed by March 2019, to bring the Riverside Park in Ballymoney up to a high standard, with work to be completed by 2021 and the necessary provision made for its upkeep going into the future. That Standing Orders are waived regarding this decision so that it cannot be rescinded by any new motion brought at any time, except by the agreement of 80% of its Members.”</i></p>	Referred to Corporate Policy and Resources Committee Legal opinion to be sought in the interim period
15	<p>Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor McCaw, seconded by Councillor A Mulholland</p> <p><i>"This Council notes the importance of Personal Independence Payments to</i></p>	Withdrawn Deferred to September Council Meeting

	<p><i>sustaining and maintaining the lives of many across Northern Ireland; notes with concern the many issues associated with undergoing of assessments and the stress they can bring upon individuals; is concerned at the fall in figures of those receiving the benefit and the impact this is having on their lives; notes the link that exists between the drop in support provided and the "20m rule" for the highest rate of PIP mobility support as highlighted by "PIP - A Step Too Far" published by the MS Society; and will write to the Minister for Work and Pensions to urgently review the 20m rule and engage with key stakeholders to find a more appropriate alternative."</i></p>	

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**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN CIVIC HEADQUARTERS, COLERAINE ON
TUESDAY 28 AUGUST 2018 AT 7:00 PM**

In the Chair : Councillor Chivers

Members Present : Aldermen Campbell, Cole, Finlay, King and
S McKillop

Councillors Baird, Beattie, Blair, Callan, Clarke,
Deighan, Douglas, Duddy, Fielding, Harding, Holmes,
Hunter, Knight-McQuillan, Loftus, McCandless,
McCorkell, McGurk, McGlinchey, MA McKillop,
McLean, P McShane, A Mulholland, K Mulholland,
Nicholl, Quigley, Stevenson and Watton

Officers Present : D Jackson, Chief Executive
R Baker, Director of Leisure & Development
A McPeake, Director of Environmental Services
D Wright, Chief Finance Officer
T Vauls, Car Parks Manager
E Keenan, Council Solicitor
W McCullough, Head of Sport and Wellbeing
D Allen, Committee & Member Services Officer

Press (1 No)

1. THE MAYORS BUSINESS

The Mayor opened the meeting by welcoming Elected Members, Officers, the public and press to the meeting.

She addressed the meeting as follows:

“Good evening everyone and welcome to our full Council Meeting for August.

It is very hard to believe we are approaching the start of September. It has been a wonderful summer and I have had a busy but thoroughly enjoyable month of August.

Earlier this month, I was delighted to host a civic reception for local participants and coaches of this year’s Special Olympics. It was an

honour to meet the young athletes and get the chance to congratulate them on their success whilst admiring the many medals that they won. The young people are wonderful ambassadors for the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area and I thoroughly enjoyed my afternoon with them.

This month also saw the return of the Heart of the Glens Festival and I spent a wonderful evening at the Dalriada Sounds concert. The unique event was set in the beautiful surroundings of The Church of Ireland and contained music, poetry and song of Irish and Scottish origin.

I had the pleasure of visiting a very special lady on her 103rd birthday earlier in the month. It was a very humbling experience to meet and celebrate with Beattie Taylor in Madelayne Court Care Home in Portstewart. I hope she had a wonderful birthday and wish her continued health and happiness.

I had a very enjoyable weekend carrying out my duties as Mayor of Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council. On Saturday morning, I supported and led a very successful incubator push fundraising event for TinyLife, my chosen charity for the year. Offering important support to families of premature babies, it is a charity very close to my heart. My Just giving page is still open for donations and I would encourage you all to show some support.

The Ould Lammas Fair was where I spent the most part of my weekend. The atmosphere, heavy horse parade and endless supplies of yellow man and dulse were just some of my highlights of a very successful event. I want to congratulate everyone involved and thank the people of Ballycastle for showcasing their town so well.

Looking ahead to September, I have another busy month planned and I'm very much looking forward to continuing to represent Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council. Next week is the Portrush Air Show and I wish everyone all the success as I will be unable to attend and hopefully good weather will prevail. The Deputy Mayor will be in attendance at this event.

I would like to congratulate the County Antrim under 16 Camogie team who won the All Ireland Championships."

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were recorded for Aldermen Hillis and Robinson, Councillors McLaughlin, C McShane and Wilson.

It was recorded that Councillors MA McKillop, A Mulholland, Loftus and Quigley would be arriving late.

3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Declarations of Interest were recorded for the following:

- Councillor Deighan – Agenda Item 6 Environmental Services Committee Meeting Minutes 7 August 2018 – Minute Item 24 NWRWM Group Joint Committee Minutes
- Councillor Hunter – Agenda Item 7 Leisure & Development Committee Meeting Minutes 14 August 2018 – Minute Item 7 Update on Activities and Funding of the Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust
- Councillor McCorkell – Agenda Item 15 Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor McCaw, Seconded by Council A Mulholland – Personal Independence Payments

Alderman S McKillop wished it to be noted that should a planning application be discussed from the Land and Property Minutes Members who sit on the Planning Committee would need to declare an interest.

4. PRESENTATION – ZOMBA ACTION PROJECT (ZAP) – COUNCILLOR QUIGLEY

This item was withdrawn from the Agenda to be presented at the September Council Meeting.

5. MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 24 JULY 2018

Proposed by Councillor Baird
Seconded by Alderman King and

AGREED – that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held Tuesday 24 July 2018, be confirmed as a correct record.

6. MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 7 AUGUST 2018

Alderman Finlay presented the Minutes and proposed their adoption.

Matters Arising:

6.1 Street Name Plates (Minute Item 7)

Councillor K Mulholland stated that he was not opposed to new road nameplate signs but was concerned with the proposed cost and indicated that the money would be better spent on front line services.

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor K Mulholland

Seconded by Councillor Nicholl

- to recommend that Council defer the replacement of existing signs to incorporate townland names until after the rates had been set for 2019.

The Director of Environmental Services clarified that the agreed recommendation was that Council would add the townland names to road nameplate signs as and when they were required, to be replaced using Example C which was agreed on the night.

In answer to a query from Councillor K Mulholland the Director of Environmental Services confirmed that there would be an additional £30 charge per sign to cut the townland name onto existing signs.

He also confirmed that approximately 30-40 signs would be replaced annually, but it could vary from year to year, and that there were approximately 10-15 pending replacement.

Alderman Cole stated that the cost to add a townland name onto existing signs would be frugal in comparison to totally replacing all signs.

The Director of Environmental Services informed Members that he would bring back costs associated with the replacement of signs.

Councillor K Mulholland requested a recorded vote.

For: Councillors Chivers, McGlinchey, McGurk, P McShane,
(6) K Mulholland and Nicholl.

Against: Aldermen: Campbell, Cole, Finlay, King and S McKillop
(21) Councillors: Baird, Beattie, Blair, Callan, Clarke,
Deighan, Douglas, Duddy, Fielding, Harding, Holmes,
Hunter, Knight-McQuillan, McCorkell, McLean and
Stevenson.

Abstain: Councillor Watton
(1)

The Chair declared the Amendment to defer the replacement of existing signs to incorporate townland names until after the rates had been set for 2019 **lost**.

6.2 Affordable Warmth Scheme Funding – Service Level Agreement (Minute Item 6)

Councillor Baird was disappointed that funding for this scheme had been reduced whilst there had been an increase in demand and a 14% rise in fuel prices had been projected for the year ahead.

She welcomed the news that the Department for Communities (DfC) are currently reviewing the delivery model for this scheme.

6.3 Adoption of the Minutes

Proposed by Alderman Finlay
Seconded by Councillor Hunter and

AGREED – that the Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held Tuesday 7 August 2018 be adopted and recommendations therein approved.

7. MINUTES OF LEISURE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 14 AUGUST 2018

Councillor Holmes presented the Minutes and proposed their adoption.

Accuracy of the Minutes

7.1 CCTV Provision (Minute Item 5)

Councillor Fielding informed the Chair that it was his recollection that at the meeting it was agreed unanimously that Council would defer the decision on the provision of CCTV until the PSNI attended the next Leisure and Development Meeting.

He informed the Chair that the decision should be recorded as:

AGREED – to recommend to Council that the decision on CCTV be deferred until co-funding is discussed with the PSNI and that they be invited to attend the next Leisure and Development Committee

meeting to give clarity on statistics and definition of what an 'incident' meant.

The Chief Executive also confirmed that this was his recollection also and that the minute be amended accordingly.

RESOLVED – that Minute Item 5 of the Leisure and Development Committee Minutes of 14 August 2018 be amended accordingly.

Matters Arising

7.2 Draft Play Investment Strategy (Minute Item 6)

Councillor Duddy informed Members that 2 years had passed since Council agreed to develop a destination or disability Play Park in Limavady and thought that the land issues at this stage would have been resolved and Council would be looking at plans to implement the decision taken.

Councillor Duddy also informed Members that complaints had been received in relation to the play park at Rugby Avenue where water was lying on footpaths, buses and cars parked where they shouldn't be and that the Play Park looked like a ploughed field. He stated that the condition of the play park was a health and safety issue.

The Head of Sport and Wellbeing informed Members that there had been survey monkey's in terms of local consultation with the public, carers, parents and children in relation to the Limavady Play Park, which was to draw to an end at the end of August. Two specific meetings had been scheduled for the Limavady area. She also stated that a number of local organisations were also keen to facilitate the siting of the play park. She stressed that Council has to ensure that the location meets the need.

In relation to Rugby Avenue Play Park the Head of Sport and Wellbeing informed Members that all play parks are inspected and any maintenance or repair requirements are logged onto the system for action by the Estates Department; she would pass on Members concerns to the Estate Work Team in relation to looking at prioritisation of Rugby Avenue.

In response to Councillor Duddy's query in relation to Limavady Play Park the Chief Executive informed Members that there was a need to get the project off the ground by next year and every effort

would be made to ensure that it progressed as speedily as possible.

The Chief Executive informed Members that he would come back to Council with a project timeframe.

Councillor Knight McQuillan requested a timescale of the Aghadowey Play Park also agreed in the Capital Projects.

The Head of Sport and Wellbeing informed Members that there were issues in relation to the scale of area of Aghadowey and land ownership issues.

The Director of Leisure and Development confirmed that the decision through Council was to consider the business case i.e. the evidence needed to progress accordingly and that it wasn't complete at this moment and that the preferred option could be a partnership approach with a local organisation or school.

The Chief Executive informed Members that 45 Life Capital Projects were ongoing and also a huge list of proposed projects and £17M of regeneration work to be overseen. Officers were stretched.

Alderman S McKillop referred to Ballymoney, Benbradagh, Causeway and the Glens and possible land issues.

The Chief Executive informed Members that an updated list of all Capital Projects would be brought back to Council for Members to see the stage each project had reached and decisions made; this would also include Environmental Services projects. The list and GANT chart for the next 10 years would show Members best estimates of what is happening, when and where.

The Head of Sport and Wellbeing clarified that land issues were a combination of what land Council owned, any public land available, for example through the Housing Executive, and having to purchase land where children are located.

- * Councillor K Mulholland and Councillor McCandless joined the meeting at 7.40pm

In relation to a query raised by Councillor McCorkell regarding Limavady Play Park, The Head of Sport and Wellbeing confirmed that there were numerous proposals and recommendations in

terms of play parks and that once the Section 75 Consultation had taken place and Council adopting the strategy, prioritisation will be applied along with costings for Council to make a decision.

Councillor McGlinchey suggested that going forward any concerns or issues in relation to items within the Committee reports should be raised and discussed prior to being brought to Council.

7.3 BID Process (Minute Item 4)

Councillors Harding and Duddy commended officers with regards to the work carried out on this and that it was important for Coleraine that Council was going ahead with this.

- * Councillors Loftus, Quigley, A Mulholland, MA McKillop and Douglas joined the meeting at 7.45pm.

7.4 Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Alderman Campbell (Minute Item 13)

“That Members of this Council are fully updated in regards to the details of the process leading up and including the transferring of Edward Street Social Centre to NICVA following the Council meeting of Tuesday 22nd May, 2018, during a call in period. That members are also updated as to the process and rationale for rejecting a call in on the decision not to take on ownership”.

Councillor Stevenson wished it to be recorded that he did not give his approval to the process leading up to the actual transfer of Edward Street Social Centre and that he was only accountable for the things he had said or written.

Councillor Stevenson referred to the 41.4 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014:

‘decision’ – means a decision of the Council or a Committee of the Council and includes a decision to make a recommendation.

Councillor Stevenson stated that he was not happy with Council’s interpretation of the word *‘decision’* and that the rejection of the two call-ins would have a knock-on effect for future call-ins.

7.5 Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Alderman Campbell (Minute Item 14)

'That this Council ensure that an Audit of Need and Options Appraisal in relation to Community Facilities is carried out in all towns in the borough with a population of over 5,000. That these audits be carried out over the next four years and that it starts with the largest population in descending order, the first audit to be completed by March 2019.'

Councillor Stevenson re-iterated that it would be beneficial for an Audit to be carried out across the Borough.

Councillor Stevenson re-proposed his Notice of Motion. There was no seconder to the Motion.

7.6 Adoption of the Minutes

Proposed by Councillor Holmes
Seconded by Councillor Baird and

AGREED – that the Minutes of the Leisure and Development Committee meeting held Tuesday 14 August 2018 be adopted and the recommendations therein approved including correction to wording of recommendation at Item 7.1

8. MINUTES OF CORPORATE POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 21 AUGUST 2018

Councillor Quigley presented the Minutes and proposed their adoption.

Matters Arising

8.1 Legal Services – (Minute Item 17)

Councillor Duddy enquired if it was possible for Council to adopt a system of career progression for our solicitors and possibility of employing young graduate solicitors to assist them to gain experience in local government matters.

The Chief Executive informed Members that he would look into this and bring something back to Council.

8.2 Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Alderman Campbell (Minute Item 15)

'That in the interest of inclusivity, accuracy and practicality, that the name Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council be changed to

a singular name instead of a double name attached to a particular area which is not inclusive of the entirety of the four legacy councils which amalgamated, and that an equality impact assessment be carried out on the current Council name if it is not changed'

Councillor Stevenson re-proposed that an Equality Impact Assessment be carried out on the current Council name. There was no seconder for this proposal.

8.3 Adoption of the Minutes

Proposed by Councillor Quigley
Seconded by Councillor MA McKillop and

AGREED – that the Minutes of the Corporate Policy & Resources Committee Meeting held Tuesday 21 August 2018 be adopted and the recommendations therein approved.

9. MATTERS FOR REPORTING TO THE PARTNERSHIP PANEL - LOCAL GOVERNMENT SIDE

There were no matters for reporting to the Partnership Panel.

10. CONFERENCES

The Chair advised of the following conferences, previously circulated;

- NILGA 2018 Annual Conference, Exhibition & Gala Awards to be held on Thursday 11 October 2018 in the Armagh City Hotel.

The Chair advised that any Member wishing to attend the above conference should contact Democratic Services.

Council noted the Conference schedule presented.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

The Chief Executive advised of the following correspondence, previously circulated;

- Derry City and Strabane District Council – Marie Curie and Motor Neurone Disease Association – Personal Independence Payments (PIP) in Northern Ireland (11 July 2018)
- Derry City and Strabane District Council – Use of Medical Cannabis (11 July 2018)

- Department of Health – Annual Progress Report (10 August 2018)
- Northern Ireland Commissioner for Children and Young People and Local Government Policy Division (NICCY) Department for Communities; Community Planning Conference Report – Co-Operation in Community Planning; Working with Children and Young People (13 August 2018)

RESOLVED – that Council note the correspondence as outlined above.

12. CONSULTATION SCHEDULE

The Chief Executive advised of the following consultation documents, previously circulated;

- Devolution within Northern Ireland; Consultation for Member Councils 31 July 2018 – 30 September 2018 preparedness and Response
- Northern Ireland Audit Office; The Code of Data Matching Practice of the Comptroller and Audit General for Northern Ireland
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- Northern Ireland Housing Executive; Draft Community Involvement Strategy Report 2018-2023

RESOLVED – that Council note the Consultation Schedule.

13. SEAL DOCUMENTS

Members were advised of the undernoted items for signing and sealing by Council, approval having been previously granted and all necessary legislative requirements being met:

- 13.1** Grave Registry Certificates, Coleraine, Ballywillan, Agherton and Portstewart Cemeteries (No's No. 4667 – 4676 inclusive)
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13.5 Planning Agreement received for LA01/2016/1157/F (reference PC 180228 reconvened 180312)

13.6 Draft Easement/Right of Way at Reservoir Road, Corkey, Loughguile, Ballymoney (reference L&PSC 180627) (deferred)

Proposed by Councillor Stevenson

Seconded by Councillor Knight-McQuillan and

RESOLVED - that the sealing of documents as listed (Items 13.1 – 13.6 inclusive) be approved.

14. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR STEVENSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN CAMPBELL

Councillor P McShane raised a Point of Order under Standing Order 15 – Motions.

(1) Every motion shall be relevant to some matter

a) In relation to which the Council:

i) has power or duties;

ii) is not prevented from taking action on by other legislation

Councillor P McShane requested legal opinion on the Notice of Motion.

Councillor P McShane raised concerns in relation to Council pre-empting any outcomes and referred to the programming issues, and stated that equality legislation would come into play.

Councillor Stevenson stated his Notice of Motion as follows:

“That this Council determine that the top ten capital projects decided by Members under each department head be completed by the end of the next Council term and that a workshop is held and a scheme agreed by March 2019, to bring the Riverside Park in Ballymoney up to a high standard, with work to be completed by 2021 and the necessary provision made for its upkeep going into the future. That Standing Orders are waived regarding this decision so that it cannot be rescinded by any new motion brought at any time, except by the agreement of 80% of its Members.”

Councillor Duddy raised a Point of Order under Standing Order 15.1 (2) – *that a motion shall be rejected within 48 hours if the wording or nature*

of the motion is considered unlawful and improper. He stated that as this had not happened in this instance, it should be referred direct to the Committee and for the Committee to take the decision whether legal opinion should be sought.

The Chief Executive advised that the Notice of Motion be referred, without discussion, to the next Corporate Policy and Resources Committee Meeting with a legal opinion to be sought in the interim period.

**15. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR MCCAWE,
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR A MULHOLLAND**

"This Council notes the importance of Personal Independence Payments to sustaining and maintaining the lives of many across Northern Ireland; notes with concern the many issues associated with undergoing of assessments and the stress they can bring upon individuals; is concerned at the fall in figures of those receiving the benefit and the impact this is having on their lives; notes the link that exists between the drop in support provided and the "20m rule" for the highest rate of PIP mobility support as highlighted by "PIP - A Step Too Far" published by the MS Society; and will write to the Minister for Work and Pensions to urgently review the 20m rule and engage with key stakeholders to find a more appropriate alternative."

This item was withdrawn from the Agenda and deferred to the next Council Meeting.

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 8:00 pm.

Chair