

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Governance and Audit Committee held on Thursday, 23 June, 2022 at 6:02 pm

PRESENT IN CHAMBER:

Alderman D Drysdale (Chairman)

Alderman O Gawith

Councillors D J Craig and A Swan

PRESENT IN REMOTE LOCATION:

Councillor Jenny Palmer (Vice-Chairperson)

Aldermen J Baird, S Martin and J Tinsley

Councillors S Lowry, G McCleave, C McCready and John Palmer

Mr E Jardine, Independent Member

OTHER MEMBERS:

Councillor M Gregg (present remotely)

IN ATTENDANCE:

In Chamber:

Chief Executive
Director of Finance and Corporate Services
Head of Finance
IT Officer
Technician
Member Services Officer
Administrative Assistant

In Remote Location:

Mr P O'Sullivan, Northern Ireland Audit Office

Commencement of the Meeting

At the commencement of the meeting, the Chairman, Alderman D Drysdale, welcomed those present to the special meeting, which was being live streamed to enable members of the public to hear and see the proceedings.

At this point, the Administrative Assistant read out the names of the Elected Members and Officers in attendance at the meeting.

The Chairman, Alderman D Drysdale, stated that, whilst the meeting was being live streamed, unauthorised recording was not permitted, as per the Council's Standing Orders. He asked that mobile phones be put on silent or switched off for the duration of the meeting.

The Chief Executive outlined 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 The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor S Carson, the Deputy Mayor, Councillor M Guy, Alderman S P Porter and Councillor J Gallen.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Confidential Business

The matter 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 Swan, seconded by Alderman O Gawith and agreed that the following matter be considered “in committee”, in the absence of members of the press and public being present. The livestream was paused at this point (6.05 pm).

3.1 Draft Statement of Accounts for the Year Ending 31 March, 2022

Members were provided with a copy of the Draft Statement of Accounts for the Year Ending 31 March, 2022, which included the Governance Statement.

It was proposed by Alderman J Baird, seconded by Alderman O Gawith and agreed that the Draft Statement of Accounts be approved and submitted to the Northern Ireland Audit Office by the deadline of 30 June, 2022.

Resumption of Normal Business

It was proposed by Councillor A Swan, seconded by Alderman O Gawith and agreed to come out of committee and normal business was resumed.

There being no further business, the meeting was terminated at 6.09 pm.

Mayor/Chairman