

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Special Meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber and in Remote Locations on Tuesday 31st January 2023 at 10.02 am

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PRESENT IN CHAMBER:

The Right Worshipful The Mayor
Councillor S Carson

Aldermen O Gawith, A Grehan, M Henderson MBE, and
J Tinsley

Councillors R T Beckett, A Givan, U Mackin, T Mitchell,
Jenny Palmer, John Palmer, A Swan and The Hon N Trimble

PRESENT IN REMOTE LOCATION:

Deputy Mayor, Councillor M Guy

Aldermen W J Dillon, A G Ewart, S Martin and S P Porter

Councillors F Cole, J Gallen, A Gowan, J Laverty BEM,
S Lee, J McCarthy, G McCleave, A McIntyre and S Skillen

IN ATTENDANCE IN CHAMBER:

Chief Executive
Director of Finance & Corporate Services
Head of Human Resources & Organisation Development
Legal Advisors from Lewis Silkin LLP Law Firm
Member Services Officer
Technician

Commencement of Meeting

At the outset of proceedings, The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor S Carson, welcomed everyone to the Special Meeting which had been convened to consider a confidential matter.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor stated that, although the meeting was being live-streamed, unauthorised recording was still not permitted, as per 8.5 of the Council's Standing Orders. The Chairman also reminded everyone to ensure that mobile phones were turned off or on silent mode for the duration of the meeting.

1. **Apologies** (00:02:50)

An apology for non-attendance at the meeting was accepted and recorded on behalf of Aldermen J Baird and D Drysdale, Councillors D J Craig, A P Ewing, M Gregg, S Hughes, H Legge, S Lowry, C McCready and R McLernon.

2. Suspension of Standing Order – Section 27.1 to Agree suspension of Standing Order 4 - Five days at least before a meeting of the Council, a Committee or Sub Committee, section (1) notice of the time and place of the intended meeting shall be published at the offices of the Council and on the Council’s website (00:03:45)

Councillor J McCarthy and Councillor S Skillen joined the meeting during consideration of this item of business (10.05 and 10.09 am respectively).

It was proposed by Alderman M Henderson, seconded by Councillor A Givan, and agreed that standing order 27.1 be suspended.

3. Declarations of Interests (00:04:28)

The Right Worshipful the Mayor reminded Members to declare any interests they might have in relation to the business of the meeting and reminded them of the requirement that they complete a Declaration of Interest form.

4. Confidential Report by the Chief Executive – Efficiency Review Steering Group (Agenda Item 3 Refers) (00:05:38)

(Confidential for reason of 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.)

“In Committee”

It was proposed by Councillor T Mitchell, seconded by Councillor A Swan, and agreed that the business of the Special Meeting be considered “in Committee”. (The live-stream was paused at this stage in proceedings.)

The Member Services Officer and the technician left the Chamber at this point (10.10 am).

It was proposed by Alderman S P Porter, seconded by Alderman W J Dillon and agreed that the recommendation, as outlined in the report, be approved.

During the discussion of this item Councillor S Lee left at 11.03 am and returned at 11.15am; Councillor G McCleave left at 11.24am; Councillors F Cole left at 11.55am; Councillor A McIntyre joined the meeting at 11.05am and left again at 12.19pm; Councillor S Skillen left the meeting prior to its conclusion; and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor M Guy, left the meeting at 12.03pm

Resumption of Normal Business

It was proposed by Alderman J Tinsley, seconded by Councillor N Trimble, and agreed to come “out of Committee” and normal business was resumed.

The Member Services Officer and the technician returned to the Chamber.

Conclusion of the Meeting

There being no further business, the Special Meeting concluded at 12.31pm.

Mayor