

Derry City and Strabane District Council

Minutes of Meeting of the Health and Community Committee held in the Guildhall, Derry on Thursday 15 March 2018 at 4.00 pm

Present:- Members of the Committee - Thompson (Chair); Aldermen ; Councillors Gallagher, Ald R Hamilton, McClintock, Campbell, Carlin, Cusack, Jackson, McGinley, Hastings, Duffy, Tierney and Gardiner.

HC43/18 Notice and Summons of Meeting

The Director of Health and Community read the Notice and Summons for the Meeting.

HC44/18 Member Attendance and Apologies

The Director of Health and Community recorded Members attendance. There were no apologies.

HC45/18 Declarations of Members' Interests

Councillor Tierney declared an interest in the following agenda items:

- Agenda item 17 – CCTV Funding Update
- Agenda item 11 - Member Led Bonfire Working Group.

Alderman Hussey declared an interest in the following agenda item:

- Agenda item 11 – Member Led Bonfire Working Group.

Councillor Carlin declared an interest in the following agenda items:

- Agenda item 9 – World Health Organisation's European Healthy Cities Network – Summit of Mayors Adopts Copenhagen Consensus
- Agenda item 10 – Good Relations Bid for Funding for 2018-19 Financial Year to the Executive Office.

Alderman Thompson declared an interest in the following agenda items:

- Agenda item 10 – Good Relations Bid for Funding 2018-19 Financial Year to the Executive Office
- Agenda item 12 – Leisure and Sports Services Pricing Policy and Schedule of Charges.

Councillor Hastings declared an interest in the following agenda item:

- Agenda item 12 – Leisure and Sports Services Pricing Policy and Schedule of Charges.

Councillor P Kelly declared an interest in the following agenda item:

- Agenda item 11 – Member Led Bonfire Working Group

Councillor Jackson declared an interest in the following agenda item:

- Agenda item 17 – CCTV Funding Update
- Agenda item 12 – Leisure and Sports Services Pricing Policy and Schedule of Charges.

HC46/18 Deputations from WHSCT: Cancer Services within the North West Cancer Centre and from MacMillan Cancer Support: Move More Derry and Strabane

Deputation by Mr Diarmaid McAuley MacMillan Cancer Support on the Move More Derry and Strabane Programme and Mrs Bridget Tourish, Manager of the North West Cancer Centre.

The Chairperson firstly welcomed Mr McAuley to the meeting. He then invited him to make the presentation to the Committee.

Mr McAuley proceeded to deliver the presentation on their programme highlighting the following:

- Have been working with Council over the past 6 months to develop the Move More Programme
- Move More is a fitness programme designed for people who have been diagnosed with cancer in the Derry and Strabane District
- Across the UK there are two and a half million people living with cancer
- Locally there are approximately 4,000 people living with cancer in the Derry and Strabane area increasing to approximately 7,000 by 2020

- The Move More Programme is important as research has shown that physical activity can reduce the consequences of cancer treatment
- Can prevent further complications such as strokes, diabetes and coronary problems
- Important that people who have received a cancer diagnosis try to become physically active
- The Programme is being implemented throughout Northern Ireland with approximately 900 referrals received so far
- Recommended 150 minutes per week of physical activity
- Move More Derry/Strabane has received funding to employ a full-time co-ordinator to implement the project in this area
- Activities within the programme are patient centred and entirely focused on their needs
- Strong social element involved as they are meeting and exercising with others that have received a cancer diagnosis
- Programme includes free taster sessions and reduced rates at Council owned leisure centres
- It is a long term service which also offers support and guidance so that physical activity becomes a fundamental part of their lifestyle
- MacMillan Cancer, Derry City and Strabane District Council and the WHSCT are working effectively together to ensure that as many people with a cancer diagnosis take part in the Programme.

The Chair then invited Mrs Bridget Tourish, Manager, North West Cancer Centre to make her presentation to the Committee.

Mrs Tourish proceeded to deliver the presentation on services at the Cancer Centre highlighting the following:

- How it will provide innovative, holistic and compassionate cancer care for the North West of Ireland
- Radiotherapy Service Mission
- Increase treatment capacity to meet future service demands
- Advanced state of the art treatment machines and imaging technology

- Improve access/travelling time for patients from the north west and facilitate cross border co-operation with the Republic of Ireland
- The North West area has one of the highest incidences and mortality rates for cancer in Ireland
- Tumour sites to be treated at the North West Cancer Centre for approximately 90 percent of patients include: Breast, lung, GI upper and lower, urology, head and neck, skin and haematological malignancies
- Inpatient ward, combined haematology and oncology with capacity for 27 beds operational 7 days a week, 24 hours a day
- Chemotherapy suite with 25 chairs and 5 single treatment rooms operational Monday to Friday
- Outpatient clinic facility with 16 consultation rooms
- Catchment population of approximately 500k
- Since opening in November 2017, over 600 patients have been treated at the centre
- Majority of patients are treated as outpatients
- The Centre delivers advanced chemotherapy techniques, it provides day care treatment for oncology and haematology patients
- Onsite information hub providing high quality and support free of charge for people affected by cancer
- Macmillan Health and Wellbeing Campus recently opened and will provide a range of services coordinated around the needs of patients and their families

The Chair thanked Mr McAuley and Ms Tourish for their presentations and invited comments from Members.

Alderman McClintock thanks Mr McAuley and Ms Tourish for their presentations. She stated that she had not realised the importance of exercise and movement both during and after diagnosis and treatment of cancer. She described how she had visited the North West Cancer Centre which was of enormous benefit to people in the North West area. She referred to the cancer access targets and asked for clarification on the 14 day breast target and the 31 day target.

In response, Ms Tourish outlined that there were two separate targets for cancer patients. She stated that breast cancer was completely separate from other tumour sites and that patients must be seen from the time of the GP referral within 14 days. She reported that the 31 day target was from GP referral to commencement of treatment with the 62 day target for patients who were commencing treatment.

Alderman McClintock referred to the 31 day target and understood that it was the required timeframe but still seemed a lengthy time to wait to commence treatment.

Ms Tourish explained that patients would be given a 'red flag' referral by their GP which led to diagnostic work being carried out regarding the type of cancer and the required treatment. She stated that the WHSCT was currently below the 31-day target compared to the rest of the province.

Councillor Jackson welcomed the representatives and thanked them for their presentations. He referred to the work carried out by MacMillan Cancer Trust and stated that although he was unaware of all the services that MacMillan provided he was aware of their sterling reputation. He stated that it was encouraging that the holistic approach for patients was included in their services which went hand in hand with their treatment. He stated that he had every confidence that the services provided within the Move More Programme would be second to none. He stated that he was inspired by people who had been faced with a cancer diagnosis and had shown a determination to beat the disease. He added he had no doubt that patients who had signed up to take part in the programme would be supported in every way to help them beat cancer.

Councillor Jackson then referred to the North West Cancer Centre and said that we were fortunate to have such state of the art facilities on our doorstep. He commented on the professionalism and compassion of the staff that had been shown to cancer patients who had been referred to the centre for treatment. He then referred to the Chieftain's Walk on 25 March at 1.30pm. He stated that all proceeds would be donated to the North West Cancer Centre and encouraged everyone to register to take part and show their support.

Councillor Gardiner thanked the representatives for their presentation. She referred to cancer patients in the Donegal area who have had to endure a four hour bus journey to Galway and to St Luke's Hospital in Dublin. She stated that it was welcomed that there was now a regional

hub available which would prevent a lot of extra stress and illness. She enquired if there would be only one co-ordinator for the scheme, considering the large number of patients who had been referred to take part. She outlined that there was a disability hub at Foyle Arena with excellent disability coaches and trainers and asked if there would be an element of train the trainer or will the co-ordinator be upskilling staff. She also referred to programmes offered at Lagan Valley Leisure Centre in Lisburn and asked if something similar would be offered to patients here.

In response to Councillor Gardiner's query, Mr McAuley stated that the initial consultation with the co-ordinator was to develop the confidence to take part in the exercise programmes and outline the membership packages that would be suitable for that particular individual. The coaches will be trained in how to support and guide the cancer patients with their exercises. He stated that the scheme in Ards and North Down gave direct support to 200 patients although a larger number had indirectly benefitted from the service through information that had been provided by the WHSCT. He then referred to Lagan Valley Leisure Centre and stated that a water based programme had been successfully implemented at Down, Newry and Mourne which could be also co-ordinated at Foyle Arena.

Councillor Gallagher referred to the new state of the art equipment at the North West Cancer Centre and enquired if any of that equipment was not in use due to a lack of doctors or qualified technicians.

In response, Ms Tourish outlined that the superficial x-ray machine at the Centre was not yet fully operational as it was planned to use this on a regional basis to treat patients with skin cancer and a regional business case was being put forward.

Alderman Hussey thanked the representatives for their presentations. He recalled when Michael McGimpsey first initiated the process of establishing the dedicated service cancer centre at Altnagelvin which had been faced with opposition at that time. He said that it was fantastic to see the facility which has developed. He stated that he wished to compliment the diligence of all the specialists involved in helping people who had to deal with the condition and the trauma. He stated that on a personal level he had received a cancer diagnosis and as soon as he had left his GP, Macmillan were there to offer their support and similarly, had received the same support regarding treatment of his condition, and that it was comforting to know that the professionalism was here locally. With regard to the referral period he

queried if the 14-day access target for prostate cancer was similar to that for breast cancer.

In response, Ms Tourish stated that the 31 day and 62 day targets also applied to prostate cancer and that 14 days was only for breast cancer. She stated that these were regionally set targets by the Department of Health which were subject to review. She stated that a large proportion of patients at the Centre had prostate cancer. However, she was not aware of any plans to change the target at present.

In response to Alderman's Hussey's comments regarding Altnagelvin having a far better record of achieving targets than the rest of Northern Ireland, Ms Tourish stated that they currently delivered the best performance regarding cancer targets across the region for the last number of years.

The Chair thanked Mr McAuley and Ms Tourish on their informative presentations.

HC47/18 Chairperson's Business

HC47/18 RAPID and the Villages Together Partnership

A paper was distributed to Members regarding RAPID and The Villages Together Partnership.

The Chair stated that the paper gave a detailed background on the current contract which was due to be terminated on 31 March 2018. He stated that a further report could be brought to the April meeting of the Committee.

Alderman Hussey emphasised the urgency of the matter. The Chair concurred and stated that Officers were reviewing the information contained within the paper. Councillor McGinley stated that given the urgency of the matter and the timescale involved that a report be brought to the next meeting of Council.

The Director of Health and Community stated that Officers had already been giving the matter their attention and a paper presenting possible solutions could be presented at Council or the next available Committee meeting.

Councillor Gallagher proposed that a meeting be convened with Elected Representatives from the Faughan and Sperrin wards before the Council meeting on 29 March.

Councillor Tierney enquired if there was adequate time for Members from those DEAs to meet and subsequently for Officers to prepare a paper for full Council.

The Head of Community Development and Leisure stated that there were resources in place and that the paper could be tabled at the Council meeting on 29 March.

The Committee

Recommended that a report be brought to full Council on 29 March or the next available Committee meeting.

HC48/18 Confirmation of the Open Minutes of the Health and Community Committee held on Thursday 8 February 2018

Open Minutes of Health and Community Committee held on 8 February 2018 were confirmed and signed by the Chairperson as correct.

HC49/18 Matters Arising

HC49/18 Rural Development Tender – Resourcing and Supporting the Rural DEAs across the Council Area (HC34/18)

Councillor Gallagher referred to the Riverine Project which was a very important development for the area over a number of years. He stated that the project had recently applied for further funding and had been refused. He added that he was aware of an opportunity to resubmit the application bid. He stated that the project needed to gather community support as this was an area where a weakness had been identified and subsequently the bid had been unsuccessful. He then proposed that the Health and Community Committee support the resubmission bid

for the Riverine Project by gathering community support for the project.

Councillor Hastings reported that he had attended a recent meeting of the North West Cross Border Regional group which had agreed that the application bid would be resubmitted. He further stated that Donegal County Council were the lead Council in relation to the project with work also being undertaken by the Environment and Regeneration Directorate.

Councillor Carlin stated that if the North West Cross Border Regional group was in the process of resubmitting the application, then Council would naturally be in full support of the bid going forward.

The Chair expressed surprise at Councillor Gallagher's proposal and stated that there was overall support from both Derry City and Strabane District Council and Donegal County Council for the project.

Councillor Gallagher reiterated that the application had been assessed and had failed by one point because of a weakness in the area of community support. He stated that the Health and Community Committee should do everything possible to garner community support in order for evidence to be provided for the resubmission.

Councillor P Kelly stated that it had been mentioned in the local press that Councillor Gallagher was looking for on the street support for the project.

Councillor Tierney sought clarification on how Committee could further add or provide evidence by gathering community support.

The Director of Health and Community stated that she would liaise with the Environment and Regeneration Directorate and ask them to provide an update as the application process was now live. She stated that in terms of addressing the essential criteria, the necessary steps were being taken with the community/voluntary sector being an important element in the process.

Councillor R McHugh concurred that the project was a very positive development for the area and was hopeful that the resubmission bid would prove successful. He stated that the Committee was reaffirming Council's position of supporting the resubmission of the application.

Councillor Carlin stated that if there was a possibility of ensuring a successful resubmission bid, then the message from this Committee and Council is that we show our support in whatever way was needed.

Alderman Hussey stated he had attended a recent meeting with Councillor Gallagher, where Officers had assured Members that the shortfall of one point on the application bid would be addressed and be resubmitted.

HC50/18 Draft Amusement Permit Policy

The Head of Health and Community Wellbeing presented Members with the above report, a copy of which had been previously circulated. The purpose of the report was to seek Members' consideration on the draft Amusement Permit Policy and endorse a public consultation exercise.

Councillor McGinley stated that he welcomed the report with the draft policy and endorsed the recommendations. He stated that the draft policy set out a clear criteria as guidance for Members, Officers, applicants and the general public in relation to amusement permit applications. He further stated that the policy provided a greater clarity, transparency and accountability on the process with the recommendation that there was a clear line of communication between the Licensing section of the Health and Community Directorate and the Planning Section in terms of how an application is processed. He added that this would provide a much sounder base for processing applications in the future.

Alderman McClintock stated that the draft policy was a very useful document and that a lot of lessons had been learned from what had happened in the past. She added that she welcomed the integration of the different sections within Council that would be involved in the application process.

Councillor P Kelly stated that test purchases for alcohol and tobacco were carried out in the Derry and Strabane area and enquired as to what measures were taken in regard to amusement arcades.

In response, the Head of Health and Community Wellbeing stated that 15 amusement permits were issued which ranged from 10 to 70 gaming machines with a maximum pay out of £25.00. He informed Members that he would provide an update report on the number of inspection visits carried out at amusement arcades.

Councillor Gallagher referred to the criteria within the draft policy and stated that based on the judgment of the court, he was unsure that the draft policy would strengthen the majority of the recommendations that had been made within the ruling. He stated that the judgment had also recommended that Council carry out a detailed study around adequacy of provision and need, otherwise any member of the public could apply for a permit.

Councillor Hastings stated that the criteria for awarding a licence involved the person being of good standing and their previous performance in other, similar operations. He enquired who made the decisions and what action would be taken to ensure that an applicant was not of suitable character within the community.

In response, the Head of Health and Community Wellbeing stated that an application would be brought to Committee for a decision to be made which would involve a consultation process with the PSNI and the wider public. He noted that Council issued a licence however, the PSNI were responsible for enforcing the conditions of that licence.

Councillor Cusack queried if Council's ability to reject an application could be strengthened now that the Licensing section was working in tandem with the Planning department.

In response, the Head of Health and Community Wellbeing stated that with regard to liaising with the Planning Service, discussions had already taken place. He stated that the policy was in the draft stages and would take on board recommendations on how both sections would be merged, in order to assist the decision making process.

The Lead Legal Services Officer stated that one of the issues discussed at the court case was regarding the different policies that Council had been considering. All of those elements of that paper were now in the draft policy, which would concentrate the minds of the courts when

considering betting and amusement permit applications. He referred to the appeal process and that ultimately an applicant can go to court for a determination however, the new policy would mean that hopefully the Court could see that Council had a set procedure which applied to all applications and was applied consistently by Council throughout. He stated that one of the issues mentioned in the court case was the feeling that Council had not applied its' position consistently in relation to applications that came before the Council. He reported that this issue was also highlighted in the audit of the licensing section and consequently the recommendations brought through the audit committee were reflected in the draft policy.

In response, to Councillor McGinley's query regarding what the consultation exercise would involve, the Head of Health and Community Wellbeing stated that the intention was to place the details of the consultation on Council's website and local press. He stated that local stakeholders and business would also be involved in the process.

Councillor Gallagher stated that the judgment had recommended that if the Planning Committee had approved an application for an amusement arcade, it could not be changed. He further stated that it was recommended in the judgment that the Planning Committee would decide whether or not an application would adversely affect retail, therefore this could not be considered as part of the criteria within the policy. He added that Council had not yet carried out an in-depth study into issues such as the cumulative build-up of amusement arcades and that the assessment criteria for amusement premises should be examined.

The Lead Legal Services Officer stated that where Council had indicated that it had a specific policy in place to deal with the licensing of betting and amusement premises, the policy would not be considered by the Planning Appeals Commission. However, the licensing section of Council could take it into consideration and the Court would deem that a good reason for departing from the views of the PAC. He further stated that what the judgment did not say was that the views of the PAC were binding in all cases and there had been previous arguments on both sides in relation to this matter. He stated that with regard to retail the draft policy made clear that the terms used within the policy were that betting and gaming was to be considered as a specific use in its own right. He further stated that the accumulation of premises and need would have to be dealt with on a case by case basis. He outlined that one of the points that Oasis Retail had made and within other legal challenges brought against other councils successfully, was the

different nature of the type of facility being offered by Oasis Retail, to that which was already in need.

The Lead Legal Services Officer advised that when any application was received, that Council would need to consider whether need was an issue in terms of the policy or whether further information was required before a decision was reached. He stated that Council should have as much information before it as possible when making decisions on matters such as this. However, the policy would be going into the consultation process and if there was a feeling within the community or within interested stakeholder groupings or indeed, within the Committee, that amendments were required, they could be filtered in during the course of the consultation process. He added that all of the information would be brought to Council before a final policy was adopted.

In response to Councillor Hastings query regarding the policy being incorporated into Council's Local Development Plan, the Head of Health and Community Wellbeing stated that following discussions with the Planning team, it would be considered in terms of the number of premises and where they would be located.

The Committee

Recommended that Members approve the commencement of a public consultation exercise with key stakeholders on the draft Amusement Permit Policy.

HC51/18 World Health Organisation's European Healthy Cities Network - Summit of Mayors Adopts Copenhagen Consensus

The Head of Health and Community Wellbeing presented the above report, which had been previously circulated to Members. The purpose of the report was to seek Members' comments on the Copenhagen Consensus of Mayors which was adopted at the World Health Organisation's (WHO) International Mayors Summit at UN City, Copenhagen.

Councillor Gardiner welcomed the report. However, she expressed concern at the new route being used for the St Patrick's Day parade in Derry which meant that disabled people could not fully participate in the event. She stated that because the parade was departing from

Bishop Street before making its way down Shipquay Street, people with disabilities could only join the parade at a later stage. She suggested that an action plan and strategy be implemented to ensure that disabled and disadvantaged people are included in any future consultations.

The Head of Health and Community Wellbeing stated that the main priorities within the programme included young people, early intervention, older people, physical activity, nutrition, alcohol, drugs, mental health and urban planning. He stated that those elements were being addressed through the community planning process and the local development plan. He said that more work needed to be done on overall improvements and liaison with event organisers.

In response to Councillor Cusack's query regarding Council's annual contribution of £4,300, the Head of Health and Community Wellbeing stated that Derry and Strabane Healthy Cities was responsible for facilitating the 4-year process. He added that the WHO received the contributions as they assisted Council in dealing with such issues as health and inequalities. He further stated that it was difficult to outline if Council got more back from its return. He added that Council had signed up to the process and there would be a review to decide on whether or not to continue to the next phase.

Councillor R McHugh stated that he welcomed the report and endorsed the recommendation. He added that the objectives contained within the report had also included community prosperity, health and protection which should be promoted by Council.

The Committee

Recommended that the Copenhagen Consensus of Mayors at the World Health Organisation's International Summit be endorsed.

HC52/18 Good Relations Bid for Funding for 2018-19 Financial Year to the Executive Office

The Head of Community Development and Leisure presented the above report, previously circulated to Members. The purpose of the report was to request Members approval for the Good Relations bid for funding to the Executive Office for the 2018/19 financial year.

Alderman McClintock congratulated Officers on the excellent piece of work on the Good Relations Bid and hoped it would have a successful outcome.

The Committee

Recommended that Members approve the Good Relations bid for funding to the Executive Office for the 2018/19 financial year.

HC53/18 Member Led Bonfire Working Group

The Head of Community Development and Leisure presented the above report, which had been previously circulated to Members. The purpose of the report was to seek Members' approval for the establishment of a Member-led Bonfire Working Group in line with Council's Bonfire Policy and for the Committee to nominate Members to sit on the Working Group.

Alderman Hussey and Councillors Tierney, Campbell and Gallagher were nominated to sit on the Working Group.

Alderman McClintock indicated that a nomination from the DUP would be forwarded as soon as possible.

Councillor Tierney thanked Officers for the report and for resolving the issues from previous meetings. He stated that the Policy was stronger and would reach out to the entire community. However, he expressed concern regarding the lack of representation from young people on the group which he believed was vitally important.

Alderman Hussey concurred with Councillor Tierney's remark and stated that the real strength of the programme would be the geographical steering groups with bespoke action plans to obtain the input directly from specific bonfire areas. He stated that he did not believe that people who were building a bonfire in Artigarvan, would be interested in a bonfire being built elsewhere.

Councillor Tierney stated that he did not suggest that young people from Artigarvan would be interested in bonfires in the Bogside. He emphasised that it was important to have the views of young people to be fed into the statutory working group in order for the Committee to

be fully informed of their opinions regarding the Bonfire Policy and Action Plan.

Councillor Campbell stated that it was agreed in the Bonfire Action Plan that there was to be an engagement process with youths to ascertain their views on the process. He stated that instead of bringing them into a Council environment, Members would go out and engage with them.

The Chair noted that Officers would address representation/engagement with young people.

The Committee

Recommended that (i) Members approve the establishment of a Member led multi-agency working group with the responsibility for taking a strategic overview on the impact of bonfires in the Council area (ii) that the Member nominations be endorsed.

HC54/18 Leisure and Sports Services Pricing Policy and Schedule of Charges

The Head of Community Development and Leisure presented the above report, which had been previously circulated to Members. The purpose of the report was to seek Members' approval of the Leisure and Sports Services Pricing Policy and Schedule of Charges 2018/19.

Councillor Jackson stated that the report had highlighted on a number of occasions the importance of communication with the staff and service users of the leisure centres. He stated that the staff were ultimately responsible and accountable for implementing the Policy. He added that information and pricing details was available in all leisure and sports facilities and suggested that this information be expanded to venues such as jobs and benefits offices and to local disability groups. He stated that Council should be proactive in advertising the discretionary rates to make users aware of them and therefore encourage them to make use of Council facilities.

Councillor Gardiner stated that there had been no mention of family rates within the report. She stated that a year's membership for a family of four at Foyle Arena was £1,000 but that a similar family

membership at a council leisure facility in Maghera was £350 for the year.

Councillor McGinley stated that the prices Council charged for leisure facilities were the cheapest in the North as work had been carried out to make them as user friendly as possible in terms of cost.

Councillor Gardiner stated that she acknowledged Councillor McGinley's comments. However with families in Maghera being able to avail of leisure facilities at a much lower price than Derry, the matter must be considered.

Councillor Gallagher asked to take into consideration that average salaries within the Derry and Strabane District were £200 lower than the rest of the region.

In response, the Head of Community Development and Leisure stated that the matter had been brought to his attention and that a review of special family rates would be undertaken.

The Committee

Recommended that (i) Members approve the Leisure and Sports Services Pricing Policy and Schedule of Charges 2018/19; (ii) review family rates provision.

HC55/18 Brandywell Stadium CCTV - Privacy Impact Assessment

The Director of Health and Community presented the above report, which had been previously circulated to Members. The purpose of the report was to seek Members' approval of the Privacy Impact Assessment for the use of CCTV at the Brandywell Stadium.

The Committee

Recommended that Members (i) approve the Privacy Impact Assessment in line with Council's CCTV Policy and Operating Procedure; (ii) Members note the Memorandum of Understanding as to working practices at policed events under the

provisions of the Safety of Sports Grounds (NI) Order.

HC56/18 Templemore and Strabane Strategic Leisure Consultation

The Director of Health and Community presented the above report, which had been previously circulated to Members. The purpose of the report was to update Members on the approach and associated timelines for consultation in relation to the proposed redevelopment of Riversdale Leisure Centre and Templemore Sports Complex and seek comments on the proposed consultation approach.

Councillor Carlin welcomed progress on the projects and stated that they were an absolutely vital piece of our leisure offering for Strabane and Derry. She further stated that she was looking forward to a very bright future with regards to leisure provision. She added that it was important that information on the consultation events reached as many people as possible.

Councillors Tierney and Duffy also welcomed the progress and that they looked forward to seeing the Templemore Sports Complex project being completed. They stated that consultation was the key to such projects and would like the timetable for the consultation events to become available as soon as possible in order to inform their constituents and to ensure that there were as many responses as possible from across the Council district.

Councillor Duffy suggested that consultation be made available at Northside Shopping Centre which was right on the doorstep of Templemore.

The Director of Health and Community stated that the engagement process would be as wide as possible as there was a statistical requirement in terms of accuracy of results within surveys. She added that a sampling analysis would also be carried out for qualitative feedback from user groups.

The Committee

Recommended that (i) the consultation events are endorsed.

HC57/18 Appeal by Oasis Retail Services Limited in Relation to an Amusement Permit Application

The Lead Legal Services Officer presented the above report, which had been previously circulated to Members. The purpose of the report was to advise Members of the decision of the court in respect of the Appeal by Oasis Retail Services Limited against the decision of Derry City and Strabane District Council to refuse an application for an Amusement Permit.

The Committee

Recommended that Members note the content of the report .

HC58/18 Stakeholder Engagement Events on the Future Protect Life Services

The Head of Health and Community Wellbeing presented the above report, which had been previously circulated to Members. The purpose of the report was to inform Members that the Public Health Agency (PHA) has scheduled a number of stakeholder events in the coming weeks throughout Northern Ireland that will inform the future procurement services to implement the impending Protect Life 2 – Suicide Prevention Strategy in Northern Ireland.

The Committee

Recommended that Members note the content of the report .

HC59/18 CCTV Funding Update

The Head of Community Development and Leisure presented the above report, which had been previously circulated to Members. The purpose of the report was to update Members in relation to funding support for public surveillance CCTV.

Councillor Cusack stated that the decision by the authorities to cut its contribution was retrograde and short sighted. She stated that the CCTV service in the City was vitally important to saving lives and fighting crime and that it has been invaluable in identifying and helping to bring assistance to many in distress along our riverbank. She added that CCTV had also carried out much of the groundwork for the PSNI in evidence gathering and analysing the details of serious and petty offences.

In response, to Councillor Tierney's request to write to the Department of Justice to express concerns regarding the decision, the Chair stated that a letter has been sent by the PCSP and they were awaiting a response.

The Committee

Recommended that Members note the content of the report.

HC60/18 Proposed Brandywell Opening Programme

The Director of Health and Community presented the above report, which had been previously circulated to Members. The purpose of the report was to update Members on the proposed programme of events for the Brandywell opening.

Councillor Tierney welcomed the report and on behalf of the SDLP, thanked the Officers involved in the redevelopment of the Brandywell Stadium. He referred to Phase 2 of the development programme and stated that a letter had been sent to the Permanent Secretary for the Department for Communities to gauge the funding situation for the stadium. He stated that the Brandywell was a fantastic facility but that Council still needed to push on to get the money that had been promised but, had not been received due to the collapse of the Executive at Stormont.

Councillor Campbell concurred that the Brandywell Stadium was a fantastic site and that the programme of events would showcase the Brandywell area which he felt has been underfunded for the past sixty years. He added that it was important to emphasise the need for Phase 2 to be completed as it was a vital part of the overall programme.

Alderman McClintock, extended her appreciation to the Director of Health and Community and the Officers for all their hard work. She stated that the Brandywell was a fantastic facility and looked forward to the next phase of the redevelopment.

The Committee

Recommended that Members note the content of the report.

HC61/18 Sport Northern Ireland Multi-Facility Fund

The Head of Community Development and Leisure presented the above report, which had been previously circulated to Members. The purpose of the report was to inform Members of the Sport Northern Ireland Multi-Facility Fund and the eligibility criteria for projects seeking funding under this scheme.

Alderman Hussey stated that the multi-facility fund offered a tremendous opportunity towards sporting projects. He queried if Council had received any proposals going forward within the multi-facility fund option and further to that, if we were aware of any other organisations such as schools, who were considering applying to this fund. He also asked if Council was aware of any other clubs and if so, if they were being assisted in the process. He indicated that there was an advantage in this particular fund, as there was no state of readiness requirement.

The Head of Community Development and Leisure reported that the deadline had been extended to 18 May 2018. He stated there was a strict criteria regarding multi-sport as there was a requirement to have 4 designated sports for one particular ground. For example, a 3G pitch was suitable for soccer, gaelic and rugby but a fourth would be required. He outlined that Sport NI had included in their criteria that if a particular club had 3 designated sports, they may assist with funding for the fourth sport. He stated that the criteria was tailored for local councils or schools that may have those types of facilities available. He added that Officers had been engaging with sports clubs throughout the City and District and that a report would be provided highlighting the preferred choices.

Alderman Hussey stated that he was aware of a school with an interest in applying to the fund. However, they currently have an astro turf facility and wished to upgrade to a 3G or 4G pitch. He then stated that the criteria had specified that astro turf held the same classification as a 3G/4G pitch and therefore the school could not apply to the fund.

In response, the Head of Community Development and Leisure stated that in terms of the criteria, there had been close direction from Sport NI with examples of what types of pitches were suitable for particular sports.

The Committee

Recommended that Members note the content of the report.

HC62/18 Correspondence

The Director of Health and Community presented the above report for information, previously circulated to Members regarding correspondence received by Council.

The Committee

Recommended that Members note the contents of the report.

HC63/18 Consultations

The Director of Health and Community presented the above report for information, previously circulated to Members regarding consultation papers received by Council.

The Committee

Recommended that Members note the contents of the report.

The Meeting then went into Confidential Business.

The Meeting terminated at 6.30pm

The Meeting went into Confidential Business

Signed: _____
(Chairperson)

Date: _____