

Derry City and Strabane District Council

Minutes of Meeting of the Health and Community Committee held in the Council Chamber - Strabane Council Offices on Thursday 14 June 2018 at 4.00 pm

Present:- Members of the Committee - Councillor R McHugh (Chair); Aldermen; R Hamilton and Thompson; Councillors Campbell, Carlin, Cusack, McGinley, Donnelly, Robinson, Duffy, Tierney, Gardiner and McCauley.

In Attendance:- Mr S Donaghy (Head of Health & Community Wellbeing), Mrs K McFarland (Director of Health and Community) and Mr B O'Hagan (Head of Development).

HC120/18 Notice and Summons of Meeting

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

HC121/18 Member Attendance and Apologies

The Director of Health and Community recorded Members attendance. Apologies were received from Councillor Campbell.

HC122/18 Declarations of Members' Interests

Councillor McGinley declared an interest in the following agenda item:

- Agenda item 9 – Nomination of Chairperson for the Derry and Strabane Policing and Community Safety Partnership.

Alderman Hussey declared an interest in the following agenda item:

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Councillor Tierney declared an interest in the following agenda item:

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Alderman Thompson declared an interest in the following agenda item:

- Agenda item 9 – Nomination of Chairperson for the Derry and Strabane Policing and Community Safety Partnership.

Councillor Carlin declared an interest in the following agenda item:

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Councillor R McHugh declared an interest in the following agenda item:

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Councillor Cusack declared an interest in the following agenda item:

- Agenda item 9 – Nomination of Chairperson for the Derry and Strabane Policing and Community Safety Partnership.

HC123/18 Deputations - (i) To Receive Ms T Molloy, Director of Performance and Improvement and Ms L Mitchell, Director of Finance and Contracting WHSCT to Provide an Update on Financial Position and Planning 2018/19; and (ii) To Receive Ms D Brogan, Fostering and Recruitment Manager and Ms V Nelis, WHSCT to Discuss Fostering Recruitment and Assessment

Ms Mitchell thanked Members for the opportunity to update Members on the current financial position of the Western Health and Social Care Trust (WHSCT) and to report on funding that the Trust will receive as part of the Transformation Programme which is to be progressed on a regional basis.

Ms Mitchell described how the Trust had a difficult financial year in 2017/18 with a very significant deficit of £59m. However, by working with the Department of Health, the Trust had received almost £40m of non-recurring funding which enabled them to reach a break even position. She reported that the formal annual accounts for the Trust reported a modest surplus of £73,000 with a total income of approximately £700m. However, from the beginning of the new financial year the non-recurring funding would no longer be available, therefore the Trust would, once again, have a significant funding deficit of approximately £54m. She stated that the Trust were awaiting confirmation of the funding allocation with an expectation of savings proposals from the Department of Health.

Ms Mitchell reported that the Health Service in Northern Ireland would receive £100m in transformation funds as part of the Confidence and Supply Agreement, with the Western Trust receiving a proportionate amount of the funding. She then invited Ms Molloy to outline a few of the proposals the Trust would implement with the funding.

Ms Molloy reported that the Confidence and Supply Agreement had enabled the Health Service to be allocated £100m per annum over the next two years and that the Western Trust were working with the Department of Health to develop plans on how the funding would be spent. She stated that once the direct allocation of funding had been confirmed, the Trust could give a more definitive report on the programmes that would be funded in the Western area. She added that all proposed programmes would be initially taken forward at a regional level.

Ms Molloy outlined some of the proposals for programmes that would be implemented under the theme, Building Capacity in the Community and Prevention. She stated that they included a range of projects particularly around children's services, vulnerable families and support to families in difficulty. She then listed examples of the projects the additional investment would provide such as;

- Recruitment of specialist foster parents who care for children and young people in challenging circumstances
- A mother and baby foster placement scheme for vulnerable mothers
- Engagement with mothers who had experienced repeat removals of children from their care
- Further clinical and psychological support for looked after children.

Ms Molloy then listed further projects to be implemented which included;

- The My Action programme to identify people at high risk of cardiac arrest and the implementation of measures at an early stage to prevent further cardiac problems
- Provision of further support in primary care and general practitioners.

Ms Molloy stated that measures to support General Practitioners (GP's) did not relate to the work of the Trust but would be investments commissioned by the Health and Social Care Board directly with their GP's. She reported that a project would be commissioned at a regional level to progress the development and implementation of multi-disciplinary teams within primary care. She stated that the programme would introduce patients having a first point of contact with a professional aligned to the GP practice who would be best suited to deal with a particular problem or issue. For example, a physiotherapist would be the first point of contact for a patient who had presented themselves with back pain. She stated that the multi-disciplinary team would include physiotherapists, occupational therapists and mental

health professionals who could provide support to patients and their families on a range of issues without requiring ongoing contact with a GP.

Ms Molloy stated that the concept and model for the project had to be tested by the Department of Health who had asked for bids to come forward to commission two prototypes within Northern Ireland. She stated that each prototype would be a partnership arrangement between a GP Federation and a local Health Trust who would work together to develop and implement the concept of multi-disciplinary teams within GP practices. She confirmed that the Western Trust had been in discussions with two GP Federations and that the Trust would be submitting a bid.

Ms Molloy then reported on the reconfiguring of services within the theme of Reforming Community and Hospital Services. This would include paediatric, stroke, cancer and elective care services with the possibility of moving towards elective care centres for routine operations and treatment to be carried out in a day care setting. She stated that patients who attended the accident and emergency department for unscheduled care could also be treated in a similar setting. She referred to acute care at home which was already in place within the Western Trust. She stated that ambulatory care would be enhanced by GP's being able to directly access hospital services to enable acute care patients to receive a diagnosis and treatment without having to be admitted to hospital.

Ms Molloy stated that a large portion of the £100m funding would be dedicated to waiting list initiatives. She reported that the Trust had submitted bids for projects to decrease waiting times including a bid for £2.7m for elective care services. She stated that the Trust was also investing in training to the level required within the Transformation Programme and have also submitted a bid to enhance training and quality improvement initiatives under the leadership of Dr Killgallen, Chief Executive of the Trust and a fellow of the Quality and Improvement Institute.

She stated that the Department of Health had allocated the bulk of the £100m to the Health and Social Care Board who were working with the five health trusts to identify what would be delivered for that investment. She stated that challenges and risks must be acknowledged particularly with regard to the larger proposed projects to ensure that the required workforce was in place. She added that the Trust was working to ensure that the proposed projects were realistic and achievable. She remarked that quite a considerable workforce would be required to ensure that the Transformation Programme could be implemented and that the Trust was prepared for the challenges over the next two years.

The Chair thanked Ms Mitchell and Ms Molloy for their briefing and invited comments from Members.

Alderman McClintock thanked the representatives from the Trust for their briefing. She acknowledged that they were working in a challenging environment and welcomed the news that they had managed an end of year surplus of £73,000. She stated that the allocation of funding would make a significant difference to people in the City and District. She further stated that the hard work in allocating and implementing the proposed programmes could not be underestimated and looked forward to seeing them being introduced. Alderman Hussey also thanked the representatives for the briefing and commented on the following;

- Enquired if the proposed programmes would be implemented across the entire Western Trust region.
- Welcomed the additional funding and enquired if the Trust had envisaged any difficulty in recruiting the required workforce.
- Enquired if the funding allocation would impact on the Trust's deficit of £54m going forward.

In response, Ms Molloy confirmed that the proposals for the projects had been submitted and the investment funding would encompass the geography of the entire Trust. She stated that there would be issues relating to a particular area of the Trust such as cardiac prehab which would initially be specific to the Southern area of the Trust, however would then spread throughout the entire region.

She referred to recruitment and that from the outset the Trust had taken a very realistic approach to the bidding process which had been robustly challenged at Director and Corporate Team level. She stated that the Trust faced a significant challenge in recruiting nursing staff, however they were confident that they could recruit the required complement successfully. She stated that the Transformation Programme offered opportunities for staff to progress, become more specialist or obtain a different set of skills.

In response to Alderman Hussey's query regarding funding, Ms Molloy stated that the Department of Health had clarified that funding for the Transformation Programme had been ring-fenced. This meant that the Transformation fund could influence the overall financial position of the Trust therefore the £54m deficit would still remain.

Councillor Gardiner expressed concern on how the Trusts were constantly being asked to implement new initiatives whilst the day to day work and quality of service in hospitals was not being addressed. She stated that patients were being asked to attend evening clinics due to the shortage of doctors. She then raised her concerns in the following areas;

- Multi-disciplinary teams being the first point of contact in place of a GP.
- A GP would have the required knowledge and experience whilst a professional aligned to a GP practice could miss a critical diagnosis
- Asked for clarity on how acute care at home would be implemented.

In response, Ms Mitchell stated that demands were being made on the Health Service throughout the entire country. She outlined that for quite a number of years investment had not kept pace with the demands for the service, hence the situation of non-recurring funding being necessary to balance the books. She stated that in terms of recruiting doctors, there were insufficient trained doctors which had created a difficulty. She further stated that when the Trust had the opportunity to meet with the Permanent Secretary all of those issues had been raised and Trust representatives had expressed their view that training places were in short supply. She added that the Trust had been instrumental in arguing for a medical school to be located in the North West.

Ms Molloy then described how the model for the implementation of multi-disciplinary teams was being debated as part of preparations for submitting the bid for the project to the Department of Health. She stated that multi-disciplinary teams would offer significant support to primary care and GPs. She reported that a physiotherapist had commenced as first point of contact at a GP surgery in the Strabane area and that feedback from GP's and patients had been very positive. She referred to acute care at home and outlined that the service was almost exclusive to very elderly members of the community who had illnesses of an acute nature but would not benefit from being admitted to hospital. She stated that consideration had to be given to the models of care that best suited the patient.

Councillor Donnelly welcomed the representatives and thanked them for their briefing. He referred to the Confidence and Supply Agreement and stated that whilst the news of the funding was to be welcomed, it was part of a deal to reinforce the Conservative Government. He stated that, in his opinion, there would be a price to pay in the long term. He referred to mental health provision at GP's surgeries and that it needed to be urgently reviewed. He described a recent personal experience when he had to assist a person with mental health issues. He stated that it had taken five hours for an ambulance to arrive because services were stretched to the limit. He expressed concerns that there was not enough help for people with mental health issues which needed to be addressed.

In response, Ms Mitchell concurred that there were insufficient services available to deal with the demands on mental health provision. She reported that some of the funding within the Confidence and Supply Agreement was targeted towards mental health to put services in place across Northern Ireland. She stated that there was a recognition from the Department of Health that mental health services across the province required more investment. She stated that the Ambulance Service was not within the remit of the Trust but they were aware of the considerable demands required of the service.

Councillor Carlin stated that the briefing had contained a mixed bag of concerns, challenges and opportunities. She referred to comments made regarding the proposed projects towards vulnerable mothers and babies and requested more information on those particular programmes.

Ms Molloy stated that she would be happy to provide detailed information on those particular planned projects.

Councillor McCauley thanked the representatives for their briefing and offered his full support on the implementation of the proposed projects. He stated that the Trust was well aware of all the issues and commended them on their work.

Ms Mitchell expressed her appreciation for the supportive comments. She stated that the Trust actively wished to engage with Council, local MLA's and MP's to provide them with an understanding of the position and the challenges faced by the Trust on a daily basis. She believed that the Trust had a very positive relationship with Elected Representatives and both were committed to ensuring that the best health services were provided for the population.

To receive Ms V Nelis, Fostering and Recruitment Manager WHSCT to discuss Fostering Recruitment and Assessment.

The Chair invited Ms Vanessa Nelis Fostering and Recruitment Manager, WHSCT to make her presentation to the Committee.

Ms Nelis proceeded to make the presentation on recruitment of foster carers in the North West region highlighting the following:

- Why children and young people need to live in foster care
- Currently 627 children living in care in the Western Trust area with 529 children within foster care
- People from all walks and life and experience can become foster carers
- Married, with a partner, or single people can apply whether or not you have your own children
- Recruitment for foster carers takes place through poster campaigns, leaflets, word of mouth, radio/press, social media, church and chapel bulletins and information evenings

- Information evenings have a storyboard setting with child profiles and experiences from foster carers and young people
- Council can help by inviting the team to local events, activity days and connect them to community groups and organisations
- Council can promote the service through its communications team and social media.

The Chair thanked Ms Nelis for the presentation and invited comments from Members.

Alderman McClintock thanked Ms Nelis for her presentation. She stated that the recruitment service could be promoted through Council's press and media department. She enquired if there was a particular area or age group that foster carers had expressed less of an interest in.

In response, Ms Nelis stated that it was particularly difficult to recruit foster carers for teenage years as this was a very challenging age. In her experience, she found that when children reached teenage years they experienced confusion on the whole idea of their identity and family circumstances which could put foster placements under pressure and result in a breakdown of those placements. She stated that foster carers needed to be quite skilled to work with teenagers. She reported that currently foster carers were required for all age groups. She stated that the majority of people who had shown an interest in fostering preferred the 0-5 years age group. She referred to professional foster carers and outlined that focused campaigns were launched to recruit them, particularly through the Health Trust system.

Alderman M Hamilton expressed her admiration for all foster carers for all the love and support that they show to children who have been removed from their family for whatever reason.

Councillor Gardiner thanked Ms Nelis for her presentation and commented on the following;

- Enquired if the number of children in kinship care considered to be in foster care
- Enquired if any children had been placed in a foster care setting outside of their own community and familiar environment
- Enquired on the length of time involved in the assessment process for anyone who had decided to become a foster carer

Ms Nelis thanked Councillor Gardiner for her comments. She stated that;

- Kinship care was under the umbrella of foster care and that currently there were 275 children under the kinship care setting
- There were a small number of children who may be placed in foster care through private agencies in the Northern Trust area

but every attempt is made to keep children in their own communities

- The assessment process generally takes between 3 and 6 months to complete with an average of 4 months.

Councillor McCauley commended the Trust on the work carried out to ensure that children no longer felt stigmatised because they were under foster care. He stated that there were numerous programmes taking place in the Shantallow community over the coming months and invited the fostering and recruitment team to attend these events to promote the fostering service.

Alderman Hussey stated that Elected Members would have details of events taking place in their communities over the coming months and suggested that Members pass on the relevant details.

Councillor Donnelly enquired if services and support was available to anyone who decided to become a foster carer.

In response, Ms Nelis stated that each foster carer had their own dedicated social worker as part of a support team and the child placed in their foster care also had a social worker to ensure that the child's needs were met. She stated that skills training was part of the assessment process as well as ongoing training throughout. She reported that the Trust had a Model of Attachment Practice which worked with parents and carers to equip them to respond to a child's needs. She stated that the specialist fostering scheme involved a higher level of training and therapeutic support with a 24 hour on call system in place. She added that foster care support groups were also available and that carers had found them beneficial and supportive.

In response to Councillor Carlin's query, Ms Nelis stated that there was no upper age limit in terms of a person's suitability to become a foster carer. She stated that a person's health and circumstances would be considered regardless of their age and that each application was considered on an individual basis.

In response to Alderman Thompson's query, Ms Nelis stated that the assessment process for kinship care was approximately 16 weeks due to governance issues and standards.

Councillor Robinson enquired if support was available at a pre-fostering stage, whilst a child was still in a family setting.

Ms Nelis reported that social services teams would work to provide the necessary family support and therapeutic services as necessary. She stated that all social workers had access to therapeutic teams for advice and guidance.

The Chair thanked Ms Nelis for her presentation and commended the fostering team on their work. He stated that the Health and

Community Committee offered their full support to promote the recruitment of foster carers throughout the City and District.

Chairperson's Business

HC124/18 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone, particularly new Members to his first meeting as Chairperson of the Health and Community Committee. He extended his thanks to Alderman Thompson for his previous year in the role. He also welcomed Alderman McClintock in her role as Deputy Chair.

HC125/18 Confirmation of the Open Minutes of the Health and Community Committee held on Thursday 17 May 2018

The open Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 May 2018 (HC91/18 – HC112/87) were confirmed and signed by the Chairperson as correct.

Matters Arising

HC126/18 Riversdale Leisure Centre (HC98/18)

Councillor Cusack stated that she had raised the matter regarding the staggered opening of Templemore Sports Complex and Foyle Arena over the bank holiday period. She expressed her disappointment that a report had not been available in time for the July bank holiday. She stated that both facilities were at opposite sides of the city therefore users had experienced difficulty accessing the facilities during bank holidays. She stated that given the size of the population that the centres served and that the Committee was responsible for the promotion of healthy lifestyles, people should be encouraged to use the facilities at holiday periods. She requested that a report becomes available as soon as possible to explain the rationale for the staggered openings of the centres and to action the requests put forward.

In response, the Head of Community Development and Leisure stated that to provide a comprehensive report on the matter full consideration would have to be given to staff and trade union consultations. He stated that to implement the opening of both facilities on bank holidays would pose considerable cost implications to Council, which was not budgeted for. He further stated that such matters would be brought before the Policy and Pricing Working Group for discussion before being presented to the Health and Community Committee. He stated that a detailed report would be brought to the next Committee meeting.

Councillor Tierney referred to the swimming lessons programme on offer at Templemore Sports Complex and Foyle Arena over the summer period. He stated that the programme was not extended to the City Baths and had been contacted by constituents from the Moor DEA who had to travel a considerable distance to the other leisure facilities in the City to access swimming lessons.

The Head of Community Development and Leisure stated that costs and availability had to be taken into account. He said that he would clarify summer swimming lesson provision at all leisure sites.

The Committee

Recommended that a detailed report be provided on the implications regarding opening all leisure centres on bank holidays.

HC127/18 Court Decision in Relation to Dog Control Offence (HC108/18)

Councillor Gardiner referred to a recent communication sent to Members from CatsMatter regarding cats being injured in road traffic accidents. She enquired if cats could be microchipped using the same process as dogs in order to notify owners if their cat had been injured in a road traffic accident.

In response, the Head of Health and Community Wellbeing stated that he had forwarded a response to CatsMatter and outlined the current Council procedures regarding dogs being injured in road traffic accidents. He stated that it was not a requirement for cats to be microchipped or a statutory service that Council was required to deliver but he noted that should that be the case in the future, the microchip detection equipment could be used in the same way for cats.

HC128/18 Confirmation of Members to External and Internal Bodies 2018/2019

The Director of Health and Community presented the above report, which had been previously circulated to Members. The purpose of the report was to confirm membership of Elected Members on External and Internal Bodies for the year ending June 2019.

Members accepted the recommendations of the report with the following changes noted

- Advice Services Panel – Councillor Reilly to replace Councillor Boyle
- Management Advisory Group – Shantallow Community Centre – Councillor McKnight to replace Councillor Hassan
- Management Committee – Citizens Advice Centre – Councillor Cusack to replace Councillor Gardiner
- Management Committee – The Resource Centre – Councillor McCauley to replace Councillor Duffy and Councillor McKnight to replace Councillor Hassan
- Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership – Outer North – Councillor McCauley to replace Councillor Hassan
- Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) – Councillor Cusack to replace Councillor Boyle
- Strabane Youth Association – Councillor Hastings to replace Councillor Tierney
- Travellers Action Group West – Councillor Tierney to replace Councillor Dobbins.

In response to a query raised by Alderman Hussey regarding the Civic Forum, Councillor Duffy advised that no meetings for that particular group had taken place.

Alderman Hussey noted representation of an Elected Member from the Faughan DEA on the Newtown Stewart & District Community Development Association within the Derg area.

Councillor Donnelly felt that this illustrated the absurd nature of the d’hondt system. He then referred to a Council owned sports hall in the Creggan area and enquired why this was not included on the list of external bodies.

In response, the Head of Community Development and Leisure stated that the facility was previously community managed but was now managed as part of Council’s leisure estates.

The Committee

Recommended that Members confirm Membership of Elected Members on the External and Internal Bodies for the year ending June 2019, reflecting the amendments above.

HC129/18 Nomination of Chairperson for the Derry and Strabane Policing and Community Safety Partnership

The Head of Community Development and Leisure presented the above report, previously circulated to Members. The purpose of the report was to nominate the Chairperson for the Derry and Strabane Policing and Community Safety Partnership.

Councillor McGinley stated that unfortunately, Sinn Fein would not be able to support the nomination of Alderman Hussey as Chairperson to the Derry and Strabane Policing and Community Safety Partnership. He stated that the Elected Representative had been involved in a number of high profile cases in relation to drink driving offences, therefore it would be inappropriate for him to take up the position of Chairperson of the PCSP given his publicly documented history.

Discussion then ensued on the protocol of the appointment of the Chairperson.

Councillor McGinley stated that in line with the rotation of the position of Chair, it had fallen to the UUP to nominate an individual. He noted that his party's position was no reflection on Alderman Hussey's work as an Elected Member.

Councillor Gardiner enquired if there was any pre-requisite that a person should not have any criminal convictions in order to take up a position on a group.

In response, the Director of Health and Community stated that she would seek clarification before the next meeting of Council.

In response to further discussion and Members' comments, the Chair stated that it was his understanding that under the d'Hondt system the UUP had the choice of nomination for the position of Chairperson to the PCSP. He outlined that Councillor McGinley had made a statement which expressed the sentiments of Sinn Fein and had not made any proposals, with the recommendation as per outlined in the report.

Alderman Thompson stated that the process had been agreed by the four largest parties on Council, therefore the UUP had to nominate one of its Members. He stated that the party had nominated Alderman Hussey and the decision was binding unless the UUP wished to change it.

Alderman Hussey stated that it was unfortunate that the debate had taken place. He stated that he took full responsibility and had stated in the past that he had regretted his actions which had been dealt with by the courts. He added that he would do his utmost as Chairperson of the PCSP to serve all members of the community and that although he would take the comments to heart, they would not cloud his judgement as Chair.

The Committee

Recommended that the UUP, as the fourth largest party on Council, nominate Alderman Hussey to serve as PCSP Chair for a 12 month period.

HC130/18 Additional Funding Request for Foyle Cup 2018

The Head of Community Development and Leisure presented the above report, which had been previously circulated to Members. The purpose of the report was for Members to note the existing allocation of £51,812.36 funding to the Foyle Cup, comprising of a direct Service Level Agreement of £23,000 and in kind contributions. In addition, the Committee was asked to consider the request from the Foyle Cup Organising Committee for additional funding of £10,000 for the 2018 tournament.

Councillor Cusack proposed the recommendation to provide additional funding for the tournament. She stated that the Foyle Cup tournament brought thousands in both people and pounds year after year to the City and District. She remarked how the event showcased the City and provided a tremendous tourism opportunity that reached further than advertising campaigns. She paid tribute to Mr Hutton and the Organising Committee for their work.

Councillor Donnelly concurred with the sentiments expressed and noted the benefits of the tournament.

Alderman McClintock welcomed that the tournament brought numerous visitors to the City and District. She noted that the funding was being requested to cover increased travel costs for teams from outside the Council area and whilst the Foyle Cup did a tremendous amount of good for the young people and the profile of the City, the teams concerned were from further afield. She enquired if young people from the City and District were given similar opportunities to take part in the tournament as it was important that they were given

the chance to participate. She stated that Council should encourage and assist the organisers to look at other avenues of funding for the event as it should not become a recurring cost to Council.

Councillor McGinley stated that Sinn Fein supported the Foyle Cup and noted that the tournament had grown in strength each year. He stated that it was important to highlight that Council had been the most involved and most consistent contributor to the tournament. He welcomed the increase in funding from Tourism NI and felt there should be increased support from the other bodies involved in the Foyle Cup as Council had a finite budget. He stated that Sinn Fein could not support the request for additional funding this year. He further stated that he was conscious that many other groups and organisations had been unsuccessful in seeking funding from Council. He suggested that Officers continued to work with the organisers to identify other means of offering practical support. He added that he felt it was ironic that other parties had supported the recommendation for additional funding but had recently refused to support an increase in the rates.

Alderman Hussey extended his congratulations to the organisers of the Foyle Cup. He stated that he had been involved in the tournament and that the utilisation of cross border pitches had been an enjoyable element of the competition. He referred to the breakdown for accommodation within the report and asked if there was any reason why certain clubs had received a subvention towards their accommodation.

In response, the Head of Community Development and Leisure stated that decisions regarding accommodation and transport were taken by the organising committee of the tournament. He stated that Council had a Service Level Agreement regarding its contribution to the event.

Councillor Tierney stated that he wished to clarify that SDLP did support the rates increase but did not support the process of the rates regarding the rates support grant.

Councillor Duffy felt that to support the recommendation would leave Council wide open as the request had not gone through the normal application process. She stated that the local arts group Studio 2 had recently asked for funding outside of the normal procedures, and she noted that many other valuable community organisations and events had to apply for funding through the correct procedures.

Councillor Tierney requested a recorded vote.

Following a request for a recorded vote the voting was as follows:

For the recommendation – Aldermen R Hamilton, McClintock and Thompson; Councillors Cusack, Donnelly, Gardiner, Robinson and Tierney – 8.

Against the recommendation – Councillors Carlin, Duffy, McCauley, McGinley and R McHugh – 5.

The Committee

Recommended **that Members consider the request from the Foyle Cup Organising Committee for additional funding of £10,000 for the 2018 tournament.**

HC131/18 Northern Ireland Contaminated Land Regime

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 request Members feedback on the options presented within the draft report and to consider option 4: Implementation with a Capital funding cap as the preferred option.

Councillor Duffy stated that Sinn Fein supported the recommendation to adopt option 4 within the report particularly after the recent situation at Mubuoy waste facility and the high costs involved for remedial action.

The Committee

Recommended **that Members adopt option 4 as the preferred option for the implementation of the contaminated land regime in Northern Ireland and to endorse the draft response.**

At this point in the meeting Aldermen R Hamilton, McClintock and Thompson left to attend another engagement.

HC132/18 The Making of Consolidated Byelaws Relating to Health Promotion

The Head of Health and Community Wellbeing presented the above report, which had been previously circulated to Members. The report was to seek Members' approval for Council to pass a resolution to adopt the provisions of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 as amended by the Local Government (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 and make new byelaws relating to acupuncture, tattooing, semi-permanent skin colouring, cosmetic piercing and electrolysis in the form of consolidated byelaws.

The Committee

Recommended **that (i) Members pass the resolution to adopt the provisions of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 as amended to apply in the area of this Council for the following – Article 13 – Acupuncture; Article 14 – Tattooing, semi-permanent skin colouring, cosmetic piercing and electrolysis; Article 15 – Provisions supplementary to Articles 13 and 14; Article 16 – Power to enter premises; (ii) Council makes byelaws relating to the above in the form of consolidated byelaws and submits the byelaws to the Department of Health for confirmation; (iii) Council revokes all current byelaws relating to the above with effect from the date the new byelaws come into effect; and (iv) Council authorises the Chief Executive to carry out the necessary procedures and apply to the Department of Health for the confirmation and**

**implementation of the new
byelaws.****HC133/18 Transfer of the Houses of Multiple Occupation (HMO) Function to Councils**

The Head of Health and Community Wellbeing presented the above report, which had been previously circulated to Members. The report was to update Members on the progress with the transfer of the Houses of Multiple Occupation (HMO) function from the Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE) to Councils following the commencement of the Houses of Multiple Occupation (HMO) Act NI 2016 and ask Members to endorse the approach recommended by SOLACE.

Councillor Cusack expressed concern regarding the transfer of staff. She enquired if Belfast would be the main staff location after the transfer to Council. She proposed that anyone currently employed in this function by the Northern Ireland Housing Executive in this Council area will not be forced to relocate to another council area. In addition, all their pay, rights and protections will extend beyond the TUPE timeframe to secure their employment. She stated that if the matter was not considered now, there could be implications and problems for employees at a later date.

In response, the Head of Health and Community Wellbeing stated that the majority of current staff were based in Belfast with approximately four employees at Coleraine. He stated that after the transfer to Council they would remain in their current location and the transfer fees would determine what staffing resources would be required going forward. He reported that there was no-one based in Derry currently employed in the role. He stated that a consultant had been commissioned to consider the fees and the number of HMOs that would be in place. He added that the consultation may advise the need to recruit additional staff and they may be located in the Council area.

Councillor Cusack stated that she was conscious that staff could be forced to relocate from outside their Council area. She stated that Derry, as a second city, should have the second majority for staff in this Council area.

Councillor Duffy welcomed the transfer of HMOs to Derry City and Strabane District Council. She stated that Council must take control to ensure that regulations were put in place. She added that tenant's

rights need to be upheld and that tighter regulations on landlords should also be implemented.

The Committee

Recommended that Members note the update regarding the Houses of Multiple Occupation function and the current status of the programme of transfer and to endorse the approach recommended by SOLACE.

HC134/18 Delegated Authority and Hearing Protocol for Special Events on Public Roads

The Head of Health and Community Wellbeing presented the above report, which had been previously circulated to Members. The report was to seek Members' approval for a protocol in relation to proposed road closures at Special Events on Public Roads and approve the road closure application received for key sporting and cultural events, subject to no objections being received.

The Director for Health and Community highlighted for clarification that the recommendation would be approved subject to no objections being received by the relevant deadlines.

The Committee

Recommended that (i) Members approve the Protocol for Hearing Public Representations (Special Events on Public Roads); and (ii) approve the road closure applications received for key sporting and cultural events subject to no objections being received.

HC135/18 Grant Aid Review

The Head of Community Development and Leisure presented the above report for information, previously circulated to update Members on Community Support and Good Relations funding and ascertain if all

requirements were being met in all DEAs and to investigate community capacity within each of the DEAs.

The Committee

- Recommended that Members note the contents of the report.**
- HC136/18 The Pollution Prevention and Control (District Councils) Charging Scheme (Northern Ireland) 2018**

The Head of Health and Community Wellbeing presented the above report for information, previously circulated to advise Members that the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs has published its annual scheme that details the charges that Councils apply in relation to their statutory enforcement duties undertaken under the Pollution Prevention and Control (Industrial Emissions) Regulations (NI) 2013.

The Committee

- Recommended that Members note the contents of the report.**
- HC137/18 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.**
- HC138/18 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.**

The Meeting went into Confidential Business