

## **Derry City and Strabane District Council**

**Open Minutes of Meeting of the Governance and Strategic Planning Committee held in the Council Chamber, Guildhall, Derry on Tuesday 3 July 2018 at 4.00 pm**

**Present:- Councillor Hastings (in the Chair), Aldermen Hussey, Kerrigan, Ramsey and Thompson, Councillors Fleming, Gallagher, C Kelly, M McHugh, McKeever, McKnight and Tierney.**

**Non-Member of Committee:- Councillors Donnelly, Duffy, McGinley and O'Reilly.**

**In Attendance:- Chief Executive (Mr J Kelpie), Director of Health and Community (Mrs K McFarland), Lead Finance Officer (Mr A Dallas), Head of Human Resources (Mrs P Donnelly), Head of Community Development and Leisure (Mr B O'Hagan), Lead Democratic Services and Improvement Officer (Miss E Cavanagh), Strategic Business Manager (Mrs R Craig) and Committee Services Assistant (Ms N Meehan).**

### **GSP110/18 Notice and Summons of Meeting**

The Chief Executive read the Notice and Summons for the Meeting.

### **GSP111/18 Apologies**

The Chief Executive completed the roll call and apologies from Councillor Gardiner were recorded.

### **GSP112/18 Declarations of Members' Interests**

Alderman Thompson, Councillors P Fleming, Tierney and Chief Executive – Item 7 - Capital Projects Approval.  
Alderman Thompson, Councillors McGinley, C Kelly and Chief Executive – Item 9 – City of Derry Airport – Short Term and Medium Term Funding Proposals.  
Councillors Fleming and McKeever – Item 11 – Governance Arrangements Local Community Planning  
Alderman Thompson and Councillor C Kelly – Item 13 – Member Learning and Development

**GSP113/18 Chairperson's Business**

There was no Chairperson's business.

**GSP114/18 Confirmation of the Open Minutes of the Governance and Strategic Planning Committee held on Tuesday 5 June 2018**

The Open Minutes of Meeting held on 5 June 2018 (GSP97/18-GS107/18) were confirmed and signed by the Chairperson as correct.

**GSP115/18 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**GSP116/18 Capital Projects Approval**

The Lead Finance Officer presented the above report, a copy of which had previously been circulated. He advised that the purpose of the report was to allocate funds towards a number of capital projects and other corporate priorities within Council's capital plan following consideration by the Capital Projects and Corporate Programme Planning Group held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2018 and 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

The Lead Finance Officer referred to the disappointing impact of the Rates Support Grant reduction on the overall budget.

Members from all Parties welcomed the report and commended the Lead Finance Officer and his team on their hard work and efforts in producing this comprehensive and comprehensible report.

Councillor Tierney welcomed the geographical spread of projects across the Council district which displayed a statement of intent to all communities. He welcomed the monies which had been set aside in respect of the development of community centres in particular Culmore, Shantallow and Galliagh and stated that the communities concerned would perceive the benefits of these centres. He referred to the need to maintain the pressure in terms of securing match funding. He also welcomed the confirmation of funding in respect of the Crematorium to progress an Outline Business Case with other Councils, particularly given recent media coverage. He concluded that the report displayed a statement of intent from Council to meet the needs of its inhabitants.

Councillor Fleming stated that since the inception of the new Council the amount of money invested in capital projects was evident across the City and district. He stated that the proposals outlined in the report extended throughout the City and district and were vital for the respective localities. He continued that following the formation of Derry City and Strabane District Council and its investment in capital projects, Sinn Fein had worked towards a modest rates increase which allowed for a capital fund of this nature. He hoped that Council would continue in this manner delivering for people across the City and district.

Alderman Thompson also welcomed the spread of projects across the City and district. He expressed concern that the total figure of £627K in respect of the Magheramason Play facility including the sum of £117K in respect of other provision, did not include the necessary £110K in respect of the cost of a MUGA. He stated that given that the various developments would be carried out on the same portion of land, he did not consider it to be cost effective to exclude the MUGA at this stage as the cost of this development would possibly increase in the future. He did not feel this was a sensible proposal and suggested that the play provision be completed at this stage as this would prove more cost effective.

Alderman Hussey concurred with the previous speaker's comments suggesting that it appeared churlish not to pursue this additional 2.5% of planned spending which would enable the completion of the project. He stated that the play provision at Magheramason and Newtown Stewart had been long awaited and said he would welcome both projects progressing to design stage.

The Lead Finance Officer undertook to discuss with those Officers involved the possibility of identifying the additional monies required in respect of a MUGA at Magheramason and present a further report thereon to a future Meeting of Committee.

Alderman Hussey enquired as to the timescale in respect of the proposed works at Artigarvan and Ballyfatten. He referred to the proposed works at Melvin Sports Complex which were to satisfy specific requirements at the Complex.

Alderman Hussey expressed concern that a play park at Ballymagorry had not been included in the proposals. He presumed that Members had received communication from the community group in Ballymagorry advising of the two planned surveys which they were

having carried out and of plans which had been submitted to the Bishop from the local Priest in this regard. He referred to the willingness within the local community to progress this plan of works. He said he understood that meetings had taken place regarding a proposed play park however he expressed concern that this had not come to the attention of the Capital Projects Group. He requested that this be addressed with a view to having the works carried out during the current financial year.

The Chief Executive thanked Members for their comments and assured that Officers would consider the possible inclusion of the MUGA at Magheramason within the current project, and the identification of the necessary funding in respect thereof. A report updating Members thereon would be submitted to a future Meeting of the Environment and Regeneration Committee with a final recommendation to the Governance Committee.

The Chief Executive advised that a report would be presented to the relevant Committee on timescales in relation to the proposed works at Artigarvan and Ballyfatten.

The Chief Executive advised that subject to a suitable Business Case, Council was ring-fencing a sum of money in respect of works at the Melvin Sports Complex. He stated that this was a strong statement of intent that Council wished to augment these facilities for local communities.

The Chief Executive undertook to ascertain the current position in relation to the provision of a play park at Ballymagorry. He stated that there were a considerable number of projects still at the developmental stage and he assured that this was not an exhaustive list of works.

The Chief Executive stated that in its fourth year since inception Derry City and Strabane District Council had invested £120 M of capital funding across the Council area which was an extraordinary achievement. He stated that this was reflected throughout the entire Council area and would deliver substantially on the community plan and the growth objectives which had been set out between Council and its community partners.

Councillor M McHugh, whilst welcoming the proposed works at Ballyfatten, expressed concern at the number of rural communities which remained deprived of play facilities. He expressed disappointment that the proposals did not include any provision for

Carricklee, an area containing 500 properties which was devoid of any type of play facility. He stated that this area would benefit from a country park type facility.

The Chief Executive advised that there were a whole range of play projects which were currently progressing. He stated that monies had been set aside to carry out a feasibility study in respect of this area which would be progressed however, not at this stage.

The Chairperson welcomed the report and commended those staff involved in producing it. He stated that this was a progressive Council that was addressing all areas of need within the Council district.

Subsequently the Committee

- Recommended**
- (a)(i) that Members approve the allocation of funds towards Council's Table 2 and Table 3 projects as noted in the report; (a)(ii) that the remaining unallocated capital financing provision of £666k is ring fenced towards Council's strategic aspirations; and**
  - (b) that Officers endeavour to identify the £110K funding required to meet the cost of the MUGA at Magheramason.**

**GSP117/18 Update on the Development of a Growth Deal for the Derry/Strabane City Region**

The Lead Finance Officer presented the above report, a copy of which had previously been circulated. He advised that the purpose of the report was to update Members on the progress towards the development of a Growth Deal for the City Region.

The Chief Executive advised that in addition to the report the purpose was to indicate to Members the very extensive amount of work which had been carried out to develop the City Deal proposal and to lobby on behalf of this. He stated that there had been a number of updates since the above report had been written. He pointed out that the previous week a number of representatives including Lord Hay, Elisha McCallion MP and Colm Eastwood MLA had attended a meeting at Westminster to demonstrate the importance of this Deal for the City and region. He had also hosted a visit to the City from Kris Hopkins

Special Advisor to the NIO which was also attended by other key advisors when a detailed report had been provided on the economic benefits of a Deal. He pointed out that further to a recent Motion passed by Council, he had written to all MPs together with Minister Brokenshire and the Secretary of State, Karen Bradley and had stepped up the campaign for a City Growth Deal. He said it was necessary for government to make a formal statement that it would be entering into negotiations with Council to develop a Growth Deal for the City. It was not possible to advance until such a statement had been made.

The Chief Executive whilst welcoming the announcement in regards to the City Deal for Belfast stated that Council had been lobbying for a parallel announcement to be made in respect of the City. He reiterated that a formal announcement was required prior to advancing a business case.

Councillor M McHugh congratulated Council on the work carried out in this regard. He stated that Council were prepared for this in every respect and possibly more than other areas which had had been identified. He also commended all the politicians who had supported Council's application and hoped that Council would receive an announcement sooner rather than later in respect of the North West region. He stated that this would benefit the area and the entire region immensely.

Councillor Tierney referred to the considerable hard work and efforts by politicians during the previous twelve months which was evident. He stated that Colm Eastwood MLA continued to work with other politicians towards a formal announcement regarding a City Growth Deal.

Councillor Gallagher acknowledged the work carried out to date in this regard however, he urged caution in terms of expenditure on a proposed Deal given the uncertainties regarding a formal government announcement, particularly given the situation in terms of the European City of Culture Bid.

The Chief Executive acknowledged the previous speaker's comments. He referred to the fact that these were key projects for the City and region and all of the expenditure incurred was in respect of the City and region. He continued that a City Deal might be the best way in which to progress these projects however, there may be other mechanisms through which these could be delivered which would be investigated if a City Deal announcement was not forthcoming.

The Lead Finance Officer advised that significant progress had been made to date with no additional cost to Council. He referred to the need for the projects to be progressed, however Council had not committed any funds to date and this had all been carried out through the internal team.

Alderman Hussey stated that any Deal would be for the benefit of the entire Council area. He sought a list of those politicians who were involved in the meetings/briefings referred to in 3.6 of the report. He enquired if the letter dated 15 June 2018 referred to in 3.9 had been sent to MPs who did not attend Westminster.

The Chief Executive confirmed that the letter had been sent to all NI MPs at Westminster.

Alderman Ramsey welcomed the report but acknowledged that there was still a considerable amount of work to be carried out. He referred to the fact that the Prime Minister and Minister Brokenshire would be visiting the City in the coming weeks when it would be necessary to present a united front in order for the Deal to be approved and an announcement to be forthcoming.

The Chief Executive acknowledged that this was a vital point and stated that in many discussions which had taken place the importance of this had been stressed which was evident from the meeting with Minister Brokenshire which had taken place the previous week. He continued that this was not merely a politically united front but in terms of business leaders, statutory partners, politicians and the community. He concluded that there was a clear united voice which was considered to be a key advantage of the proposal.

The Committee

**Recommended that Members endorse the progress made to date in the development of a Growth Deal for the City Region and hat Members and officials continue to pressure the UK Government to provide a formal announcement to open negotiations for a Derry-Londonderry City Region Growth Deal.**

## **GSP118/18 City of Derry Airport - Short Term and Medium Term Funding Proposals**

The Committee received Mr Coleman and Mr Byrne, form the CoDA Board to the Meeting.

The Chief Executive advised that Mr Coleman would give a powerpoint presentation following which the Lead Finance Officer would present his report. He stated that the immediate requirement was to (i) gain access to the 2.5 million Route Development Fund set aside by the NI Executive which was now crucial to the success of the Airport; and (ii) to progress discussions with other key stakeholders regarding the long-term aspirations of the Airport and the stabilisation of current routes and the longer term direction of travel routes.

The Committee received Mr Coleman, Contracts Director, Regional and City Airports who gave a powerpoint presentation highlighting the following:

### **Objectives:**

- Current Funding
- Short-term funding proposal 2018 and 2019
- Medium-term funding proposal from 2021
- Engagement with Key Stakeholders

### **CoDA Objectives**

### **RCA Management Contract**

### **CoDA Subsidy and Costs**

### **Factors Influencing Aviation in NI**

- Dublin Competition
- Few Airlines – consolidation and risk adverse
- Belfast – over supply
- Low Yield Environment
- Airline Strategic changes

### **APD**

APD is a drag on route development and connectivity

## **Precedents – Regional Support for Airports**

### **CoDA Vision to Support the City Region**

#### **CoDA GVA and Cost per Passenger**

Mr Byrne, CoDA Board advised that the Board of the Airport was focused on two key issues (i) extending routes to improve the financial performance of the Airport in an effort to reduce Council's current level of subsidy; and (ii) to broaden the Airport base beyond the City. He stated that the CoDA Board were working constantly in this regard however results did not tend to materialise quickly due to the significant challenges noted. He stated that the Board were dissatisfied with the current financial outturn which the Airport was generating and did not accept that this was the best that could be achieved and were doing everything possible to reduce its dependence on Council funding. He stated that it was hoped to secure a new PSO which would provide four flights per day, resources for growth and improved aircraft use. He said that the Airport was not making money when aircrafts were not being utilised. He said he felt the continuation of the Airport was necessary in terms of connectivity particularly until road links between Derry/Belfast/Dublin were brought up to an acceptable standard.

The Lead Finance Officer then presented his report and advised that the purpose of the report was for Members to consider and approve short-term and medium-term funding proposals for City of Derry (Operations) Limited (CoDA).

Councillor Gallagher expressed concern regarding the short and medium term proposals particularly given the content of NI Civil Servant, David Sterling's letter to Council. He was also experiencing difficulty in reconciling Council's current level of subsidy to the Airport. He referred to claims that the guaranteed £2.5 M funding from the Stormont Executive had initially been transferred to Derry City and Strabane District Council during the 2016/17 financial year but had to be surrendered as Council had been unable to make use of it. He expressed concern at comments made by David Sterling in his letter to Council, that the £2.5 M funding was not necessarily any longer available. He suggested that by agreeing to the proposals contained in the report, Council was effectively writing a black cheque for the Airport to support any losses and challenges it had to face. He referred to the competition which existed between City of Derry and Belfast International and City Airports. He stated that the situation was

continually worsening and queried the accuracy of the figures presented in terms of the Airport's losses and the level of Council funding. He expressed concern at the unacceptable impact of Council's subsidising the Airport on ratepayers. He stated that the Airport did not have any capacity to develop new routes particularly given the fact that there were only two aircraft which could be facilitated. He also questioned wages/salaries in respect of Airport staff and stated that it was not attracting the necessary customer levels. He referred to the need for bigger aircraft however these could not be facilitated at the Airport. He said it was not acceptable for Council to continue its current level of subsidy and it was now necessary to address the difficult options.

Councillor McGinley welcomed the presentation and the report which he said provided a greater degree of clarity in terms of moving forward. He said it highlighted the benefit of the Airport in relation to tourism and direct and indirect employment together with connectivity to other regions. He welcomed the reference to the Airport as a key strategic asset. He stated that Council had endeavoured to adopt a measured approach to the Airport and how it was funded which was reflected in the recommendations contained in the report.

Councillor McGinley said his Party wished to see the Airport continue as an asset to the area and not as a problem for ratepayers. He said he was not aware of any information contained in the report which would suggest that Council would be providing a blank cheque to the Airport during the critical period facing the Airport. He referred to the need for the focus to be concentrated on Westminster and Dublin and any funding which might be forthcoming. He acknowledged that due to the political impasse at Stormont there was no Minister in place to sign off the guaranteed £2.5 M however given the crucial nature of this funding it could be approved by a Civil Servant.

Councillor Tierney agreed with the need to secure the £2.5 M funding promised in 2016 which had supposedly been set aside by the Stormont Executive. He said he did not consider it fair on either the CoDA Board or Council to compare flight prices as the Airport was not in competition with other airports at this stage. He referred to a statement on the BBC from the Department for Economy which had suggested that the £2.5 M funding which had been transferred to Derry City and Strabane District Council during the 2016/17 financial year had to be surrendered because Council could not make use of it. He said it was not his understanding that there was a time limit on the period during which the money had to be spent. He said it was vital that

clarification was sought in relation thereto. He continued that whilst his Party would support the recommendation there were concerns in regards to the Airport and he requested further reports in terms of communication with both the British and Irish governments and the devolve administration. He made reference to the efforts which had been made in terms of securing a City Growth Deal and the lobbying carried out in regards to the A5/A6 and suggested that the Airport be given the same level of importance in terms of the growth of the district and all possible prospects be pursued. He said he would welcome a more advanced proposal in respect of the Airport being presented in the future.

The Chief Executive thanked Members for their comments. He stated that the main purpose of the Airport was connectivity and business connectivity and the fact that it was a driver of the economy in this region. He stated that the report contained no additional ask for expenditure from Council, it simply stated that the Airport could not survive going forward with Council providing the current level of subsidy. He stated that comparison had been given to all other regional airports and it was clear that no other regional airport in any other jurisdiction survived without significant public intervention. He stated that the purpose of other regional airports was to provide connectivity to capital cities and economic regions. City of Derry Airport was not any different from other regional airports but was operating more efficiently, based on current funding levels. He stated that the level of subsidy required would be comparable per head of population. He reiterated that there was no request to Council to increase its level of subsidy. He stated that the report highlighted that Council had been prepared to review its level of subsidy for some time but in going forward would require other partners to contribute as was the case with other small regional airports. He stated that during any discussions which had taken place with the NI Executive in relation to the £2.5 M funding, Council and the Airport Board had made it clear that route development monies would be expended over a 2-3 year period. He emphasised that Council had not surrendered any monies and Council and the CoDA Board were now requesting that the £2.5 M which had been guaranteed be reinstated for route development as originally agreed.

The Chief Executive continued that in the absence of an Executive at Stormont it was the duty of Civil Servants to work in accordance with the agreement of the previous Executive. Council and the CoDA Board were simply requesting the NI Executive and Civil Servants to reinstate monies in accordance with the previous agreement in order to grow

the Airport in the short-term and increase its ability and capacity whilst discussions take place regarding the future development of the Airport and that government plays its part as in other regions across the UK until such times as there was high level connectivity to other regional airports.

The Lead Finance Officer advised that the original funding announcement for route development support to help develop Airport routes over a two year period had been made in September 2016. He said it would not have been possible to spend route development monies over a shorter period of time due to procurement and state aid requirements. He stated that since that time Council had been working DfI officials on the basis that the £2.5 M would become available in due course.

Councillor Gallagher expressed concern at the language being used. He referred to the report wherein it stated that the Airport operated as a commercial venture but was currently not profitable and the level of funding required to offset losses. He continued that given the current position regarding the £2.5 M and the urgency attached to having this funding reinstated there were a number of critical decisions which had to be made.

Alderman Hussey acknowledged that the £2.5 M had never been surrendered by Council. He referred to the significance of these monies in terms of route development which was essential to the critical mass of potential of the Airport going forward. He suggested that 5.3 of the report was dependant on the outcome of 5.1 and 5.2. He queried the cost per passenger numbers contained in the presentation which he felt were confusing. He questioned if there was an issue in terms of efficiency which Members should be made aware of.

Mr Coleman explained the costs per passenger numbers drawing comparisons with other areas. He stated that currently costs were quite similar however, with an additional route this would improve significantly.

The Chairperson referred to the importance of the Airport in terms of connectivity and suggested that in order to develop the economy it was necessary to present a positive message to potential visitors and investors.

Councillor Fleming commended all those involved in the work of City of Derry Airport.

Councillor Tierney acknowledged that the Airport Board was in need of assistance as outlined in 5.2 of the report and assured that Council would do all possible to ensure that this was forthcoming.

The Committee subsequently

- Recommended**
- (a) that critical engagement continues with relevant officials and Ministers to ensure immediate access to the £2.5 million Route Development Fund set aside by the NI Executive to enable the London Stansted PSO to continue after May 2019;**
  - (b) that in relation to medium to long term beyond 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021, discussions are progressed with other key stakeholders, to include the UK Government, NI Executive and UK Government, in relation to securing the balance of funding required over an initial 5 year period post 2021 not only to maintain existing connectivity but to ensure regular connectivity to a key airport hub in the North of England with international connections; and**
  - (c) that consideration is given to the future needs of the Airport with regard to management support beyond March 2020 and the mechanism/timeframe to procure.**

The Motion on being put to the vote was declared carried their voting For – 10; Against – 1.

### **GSP119/18 Prudential Indicators 2018/19**

The Lead Finance Officer presented the above report, a copy of which had previously been circulated. He advised that the purpose of the

report was to seek Members' approval for the Prudential Indicators for the 2018/19 year.

The Committee

**Recommended that approval be granted to the Prudential Indicators for the 2018/19 year as attached in Appendix 1.**

### **GSP120/18 Governance Arrangements - Local Community Planning**

The Head of Community Development and Leisure presented the above report, a copy of which had previously been circulated. He advised that the purpose of the report was to update Members on the proposed Governance arrangements for the 8 Local Community Planning Growth Partnerships.

Councillor Tierney expressed concern regarding the nomination process given the problems which had been experienced during the setting up of the Community Planning Groups.

The Head of Community Development and Leisure assured that this was a separate process from the one used for the setting up the Community Planning Groups whereby individuals would self-nominate and meet an agreed criteria and assessment. He continued that once established it would be the responsibility of individual Groups to nominate a Chairperson.

Alderman Hussey welcomed the fact that the bulk of what had been discussed during the consultation process had been included in the governance arrangements. He stated that in terms of Strabane, the Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership did not include Strabane town and he presumed that Strabane town would be considered separate from the rest of the Sperrin Ward. He expressed concern regarding the process of self-nomination. He suggested that the partnerships were akin to a Parish Council type scenario in order that specific areas could address issues pertinent to that area.

Councillor O'Reilly welcomed the progress and developments which had taken place and the safeguards which had been put in place to prevent the process which had taken place the previous year and to encourage participation from people from outside the Council area.

The Committee subsequently

- Recommended** (a) that Members approve a targeted nomination process to take place in Autumn/Winter 2018 for the establishment of 3 new Local Community Growth Partnership Boards for the Sperrin, Faughan and Derg DEAs; and
- (b) that Members approve to implement a targeted nomination process in Autumn/Winter 2018 for the expansion of the five existing Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Boards (Outer North (Ballyarnett), Outer West (Foyleside), Triax (Moor), Waterside and Strabane Town), to incorporate representatives from wards located within the DEA but outside the Neighbourhood Renewal Boundary area, and in some cases, additional skills and expertise; and representation from traditionally under-represented groups.

#### **GSP121/18 Annual Equality Progress Report 2017-18**

The Lead Democratic Services and Improvement Officer presented the above report, a copy of which had previously been circulated. She advised that the purpose of the report was to seek Members' comments and approval in respect of the Council's Annual Equality Report 2017/18 (Appendix 1).

The Committee

- Recommended** that the Annual Equality Progress Report is approved and submitted to the Equality Commission.

#### **GSP122/18 Member Learning and Development**

The Lead Democratic Services and Improvement Officer presented the above report, a copy of which had previously been circulated. She advised that the purpose of the report was to seek Members' approval for progressing recommendations arising from the Elected Member Development Group.

The Committee

**Recommended** that Members approve the recommendations set out in 5.1.1 – 5.1.6 of the report.

**GSP123/18 Encouraging Those With A Disability Into The Workplace**

The Lead Human Resources Officer presented the above report, a copy of which had previously been circulated. She advised that the purpose of the report was to seek Members' approval to endorse the approach outlined to encourage and attract people with a disability into the workplace.

The Committee

**Recommended** that Members endorse the approach suggested with a further report to be brought back to Committee in due course.

**GSP124/18 Absence Management**

The Lead Human Resources Officer presented the above report, a copy of which had previously been circulated. She advised that the purpose of the report was to provide Members with an update on progress in relation to Absence Management for the year 2017/2018.

Alderman Hussey commended those involved in reducing sickness levels within Council.

In response to a query from Alderman Hussey, the Lead Human Resources Officer advised that in terms of comparisons with other local government organisations, from the information available at this stage Council compared quite favourably.

The Committee

**Recommended** that Members note the information presented and endorse the approach outlined to continue to manage absence.

**GSP125/18 Strategic Growth Plan - Participation in Carnegie Trust Embedding Wellbeing in Northern Ireland Project**

The Business Support and Change Manager presented the above report, a copy of which had previously been circulated. She advised that the purpose of the report was to update the Committee on the progress on the Strategic Growth Partnerships application to participate in the Carnegie UK Trusts 'Embedding Wellbeing in Northern Ireland' project.

Members noted the content of the report.

**GSP126/18 North West Regional Development Group Update**

The Business Support and Change Manager presented the above report, a copy of which had previously been circulated. She advised that the purpose of the report was to provide Members with an update on the meetings of the North West Regional Development Group and North West Strategic Growth Partnership.

Members noted the content of the report.

**GSP127/18 Electoral Office On Line Registration**

The Lead Democratic Services and Improvement Officer presented the above report, a copy of which had previously been circulated. She advised that the purpose of the report was to advise Members of a request received from the Electoral Office for Northern Ireland for Council to promote the new online registration on the Council's website and the implementation of same.

Members noted the content of the report.

**The meeting ended at 5.45 pm**

**The Meeting went into Confidential Business**

**Signed:\_\_\_\_\_**  
**(Chairperson)**

**Date:\_\_\_\_\_**

