

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

**Open Minutes of Health and Community Committee of Derry City and Strabane District Council held in the Chamber, Derry Road, Strabane on Thursday 6 July 2017 at 4.00pm.**

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**Present: - Alderman Drew Thompson (Chairperson); Aldermen R Hamilton, McClintock, Councillors Campbell, Carlin, Cusack, Duffy, Hastings, Jackson, McGinley, R McHugh and Tierney.**

**Non-Members of Committee: - Alderman Hussey; Councillors Carr, Donnelly, P Kelly and O'Reilly.**

**In Attendance: - Director of Health and Community (Mrs K McFarland), Head of Community Development and Leisure (Mr B O'Hagan), Head of Health and Community Wellbeing (Mr S Donaghy), PA to Health and Community Director (Mrs L Shields) and Committee Services Assistant (Mrs T Johnstone).**

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### **HC142/17 Notice and Summons for Meeting**

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

### **HC143/17 Members Attendance and Apologies**

The Director of Health and Community recorded Members attendance. There were apologies from Councillors Gallagher and Gardiner.

### **HC144/17 Declarations of Members' Interests**

Alderman Thompson declared an interest in the following agenda items:

- Agenda item 9 – CCTV Update
- Agenda item 20 – Waterside Shared Village.

Councillor Jackson declared an interest in the following agenda items:

- Agenda item 18 – Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act (NI) 2011 Abatement Notice
- Agenda item 20 – Waterside Shared Village.

### **Open for Decision**

## **HC145/17 Deputation Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers (Usdaw) – Sunday Trading**

The Chairperson welcomed Mr John Hannett, General Secretary, Mr Paddy Lillis, Deputy General Secretary and Ms Michaela Lafferty, Area Organiser, Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers (Usdaw) to the meeting. He then invited them to make their presentation to the Committee.

Mr Lillis proceeded to deliver the presentation on Usdaw highlighting the following:

- The introduction of The Shops (Sunday Trading & c) (Northern Ireland) Order 1997.
- The Order gave devolved powers to Council to designate Sunday trading in particular areas as 'holiday resorts'.
- Small shops (those with a floor area greater than 280 square metres) could open at any time on a Sunday.
- Large shops (those with a floor area greater than 280 square metres) to open between 1.00pm and 6.00pm (except Easter Sunday or when Christmas Day falls on a Sunday).
- This arrangement provides a reasonable level of balance
- Extending the current opening hours of shops on a Sunday would be of no economic benefit.
- During the Olympic Games in London 2012 shops had extended opening hours on a Sunday for two weeks which was not cost effective.
- Sales during that time fell by 0.4% compared to the previous year.
- No impact on tourism.
- Many retail workers are parents/carers with Sundays being important family time.
- Usdaw requested that Council support their call for no extension to trading hours on a Sunday.

Members from the Sinn Fein, SDLP, UUP and DUP groupings and Independent Members of Council thanked the representatives from Usdaw for their presentation and agreed on the following:

- Fully supportive of the recommendation not to extend trading hours on a Sunday.
- An extension would be detrimental for women and families.

- The evidence was fact based behind the case for not extending the opening hours.
- The current opening hours for a Sunday were sufficient.
- Appreciated Usdaw's work on behalf of employees in the retail sector.
- An unhappy working environment contributed to mental health issues.

A Non-committee Member of the UUP grouping enquired why shops wished to open longer if there was no economic benefit.

In response, Mr Hannett reported that large stores felt compelled to open for longer periods so that business did not go elsewhere.

The Director of Health and Community stated that a report would be brought to a future Committee meeting for an appropriate decision.

The Chair thanked the representatives from USDAW for their presentation.

The Committee

**Recommended that Officers present a report to the Health and Community Committee for consideration at a later date.**

## **Chairperson's Business**

### **HC146/17 Foyle Cup**

The Director of Health and Community reported on the ongoing liaison with the Chief Executive, Senior Management, Directors and relevant Heads of Service regarding the Foyle Cup. The Director stated that the meetings had a positive outcome and a concerted effort by senior management to progress the process of funding for the delivery of the event in the future. She added that a detailed report would come before the Health and Community Committee in the autumn.

A Member of the SDLP grouping thanked the Director for the update and emphasised the importance of the Foyle Cup for the young people of the City and District.

### **HC147/17 Brandywell Stadium**

A Member of the SDLP grouping stated that the Derry City Football Club were travelling to Sligo for their home match because of the ongoing work at the Brandywell and asked for an update on how the work was progressing. He also referred to a Motion passed at Council regarding applying for funding to the Subregional Football Stadia and enquired if Council were ready to submit a bid when the application process opened.

In response, the Director of Health and Community referred to ongoing work at the Brandywell and reported that Heads of Service and internal teams across other directorates had been working on a range of proposals on operational issues and that a full detailed report was currently being prepared detailing all of the issues. The Director added that Council had a very developed liaison with the Department for Communities in relation to all of the Council's programmes across the directorates.

A Member of the Sinn Fein grouping stressed the importance of stakeholders being involved and kept informed of developments at the Brandywell. He expressed his delight that the work was going ahead and stated that he would welcome a report on progress at a future Committee meeting.

A non-committee Independent Member of Council expressed his thanks to everyone involved at the work in the Brandywell. He stated that concerns had been raised regarding the greyhound track which were going in the right direction.

The Head of Community Development and Leisure reported that in terms of the overall construction project with the stadium and greyhound track the work was still on programme with a slight delay regarding the construction of the track. He stated that a meeting had been arranged with the preferred bidder for the greyhound track and the greyhound fraternity in terms of operational issues.

In response to the query on the application process for funding to the Subregional Football Stadia, the Head of Community Development and Leisure reported that Council had all the necessary approvals in place and were ready to submit the application when the process opened.

The Member of the SDLP grouping thanked Officers for their responses and looked forward to the report on the Brandywell Stadium and

Greyhound Track. He expressed his best wishes to Derry City Football Club on their forthcoming football match.

#### **HC148/17 Pilot Community Crisis Intervention Service**

A Member of the SDLP grouping requested that agenda item 26, Pilot Community Crisis Intervention Service (CCIS) be taken out of Confidential Business and discussed in Open Business.

The Director of Health and Community advised that the matter was contained in Confidential Business because of the procurement process. She stated that it was at the discretion of Members if they wished it to be brought into Open Business. However, there would be no discussion on anything that related to the procurement process.

After a show of hands it was unanimously decided that the item would be brought into Open Business.

#### **HC149/17 Confirmation of the Open Minutes of the Health and Community Committee held on Thursday 15 June 2017**

The open Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 April 2017 (HC113/17 – HC140/17) were confirmed and signed by the Chairperson as correct.

#### **Matters Arising**

#### **HC150/17 Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission Investigation into Traveller Accommodation in Northern Ireland (HC122/17)**

A non-committee Independent Member of Council expressed his thanks to everyone involved at work carried out at Greenbrae and land opposite the 'Let the Dance Begin' sculpture sites. He enquired if there had been consultation between Officers and the Travelling community on the matter and if the relocation had been successful.

In response, the Head of Health and Community Wellbeing reported that negotiations with the Northern Ireland Housing Executive and the Travelling Community were ongoing in relation to accommodation. He stated that one caravan had not been removed from the site by the owner and Council had placed it in a secure storage facility.

#### **HC151/17 Use of Temporary CCTV Cameras (128/17)**

A non-committee Member of the UUP grouping enquired if the CCTV cameras installed at Castle Park, Castlederg were operational with footage available to police if any incidents occurred in the area.

The Director of Health and Community stated that his query would be addressed at the Environment and Regeneration Committee were a response would be provided.

A non-committee Independent Member of Council requested an update on CCTV provision in Strabane Town.

The Head of Community Development and Leisure reported that the CCTV could only be installed when funding was available and this was not currently the case. He added that Officers were exploring all avenues on how to take the scheme forward.

#### **HC152/17 Community Support Fund 2017/18 (HC132/17)**

A Member of the Sinn Fein grouping expressed his thanks to Officers on the tremendous work carried out regarding the applications submitted to the fund within the Council area. He expressed concern that the funding was distributed per DEA whilst some of the programmes were delivered on a city and district wide basis. He stated that the programmes delivered by these groups provided a very valuable service to the community. He asked that the Officers bring forward a report which looked at other ways to protect the services that were provided on a city and district wide basis. However, he stated that he did not wish other programmes within the DEA's to be disadvantaged.

A non-committee Independent Member of Council stated that he concurred with the previous remarks and recommended that Officers contact the community groups to ascertain what support could be given to those who were unsuccessful in securing funding.

In response, the Head of Community Development and Leisure stated that an update report would be brought forward in the autumn regarding a grant aid review on all programmes. He stated that this was the first time Council had implemented a programme of this nature and that some problems were likely to be encountered. He further stated that if the model was to change, more funding would be required. He added that Officers had also engaged with the Good

Relations Fund and the Community Support Fund which was central to the Grant Aid review.

**HC153/17 Children's Services Co-operation Act (NI) 2015 (HC135/17)**

The Director of Health and Community reported that a response had been circulated to Members ahead of the Council meeting held on 22 June 2017 but was not officially noted. The Director requested that the response be formally noted in order for ratification to take place at the Council meeting on 20 July 2017.

The Committee

**Recommended that Members approve the response previously distributed.**

**HC154/17 Sport and Leisure Facilities Strategy Update – Integral Presentation**

The Director of Health and Community introduced Mr Jonathan Gray, Strategic Investment Board to the Committee and invited him to make his presentation on the Sport and Leisure Facilities Strategy Update, highlighting the following:

- The development of a framework for the future prioritisation and development of sports and leisure facilities.
- Review of strategic context.
- Understanding facility condition.
- Analysis of population data, deprivation, transport and travel time.
- Local consultation with schools, clubs and key local stakeholders.
- Identify key issues, needs, opportunities and challenges for new leisure build.
- Analysis of supply and demand.
- Facilities strategy.
- Pitch strategy.

A Member of the SDLP grouping thanked Mr Gray for his presentation and enquired if cross-border issues had been taken into consideration for future leisure facilities.

In response, Mr Gray reported that an exercise had been carried out in terms of needs analysis which included travel time for users from outside the City and District.

A non-committee Independent Member of Council referred to the Lagan Valley Leisureplex in Lisburn stating that it had attracted users from all over the North and South of Ireland. He stated that Council had the opportunity to create a similar, state of the art facility in this City and District. He then referred to the consultation process and emphasised the importance of young people being invited to contribute to the process.

In response, Mr Gray stated that with the ambition for a high quality leisure facility and provision there could be the potential for significant costs. He added that this was something the Strategy Board were working on as it was important to get the balance right between affordability and provision of service.

The Director of Health and Community stated that the consultation process would begin once the design team for the project was confirmed. The Director further stated that the consultation would involve all age groups and all categories, being mindful of the key issues specifically identified within the Community Plan. She reported that Officers had been researching models from across the country including national aquatic centres and additionally European models. She added that a full report would be available in the autumn outlining the details of the engagement process.

A Member of the Sinn Fein grouping thanked Mr Gray for the update on the two sports facilities that had been identified as flagship projects for the Council. He stated that for some time the pitch strategy had not been available and wished to see this strategy in place as a key priority.

In response, Mr Gray reported that grass pitches could only be played on for 8 hours per week in comparison to more intensive use for synthetic pitches. He stated that there had been issues within the sporting community relating to those who had preferred using synthetic pitches rather than grass. He added that these factors would be taken into consideration regarding the pitch strategy.

A Member of the SDLP grouping thanked Officers on the work carried out to date. He stated that Templemore Sports Complex had been on the agenda for some time and would like to see the process progressed.

A non-committee Independent Member of Council enquired if there was provision for GP services within the Strabane Leisure Build.

The Director of Health and Community stated that the provision of primary care facilities was in the remit of the Commissioning Department (West), Health and Social Care Board where consultations were ongoing. She added that whether GP provision would be in a collective or separate building was dependent on timescales, facilities and the business case analysis.

A Member of the Sinn Fein grouping stated that every Councillor who had represented the Sperrin or Derg areas would agree that they had waited on the Riversdale development for a long time and it was well overdue. She added that the development was the only wet leisure facility within the Strabane area and should be a top priority.

A non-committee Member of the UUP grouping stated that the map exemplified the rural deficit but was specific to pool provision. He indicated that provision for the projects from the rural areas should be from the local clubs. He noted that the audit had only contained information for synthetic pitches and asked that grass pitches would be taken into consideration and that the completed audit become available to Members. He further stated that going forward, the ambitions, needs and aspirations from sporting clubs be developed within the strategy. He requested that the term 'leisure build' be changed to 'leisure provision' as it was not just about buildings.

In response, Mr Gray reported that the audit on grass pitches had been completed and was submitted for quality assessment where it will then become available to Members. He stated that in terms of ambitions and aspirations of sporting clubs, this would be factored into the consultation.

The Chair thanked Mr Gray for the presentation and responses to Members' queries.

## **HC155/17 CCTV Upgrade**

The Head of Community Development and Leisure presented Members with the above report, a copy of which had been previously circulated. The purpose of the report was to seek Members' approval for; the installation of an additional CCTV camera at the Meadowbank Avenue/Strand Road junction, to seek approval to replace the existing

CCTV cameras on Craigavon Bridge and to approve the Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA).

A Member of the Sinn Fein grouping supported the recommendation and stated that Members had been working with the relevant agencies to reach this welcomed development.

A Member of the SDLP grouping stated that residents from the Meadowbank area would be delighted with the approval of the recommendation. She added that CCTV had been identified three years ago as the number one solution to the issue. She expressed her thanks to the City Centre Initiative and Council Officers for sourcing the funding, but most of all to the residents for their patience.

A non-committee Independent Member of Council referred to CCTV provision in Strabane Town and enquired how much it would cost to have it installed. He stated that CCTV had been approved for various locations in Derry City, however Strabane had issues with anti-social behaviour but had no CCTV provision.

The Head of Community Development and Leisure stated that the CCTV provision for the City was a pre-existing contract. He added that to install CCTV in Strabane would require extra funding.

The Director of Health and Community stated that it would be easier to upgrade and extend within an existing contract. The Director stated that a report would be brought back at a later date which would factor in the costs but provision would be subject to external funding.

A Member of the Sinn Fein grouping stated that he wished to thank Officers for the replacement of CCTV cameras on Craigavon Bridge ahead of schedule. He added that any proposal that included the Strabane area had to be supported.

A further Member of the Sinn Fein grouping stated the importance of considering that the provision of CCTV could cause an infringement on people's freedom and right to privacy. She added that any such process was subject to prior consultation with the local community.

A non-committee Member of the UUP grouping stated that there was already CCTV provision at the new foot bridge in Strabane and suggested that Council consider the feasibility of extending this scheme.

The Chair stated that as a member of the CCTV Sub-Committee, it was not a simple matter of installing a camera. He added that it was more cost effective to replace and expand an existing system because of the requirements needed for a new system.

The Committee

**Recommended that (i) Council approves the installation of an additional camera at the junction of Meadowbank Avenue and Strand Road at a cost of £4,225.00 plus VAT  
(ii) approves the replacement of Craigavon Bridge cameras  
(iii) approves the Privacy Impact Assessment for the operation of CCTV in line with Council's CCTV Policy and Operating Procedure.**

#### **HC156/17 Resourcing and Supporting the Rural DEAs of the Council Area**

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 on community development support currently being provided to the rural areas of Derg, Sperrin and Faughan and to seek approval for the allocation of £70,000 to RAPID for an extended one year service.

A Member of the Sinn Fein grouping welcomed the budget allocation to RAPID and paid tribute to the sterling work they had carried out. He stated that it was good that Council was addressing the deficit within community groups in the rural area in terms of capacity building and sustainability.

At this point in the meeting Councillor Hastings declared an interest as a Voluntary Director of RAPID.

A non-committee Independent Member of Council welcomed the appointment of new community officers for the rural area and enquired if the officers would be office based. He referred to the allocation of Grant Aid funding to the Sperrin DEA receiving £53,003.00, Faughan DEA £63,471.00 and Derg DEA £81,428.00 and stated that Sperrin was one of the largest DEA's in the Council area.

In response, the Head of Community Development and Leisure reported that the newly appointed officer would be dispersed across the 3 rural DEA's to meet with all the community groups and networks. He stated that the funding through the Grant Aid review was a similar formula used to allocate funding to the advice services.

A non-committee Member of the UUP grouping stated that the funding for the area was extremely welcome. He expressed his disappointment that there was not a designated officer for each of the three rural areas and asked could this be considered in the future. He referred to the Community Plan and stated that he was aware of perhaps 10 officers assigned to one Neighbourhood Renewal Area.

The Head of Community Development and Leisure stated that ideally it would be beneficial to have a designated officer for each of the rural DEAs. He reported that there was a budget this year through the rates process and a paper would be presented at a future Committee meeting for the consideration of the new open tender. He added that the officers employed through the neighbourhood renewal programme were funded by the Department for Communities and out of the control of Council.

The Committee

**Recommended that Council approves the allocation of £70,000 to RAPID for an extended one year service.**

#### **HC157/17 Community Centre Venue Fund 2017/18**

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 to fund all Community Centre Venue applications that scored over the threshold of 60 percent.

A Member of the SDLP grouping stated that Community Centres in the City and District were committed and needed the full support of Council. He added that in terms of the rates estimates, it was impossible to commit to establishing a figure on what funding would be available.

A non-committee Independent Member of Council supported the recommendation. However, he asked if Council was setting a precedent regarding how funding was allocated by finding funds from elsewhere to be distributed to all the Community Centres that had scored over the threshold.

The Head of Community Development and Leisure stated that Council had through the Community Support Programme identified additional funds to support centres scoring above the threshold. He further stated that other funding had been secured from the Good Relations Fund to enable the implementation of the one year programme. He added that Officers would be meeting with the groups to identify other sources of funding.

At this point in the meeting Alderman Hussey declared an interest as a Member of the Community Asset Transfer Policy Working Group.

The Committee

**Recommended**      **that (i) Council approves allocation of funding to all applications which scored over the threshold within the Community Centre Venues Fund**  
**(ii) Council approves an additional £20,500 to the Grant Aid allocation for this year**  
**(iii) approves £20,500 through Rates Estimates to fund the additional two organisations for the next two financial years.**

#### **HC158/17    Brooke Park Update**

The Director of Health and Community presented the above report, which had been previously circulated to Members. The report asked for Members to note the closure of the Multi Use Games Area on health and safety grounds at Brooke Park and approve additional budget allocation to undertake necessary remedial works, subject to the outcome of a successful procurement process.

A Member of the Sinn Fein grouping expressed his disappointment that the issues with the 3G pitch were not dealt with at the design stage. He stated it was an accident waiting to happen, as it was situated close to

residential properties. He added that lessons had to be learned from this in relation to the design of pitches in built up areas.

A non-committee Independent Member of Council stated that he had been working with Officers in an attempt to come to a resolution. He further stated he had recently attended a meeting where short term solutions had been put forward to have the pitch re-opened. He referred to the asbestos issue and suggested it may be useful to look at models such as hospitals that had contained the asbestos whilst still being able to function.

The Head of Community Development and Leisure reported that Officers were working with corporate Health and Safety, ground maintenance colleagues regarding an extra regime on the existing grass pitch and other synthetic facilities to facilitate users.

A Member of the SDLP grouping stated that she had been bombarded by members of the public regarding this issue. She expressed her concern at the lack of communication and updates on the matter to elected representatives. She added that she did not receive any notifications on meetings that had been held on the issue and it would be useful if Members could be alerted on matters within their area.

The Committee

**Recommended**      **that (i) Council notes the closure of the Multi Use Games Area on health and safety grounds at Brooke Park (ii) approves additional budget allocation to undertake necessary remedial works, subject to the outcome of a competitive procurement process and confirmation of budget allocation.**

**HC159/17    Renewal of Entertainment Licence for Granny Annie's, Waterloo Street, Derry**

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' approval for extending the period for determination of the Entertainment Licence Renewal Application for Granny Annie's, Waterloo Street, Derry, in order to permit matters arising out of recent legal proceedings to be concluded.

The Committee

**Recommended** that Council recommend that the period of determination of the Entertainment Licence Renewal Application for Granny Annie's, Waterloo Street, Derry, is further extended in order to permit matters arising out of recent legal proceedings to be concluded.

**HC160/17 Dog Control Work Plan 2016-2017 and Draft Dog Control Work Plan 2017-2018**

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 of the Dog Control Service activities carried out during 2016/17 and to seek approval for the draft Dog Control Work Plan 2017/18.

A Member of the DUP grouping thanked Officers for the detailed report. She expressed concern that there were seven prosecutions related to dog fouling in 2016 and only three in the current year which she felt was not good enough. She stated that she was aware the pilot scheme was a long term solution but in the short term there needed to be more public awareness that offenders would be prosecuted. She added that the problem was not with straying dogs as she had witnessed mature members of the public with their dogs on a lead, allowing them to foul.

A Member of the SDLP grouping stated that she was impressed with the statistics as in some areas there was a decrease in irresponsible dog ownership. She further stated that the increase on fixed penalties by 200 percent showed a proactive approach by Council. The Member added that there was room for improvement and welcomed the scheme to educate school children on the responsibilities of dog ownership.

A non-committee Independent Member of Council commended Officers on their work, however stated that there were still a number of dog owners who did not look after their pets properly. He referred to a recent incident where a three year old child was attacked by a dog in

his own garden. He stated that owners must be made aware of the responsibilities to owning a dog.

A non-committee Member of the UUP grouping stated there had been constant complaints to Members on the issue of dog fouling and only three fixed penalties was unacceptable. He commented that the dangers to children playing in areas where there had been incidents of dog fouling had been highlighted and he wished to see this dramatically improved.

A further non-committee Independent Member of Council agreed with previous comments that dog fouling had been the top complaint made by constituents. He enquired if dog wardens had been patrolling late at night and in the early mornings as this was the peak time for dog fouling to take place.

A Member of the SDLP grouping stated that a lot of straying dogs were fouling dogs and the figure for dogs with no licence may be seen as minimal but was a sign of responsible dog ownership. The Member further stated that she had found the figure encouraging, showing a concerted effort by Officers and staff in relation to dog control. She added that allowing dogs to foul on pavements or public parks had to be seen as socially unacceptable and that the work within the report would play a large part towards this.

The Head of Community Health and Wellbeing stated he would take all the comments on board in relation to dog fouling. He added that mobile CCTV had been implemented which could be placed in hotspot areas. He recommended that Members report any complaints or service requests to Council as based on the number of complaints previously received, there had been a reduction.

The Committee

**Recommended that Council approves the draft Dog Control Service Work Plan for 2017/18.**

#### **HC161/17 Foyle Haven Update**

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 update Members on the funding situation at Foyle

Haven and to consider the potential for a Council contribution in partnership with the PCSP.

A non-committee Independent Member of Council stated that a meeting of partners had been proposed at a recent Council meeting but no action had been taken and asked for an update on the matter.

The Director of Health and Community relayed the following comments made by the Chief Executive of Foyle Haven to Members:

- Appreciated the funding from PCSP and Derry City and Strabane District Council to help towards the cost of the reduced service
- There was a significant shortfall in the funding
- DePaul has entered into consultation with statutory agencies
- Reduced hours at Foyle Haven will commence on 24 July 2017
- The DePaul Group remain committed to Foyle Haven and are working hard to ensure the service users are fully supported
- Liaising with other providers in the City regarding the future of the service
- A meeting to be scheduled for August to focus on opportunities to bring the funders together to discuss the long term future of the service.

A non-committee Independent Member of Council stressed that the response was not good enough and called for a meeting before August. He stated that Council was not being proactive enough in attempting to secure external funding for Foyle Haven.

A Member of the Sinn Fein grouping agreed that Council could not wait until August for the meeting and expressed her disappointment that the service had been diminished to vulnerable people who were in need. She stated that Council had been proactive over the past two years in trying to source funding for Foyle Haven.

A Member of the DUP grouping agreed that Council had been proactive and that she and Elisha McCallion MP had made it part of the Mayor's Initiative. She expressed concern that the DePaul Group had considered opening another centre in Northern Ireland. She asked if Foyle Haven was the responsibility of Council as DePaul had considerable financial reserves. The Member further stated that the Council would continue to support Foyle Haven by looking at other methods of funding but that the DePaul Group should use their reserves for projects within Foyle Haven.

A Member of the SDLP grouping proposed that the meeting scheduled to take place in August, be reconvened to a much earlier date. He expressed his concern at the reduced hours to the service due to the funding constraints. He enquired what the Council contribution in partnership with the PCSP would amount to and proposed that Council write to the Northern Ireland Office to ask them to help with funding for Foyle Haven in light of the current political crisis at Stormont.

The Chair stated that there was an onus on the DePaul Group when they took over Foyle Haven from the voluntary sector, to make it sustainable and deliver the service. He stated that he understood the service had considerably increased since that time. He added that an application had been submitted with PCSP for approximately £10,000 which could be matched by Council. He then stated that it was not his party who had brought the Assembly down.

A Member of the SDLP grouping stated that he wished to record it was not his party that brought down the Assembly.

A non-committee Independent Member of Council stated that the responsibility should be removed from the DePaul Group and placed into a central core funded project as it was a vital service that must be protected.

The Chair stated that there were vulnerable people across Northern Ireland and such a service should be funded through the Assembly.

A Member of the Sinn Fein grouping stated that there had been equality issues within the Assembly. However, in terms of Foyle Haven, Council should not be the main group responsible for funding the service.

The Head of Health and Community Wellbeing drew Members attention to item 3.4 in the report: *The deficit remains circa £85,000. DePaul are hopeful that an additional £15,000 can be secured to bring this shortfall down to £70,000. The £70,000 shortfall will result in the loss of 2.5 posts.* He stated that DePaul was hopeful the contribution from Council would be approximately £5,000 - £10,000.

The Director of Health and Community reported that Officers had been speaking to the core funders to gauge if there had been any change to the position. She stated that the difficulty was that most of those

funding bodies were awaiting confirmation of their confirmed budgets. The Director added that in many cases the funding to Foyle Haven last year had been the result of in-year savings much later in the financial year. She reported that the DePaul Group had corporate responsibility and Council could not influence their decision regarding a reduction in staff. The Director referred to the meeting scheduled for August, stating that there was difficulty in availability due to leave commitments.

The Committee

**Recommended that (i) Council notes the update on the funding situation of Foyle Haven (ii) consider the potential for a Council contribution of £10,000 in partnership with the PCSP contribution (iii) Council contacts the Northern Ireland Office to acquire direct funding for Foyle Haven.**

#### **HC162/17 Pilot Community Crisis Intervention Service (CCIS)**

The Head of Health and Community Wellbeing presented the above report, previously circulated to Members. The purpose of the report was to seek Members approval for an open procurement process for a low threshold responsive Community Crisis Intervention Service (CCIS) for an initial six month period.

Members of the SDLP, Independent, Sinn Fein and DUP groupings thanked Officers for the report and stated that:

- The financial contribution made by the trust was insufficient.
- It was vital that partners get it right and ensure that people's aspirations for the service were not quelled.
- Who provided the information and consultation regarding the approach taken by Council.
- What agencies were involved in the service.
- Six months was an insufficient timescale for the pilot.
- Concerns at the potential lack of after care
- Will the services of Ulster University incur a charge.
- The service was much needed in the City and District.
- More statutory services should support the service

The Chair stated that there were certain issues laid down in the procurement element of the report on the terms of reference. He reminded Members that the recommendation was there to approve the open procurement process which should be the main focus for discussion.

A Member of the DUP grouping stated that she agreed with some of the concerns but the pilot scheme had to start somewhere, adding that she supported the recommendation.

A Member of the SDLP grouping proposed that a paper be prepared after the procurement exercise detailing how the service will operate and stating what role elected members had to enhance the proposed service.

The Director of Health and Community stated that the open public call was for a service contract managed by Council and a report would be presented to the Committee on the specification. She further stated that a lot of work had been carried out by Heads of Service to gain input from a wide range of statutory organisations who had been giving their expertise and advice in relation to that specification which was important. The Director then added that they did not wish to compromise the procurement process by giving out information in advance.

### **The Committee**

<b>Recommended</b>	<b>that (i) Council approves an open procurement process for a low threshold responsive Community Crisis Intervention Service (CCIS) for the initial six month period (ii) on the completion of the procurement process, a report is brought to the Committee detailing the operational aspects of the service and the role of elected members on the proposed service that would become available.</b>
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Open for Information

**HC163/17 Entertainment Licensing Activity (April-June 2017)**

The Head of Health and Community Wellbeing presented the above report for information, previously circulated to Members. The purpose of the report was to inform Members of Entertainment Licensing activity for the period 1 April to 19 June 2017.

A non-committee Member of the UUP grouping declared an interest in the above item as a Member of the Castlederg Branch of the Royal British Legion.

He referred to Appendix 1, the list of applications for Entertainment Licences, stating that the list of locations were all notified as Derry. He stated that there was at least one organisation who would not use that particular address.

The Director of Health and Community noted the Members' comments.

The Committee

**Recommended that Members note the contents of the report.**

**HC164/17 Consultation on Proposed Consolidated Private Water Supplies Regulations**

The Head of Health and Community Wellbeing presented the above report for information, previously circulated to Members. The purpose of the report was to advise Members of the consultation issued by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) in relation to the proposal to make consolidated Private Water Supplies Regulations to implement European Commission Directive 2015/1787.

The Committee

**Recommended that Members note the contents of the report.**

**HC165/17 Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act (NI) 2011 Abatement Notice**

The Head of Health and Community Wellbeing presented the above report for information, previously circulated to Members. The purpose of the report was to advise Members of an abatement notice in respect

of a statutory nuisance served under the Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act (NI) 2011 in relation to noise from a site a Corrody Road.

A Member of the Sinn Fein grouping stated that he wished to thank Officers on the work carried out to cease activity on the site. He added that a large number of residents had been affected by the testing of the race track at Corrody Road.

A Member of the DUP grouping agreed with the Members' comments and stated that she had been contacted by residents regarding that issue and thanked Officers for their swift action.

A Member of the SDLP grouping enquired if the abatement notice was time bound as she was aware that an appeal had been submitted.

The Head of Health and Community Wellbeing stated that the nuisance abatement notice was subject to an appeal, which had been listed for content on 20 July 2017.

The Committee

**Recommended that Members note the contents of the report.**

**HC166/17 Update on the Development of the New Executive Strategy for Children and Young People 2017-2017**

The Head of Community Development and Leisure presented the above report for information, previously circulated to Members. The purpose of the report was to update Members on the development of the new Executive Strategy for Children and Young People 2017-2017.

The Committee

**Recommended that Members note the contents of the report.**

**HC167/17 Waterside Shared Village**

The Head of Health and Community Wellbeing presented the above report for information, previously circulated to Members. The purpose of the report was to update Members on the funding application to the

Special European Union Programmes Body (SUEPB) for the Waterside Shared Village Project.

The Committee

**Recommended that Members note the contents of the report.**

**HC168/17 Re-Shaping Stroke Services: a Pre-Consultation**

The Director of Health and Community presented the above report for information, previously circulated to Members. The purpose of the report was to advise Members of the pre-consultation period for Re-shaping Stroke Services which will provide an opportunity for all stakeholders to consider and comment on the case for change.

The Committee

**Recommended that Members note the contents of the report.**

**HC169/17 Tackling Paramilitary Activity, Criminality and Organised Crime**

The Director of Health and Community presented the above report for information, previously circulated to Members. The purpose of the report was to update Members on the tackling paramilitarism and organised crime programme arising from the Fresh Start Agreement.

The Committee

**Recommended that Members note the contents of the report.**

**HC170/17 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.**

**HC171/17 Consultation List**

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 6.40pm

**Chairperson:** \_\_\_\_\_

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