

**LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the proceedings of the Special Meeting of the Development Committee of Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council held in the Civic Centre, Lisburn, BT27 4RL on Wednesday, 21 September 2022 at 6.00 pm**

**PRESENT IN THE CHAMBER:**

Alderman A G Ewart MBE (Chairman)

Alderman A Grehan (Vice Chairperson)

Aldermen W J Dillon MBE and D Drysdale

Councillors R T Beckett, A Givan, H Legge, U Mackin, G McCleave, C McCready and A Swan

**PRESENT IN A REMOTE LOCATION:**

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor S Carson

Deputy Mayor, Councillor M Guy

Councillors F Cole, J Gallen and S Mulholland

**OTHER MEMBERS IN CHAMBER:**

Aldermen O Gawith

**OTHER MEMBERS IN REMOTE LOCATION**

Alderman S Martin

Councillors J Lavery and John Palmer

**IN ATTENDANCE IN THE CHAMBER:**

Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council

Director of Service Transformation

Infrastructure and Regeneration Manager

Member Services Officers (BS and BF)

IT Officer

Technician

Legal Advisor

Mr P McBride (Cleaver Fulton Rankin)

**Purpose of Meeting**

The Chairman, Alderman A G Ewart, welcomed everyone to the Special Meeting of the Development Committee which had been convened to consider a report in connection with CCTV Provision by Citywatch (formally Lisburn Commerce Against Crime). The Chairman reminded the Committee that at its meeting on 1 September 2022 the Committee, having considered a report on this matter, agreed that no decision be taken and that:

### Purpose of Meeting (Cont'd)

- a Special Meeting of the Committee be held in advance of the Meeting of Council on the 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022 with the business of the Special Meeting being confined to this one item;
- legal advice on the Council's position in regard to the funding of Citywatch be sought and provided to the Committee in advance of the Special Meeting referred to above;
- the Council's legal advisors be in attendance at the Special Meeting.

### Commencement of Meeting

The Chairman extended thanks to the Committee for their attendance that evening, the Special meeting having been rescheduled at short notice from the previous week which had been occasioned due to the death of HM the Queen.

The Chairman advised that the meeting was being live streamed to enable members of the public to hear and see the proceedings and extended a welcome to those watching on the livestream.

The Chairman stated that, whilst the meeting was being live streamed, unauthorised recording was not permitted, as per the Council's Standing Orders. The Chairperson also reminded everyone to ensure mobile phones were turned off or on silent mode for the duration of the meeting and proceeded to outline the evacuation procedures in the case of an emergency.

The Chairperson asked that any Member entering or leaving the meeting to advise the Member Services accordingly so that this might be accurately reflected in the minutes.

At this point, Member Services Officer read out the names of the Elected Members in attendance at the meeting.

#### 1. Apologies

It was agreed to record apologies for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of Alderman J Baird and the Head of Economic Development.

#### 2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest declared at the meeting.

### 3. Confidential Report by the Director of Service Transformation

The Chairman, Alderman A G Ewart, advised that the reason for confidentiality in respect of the Director's Confidential Report was due to information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person organisation (including the Council holding that information).

It was proposed by Councillor R T Beckett, seconded by the Alderman D Drysdale, and agreed that the Confidential Business be considered "in Committee" in the absence of press or members of the public.

At this juncture the livestream was stopped for the purpose of consideration of the confidential business at 6.05 pm.

#### "In Committee"

##### 3.1 Citywatch CCTV (formally known as Lisburn Commerce Against Crime)

The Committee had been provided with a report and related documentation in regard to issues relating to the operation of CCTV provision by Citywatch.

The Director of Service Transformation outlined the key issues as set out in his report and responded to a number of questions and comments from the Committee. The legal advisor also responded to questions from the Committee as did the Infrastructure and Regeneration Manager.

Following a lengthy discussion it was proposed by Councillor A Givan, seconded by Alderman D Drysdale, and agreed to recommend that the course of action as outlined in the Director's report be approved.

#### Resumption of Normal Business

It was proposed by Councillor A Swan, seconded by Alderman W J Dillon, and agreed to come out of Committee and normal business was resumed. The livestream was re-commenced at 7.10 pm.

The Chairman, Alderman A G Ewart, thanked Members for their attendance and there being no other business the meeting was terminated at 7.10 pm.

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Chairperson