



Comhairle Contae Lú
Louth County Council



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Newry, Mourne
and Down
District Council

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Joint Committee of Elected Members between
Newry, Mourne and Down District Council, and Louth County Council

Report of Meeting held Wednesday 4 December 2019 at 10.00 a.m.
in the Council Chamber, Louth County Council Offices, Dundalk

In the Chair:	Councillor E Coffey,	Louth County Council (Joint Chair)
Present:	Councillor D McAteer, Councillor J Tinnelly, Councillor M Ruane, Councillor W Clarke, Councillor A Watters, Councillor P McGeough, Councillor T Cunningham, Councillor, D Power	Newry, Mourne and Down DC Newry, Mourne and Down DC Newry, Mourne and Down DC Newry, Mourne and Down DC Louth County Council Louth County Council Louth County Council Louth County Council
	Ms C Duff, Mr J McGuinness, Mr F Pentony, Mr C Mallon, Mr R Moore, Ms D Carville, Mr J McGilly Ms P Arthurs, Ms A Powell,	Director LCC Director LCC Director LCC Director NMDDC Director NMDDC Director NMDDC Assistant Director NMDDC East Border Region NMDDC (Notes)

1. Welcome and Apologies:

Apologies received from:

Councillor M Larkin,	Newry, Mourne and Down DC (Joint Chair)
Councillor E Corrigan,	Louth County Council
Councillor J Byrne,	Louth County Council
Councillor J Sheridan,	Louth County Council
Councillor E McGreehan,	Louth County Council
Councillor D Curran,	Newry, Mourne and Down DC
Councillor R Mulgrew,	Newry, Mourne and Down DC
Councillor K Owen,	Newry, Mourne and Down DC
Councillor H McKee,	Newry, Mourne and Down DC
Ms J Martin,	Chief Executive LCC
Ms M Ward,	Chief Executive NMDDC
Mr P Donnelly	Director LCC
Ms B Woods	Director LCC
Mr M Lipsett,	Director NMDDC

Councillor K Owens was invited to attend in place of Councillor H Harvey who has moved to NI Assembly.

2. Report of Louth/Newry Mourne and Down Joint Committee Meeting held on 25 September 2019 (attached)

On the proposal of Councillor Tinnelly, seconded by Councillor Watters, report of meeting held on the 25 September 2019 was approved.

3. Matters Arising

No matters arising from the report were raised.

4. Report of Workshop – 30 October 2019 (attached)

Report from workshop held on 30 October 2019 provided by Facilitator L O'Meara having been previously circulated, was discussed. Councillor Coffey commented that the workshop had gone well.

P Arthurs took members through the report. Discussion summary on page 5 presented four key themes as being identified in the workshop:

- Climate change and the environment
- Tourism
- Lobbying
- Economic Development

Pamela informed members that the Management Team met following the workshop and have developed a revised Action Plan based on these 4 themes.

5. Adoption of new Strategic Alliance Action & Communication Plan

C Mallon presented draft action plan with copies circulated during the meeting. As suggested at the workshop, the actions have been listed as long term (2+ years) and short term (less than 2 years).

Comments on the revised action plan included:

Tourism –

- Networking with bus companies e.g. Bus Eireann and Translink
- Promotion of Food Industry e.g. sea food
- Joint Sporting / Cycling / Greenway / Carlingford Lough event
- Joint PR on websites /event marketing

Lobbying –

- South Down should be included in Irelands Ancient East. Members informed TNI are supportive but there is a need to lobby Ministers regarding this issue.

AGREED: Lobbying for South Down to be included in Irelands Ancient East to be added to revised action plan.

AGREED: A paper on possible Joint Events be presented to the next Committee meeting for members to consider.

Economic Development -

- Peace Plus Stakeholder Engagement events are due to take place locally in January and February 2020

P Arthurs asked that the dates be circulated to all members and encouraged their attendance as an opportunity to emphasise and lobby on a cross border basis for the needs of the region.

AGREED: Upcoming dates for Peace Plus Stakeholder Engagement to be circulated to members to encourage attendance.

6. Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held at 10am on Wednesday 19th February 2020 in the NMDDC Offices, Newry.

Signed: C Mallon
 Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism
 Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

ACTIONS

	ACTION	Referred to
1.	AGREED: Lobbying for South Down to be included in Irelands Ancient East to be added to revised action plan.	C Mallon
2.	AGREED: A paper on possible Joint Events be presented to the next Committee meeting for members to consider.	C Mallon / P Donnelly
3.	AGREED: Upcoming dates for Peace Plus Stakeholder Engagement to be circulated to members to encourage attendance.	C Mallon