

ARDS AND NORTH DOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL

13th September 2022

Dear Sir/Madam

You are hereby invited to attend a meeting of the Ards and North Down Borough Corporate Services Committee which will be held remotely via Zoom on 20th September 2022.

Yours faithfully

Stephen Reid
Chief Executive
Ards and North Down Borough Council

A G E N D A

1. Apologies
2. Declarations of Interest
3. Presentation – NIHE, Annual Housing Investment Plan
4. National Association of Councillors NI Conference (Report attached)
5. Requests to light up Council buildings in support of Ukraine in support of Ukraine (Report attached)
6. Requests to light up Council buildings (Report attached):
7. Any other notified business

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8. Estimates 2023/24 context report (Report attached)
9. Draft Self-Assessment Report 2021/22 (Report attached)
10. Disposal of land at Blair Mayne Road South (Report attached)
11. 3G Pitch Portavogie – Agreement re Floodlight Support (Report attached)

MEMBERSHIP OF CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE (16 Members)

Alderman Keery	Councillor Douglas
Alderman Gibson	Councillor Dunlop
Alderman Girvan	Councillor Gilmour
Alderman Irvine	Councillor Greer
Alderman McIlveen (Vice Chair)	Councillor Irwin
Councillor Blaney	Councillor McKimm
Councillor Chambers	Councillor P Smith (Chair)
Councillor Cooper	Councillor T Smith

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Council/Committee	Corporate Services Committee
Date of Meeting	20 September 2022
Responsible Director	Director of Organisational Development and Administration
Responsible Head of Service	Head of Administration
Date of Report	01 September 2022
File Reference	'-
Legislation	'-
Section 75 Compliant	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>
Subject	National Association of Councillors NI Conference
Attachments	

The following email was sent to all NAC Members on 22 August 2022

Dear NAC Members

You are cordially invited to attend a National Association of Councillors (NI Region) Conference taking place on Tuesday 27 September in the Glenavon House Hotel, 52 Drum Road, Cookstown, BT80 8JQ:

NAC at 30 years, Defining Our Positive Future

The Conference is planned to run from 9.30am to 4pm approximately and will be independently facilitated by Mr Derek McCallan, former CEO of NILGA. NILGA's current CEO, Ms Alison Allen, will also support the day.

An Agenda is currently being finalised and this along with further information will be forwarded in due course.

I do hope that you can attend this participative conference in-person, however if not, a hybrid format will allow NAC Members unable to travel to Cookstown to participate virtually.

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Please note that non-Council nominated delegates that wish to attend in-person will need to seek clearance from their respective Councils.

Yours sincerely

Joe

Cllr Joe Boyle
SECRETARY
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILLORS
Northern Ireland Region

The Council has 7 Elected Members nominated to the NAC as follows:

	2019/23
1	Alderman McDowell
2	Alderman Wilson
3	Councillor Boyle
4	Alderman Gibson
5	Councillor Thompson
6	Alderman Carson
7	Alderman Keery
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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council notes the attendance of the NAC Members, should they wish to attend in person, and considers if they wish to nominate any other Councillors to attend the conference.

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Date of Report	16 August 2022
File Reference	LP37
Legislation	
Section 75 Compliant	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>
Subject	Request to light up Council buildings in support of Ukraine
Attachments	

In response to the invasion by Russia of Ukraine in February 2022, and to show Council's support for and solidarity with Ukraine, it was agreed at March 2022 Corporate Committee (and subsequently ratified at March Council) by Members through the Party Group Leaders, Independents and single Member Parties to light up Council buildings blue and yellow on Friday 25th, Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th February 2022.

It was subsequently agreed by Council to continue to light up its buildings in support and in solidarity with the people of Ukraine if there were no other scheduled events and It was agreed that Corporate Services Committee would keep this under review at each Committee meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council considers whether it wishes to continue to light up Council buildings in blue and yellow in support of Ukraine on dates when there are no other light ups programmed (and if so, that this will continue to be reviewed on a monthly basis at Corporate Services Committee).

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File Reference	LP37
Legislation	
Section 75 Compliant	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>
Subject	Request to light up Council buildings to mark 1. Anti-Slavery Day 2. World Arthritis Day 3. Air Ambulance Week
Attachments	

1. Anti-Slavery Day**Requestor**

Richard Black – Modern Slavery Human Trafficking Branch, Department of Justice

Reason for request

To mark Anti-Slavery Day

Dates and coloursLighting up Ards Arts Centre / Ards Town Hall and McKee Clock red on 18th October 2022 and annually thereafter.**Background information**

The purpose of Anti-Slavery day is to acknowledge that millions of men, women and children continue to be victims of slavery, depriving them of basic human dignity and

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freedom, to raise awareness amongst young people and others of the dangers and consequences of slavery, human trafficking and exploitation and encourage them to be proactive in the fight against it and to draw attention to the work undertaken by all stakeholders to combat all forms of slavery, human trafficking and exploitation.

Does it meet policy requirements?

As this request does not meet the specific criteria set out in the policy (not based in or connected to the Borough), it requires the consideration and approval of the Council.

2. World Arthritis Day

Requestor

John McCormick – Northern Ireland Versus Arthritis

Reason for request

To mark World Arthritis Day

Dates and colours

Lighting up Ards Arts Centre / Ards Town Hall and McKee Clock blue on 12th October 2022 and annually thereafter.

Background information

Around 42,000 people of all ages in North Down and Ards have arthritis, a condition that has a huge impact on people's lives but is often hidden and misunderstood. NI Versus Arthritis is asking councils in NI to "shine a light on arthritis by" lighting up blue for World Arthritis Day on 12th October 2022. They have provided the following information:

"The aim of World Arthritis Day is to highlight the massive impact of this debilitating condition and encourage people with the condition to get treatment and support. Versus Arthritis is a local and national charity that supports the 19 million people living with arthritis and related conditions across the UK (over 500,000 in Northern Ireland -around a quarter of the population). Musculoskeletal conditions are the biggest cause of physical disability in Northern Ireland...

...We have an active local peer support group that meets in Bangor once a month. World Arthritis Day is a fantastic opportunity to highlight the condition and the local support available, link to website at www.versusarthritis.org"

Does it meet policy requirements?

Yes - request has been received from a non-profit making organisation based in the Borough to mark a significant occasion.

3. Air Ambulance Week

Requestor

Damian McAnespie – Air Ambulance NI

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Reason for request

To mark Air Ambulance Week 2022 – 5th to 11th September 2022.

Dates and colours

Lighting up Ards Arts Centre / Ards Town Hall and McKee Clock red on 9th September 2022 and annually thereafter.

Background information

A one-off lighting up request from Air Ambulance NI was approved by Council in August 2021, and as the request to light up Council buildings in 2022 was received on 2nd September 2022, this is being put to Council for retrospective approval.

Information provided by requestor:

"It's Air Ambulance Week 2022 and we want to raise awareness of the critical difference air ambulance services make, particularly our local service, provided by @NIAS and @AirAmbulanceNorthernIreland.

Each week on average, the air ambulance is needed in NI on 14 occasions. Air ambulance crews bring the skills and expertise of a hospital to the scene of an emergency, performing complex procedures using advanced equipment and drugs that improve survival rates.

This year alone (to end July 2022), the crew have been called on 414 occasions. Each mission requires fundraising of around £2750, so public support is crucial."

Does it meet policy requirements?

As this request does not meet the specific criteria set out in the policy (not based in or connected to the Borough), it requires the consideration and approval of the Council.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council considers:

1. The request to light up Council buildings red on 18th October 2022 to mark Anti-Slavery Day and annually thereafter.
2. The request to light up Council buildings blue on 12th October 2022 to mark World Arthritis Day and annually thereafter.
3. The request to light up Council buildings red on 9th September 2022 to mark Air Ambulance NI awareness and annually thereafter (retrospectively).