



Borough of Douglas

**COUNCILLOR MISS DEBRA ANNE MARIE PITTS, JP
MAYOR**

Town Hall,

Douglas,

6th April, 2018

Dear Sir or Madam,

You are hereby summoned to attend a MEETING OF THE COUNCIL to be held on WEDNESDAY, the 11th day of APRIL, 2018, at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon, in the COUNCIL CHAMBER within the TOWN HALL, DOUGLAS for the transaction of the hereinafter mentioned business.

I am,

Yours faithfully

Town Clerk & Chief Executive

Order of Agenda

I - Election of a person to preside (if the Mayor is absent).

II - Any statutory business.

III - Approval as a correct record of the minutes of the last regular and any intermediate Meetings of the Council.

IV - Questions of which Notice has been given by Members of the Council, pursuant to Standing Order No. 39.

V - Consideration of the minutes of proceedings of the Council in Committee.

VI - Consideration of the minutes of proceedings of Committees of the Council in the following order:

- (i) The Executive Committee;
- (ii) The Pensions Committee;
- (iii) The Standards Committee;
- (iv) The Eastern District Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee;
- (v) Any other Joint Committee;
- (vi) The Housing Committee;
- (vii) The Regeneration and Community Committee;
- (viii) The Environmental Services Committee;

VIII - Consideration of such communications or petitions and memorials as the Mayor or Chief Executive may desire to lay before Council.

IX - Notices of Motion submitted by Members of the Council in order of their receipt by the Chief Executive.

X - Any Miscellaneous Business of which Notice has been given pursuant to Standing Orders.

The above Order of Agenda is in accordance with Standing Order No. 16(1); under Standing Order No. 16(2) it may be varied by the Council to give precedence to any business of a special urgency, but such variation shall not displace business under I and II.

AGENDA

III – Chief Executive to read minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 14th March 2018 and the Special Private Council Meeting held on Thursday, 29th March 2018.

VI(i) - The proceedings of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE as follows:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday, 29th March, 2018.

Members Present: Mr Councillor D.W. Christian (Chair), the Mayor, Mr Councillor I.J.G. Clague, Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl, Councillor Ms J. Thommeny (Vice-Chair of Regeneration & Community Committee).

In Attendance: Chief Executive (Miss K.J. Rice), Director of Finance (Mr G.M. Bolt), Director of Housing & Property (Mrs S. Harrison), Assistant Chief Officer (Environment) (Mr A.J. Donnelly), Executive Officer (Mrs J.M. Keig) (taking minutes).

REPORT

PART A –

Matters within the scope of the Executive Committee's delegated authority

A1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts, and the Director of Environment & Regeneration (Mrs D. Eynon).

A2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were submitted.

A3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Friday 2nd March 2018 were approved and signed.

A4. Matters Arising From Previous Minutes

There were no matters arising from the previous public minutes.

A5. Referrals from the Environmental Services Committee

There were no referrals from the minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held on Monday 19th March 2018.

A6. Referrals from the Regeneration & Community Committee

The meeting of the Regeneration & Community Committee, scheduled for Tuesday 20th March 2018, had been cancelled.

A7. Monthly Financial Review

The Committee considered a written report by the Director of Finance setting out details of progress made compared to key performance indicators in relation to strategic governance objectives; the percentage of rates collected; the increase in the number of non-cash / non-cheque payments; and the percentage of sundry debtors collected within three months.

Resolved, "That particulars of the report be noted on the minutes."

A8. End of Contracting-Out of the State Second Pension

The Committee considered a written report by the Assistant Chief Officer (Finance) in relation to the proposal to end contracting out of the State Second Pension.

The Committee had previously considered the consultation document issued by the Income Tax Division of the Isle of Man Treasury in July 2017. The proposal had been to remove the contracting-out regulations, which would result in all new state pension claimants after 6th April 2019 receiving a single-rate state pension. It had been noted at the time that individuals with less than thirty-five qualifying years of National Insurance contributions (who reached pension age after 5th April 2019) would not receive the full single-rate pension, and that individuals in contracted-out schemes might also receive less than the full state pension.

The Treasury had now published its Conclusion following the consultation, which was to proceed with the proposal to cease contracting-out. There would be a financial impact on the Council and on other local authorities that had employees in the Isle of Man Local Government Superannuation Scheme; and would also result in higher employee National Insurance contributions, leading to a reduction in take-home pay.

The original consultation document had included the statement, *'it should be noted that the additional National Insurance cost to the Isle of Man Government (as an Employer) will be managed as part of the budget process and will not amend or impact on future benefit entitlements for members of the Public Sector Pension Schemes'*. As the Treasury's Conclusion included no mention of recompense to local government employers, it was recommended that The Treasury Minister be written to, to request recompense, in order to avoid a saving to the taxpayer (through the abolition of contracting-out) being offset by a cost increase to the ratepayer.

Resolved, "(i) That particulars of the report be noted on the minutes;

- (ii) That the Director of Finance be authorised to request that the Treasury provide recompense to the Council for the increase in employment costs, to avoid a saving to the taxpayer through the abolition of contracting-out being offset by a cost increase to the ratepayer; and
- (iii) That a copy of both the above request and the written report be circulated to other public sector employers with employees in the Isle of Man Local Government Superannuation Scheme."

A9. **Douglas Head War Memorial – Refurbishment**

The Committee considered a written report by the Head of Parks in relation to the proposed refurbishment of the Douglas Head War Memorial, and other initiatives to commemorate the Centenary of the Armistice on 11th November 2018.

During December 2017, Members of the Executive Committee had considered a number of options to mark the Centenary of the Armistice, with the refurbishment of the war memorial on Douglas Head and a number of other initiatives being the preferred option. The memorial (which was registered) stood on land owned by Carnane Farms Ltd, and permission had been granted to the Council by the company to undertake refurbishment and improvement works at the site.

It was noted that spending public funds on land and assets not owned by the Council for the purpose of maintaining the memorial was permitted under the War Memorials Act 2016.

Resolved, "(i) That particulars of the report be noted on the minutes;

- (ii) That in preparation for the Centenary of the Armistice on 11th November 2018, funding in the sum of £36,685 from the General Revenue Reserve be approved for the following refurbishment and improvements works at the Douglas Head War Memorial -

- Memorial cleaning and restoration, including paving surround;
- Memorial lighting (LED multi-colour);
- Painting of Memorial fencing and railings in view of the Memorial;
- Minor landscape works;
- Restoration of Memorial steps, including handrails with lighting;
- Construction of Memorial access ramp, Memorial perimeter path, and disabled parking bay; and
- Memorial interpretation board; and

- (iii) That funding in the sum of £13,315 be approved from the General Revenue Reserve for the following -

- Six seats with 'poppy' back-rests;
- One-hundred metal poppies and three 'there but not there' 'Tommy' silhouettes, for the creation of a display in the Marine Gardens during the summer and autumn of 2018;
- Poppy banners for lighting columns and 'Welcome to Douglas' signs; and
- Vinyl poppies for the Council's vehicle fleet."

A10. **Isle of Man Municipal Association**

The Committee had been circulated with a number of documents received from the Isle of Man Municipal Association.

Resolved, "That particulars of the documents be noted on the minutes."

A11. Items for Future Report

The Committee considered a written report by the Chief Executive identifying those issues on which further reports had been requested or which were outstanding, so that Members and officers were aware of them and could monitor progress.

Resolved, "That particulars of the report be noted on the minutes and that it be considered and monitored at each meeting of the Executive Committee."

A12. Chair's Closing Remarks

The Chair thanked Members for their contributions during the municipal year and the active part they had played in respect of the many and varied items that had come before the Committee, especially during the Budget process. He also thanked the Chief Officers for their support and work with him as Leader of the Council; and the Executive Officer for the efficient running of the Committee, its Agendas and Minutes. The Chair expressed particular appreciation to the Director of Finance, who was due to retire, for his services, not only to the Committee, but also as a Chief Officer within the Council, and wished him well in his retirement.

Resolved, "That particulars be noted on the minutes."

PART B –

Matters subject to Council approval

No public matters subject to Council approval were considered.

The Committee rose at 3.45pm.

VI(ii) – The proceedings of the PENSIONS COMMITTEE as follows:

PENSIONS COMMITTEE

PENSIONS COMMITTEE – Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday, 28th March, 2018.

Members Present: Mr Councillor C.L.H. Cain (Chair), Mr Councillor J. Joughin, Councillor Ms C.E. Malarkey, Mr Councillor F. Horning, Councillor Ms K. Angela, Mr A. Thomas (Independent Member).

In Attendance: Mr Andrew Beedall (Technical Consultant - Capita). Director of Finance (Mr G.M. Bolt), Assistant Chief Officer (Finance) (Mr E.P. Pierce), Accountancy Manager (Mr R. Davies), Democratic Services Officer (Ms W. Wynne).

REPORT

PART A –

Matters within the scope of the Committee's delegated authority

A1. Apologies

The Mayor submitted apologies for the meeting due to a Mayoral engagement.

A2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

A3. Minutes – 28th February, 2018

The minutes of the meeting held Wednesday, 28th February, 2018 were approved and signed.

A4. Training Presentation – Administration Pensions Framework (Capita)

The Committee received a training presentation from Mr A. Beedall, Technical Consultant from Capita, on Administration Pensions Framework.

Mr Beedall began by providing a background on general pension's framework and how government allows tax concessions to encourage employees to save for retirement. He advised Members that the State Pension currently stands at £122.30 per week and an additional £2 is added when members reach 80 years old.

He went on to explain the Occupational Pension Scheme arrangements which can be final salary schemes whereby the scheme works out the pension based on the length of service, final salary and accrual rate on retirement; the LGSS is a final salary scheme with members receiving 1/60th of pay every year present in the scheme until retirement; the CARE scheme, however, is based on the amount of pay received each year and the accrual rate; and money purchase schemes just yield the contributions plus investment returns.

Mr Beedall provided background information on the current Local Government Superannuation Scheme Regulations (LGSS) and revoked Regulations. He explained overriding legislation and gave an overview of the Pensions (Increase) Act 1971 that makes provision to keep public service pensions up with inflation. Members receive an Annual Benefit Statement. This would show the benefits accrued and any pension increase would be applied. He explained that the Income Tax (Retirement Benefit Schemes) Act 1978 covers the legislation around taxation and pension schemes, and that the Social Security Act 1989 required equal treatment for men and women.

He went on to explain the Pensions Schemes Act 1993 and the Pensions Act 1995 which included provisions regarding 'earmarking' in divorce cases when the benefits still belong to the member, but some are 'earmarked' for their ex-spouse and therefore reducing the amount paid out to the member. Mr Beedall finished his presentation by giving an overview of the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999 and Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act 2000.

Resolved, "That particulars of the presentation and discussion be noted on the minutes."

A5. Superannuation Scheme Performance Monitoring

The Committee considered a report submitted by the Assistant Chief Officer (Finance) for setting out performance against actions in the Superannuation Scheme Service Plan.

Appended to the report were actions from the Service Plan together with an update as at March 2018. A red, amber, green status had been applied to each measure; the only concern was market testing arrangements for tendering of Pensions Consultants which was not yet complete and also referred to as a separate item on the agenda.

Resolved, "That particulars of the report be noted on the minutes."

A6. Annual Rebalancing of Assets

The Committee considered a report submitted by the Assistant Chief Officer (Finance) on a periodic review to consider disinvesting some funds to re-balance the fund.

The Assistant Chief Officer (Finance) explained the process had been held back as if reported earlier it would have been based on the end of January valuations which were distorted due to market events at that time. He explained that the Committee had previously agreed to a strategic allocation of investments between various asset classes to optimise risk and return. Different asset classes perform at different levels and consequently over time the actual percentage allocations therefore drift.

It was noted that officers monitor the actual values against the strategic allocations and use surplus contributions to top up the most under-weight fund. Over a long period of time however, this will not necessarily be adequate to maintain the balance within the control ranges.

It was recommended that £300,000 be disinvested from the global equities fund with St James's Place and combined with £200,000 of surplus contributions. This would be invested in absolute return with Capital International of £200,000, in corporate bonds with Canaccord of £200,000 and in fixed-interest gilts with Canaccord of £100,000.

Resolved, "That particulars of the report and discussion be noted on the minutes and;

- (i) £300,000 be disinvested from global equities fund with St James's Place;
- (ii) £200,000 be invested in absolute return with Capital International;
- (iii) £200,000 be invested in in corporate bonds with Canaccord;
- (iv) £100,000 be invested in fixed-interest gilts with Canaccord."

A7. End of Contracting Out

The Committee considered a report by the Assistant Chief Officer (Finance) of the end of contracting out effecting the administration of the Isle of Man Local Government Superannuation Scheme (IOMLGSS). Mr Beedall explained that a conclusion had been published by the Treasury following a consultation in relation to the proposal to End Contracting Out of the State Second Pension.

Members were advised that the Treasury would press ahead with their plan to cease contracting-out and implement a new single State Pension in April 2019. GMP records would be reconciled in a similar system to the method used in the UK although no further detail or timescale for reconciliation was provided at this time.

Members noted that the decision to end contracting out would result in increased national insurance contributions for both employers and employees in 2019/20.

Resolved, "That particulars of the report be noted on the minutes and authorisation given for officers to request that Treasury provides a timetable for the Guaranteed Minimum Pension (GMP) reconciliation."

A8. Items For Future Report

The Committee considered a report by the Director of Finance regarding reports for future consideration by the Committee.

Resolved, "That particulars of the matters for future consideration be noted on the minutes."

A9. Market Testing Selection Criteria

The Committee considered a report submitted by the Assistant Chief Officer (Finance) in respect of selection criteria to be applied in the creation of a Select List.

Members noted that creating documentation for all stages of the exercise to market test the pension's administration, actuarial and investment consultancy services were nearing completion.

Appended to the report; Pension Service Provision Selection Criteria and Criteria Requirements for determining whether applicants would be put on the Select List to be invited to tender. Upon scoring at least 13 for Administration and 11 for other services applicants would be put on the Select List. Definitions for Scoring were appended to the report.

Tenders would then be invited. The tendered prices would be evaluated to establish the shortlist of tenderers to be invited to interview.

Members noted that two companies would be invited to present to Committee for each service.

The Assistant Chief Officer (Finance) advised that presentations and interviews upon agreement of Chief Executive and Chair, take place in a Special meeting in September 2018.

Resolved, "That particulars of the report and discussion be noted on the minutes and; the 3-stage tender process and the Selection Criteria be approved as drafted."

A10. Director of Finance – Forthcoming Retirement

The Chairman noted that this would be the last attendance of the Director of Finance, Mr Geoff Bolt, at a meeting of the Pensions Committee prior to his retirement.

The Chair, on behalf of the Committee, expressed his gratitude and appreciation to Mr Bolt for all his hard work on pensions over his 17 years' service and on pensions.

The Chair stated that Mr Bolt would be very much missed from the Council, but wished him a long and happy retirement. Mr Bolt thanked all Members and Officers, past and present, during that time and wished the Council well for the future.

Resolved, "That particulars be noted on the minutes and that the thanks of the Committee be extended to Mr Bolt for his advice and support during the last 17 years."

PART B –

Items requiring Executive Committee approval

There were no items requiring Executive Committee approval.

PART C –

Items requiring Council approval

There were no items requiring Council approval.

The Committee rose at 12.19pm.

VI(iii) – The proceedings of the STANDARDS COMMITTEE as follows:

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

STANDARDS COMMITTEE – Minutes of Meeting held on Monday, 12th March, 2018.

Members Present: Councillor Ms C.E. Malarkey (Chair), Councillor Mrs R. Chatel, Councillor Mrs E.C. Quirk, Mr D. Booth (Independent Member).

In Attendance: Assistant Town Clerk (Mr P.E. Cowin), Democratic Services Officer (Ms W.V. Wynne).

REPORT

PART A –

Matters within the scope of the Committee's delegated authority

A1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted by Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner.

A2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

A3. Minutes – 22nd January, 2018

The minutes of the meeting held Monday, 22nd January, 2018 were approved and signed.

A4. Member Induction – Codes of Conduct

Committee were given a list of induction topics that Members receive information on in their induction when elected to Council.

Queries that newly elected Members may have with regards to questions and supplementary questions to Council were discussed along with the implications of entering into certain discussions on Social Media. It was agreed that Social Media training should be added to the list of topics to be discussed with newly elected Members.

The Chair and Independent Member both advised that the Council should keep an eye on the Equality Bill 2016 on how it may affect/impact compliance within the Chamber.

To enable Members to fully understand registration for Data Protection it would also be added to the Induction list.

It was agreed that the updated Member Induction list would be circulated to all Members, to seek further suggestions which may benefit newly elected Members or those standing for election.

A discussion was held on the seven principles of public life, known as the Nolan Principles, which were defined as selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership.

Resolved, "That particulars of the report and discussion be noted on the minutes."

A5. Items for Future Report

The Committee discussed items for the next meeting for future consideration.

Resolved, "That particulars of the matters for future consideration be noted on the minutes."

A6. Dates of Next Meeting

The Committee approved Monday, 9th July, 2018 at 10.30am as the next Standards Committee meeting date, or Monday, 16th July as an alternative. Members asked that afternoon training sessions for Council Members be arranged before the next meeting.

PART B –

Items requiring Executive Committee approval

There were no items requiring Executive Committee approval.

PART C –

Items requiring Council approval

There were no items requiring Council approval.

The meeting ended at 11.25am.

VI(vi) – The proceedings of the HOUSING COMMITTEE as follows:

HOUSING COMMITTEE

HOUSING COMMITTEE – Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday, 21st March, 2018.

Members Present: Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells (Chair), the Mayor, Mr Councillor C.L.H. Cain, Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner, Councillor Mrs E.C. Quirk, Mrs J. Quaggan (Independent Member).

In Attendance: Assistant Chief Officer (Housing and Property) (Mr G. Atkin), Assistant Chief Officer (Income) (Mrs C. Pulman), Assistant Town Clerk (Mr P. Cowin), Assistant Democratic Services Officer (Mrs T Saxon)

REPORT

PART A –

Matters decided by the Committee

A1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillor Ms C.E. Malarkey.

A2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

A3. Minutes – 21st February, 2018

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 21st February, 2018, were approved and signed.

A4. Housing Development Strategy

The Committee considered a report setting out a development strategy for the Housing Department. The report provided an update on five action plans previously approved by the Committee and set out information sheets on a series of proposed capital projects. The strategy document set out a series of issues common throughout the housing stock; then a summary for each individual housing estate. The Committee discussed a number of matters arising from the report including the need for decant properties to progress some capital programmes, the need for family accommodation within central Douglas, damp issues arising from condensation within properties, and the possibility of building additional housing at Spring Valley Estate. Members queried the need for some consultants on some projects and suggested that the work could be carried out in-house.

Resolved, “That the report be noted on the minutes; and

- (i) Approval be given to the Housing Development Strategy and associated capital project information sheets as drafted and attached to the report; and
- (ii) Approval be given for Council Officers to discuss the strategy with the Department of Infrastructure with a view to obtaining Departmental concurrence with the various projects in the capital programme; and
- (iii) Approval be given to carry out a feasibility study into the proposal to build new housing at Spring Valley Estate; and
- (iv) Approval be given to the engagement of a suitable architect to progress the feasibility study for a maximum sum of £5,000, to be funded from the housing maintenance budget in the first instance, with the sum to be reimbursed to the housing maintenance budget from the capital programme if a resultant capital scheme is initiated.”

Resolutions (i) and (ii) were approved unanimously.

Resolutions (iii) and (iv) were both approved; For: 4; Against: 1.

A5. Vacant Properties Update

The Committee considered the monthly report submitted by the Assistant Housing Manager (Maintenance) to update on the number of vacant social housing properties. The Committee noted the latest position of thirty-eight void properties as at the end of February, 2018. The Assistant Chief Officer (Housing and Property) reported that fourteen properties are currently being worked on and will shortly be ready to re-let. It was noted that due to the capped Housing Maintenance budget, the Housing Reserve has had to be utilised to carry out the works to the fourteen properties, this being the remaining amount available in Reserves in the current financial year.

Members raised questions on several particular properties. It was noted that whilst the information in the schedule is not an exhaustive list of work to be done at each property, it would be useful to update it to reflect the current outstanding works.

Resolved, "That the list of vacant properties be noted on the minutes."

A6. Items for Future Consideration

The Committee considered and noted the monthly report setting out items which will be considered at future meetings. Members asked for a report on the work done to keep the Housing List up to date.

Resolved, "That the schedule and discussion be noted on the minutes."

A7. Committee Membership

The Independent Member, Mrs J. Quaggan reported that she was resigning from the Committee with immediate effect. The Chair thanked Mrs Quaggan for her work on the Committee.

Resolved, "That the resignation of Mrs J Quaggan as the Independent Member be noted on the minutes."

PART B –

Items requiring Executive Committee approval

There were no items requiring Executive Committee approval.

PART C –

Matters requiring Council approval

There were no matters requiring Council approval.

The meeting ended at 11.35am.

VI(viii) – The proceedings of the ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE as follows:

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE – Minutes of Meeting held on Monday, 19th March, 2018.

Members Present: Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl (Chair), the Mayor, Mr Councillor J. Joughin, Mr Councillor F. Horning, Councillor Ms K. Angela.

In Attendance: Director of Environment and Regeneration (Mrs D. Eynon), Assistant Chief Officer (Regeneration) (Mr C. Pycroft), Assistant Chief Officer (Environment) (Mr A. Donnelly), Accountancy Manager (Mr R. Davies), Dilapidation Enforcement Officer (Mr A. Gordon), Assistant Town Clerk (Mr P. Cowin), Assistant Democratic Services Officer (Mrs T. Saxon).

REPORT

PART A –

Matters delegated to the Committee

A1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillor Mrs H. Callow.

A2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

A3. Minutes – 19th February, 2018

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 19th February, 2018 were approved and signed.

A4. Minutes – Joint Meeting with the Executive Committee – 19th February, 2018

The minutes of the joint meeting with the Executive Committee held on Monday, 19th February, 2018 were approved and signed.

A5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

In response to query, the Director of Environment and Regeneration confirmed that the letter has been sent to the Isle of Man Creamery setting out the Council's response to the request for a five-year rolling extension of the licence to discharge whey into Douglas Bay.

In response to query, the Assistant Chief Officer (Environment) provided information on the working methods and timetable for repair of one set of groynes on Douglas Beach. In response to the request for the breakdown of costs associated with groynes repair, the officer agreed to provide the information to the Committee in a Briefing Note.

Resolved, "That the discussion be noted on the minutes."

A6. Car Parking for Snaefell Surgery

The Committee considered a report setting out a request for four dedicated parking spaces in the car park in front of the Snaefell Surgery at Anagh Coar. The car park serves patients coming to the doctors' practice, as well as customers for the adjoining chemist and convenience shops. The report stated that in correspondence making the request the Practice Manager for the Snaefell Surgery advised that the car park is very busy, which can make it very difficult for doctors to park after returning from visits. Three of the spaces requested would be reserved for use by the doctors on duty within the Snaefell Surgery. The fourth space would be reserved for the ambulance service. Correspondence from the Surgery stated that there have been occasions when the ambulance had had great difficulty in attending the surgery.

In the report it was noted that it is a free car park. The Assistant Chief Officer (Regeneration) advised that currently there are no efficient means of enforcing limitations on the length of stay in the car park. A Member noted that it is a very busy car park during the day, and not much used at night when the shops are shut, indicating that it is primarily being used by visitors to the shops and doctors' surgery. In response to query, the Assistant Chief Officer (Regeneration) stated that whilst there are time limitations at the car park, in order to make it a disc zone, the Council would need to seek a new Car Park Order.

Members opined that ambulance calls to the doctors' surgery would be infrequent. It was felt that a dedicated parking space for an ambulance might not be regularly needed. The report did not say how frequently an ambulance is needed for the doctor's surgery.

It was suggested that there is sufficient space for parking behind the shops and near the school that is little used except for a relatively short period at the start and finish of the school day. Use of this area would not affect teaching staff as they have a separate car park alongside the school. The land behind the shops does not belong to the Council, nor is it managed by the Council, so a separate approach would need to be made to the relevant Government Department for reserved spaces.

Resolved, "That the report and discussion be noted on the minutes; and

- (i) The request for reserved parking spaces for doctors at Snaefell Surgery in Anagh Coar be turned down; and
- (ii) Suggestion be made that the Surgery approach the relevant Government department for reserved parking spaces behind the Anagh Coar shops; and
- (iii) Officers be directed to carry out a monitoring exercise in relation to the time limitations already in place at the car park."

A7. Planning Application 18/00113/B re former Digital World shop at the Milestone, Peel Road, IM1 5ED

The Committee considered planning application 18/00113/B seeking approval for a change of use from 'Retail and Warehouse' to 'Retail, Warehouse and Café/Deli'; and for creation of a new additional entrance with glazed porch to look the same as the existing glazed porch to the entrance. The application is in relation to the former Digital World shop at the Milestone, Peel Road. Plans submitted with the application were circulated to the Committee. Previous planning approvals for the site were for retail and warehousing. The application was considered by the Committee on the request of the Chair.

Resolved, "That planning application 18/00113/B be noted on the minutes and no objection was raised."

A8. Planning Application 18/00144/B re site of former Glenside Residential Home, Douglas

The Committee considered planning application 18/00144/B seeking approval for the construction of a sixty-bed residential care home and day care unit for older residents at the site of the former Glenside Residential Home, Victoria Road, Douglas. This application is a resubmission of planning application 17/00053/B which was considered by the Environmental Services Committee in February, 2017 and subsequently turned down by Planning. The Council supported the previous application. This latest application addresses the traffic safety issues previously raised by the Department of Infrastructure. The visibility splays have been opened up, the entrance has been reshaped and moved slightly north, and the bank will be slightly reshaped. One sycamore tree will be removed and there are slight changes to some materials and some glazing fenestration.

The new application remains largely unchanged from the original in respect of use, number of residential units, facilities, location, key design features and general layout. The report before Committee detailed the minor changes which have been incorporated in the new application.

Resolved, "That planning application 18/0144/B be noted on the minutes, and the application supported."

A9. Schedule of Neglected, Dilapidated, Ruinous and Dangerous Properties

The Committee considered the schedule of neglected, dilapidated, ruinous and dangerous properties being dealt with on behalf of the Council.

The Dilapidation Enforcement Officer provided an update on the Pitcairn and Wyndham Hotels, particularly in relation to the recent winter storms. The owners were contacted to advise them of the need to remove roof slates loosened by the storms. The owners were given a deadline for removal of the slates, and when that deadline passed, the Council removed the slates so as to remove the immediate danger. An expenses invoice for the work will be sent to the owners; if the invoice is not paid, then a charge will be put on the property.

Question was raised about 33 Princes Street; the recent changes of ownership within the same family and the effect of these changes on the validity of the Notice originally served on KBS. The Dilapidation Enforcement Officer advised that he had searched legislation with no information found on Notice validity. Legal advice had also been taken and the Advocates were unable to give an answer other than it would have to be tested in court as there is no precedence. A new s24 Notice was served in January with a period of two months expiring at the end of March. If the required works were not completed by the owner then a prosecution would be sought. Officers are already obtaining costs to undertake the works ourselves.

Question was raised on fly-tipping issues affecting several properties. In one instance a person had paid a contractor to take away a load of rubbish which was then dumped on a property in Douglas, rather than being disposed of properly at the Energy from Waste facility. When the fly-tipped materials were examined, it was possible to trace them back to the person who had hired the contractor. The person has been contacted and given a short time to make arrangements for the rubbish to be removed and disposed

of properly. Fly-tipping also affects property owners who are responsible for clearing away items illegally deposited on their property. The Committee suggested that the Council's Media Adviser should prepare a release on the topic of fly-tipping in due course.

Resolved, "That the schedule and discussion be noted on the minutes."

A10. Items for Future Consideration

The Committee considered the schedule of items for future consideration. Members noted the reports list for future months.

Resolved, "That the schedule and discussion be noted on the minutes."

PART B –

Items requiring Executive Committee approval

There were no items requiring Executive Committee approval.

PART C –

Matters requiring Council approval

There were no items requiring Council approval.

The meeting ended at 12.15pm.