

May 5th, 2026

To Each Member of Council

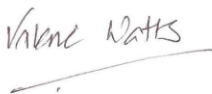
NOTICE OF MEETING

You are requested to attend a Meeting of the

Mid and East Antrim Borough Council

to be held on Monday, 11th May 2026 at 6:30 pm in Council Chamber, The Braid, 1-29 Bridge Street, Ballymena and via remote access.

Yours sincerely



Valerie Watts
Interim Chief Executive, Mid and East Antrim Borough Council

Agenda

1 FORMALITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1.1 Notice of Meeting

1.2 Apologies

1.3 Declarations of Interest

Members and Officers are invited to declare any pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests, including gifts and hospitality, they may have in respect of items on this Agenda.

1.4 Minutes of Council Meeting

1.4.1 Council Meeting held on 30 March 2026 - circulated

[03-26 Full Council Mins Final Draft.pdf](#)

Not included

1.5 Mayor's Announcements

2 QUESTIONS

2.1 Members

2.2 Public

A period of up to 15 minutes will be available to allow questions that have been submitted by members of the public who live, work or study in the Borough. Any questions not answered within the timescale will be provided with a written response.

3 MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

3.1 Planning Committee held on 2 April 2026 - circulated

[04.26 Planning Minutes Draft.pdf](#)

Not included

3.2 Corporate Resources, Policy and Governance Committee held on 13 April 2026 - circulated

[04.26 CRPG Mins Draft.pdf](#)

Not included

3.3 Neighbourhoods and Communities Committee held on 14 April 2026 - circulated

[Draft 04-26 NC Mins.pdf](#)

Not included

- 3.4 Environment and Economy Committee held on 20 April 2026 - circulated**
📎 *04-26 E&E Mins Draft.pdf* *Not included*
- 3.5 Audit and Scrutiny Committee held on 21 April 2026 - circulated**
📎 *04-26 Audit Scrutiny.pdf* *Not included*
- 3.6 Personnel Committee held on 28 April 2026 - to follow**
- 4 POLICY FRAMEWORK AND BUDGET**
- 5 STRATEGIC ISSUES**
- 6 ITEMS FOR DECISION - OPEN COUNCIL**
- 6.1 Inclusion & Equality Sub-Committee Update (SF) - circulated**
📎 *Inclusion Equality Sub-Committee Update.pdf* *Not included*
- 📎 *Appendix 1 - Notes and actions from Inclusion Equality Sub-Committee 27 April 2026.pdf* *Not included*
- 6.2 Memorial Sub Committee Notes – 1 October 2025 - circulated**
📎 *DRAFT 1-10-25 - Memorial Sub-Committee Action Notes.pdf* *Not included*
- 6.3 Memorial Sub Committee Notes – 24 April 2026 - circulated**
📎 *DRAFT Memorial Sub-Committee Action Notes - 24.04.26.pdf* *Not included*
- 6.4 The use of the Council Seal - to follow**
- 7 MOTIONS**
- 7.1 Proposed by Councillor M Donnelly and seconded by Alderman Logan**

This council notes that Mid and East Antrim Borough Council is in the minority of local government areas in Northern Ireland in closing all leisure facilities during bank holidays; recognises that access to leisure facilities brings a wide range of health, wellbeing and social benefits; further recognises that leisure services may be particularly welcomed during bank holidays by families and those with young children; and requests that officers bring a report on options for delivering a leisure facilities offering in Mid and East Antrim during bank holidays, taking account of the perspective of providers and their staff.

7.2 Proposed by Councillor C Harwood and seconded by Councillor J Gibson

Blocking of an Independent Environmental Protection Agency

That this council strongly condemns the blocking of the establishment of an Independent Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) by the DUP in the Assembly and Executive; further condemns the hypocrisy of those who express concern over the Lough Neagh crisis, the illegal dump at Mobuoy and wider environmental degradation, but refuse to support plans to enhance environmental accountability and safeguards; notes that a commitment to an IEPA was contained within the New Decade, New Approach Deal; agrees that it is undemocratic for an IEPA to be unilaterally vetoed by one party which represents a minority in the Assembly as a whole; agrees to write to the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland to ask him to urgently convene a process of institutional reform, in consultation with the Irish Government and local parties, to remove blockages and vetoes from Stormont's system of government; and to ask the Secretary of State to take meaningful steps to ensure that commitments in New Decade, New Approach are implemented.

8 SEALING

(i) Mid and East Antrim Borough Council and CivCo Ltd (Painting works at Dunluce Street, Larne)

(ii) Mid and East Antrim Borough Council and Hall Black Douglas (The Contract for ICT Services for Carnfunnock Country Park LUF)

(iii) Mid and East Antrim Borough Council and Design ID Consulting Limited (ICT Services for Carrickfergus Marina Public Realm Feasibility)

Closed Council - In accordance with Council policy, members of the press will not be in attendance for this section of the Meeting.

9 STRATEGIC ISSUES - CLOSED

10 ITEMS FOR DECISION - CLOSED

10.1 Business Case for 3 x Compact Sweepers - circulated

📎 *Business Case Approval for 3x compact sweepers.pdf*

Not included

10.2 HRC Booking System - to follow

10.3 Local Economic Partnership Action Plan - to follow

10.4 Contract Award – Inspection, Maintenance and Repairs of Air Conditioning Units, Heat Recovery Units, Fire Dampers, Chiller Units, Air Source Heating and Cooling and Pumps to Include Cleaning and Supply of Extract Ductwork - circulated

📎 *Report to Council - Contract Award for ACUs.pdf*

Not included

10.5 Contract Award – Provision of Security Guarding Service at Carrickfergus Harbour & Marina Complex - Circulated

□ *Report to Council - Contract Award Carrick Marina Security Tender - May 2026 (002).pdf*

Not included

OPEN COUNCIL