



**Mid & East
Antrim
Borough Council**

Borough Growth

Committee

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Chair: Cllr R Stewart

Vice Chair: Ald Mrs A Wales MBE

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1. Overall Purposes and Objectives

The Borough Growth Committee will:

- Focus on creating the conditions to grow the economy and create jobs;
- Attract inward investment through an innovative and dynamic approach to economic development and regeneration;
- Focus on developing strategies around tourism, economy, regeneration and funding, with a strong emphasis on improving economic sustainability of the Borough;
- Focus on the delivery of the Building Control function and associated services, which includes Regulatory Services for the enforcement of Building Regulations, Dangerous Structures, Property Certificates, energy performance certificates, vacancy property inspection, corporate fire risk assessment, street naming and postal numbering
- Maximise opportunities to secure funding and programmes across a range of areas, including rural development;
- Focus on ensuring Mid and East Antrim inform and influence at a regional level, including the new Programme for Government;
- Build strong and effective integrated partnerships with key partners, including local business community, Executive Departments i.e. Department for the Communities, Department of Infrastructure, Department of the Economy, DEARA, Tourism Ireland, and the wider business sector;
- Establish a clear and effective Mid and East Antrim brand, which inspires confidence.

The key functions which the Borough Growth Committee will consider are:-

- a) Economic Development
- b) Tourism
- c) Urban Regeneration
- d) DFC Transferring Functions
- e) Town Centre Development
- f) Inward investment and funding
- g) Rural Development
- h) Communications and Branding
- i) Marketing and Events
- j) Planning Policy
- k) Heritage
- l) Special projects - Manufacturing Task Force
- m) Infrastructure Enabling
- n) Building Control
- o) Museums, Arts and Culture
- p) Capital Programme Delivery

In reaching decisions the Borough Growth Committee will have due regard to its impact on, and implications for the Council's commitment to ensuring equality of opportunity and where possible and practicable to ensure that the actions of the Corporate Committee are proactive in this respect.

2. Authority

Authority to establish a committee is set out in the Local Government Act 2014:

Section 12: (1): "A Council may appoint a Committee, and two or more Councils may join in appointing a Committee, to advise -

- (a) the appointing Council or Councils; or*
- (b) where the appointing Council or each of the Councils operates executive arrangements, any executive of that or those Councils, or a sub-committee of that executive, on any matter relating to the discharge of their functions".*

3. Organisation

(i) Meetings

- The Borough Growth Committee will meet on Monday of week three of each month
- The Borough Growth Committee will meet in Larne
- Special meetings may be convened as required.
- The Borough Growth Committee may invite such other persons as it deems necessary to advise or present in the course of its work.
- All arrangements applying to the operation of the Borough Growth Committee will be in line with the Council's Standing Orders.

(ii) Membership

- The Borough Growth Committee will comprise of 20 Members who are appointed by the Council.
- Council appointed the Chair and Vice Chair of the Borough Growth Committee using the proportional method agreed.

The Membership of the Committee is as follows:

Chair: Cllr R Stewart

Vice Chair: Ald Mrs A Wales MBE

Members:

Ald B Ashe MBE Ald R Cherry MBE Ald S McDonald Ald Ms G Mulvenna

Cllr Mrs C Brownlee Cllr A Clarke

Cllr B Collins Cllr Mrs J Frew Cllr I Friary Cllr T Gaston Cllr J Hyland Cllr P Johnston Cllr R Logan

Cllr W McCaughey Cllr G McKeen Cllr Mrs M Morrow Cllr E Reid

Cllr K Turner

4. Work programme

A work programme for the Borough Growth Committee will be drafted by the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair before presentation to the Borough Growth Committee, and then to Council for final approval.

Date as agreed: 05.09.22