

**BOARD MEETING NO. 91 – 27 JUNE 2025 @ 13:00****MINUTES****ACTING CHAIR:** Kevin Gamble (KG)**BOARD:** Maurice Johnston (MJ) Cathy Gormly-Heenan (CGH)**STAFF:** Neil McIvor (NM – Acting up Interim CEx/Director of Development); James McIlroy (JM) (Director of Finance & Corporate Services)**MLKDC SECRETARY:** Jon Craig (JC)

REF	DISCUSSION	ACTION BY
91.01	CONFIRMATION OF CHAIR (KG) was confirmed as Acting Chair for the meeting	
91.02	APOLOGIES Diana Fitzsimons	
91.03	DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS None	
91.04	MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING 91.04.01 Approval of Minutes The Board approved the minutes of the meeting held on 14 April 2025 Approved: (MJ) Seconded: (CGH) 91.04.0 Matters arising from previous meetings AP1 - Review of context of minutes – Closed AP2 - PFG – Ongoing (NM) AP3 - Engagement – Ongoing (NM) (CGH) commented that the Board need to adjust what can be done as a group that is limited by current membership size AP5 – Letter of support (Neptune) - Closed AP7 – Letter of thanks I Greenway – Closed AP8 – Arrangements for new independent member to ARAC – Closed AP9 – Consider next steps former prison – Ongoing (NM) AP10 – Invite CEO Invest NI - Closed AP11- Five year spending review – Ongoing (JM) AP13 – Follow up on events paper – Ongoing (see below) (NM)	BOARD



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	The Board discussed the Chief Executive's ongoing relationship with the Permanent Secretary and how best to monitor progress of papers awaiting approval at TEO. It was recommended that at the Chief Executive's discretion a regular weekly email could be sent asking for a status update on matters awaiting TEO approval AP1 – Chief Executive to consider formalised, frequent contact with Permanent Secretary AP14 – Forward workplan for Board and ARAC – Ongoing (JM) AP15 – Staff paper – Ongoing (NM) AP1 – Paper on review of Committees – Ongoing (NM) AP9 – Draft response to draft PFG - Closed	NM
91.05	- Chairs Business The Chair extended a warm welcome to James McIlroy supporting MLKDC as DoF/CS The Chair sought advice from the Board in respect of inviting FM/DFM to MLKDC. The Board considered that before this done, there should be an understanding of the purpose of such an invitation. (CGH)/(MJ) had no objections to an invitation being issued AP2 – Invitation from Chair to FM/DFM	CHAIR OF BOARD
91.06	Chief Executive's Business - Political Engagement at Balmoral show The Chair commented upon positive feedback from the Balmoral Show and thanked (NM) and the team for out of hours support to the event. Chief Executive updated the Board on recent discussions with political representatives at the Balmoral Show and at other venues. The Board discussed if we should revisit the road map and various ideas/potential initiatives about how to move regeneration of the site forward	



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91.06.01	- Co-opting Paper (CGH) queried governance arrangements in respect of co-opting. The Board decided to review the paper by correspondence once some minor changes had been made to allow the paper to become more generic and less specific To be considered by correspondence	NM
91 06.02	- G4S Paper (NM) briefed Board members previously at ARAC today and provided further background to the paper Proposer: CGH Seconded: MJ APPROVED - Staff Update The Chief Executive updated on various staff matters - 2023/24 Accounts Lay Accounts have been laid at Stormont on 22 May 2025 (JM) - Quarterly Assurance Statement Update Consolidated into one return due on completion of Q2 and we will seek approval by correspondence (NM)	
91.07	FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES BUSINESS - DASHBOARD. (JM) Informed Board members that we had a robust financial forecast in place. Additionally, (JM) updated the Board in respect of the situation with HMRC& Corporation Tax which was now resolved. (MJ) asked about processes for accessing the site which (JM) was happy to answer The Board noted the updates	



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91.08	PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT MATTERS BUSINESS - DASHBOARD AND MINUTES The Board noted Dashboard and minutes - AANI LEASE (NM) confirmed that the lease for AANI had been completed - EVENTS MLKDC awaits formal response to the events paper and temporary licences. - RECRUITMENT Recruitment for the FD position is ongoing and Interchange have been approached. Plan B would either permanent recruitment or agency AP3: Inform Board members of status of recruitment - AANI NEXT STEPS (MJ) briefed the Board on the proposed site layout and on the proposed changes to the AANI site. MLKDC has requested to see landscaping proposals and plans, A discussion followed in respect of the nomenclature for the proposed "Remembrance Garden", with general Board agreement that the word "Remembrance" should be avoided in the context of the site. The buildings would be modern but sympathetic to their surroundings. (NM) stressed that there was a long way to go with this proposal in terms of governance and LPS, proposed income generation and vehicular access AP4 – Negotiations with AANI to be advanced Proposed: MJ Seconded: CJH APPROVED	NM NM
91.09	ARAC MATTERS - EQUALITY ANNUAL REPORT AND ACTIONS PLANS Proposed: MJ Seconded: CGH APPROVED	
91.09.01 through to 4		



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91.09.09	- ARAC ANNUAL REPORT Proposed: KG Seconded: CGH APPROVED - CORPORATE RISK REGISTER The Board noted the Register	
90.10	ANY OTHER BUSINESS - NONE	
90.11	Date of Next Meeting: Board – 12 September 2025 ARAC – 12 September 2025 Development Committee – 12 September 2025* Further dates for diary Board and Committee Meetings: (9 December 2025) *or earlier if required	

The meeting closed at 15:00