

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Environmental Services Committee held in the Island Civic Centre, The Island, Lisburn, on Wednesday, 6 February 2019 at 5:30 pm

PRESENT:

Councillor J Gray MBE (Chairman)

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor U Mackin

Deputy Mayor, Councillor A Grehan

Aldermen T Jeffers and J Tinsley

Councillors J Baird, B Bloomfield MBE, A Givan, B Hanvey, H Legge, A McIntyre, B Mallon and T Mitchell

OTHER MEMBERS:

Councillor J Palmer

IN ATTENDANCE

Director of Environmental Services

Head of Service (Building Control)

Head of Service (Technical & Estates)

Head of Service (Waste Management and Operations)

Interim Head of Service (Environmental Health) (SC)

Estates Manager

Member Services Officer

Commencement of Meeting

The Chairman, Councillor J Gray, welcomed everyone to the February meeting of the Environmental Services Committee.

The Chairman then proceeded to outline the evacuation procedures in the case of an emergency.

1. **Apologies**

Apologies for non-attendance were received on behalf of Alderman P Porter and Councillor R Walker

2. **Declarations of Interest**

The Chairman invited Members to declare any Conflicts of Interest they might have in relation to the business of the meeting and reminded them of the requirement to complete Declaration of Interest forms in this regard, which had been provided at the meeting. No Declarations of Interest were received.

3. Minutes

3.1 Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee Meeting held on 9 January 2019

It was proposed by Councillor J Baird, seconded by Councillor A Givan, and agreed that the minutes of the meeting of the Environmental Services Committee held on 9 January 2019, as adopted at the meeting of Council held on 22 January 2019, be confirmed and signed.

“In Committee”

It was proposed by Councillor B Mallon, seconded by Councillor A Givan, and agreed that the following matters be considered “in committee”, in the absence of members of the press and public.

4. Presentation by arc21 – Variation to the arc21 Organics Waste Contract

The Chairman welcomed Mr Ricky Burnett, arc21 Acting Chief Executive, Ms Karen Boal, arc21 Project Coordinator, and Mr William Curry of Arthur Cox Solicitors to the meeting.

With the aid of Powerpoint, Ms Boal presented information on the proposed variation to the arc21 Organics Waste Contract which included the background to the contract, issues arising from the planning process, impact on the contract, an options appraisal and finally recommendations, including proposing option D, for approval.

(Councillor H Legge arrived at 5.50 pm)

Following the presentation, Ms Boal responded to Members’ questions. The Chairman thanked the representatives of arc21 for their presentation and they left the meeting at 5.55 pm.

5. Confidential Business

It was agreed that the report and recommendations of the Director of Environmental Services be adopted, subject to any decisions recorded below.

The Chairman, Councillor J Gray, advised that the matters contained in the confidential report would be dealt with “In Committee” for the following reasons:

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Item 5.4: Confidential due to information in which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings

Item 5.5: Confidential due to information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual

Items for Decision

5.1 arc21: Joint Committee Meeting – Thursday 31 January 2019 and the Organics Waste Contract

The Committee was provided with copy of the following: papers from the arc21 Joint Committee Meeting on Thursday 31 January 2019; the associated arc21 Members' Monthly Bulletin; and a report which had been presented to a special meeting of the arc21 Joint Committee on 17 January 2019 with recommendations for the Organics Waste Contract.

It was proposed by Alderman J Tinsley, seconded by Alderman T Jeffers, and agreed to recommend that Council note the papers in relation to the arc21 Joint Committee meeting on Thursday 31 January 2019 and the associated arc21 Members Bulletin and that, following the presentation by Arc 21 officers, Council approve the recommendations for the Organics Waste Contract contained in the report by arc21 with Option D being approved.

5.2 Kerbside Recycling Project – Requirement for Rented Storage Facility

The Director of Environmental Services and the Head of Waste Management and Operations responded to Members' queries and comments regarding the Kerbside Recycling Project and the proposed pilot. The Officers advised on the scale and proposed areas to be included in the pilot and that, as outlined in the approved Implementation Plan, the draft pilot would be brought back to Committee for approval.

(The Deputy Mayor, Councillor A Grehan, arrived at 6.30 pm)

It was proposed by Alderman J Tinsley, seconded by Alderman T Jeffers, and agreed to recommend that

- Council approve the rental of suitable warehouse space for a period of up to 4 years to meet storage space requirements of the kerbside recycling project and other council needs.
- Officers bring back to Committee at its meeting in March an overview of the timeline and reports presented to the Committee on the details of the Waste and Recycling Services Options Appraisal, Outline Business Case and Implementation Plan. This update also to include the reports

5.2 Kerbside Recycling Project – Requirement for Rented Storage Facility (Contd)

presented and approved at the Special Committee meeting on 17 January 2018, which all Members of Council had been invited to attend, and the Committee meeting on 5 September 2018 where the Outlined Business Case and Implementation Plan had been approved.

5.3 Radiochemical Analysis and Related Interpretation of Analytical Data

The Committee was provided with copy of the tender report for Radiochemical Analysis and related Interpretation of Analytical Data.

It was proposed by Alderman J Tinsley, seconded by Councillor B Hanvey, and agreed to recommend that Council note the tender award for Radiochemical Analysis and related Interpretation of Analytical Data as outlined in the report and that, subject to approval, the contract would be brought to Council on 26 February 2019 for signing and sealing.

(Councillor J Baird left the meeting at 6.42 pm)

Items for Noting

It was proposed by Councillor T Mitchell, seconded by Councillor A Givan, and agreed that the following items (Items 5.4 to 5.5) be noted.

5.4 Ongoing Legal Proceedings – Noise Complaint

The Committee was provided with copy and noted an update report on the ongoing legal proceedings relating to a noise complaint and the Interim Head of Environmental Services provided a further verbal update at the meeting.

5.5 Absence Figures for Environmental Services Directorate – (Quarter 3 – October, November and December 2018)

The Committee noted information provided in relation to the absence figures for the Environmental Services Directorate.

(Councillor J Palmer left the meeting at 6.44 pm)

Resumption of Normal Business

It was proposed by Councillor B Hanvey, seconded by Councillor T Mitchell, and agreed to come out of committee and normal business was resumed.

(Councillor J Baird returned to the meeting at 6.45 pm)

6. Report from the Director of Environmental Services

Item for Noting

6.1 Services Trading Accounts: Quarter 3 (Period 7 - October 2018), (Period 8 - November 2018) and (Period 9 - December 2018)

The Committee was provided with copy and it was proposed by Councillor A Givan, seconded by Councillor B Mallon and agreed to recommend that Council note the Environmental Services Trading Accounts for Period 9.

6.2 Report from the Interim Head of Service (Environmental Health)

Items for Decision

6.2.1 The Food Safety (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 - Public Analyst Appointment

It was proposed by Councillor B Hanvey, seconded by Councillor H Legge, and agreed to recommend that Council approve the report detailing persons to be appointed as Public Analysts to the Council under Article 27 (1) of The Food Safety (Northern Ireland) Order 1991, copy of which had been provided for the Committee.

6.2.2 High Hedge Charges

It was proposed by Councillor J Baird, seconded by Councillor A McIntyre, and agreed to recommend that Council note the update report on a high hedges complaint and agree not to defer the cost of the high hedge application should informal action not achieve a resolution.

Councillor J Baird commended officers for their work in achieving a resolution to this issue that would obviate the formal application process.

6.3 Requests for Financial Assistance

The Committee noted the procedure for Requests for Financial Assistance.

7. Any Other Business

There were no matters of any other business arising.

There being no further business, the meeting was terminated at 6.50 pm.

Mayor/Chairman