

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the Environmental Services Committee meeting of Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council, held in the Island Civic Centre, Lisburn, BT27 4RL, on Wednesday, 3 June 2015, at 5:30 pm

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor Brian Hanvey

PRESENT: The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor R T Beckett

Aldermen T Jeffers and S P Porter

Councillors N Anderson, B Bloomfield MBE, P Catney, A Givan, J Gray MBE, A McIntyre, T Mitchell, T Morrow, L Poots (from 6.15 pm), A Redpath (from 6.07 pm) and R Walker

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor O Gawith
Councillor J Tinsley
Director of Environmental Services
Director of Development and Planning
Acting Assistant Director Environmental Services (Technical Services) (LCC)
Operational Services Manager (CBC)
Environmental Health Manager (CBC)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Alderman D Drysdale, Councillor J Baird and Councillor J Palmer.

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 forms were received.

3. MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 6 MAY 2015

It was proposed by Councillor B Bloomfield, seconded by Councillor T Morrow and agreed that the minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held on 6 May 2015 and adopted by the Shadow Council at its meeting held on 26 May 2015 be confirmed and signed.

4. DEPUTATION

4.1 XPELLAIRE – SPECIALIST GUM REMOVAL SYSTEM

Members received a presentation given by a representative from Xpellaire in respect of a specialist gum removal system.

Discussion ensued on areas within the council area where gum litter might be considered a problem. Options for addressing overall needs in areas such as Lisburn City Centre were considered. Following some questions and discussion, it was

AGREED: To note the information presented.

4.2 RPS GROUP – CLOSURE PLAN FOR LANDFILL SITE AT DRUMLOUGH

Councillor P Catney left the meeting at 5.47 pm and returned at 5.48 pm.
Alderman Jeffers left the meeting at 6.05 pm and returned at 6.09 pm.
Councillor Redpath joined the meeting at 6.07 pm.

Members received a presentation given by a representative from RPS Group in respect of the closure plan for the landfill site at Drumlough.

Following some questions and discussion, it was

AGREED: To approve submission of the Closure Plan to the Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA), with Option 2 as the preferred means of leachate treatment.

5. REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Items for Decision

5.1 CAPITAL REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME 2015/2016 – OPERATIONAL SERVICES PLANT & EQUIPMENT

Councillor L Poots arrived at the meeting at 6.15 pm.

It was proposed by Councillor A Givan, seconded Alderman T Jeffers and

AGREED:

- a) To commence the procurement process for vehicles, plant and equipment for Operational Services for the 2015/2016 financial year;
- b) That Officers update the Committee once the procurement process had been completed.

5.2 TREE MAINTENANCE WORKS

It was proposed by Councillor P Catney, seconded by Councillor A McIntyre and

AGREED:

- a) To commence the procurement process in respect of the priority works identified in a recent tree survey;
- b) That the cost of the priority tree works be financed through the Repairs & Provisions budget;
- c) That Officers update the Committee once the procurement process had been completed.

5.3 HANGING BASKETS AND WINDOW BOXES

It was proposed by Councillor B Bloomfield, seconded by Councillor J Gray and

AGREED: To approve the limited continuation of the provision of hanging baskets and window boxes in the Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council area at a cost of £27 each (including VAT).

5.4 REVISED COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

It was proposed by Councillor T Morrow, seconded by Councillor P Catney and

AGREED: To approve the revised terms of reference for the Environmental Services Committee.

5.5 CONTRACT FOR THE SUPPLY OF NATURAL GAS TO COUNCIL FACILITIES

It was proposed by Councillor P Catney, seconded by Councillor L Poots and

AGREED: To approve the report in respect of the supply of natural gas to Council facilities.

5.6 TENDER FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CARRYDUFF HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING CENTRE (HRC) TO COMPLY WITH THE NIEA WASTE MANAGEMENT LICENCE

It was proposed by Councillor P Catney, seconded by Councillor T Morrow and

AGREED: To approve the adjusted tender and revised programme in respect of improvement works at the Carryduff HRC.

5.7 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES BUSINESS PLANS 2015/2016

It was proposed by Councillor P Catney, seconded by Councillor T Morrow and

AGREED: To approve the individual service and business plans for the Environmental Services Directorate.

5.8 FOOD SERVICE PLAN

It was proposed by Councillor P Catney, seconded by Councillor T Morrow and

AGREED: To approve the Food Service Plan relating to the service to be provided.

5.9 ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING REVIEW RESPONSE

It was proposed by Councillor P Catney, seconded by Councillor T Morrow and

AGREED:

- a) To approve the submission of the response to the consultation in respect of the Entertainment Licensing Review;
- b) That additional comments should be forwarded to the Head of the Environmental Health Service unit.

5.10 CIVIC AMENITY SITES GREEN & GENERAL WASTE HAULAGE CONTRACT ISSUES

It was proposed by Councillor P Catney, seconded by Councillor T Morrow and

AGREED: To approve the interim arrangement to extend the current haulage contract for three months to the amenity sites at Drumlough and The Cutts, so as to allow an overall review of the arrangements for long term implementation for the service

Items for Noting

The Committee agreed that all items for noting should be proposed and seconded collectively following consideration.

5.11 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REVISED MEETING SCHEDULE OPTION

Members considered the revised meeting schedule option of the second Monday of every month as well as previously raised concerns relating to time constraints should any items require more detailed discussion. However, it was

AGREED: That the Environmental Services Committee meeting should continue to take place on the first Wednesday of every month at 5.30 pm.

5.12 ACCOMMODATION NEEDS FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

The Director of Environmental Services tabled a report outlining details of accommodation needs of the Environmental Services Directorate at Lagan Valley Island. The Director outlined the overall needs of the Directorate and that currently Lagan Valley Island could not accommodate the co-location of the service units.

5.13 ARC21 UPDATE

The Director of Environmental Services tabled a report outlining a summary of presentations made at the Joint Committee held on 30 April 2015, along with the monthly bulletin of the arc21.

5.14 HARMONISATION OF WASTE COLLECTION AND TREATMENT SERVICES

The Director of Environmental Services tabled a report summarising the overall needs for the harmonisation of waste collection and treatment services for the new council. In response to a query, the Director confirmed that any proposals coming back to Committee would be underpinned by an objective business case. She also sought Members' views regarding an invitation to Bryson to give a presentation at a future meeting of the Committee and the option of site visits for Members.

The Director of Environmental Services advised that details of site visits would be tabled at a future meeting of the Committee, following further consideration by Officers.

- a) To invite Bryson to give a presentation to the Committee in respect of harmonisation of waste collection and treatment services;
- b) That Officers ascertain suitable dates for site visits for Members' consideration.

5.15 NORTHERN IRELAND ENVIRONMENT AGENCY (NIEA) CORRESPONDENCE – PRIORITY WASTE STREAMS

The Director of Environmental Services tabled correspondence from the NIEA regarding priority waste streams for Members' information.

5.16 LOCAL AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT (LAQM) GRANT APPLICATION

The Environmental Health Manager (CBC) outlined details of the LAQM grant application 2015/2016 regarding continued monitoring of local air quality for Members' information.

5.17 HOME ACCIDENT PREVENTION (HAP) – BEE SAFE EVENT 2015

The Environmental Health Manager (CBC) outlined details of the HAP Bee Safe event 2015 for Members' information.

5.18 CARBON MONOXIDE

The Environmental Health Manager (CBC) outlined details of promoting awareness of carbon monoxide for Members' information.

5.19 DOG FOULING BLITZ

The Environmental Health Manager (CBC) outlined details of the Dog Fouling Blitz for Members' information.

5.20 NOISE COMPLAINT STATISTICS 2014/2015

The Environmental Health Manager (CBC) outlined details of noise complaint statistics in 2014/2015 for Members' information.

5.21 'NEW TO THE JOB' – JOINT HEALTH AND SAFETY EXECUTIVE OF NORTHERN IRELAND (HSENI) DISTRICT COUNCIL ENFORCEMENT INITIATIVE

The Environmental Health Manager (CBC) outlined details of the 'New to the Job' Joint HSENI / District Council Enforcement Initiative for Members' information.

5.22 SAFETY ADVISORY GROUP

The Environmental Health Manager (CBC) tabled a copy of the minutes of the third meeting of the Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council Safety Advisory Group meeting held on 29 April 2015 for Members' information.

5.23 ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

The Environmental Health Manager (CBC) tabled a copy of the annual report from the Chief Medical Officer for Northern Ireland for Members' information.

5.24 REFUSE COLLECTION AND CIVIC AMENITY SERVICES – JULY HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS

The Director of Environmental Services outlined details of the July 2015 holiday arrangements for the Council's refuse collection and civic amenity services for Members' information.

5.25 PROPOSED ROAD ABANDONMENT – RIVER ROAD, DUNMURRY AND THE GLEBE WAY, MOIRA

The Director of Environmental Services tabled reports in respect of the proposed road abandonment at River Road, Dunmurry, and The Glebe Way, Moira, for Members' information.

5.26 TRANSPORT PROJECTS DIVISION – ENFORCEMENT OF BUS PRIORITY MEASURES

The Director of Environmental Services tabled correspondence from the Department for Regional Development, Transport Projects Division, relating to the enforcement of bus priority measures for Members' information.

5.27 INTERNATIONAL COMPOST AWARENESS WEEK 2015

The Director of Environmental Services tabled a report in respect of International Compost Awareness Week 2015 for Members' information.

5.28 RECYCLING WEEK 2015

The Director of Environmental Services tabled a report regarding Recycling Week 2015 for Members' information.

It was proposed by Alderman S P Porter, seconded by Councillor A McIntyre and

AGREED: That items as set out in the report for noting be noted.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT – GRASS CUTTING IN THE LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL AREA

The Director of Environmental Services referred to previous correspondence from the Department for Regional Development, stating that due to budget constraints they would no longer be able to provide an urban and rural grass-cutting service. The Director stated that she had replied to the correspondence, expressing the Council's disappointment and had now received a further response stating that the position remained due to significant budget constraints.

6.2 CONSULTATION ENTITLED CO-OPERATING TO SAFEGUARD CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN NORTHERN IRELAND

The Director of Environmental Services advised that the deadline for responses to the consultation entitled Co-Operating to Safeguard Children and Young People in Northern Ireland was 21 August 2015 and, due to the summer recess, she sought approval for Officers to prepare a response for submission by the deadline.

AGREED: To grant approval for Officers to prepare a response to the consultation entitled Co-Operating to Safeguard Children and Young People in Northern Ireland for submission by the deadline of 21 August 2015.

6.3 CEMETERY CHARGES QUERY RELATING TO KNOCKBREDA

The Director of Environmental Services referred to the Shadow Council policy regarding cemetery charges, which had been progressed at that time to take account of transferring ratepayers to Belfast City Council. The policy at the time did not appear to take account of the arrangements for the Knockbreda Cemetery area and she sought approval to extend the policy to include the former Castlereagh cemetery.

AGREED: That the Council's current policy regarding cemetery charges be extended to include arrangements for Knockbreda cemetery.

6.4 NORTHERN IRELAND LOCAL AUTHORITY COLLECTED MUNICIPAL WASTE MANAGEMENT STATISTICS

The Acting Assistant Director Environmental Services (Technical Services) (LCC) advised that the Northern Ireland Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste

Management Statistics report had been received and the Council's response was required by 30 June 2015. There was insufficient time to prepare the submission for the Committee meeting to consider and he sought approval for Officers to prepare a reply for submission which would be approved retrospectively.

AGREED: That Officers compile a reply in respect of the Northern Ireland Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste Management Statistics report for submission by the deadline of 30 June 2015.

6.5 CALL MANAGEMENT AT ALTONA DEPOT

Alderman Porter advised that he had experienced long waiting times when telephoning the depot or the Council's HRCs. The Director of Environmental Services replied that Officers were currently investigating this issue.

6.6 HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING CENTRE DUNDONALD (HRC)

Alderman Jeffers sought an update in relation to the options for an HRC in the Dundonald area. The Director advised that, as part of the overall review of waste management arrangements, HRC sites would be considered, both in terms of current locations, capacity and wider council area needs.

6.7 WILD MINK IN LAMBEG AREA

Councillor Catney advised that a wild mink had been detected in the Lambeg area, at Plumbridge, which was killing wildlife in the area. The Director of Environmental Services agreed to contact the Rivers' Agency Pest Control to seek their assistance.

IN COMMITTEE

The Director of Environmental Services referred to Schedule 6, Part 1, Paragraph 7 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014, which declares as exempt 'Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime', and she asked that the next item be considered In Committee.

It was proposed by Alderman S P Porter, seconded by Councillor P Catney and

AGREED: That Item 6.8 be considered In Committee.

6.8 NOISE COMPLAINT

The Director of Environmental Services outlined details of legal proceedings in respect of a noise nuisance case which had commenced with the former Lisburn City Council. The Director advised that the Council had now received a writ in respect of this ongoing case and that the legal advisors were dealing with the response. The Director confirmed that Counsel advice was required and, once further information was available, she would update Members.

AGREED: That the update in respect of the writ received be noted.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 7.00 pm.

Chair:

Date: