

LISBURN CITY & CASTLEREAGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the Environmental Services Committee meeting of Lisburn City and Castlereagh District Council held in the Cherry Room, Island Civic Centre, Lisburn, BT27 4RL on Wednesday 10 September 2014, at 6.00 pm

IN THE CHAIR **Councillor Brian Bloomfield**

PRESENT: **Councillors:** N Anderson, J Dillon, D Drysdale, A Ewart, A Ewing, A Givan, B Hanvey, T Jeffers, V Kamble, Jenny Palmer, J Tinsley and R Walker

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive

Lisburn City Council:
Assistant Director of Environmental Services
(Environmental Health)

Castlereagh Borough Council:
Environmental Health Manager
Transition Manager
Economic Development Officer
Member Services Officer

COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING:

The Chair welcomed members and officers to the meeting of the Environmental Services Committee.

1. APOLOGIES

It was agreed to accept apologies for non-attendance at the meeting from Councillors H Legge, L Poots and S Martin

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

Noted.

3. MINUTES

AGREED: that the minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held on 30 July 2014 be adopted and signed.

4. PRESENTATION BY NI WATER

AGREED: that the committee receive a presentation from NI Water

The Chair then welcomed Mr G Butler, Director of Asset Management, Mr B McCalmont, Interim Head of Networks Water, and Mr M Mitchell, Head of Capital Business Unit. Following the presentation, the representatives of NI Water answered Members' questions.

The Chair then thanked the representatives of NI Water for their presentation and they left the meeting.

5. ARC21 ARRANGEMENTS FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT POST LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORMS

Members noted that both Lisburn City Council and Castlereagh Borough Council were currently members of the arc21 waste management group. It was reported that the Department of the Environment had contacted the Chief Executives of each of the eleven Shadow Councils to gauge their respective opinions on the structure of future working arrangements for local government waste management.

Taking into account the ongoing procurement for future residual waste treatment infrastructure and other pertinent considerations, the Chief Executive had drafted a response to the Department detailing the preferred response going forward.

It was proposed by Councillor J Palmer, seconded by Councillor J Dillon and

AGREED: that the Council adopt the Chief Executive's draft response in respect of waste management arrangements post local government reform.

6. OFF-STREET CAR PARKING

The Committee considered a paper outlining the details of expenditure and income from car parks in LCCDC area. The Head of Finance explained the financial arrangements for services transferring to the new Councils.

It was proposed by Councillor J Dillon, seconded by Councillor N Anderson and

AGREED: that the Committee note the information regarding expenditure and income from car parks in the LCCDC area.

7. TRANSFER OF WATER QUALITY FIELD STAFF

The Committee considered correspondence from the Northern Ireland Environment Agency regarding the transfer of water quality field staff from the Group Environmental Health Committees.

It was proposed by Councillor Jenny Palmer, seconded by Councillor T Jeffers and

AGREED: that the Committee note that the transfer of field staff from the Group Environmental Health Committees to DOE would not proceed.

8. CARE IN THE SUN SIGNS

It was proposed by Councillor D Drysdale, seconded by Councillor B Hanvey and

AGREED: that the Committee agree the request from the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety to include the Care in the Sun message on all new signage in areas where children and young people are outdoors.

9. NORTHERN IRELAND LANDFILL ALLOWANCE SCHEME – NOTIFICATION OF ALLOCATION OF ALLOWANCES TO NEW DISTRICT COUNCILS 2015/16 TO 2019/20

The Committee considered correspondence from the DoE outlining its proposal to revise NILAS Allowances from 2015/16 taking into account the new Council configurations and using the same allocation methodology as before based on simple population. The overall NILAS targets for the years from 2015/16 to 2018/19 and the Landfill Directive target year 2020 would remain unchanged.

The Assistant Director of Environmental Services (Environmental Health) answered Members' questions in respect of landfill and recycling issues.

It was proposed by Councillor Jenny Palmer, seconded by Councillor Givan and

AGREED: that the Committee note the content of the correspondence from the DoE confirming NILAS allowances for Lisburn City and Castlereagh District Council.

10. PRESENTATION BY DIRECTORS

It was proposed by Councillor Ewart, seconded by Councillor Palmer and

AGREED: that Directors of the existing Councils be invited to make a presentation to the Committee at its meeting in October on the work currently being undertaken in their departments to inform a basis for service delivery and integration and a work programme for the new Lisburn City and Castlereagh District Council structures.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items of any other business.

Noted.

Chair