

**LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Remote Meeting of the Environmental Services Committee held on Wednesday, 2 March, 2022 at 6:00 pm**

**PRESENT IN CHAMBER:**

Councillor C McCreedy (Acting Chairman)

Deputy Mayor  
Councillor T Mitchell

Alderman J Baird

Councillors N Anderson, A Givan, S Lee and R McLernon

**PRESENT IN REMOTE LOCATION:**

Councillor A P Ewing

The Right Worshipful the Mayor  
Alderman S Martin

Alderman M Henderson MBE

Councillors S Eastwood, M Gregg, H Legge, A McIntyre and S Skillen

**OTHER MEMBERS IN REMOTE LOCATION:**

Alderman J Tinsley

Councillors A Gowan and A Swan

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

In Chamber:

Director of Environmental Services  
Head of Service (Waste Management and Operational Services)  
IT Officer  
Technician  
Member Services Officers

In Remote Location:

Head of Service (Building Control)  
Head of Service (Environmental Health)

**Commencement of the Meeting**

As the Chairman, Councillor A P Ewing, was not able to attend the meeting in person, the Vice-Chairman, Councillor C McCreedy, took the chair and conducted the business on the agenda.

At the commencement of the meeting, the Acting Chairman, Councillor C McCreedy, welcomed those present to the remote meeting of the Environmental Services

Commencement of the Meeting (Contd)

Committee, which was being live streamed to enable members of the public to hear and see the proceedings.

At this point, the Member Services Officer read out the names of the Elected Members and Officers in attendance at the meeting, during which Councillor A Givan arrived to the meeting (6.02 pm).

The Acting Chairman, Councillor C McCready, stated that, whilst the meeting was being live streamed, unauthorised recording was not permitted, as per the Council's Standing Orders. He asked that mobile phones be put on silent or switched off for the duration of the meeting.

Councillor A P Ewing joined the meeting at this point (6.05 pm).

The Director of Environmental Services proceeded to outline the evacuation procedures in the case of an emergency.

1. Apologies

It was agreed to accept apologies for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of Alderman S P Porter and Councillor S Lowry.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Report from Director of Environmental Services

3.1 Environmental Services Performance Report

Councillor H Legge joined the meeting during consideration of this item of business (6.06 pm).

Members were provided with a copy of (a) management accounts covering the period 1 October – 31 December, 2021; (b) the outturn of operational metrics/service KPIs for Quarter 3 (October to December 2021); and (c) the outturn of Performance Improvement KPI for Quarter 3 (October to December 2021).

It was proposed by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor T Mitchell, seconded by Councillor A Givan and agreed to recommend that the information contained in (a) to (c) above be scrutinised and noted.

4. Report from Head of Service (Environmental Health)

4.1 Appointment of Public Analysts

It was proposed by Alderman M Henderson, seconded by Alderman J Baird and agreed to recommend that the persons listed in the Head of Service's report be appointed as Public Analysts to the Council under Article 27 (1) of the Food Safety (NI) Order 1991.

5. Report from Head of Service (Waste Management and Operational Services)

5.1 Consultation on the Introduction of Mandatory Digital Waste Tracking

Councillors A Swan and A Gowan joined the meeting during consideration of this item of business (6.16 pm and 6.18 pm respectively).

Members were provided with a copy of a letter advising of the launch of a four-nation consultation on the 'Introduction of Mandatory Digital Waste Tracking' and seeking views on practical aspects of implementation, as set out in the Head of Service's report. Information on the consultation had been circulated to Members on 3 February, 2022.

Councillor N Anderson put on record that he had issues with the proposals contained in the consultation in terms of the impact it would have on councils, which would be unduly burdened and with no support from Central Government.

It was proposed by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor T Mitchell, seconded by Alderman J Baird and agreed to recommend that:

- (a) Members forward any comments they had on the consultation to the Head of Service (Waste Management and Operational Services) no later than 9 March, 2022 for inclusion in the draft response; and
- (b) delegated authority be granted to the Environmental Services Committee at its April meeting to consider and approve the draft response to the consultation in order that it could be submitted by the closing date of 15 April, 2022.

6. Confidential Business

The matters contained in the confidential report would be dealt with "In Committee" due to containing information (a) relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information); (b) which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual; and (c) in relation to which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.

"In Committee"

It was proposed by Councillor S Lee, seconded by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor T Mitchell, and agreed that the following matters be considered "in committee", in the absence of members of the press and public being present.

The live-stream was paused at this point (6.23 pm).

6.1 Council Consortium Materials Recovery and Sorting Facility (MRSF)  
Addendum to Business Case

During consideration of this item of business, The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman S Martin, joined the meeting (6.35 pm), Councillor R McLernon arrived to the meeting (6.30 pm) and Alderman J Tinsley joined the meeting (6.39 pm).

Members having been provided with a copy of an MRSF Business Case Addendum, it was proposed by Councillor S Lee, seconded by Councillor A McIntyre and agreed to recommend that it be approved.

During discussion of the above matter, the Director of Environmental Services advised that information had been provided to Members for consideration at the February meeting of the Committee in respect of waste options and stated that Officers would be available to speak individually to Members on this matter, if required.

Verbal Matters

6.2 Mullaghglass Odour Complaints

The Head of Service (Environmental Health) gave a verbal update in respect of Mullaghglass odour complaints and advised that a written update would be provided to Members.

6.3 Street Sweepings Contract Extension

Following a verbal update on the above matter by the Head of Service (Waste Management and Operational Services), it was proposed by Alderman J Baird, seconded by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor T Mitchell, and agreed to recommend that delegated authority be granted to the Environmental Services Committee at its April meeting to consider and approve the contractual proposals for the extension of the current contract for street sweepings.

Resumption of Normal Business

It was proposed by Councillor N Anderson, seconded by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor T Mitchell, and agreed to come out of committee and normal business was resumed. The livestream was resumed at 6.44 pm.

7. Any Other Business

7.1 Covid-19 Regulations – Operational Arrangements  
Alderman J Baird

In response to a query by Alderman J Baird, the Director of Environmental Services advised that, in keeping with recent Covid-19 Regulations, operational Risk Assessments would inform what controls would be revised.

7.1 Covid-19 Regulations – Operational Arrangements (Contd)  
Alderman J Baird

The Head of Service (Waste Management and Operational Services) advised that this would be considered as part of the overall Council recovery plan, and any revised arrangements would be prioritised and progressed.

7.2 Frequency of Street Sweeping in Carryduff  
Councillor S Lee

Councillor N Anderson left the meeting during consideration of this item of business (6.47 pm)

Councillor S Lee referred to staff being redeployed during the pandemic and asked for an indication of the frequency of street sweeping in the Carryduff area. It was agreed that the Head of Service (Waste Management and Operational Services) would contact Councillor Lee directly in this regard.

7.3 Air Quality Statistics  
Councillor S Lee

Councillor N Anderson returned to the meeting during consideration of this item of business (6.48 pm).

To assist in efforts to have the Glider service extended to Carryduff, Councillor S Lee asked that research be carried out on data from the air monitoring station at Dundonald to identify if the introduction of the Glider service in that area had brought about an improvement in air quality. The Head of Service (Environmental Health) agreed to provide this information.

7.4 Condition of Roads/Central Reservations  
Councillor A Givan

Alderman M Henderson left the meeting during consideration of this item of business (6.53 pm).

Councillor A Givan voiced his concern in relation to the amount of leaves, debris and overgrown grass etc in the central reservation areas of roads and asked that the Director of Environmental Services write to the Department for Infrastructure, Roads Service, to ask that it arrange for the necessary maintenance and sweeping of central reservations on roads within all of the Council area. The Director agreed to write to the Department and also suggested that Members raise this matter at the next special meeting of Council at which Roads Service representatives were present.

7.5 Interruption to Service at The Cutts Household Recycling Centre  
Head of Service (Waste Management and Operational Services)

The Head of Service (Waste Management and Operational Services) gave a verbal report in respect of interruption to service at The Cutts Household

7.5 Interruption to Service at The Cutts Household Recycling Centre (Contd)  
Head of Service (Waste Management and Operational Services)

Recycling Centre as a result of a power outage the previous afternoon. NIE had sourced the problem and it was expected that power would be returned this evening.

7.6 Report on Dog Fouling  
Head of Service (Environmental Health)

Following a recent request by the Chairman, Councillor A P Ewing, the Head of Service (Environmental Health) agreed to provide a report on dog fouling to the next meeting of the Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was terminated at 6.59 pm.

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Mayor/Chairman