

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Remote Meeting of the Environmental Services Committee held on Wednesday, 4 May, 2022 at 5:30 pm

PRESENT IN CHAMBER:

Councillor A P Ewing (Chairman)

Councillor C McCready (Vice- Chairman)

Alderman J Baird

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

PRESENT IN REMOTE LOCATION:

The Right Worshipful the Mayor
Alderman S Martin

Alderman M Henderson MBE

Councillors M Gregg, S Lowry, A McIntyre and S Skillen

IN ATTENDANCE:

In Chamber:

Director of Environmental Services

Head of Service (Building Control)

Head of Service (Waste Management and Operational Services)

Environmental Health Manager (Emergency Planning and Cemeteries Administration)

IT Officer

Technician

Member Services Officers

In Remote Location:

Chief Executive

Mr A Thompson, Technical Director, Taggarts

Commencement of the Meeting

At the commencement of the meeting, the Chairman, Councillor A P Ewing, welcomed those present to the remote meeting of the Environmental Services 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.

The Chairman, Councillor A P Ewing, 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 and 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 the Head of Service (Environmental Health).

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

The Chairman, Councillor A P Ewing, advised that item 4.1 on the agenda 'Kerbside Collections Outline Business Case' would be considered at this point.

3. Confidential Business

This matter would be dealt with "In Committee" due to containing information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information).

"In Committee"

It was proposed by Councillor C McCready, seconded by Councillor S Lee and agreed that the following matter be considered "in committee", in the absence of members of the press and public being present.

The live-stream was paused at this point (5.36 pm).

3.1 Kerbside Collections Outline Business Case
(Report will not be made available)

Councillor S Lowry joined the meeting during consideration of this item of business (5.40 pm). The Chief Executive left the meeting during consideration of this item of business (6.00 pm).

The Chairman, Councillor A P Ewing, welcomed Mr Adrian Thompson, Technical Director at Taggarts, to the meeting.

Mr Thompson made a presentation to Members in respect of the Outline Business Case for the Kerbside Collection of Waste. A number of queries were addressed by Mr Thompson, following which the Chairman thanked him for his attendance and he left the meeting (5.59 pm).

3.1 Kerbside Collections Outline Business Case (Contd)
(Report will not be made available)

Members having been provided with a copy of the Outline Business Case for Kerbside Collections, it was proposed by Councillor M Gregg, seconded by Councillor N Anderson and agreed to recommend that it be approved and that a Full Business Case be progressed, as outlined in the Director's report.

Resumption of Normal Business

It was proposed by Councillor C McCready, seconded by Councillor A Givan and agreed to come out of committee and normal business was resumed. The livestream was resumed at 6.12 pm.

4. Report from Head of Service (Environmental Health)

In the absence of the Head of Service (Environmental Health), this report was presented by the Environmental Health Manager (Emergency Planning and Cemeteries Administration).

4.1 Entertainment Licensing Model Terms and Conditions

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman S Martin, joined the meeting during consideration of this item of business (6.16 pm).

Members having been provided with a copy of updated Entertainment Licensing Model Terms and Conditions received from the Department for Communities (DfC), it was proposed by Councillor M Gregg, seconded by Councillor A Givan and agreed to recommend that these be noted.

The Environmental Health Manager noted a comment that DfC should be made aware of the burden that the updated Entertainment Licensing Model Terms and Conditions may place on smaller organisations such as Churches.

5. 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; (c) relating to any individual; and (d) in relation to which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.

"In Committee"

It was proposed by Councillor C McCready, seconded by Councillor S Lee and agreed that the following matter be considered "in committee", in the absence of members of the press and public being present.

The live-stream was paused at this point (6.17 pm).

5.1 Post Extensions
(Report will not be made available)

It was proposed by Councillor H Legge, seconded by Alderman J Baird and agreed to recommend that approval be given to the extension of 2 temporary posts for a further period of 3 years, as outlined in the Director's report.

5.2 Correspondence from CE arc21 in relation to RWTP
(Report will not be made available)

Members having been provided with several items of correspondence from arc21 in relation to the Residual Waste Treatment Project (RWTP), it was proposed by Councillor R McLernon, seconded by Councillor N Anderson and agreed to recommend that their contents be noted and that further information would be reported to the Committee for consideration in due course.

Verbal Matters

5.3 Mullaghglass Odour Complaints

The Environmental Health Manager (Emergency Planning and Cemeteries Administration) gave a verbal update in respect of Mullaghglass odour complaints and advised that a written update would be provided to Members.

5.4 Emergency Planning Duties

The Director of Environmental Services provided an update in respect of a number of Emergency Planning duties, including insurance and risk management, that had recently come under the stewardship of the Environmental Health Unit on a temporary basis until the review of the structure was completed.

Resumption of Normal Business

It was proposed by Councillor N Anderson, seconded by Councillor S Lee and agreed to come out of committee and normal business was resumed. The livestream was resumed at 6.27 pm.

6. Any Other Business

6.1 June Committee Meeting
Chairman, Councillor A P Ewing

The Chairman, Councillor A P Ewing, reminded Members that the next meeting of the Committee, due to take place on 1 June, would commence at the earlier time of 5.30 pm in order to facilitate the Development Committee which was also taking place that evening.

6.2 Waste Transfer Facility Outline Business Case
Chairman, Councillor A P Ewing

The Chairman, Councillor A P Ewing, advised that a report in respect of the above matter would be considered at the June meeting of the Committee and encouraged Members' full attendance at that meeting.

6.3 360L Green Bins for Mixed Dry Recycling
Chairman, Councillor A P Ewing

The Chairman, Councillor A P Ewing, advised that, further to a suggestion made previously by the Vice-Chairman, Councillor C McCready, the Waste and Operational Services Unit had obtained 40 x 360L green bins for trial.

There being no further business, the meeting was terminated at 6.29 pm.

Mayor/Chairman