

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL**Minutes of the Remote Meeting of the Environmental Services Committee held on Wednesday, 2 November, 2022 at 6:00 pm****PRESENT IN CHAMBER:**

Councillor M Gregg (Chairman)

Councillor C McCready (Vice- Chairman)

Alderman J Baird, D Drysdale

Councillors F Cole, A P Ewing, A Givan, S Lee and R McLernon

PRESENT IN REMOTE LOCATION:Deputy Mayor
Councillor M Guy

Councillors S Lowry, A McIntyre and S Skillen

OTHER MEMBERS:In Remote Location:

Councillors A Gowan

IN ATTENDANCE:In Chamber:Director of Environmental Services
Head of Service (Building Control)
Head of Service (Environmental Health)
Head of Service (Waste Management and Operational Services)

IT Officer

Member Services Officers (BS RN)

Commencement of the Meeting

At the commencement of the meeting, the Chairman, Councillor M Gregg, welcomed those present to the remote meeting of the Environmental Services Committee, including those who were seated in the public gallery. The Chairman advised that the meeting would be audio recorded unless the item on the agenda was to be considered under confidential business.

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 M Gregg, stated that, whilst the meeting was being recorded, 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.

Alderman D Drysdale entered the meeting at 6.05 pm.

1. Apologies

It was agreed to accept apologies for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor S Carson, Aldermen M Henderson MBE and S P Porter and Councillor T Mitchell.

2. Declarations of Interest

During the course of the meeting the following interests were declared:

- Alderman D Drysdale in respect of item 5.3 arc21 Procurement of Waste Transfer, Bulking and Haulage in view of his chairmanship of arc21
- the Director of Environmental Services in respect of item 5.2 LCCC Cemeteries Subsidy Scheme.

3. Report from Head of Service (Building Control)

3.1 Street Naming – Off Fairfield's Glen, Lisburn (6.05 pm)

The Head of Service (Building Control) reported that Alan Patterson Design Ltd had proposed names (first and second preference), as set out in his report, for a development of 68 dwellings situated off Fairfield's Glen, Lisburn.

Members were provided with a copy of the development layout.

It was proposed by Councillor F Cole, seconded by Councillor A P Ewing, and agreed to recommend that the name Fairfield's Gate be allocated to the proposed development of 68 dwellings off Fairfield's Glen, Lisburn.

3.2 Street Naming – Off Comber Road, Carryduff (6.06 pm)

The Head of Service (Building Control) reported that Frazer Millar Estates Ltd had proposed names (first and second preference), as set out in his report, for a development of 75 dwellings situated off the Comber Road, Carryduff.

Members were provided with a copy of the development layout.

It was proposed by Councillor S Lee, seconded by Councillor S Lowry, and agreed to recommend that the name Beaufort Green be allocated to the proposed development of 75 dwellings off Comber Road, Carryduff.

4. Report from Head of Service (Environmental Health)

4.1 Minimum Age of Criminal Responsibility (MACR) Consultation (6.07 pm)

Members had been provided with a copy of the consultation on the Minimum Age of Criminal Responsibility (MACR) which had been received from the Department

4.1 Minimum Age of Criminal Responsibility (MACR) Consultation (Cont'd)

of Justice who were wishing to raise the MACR to bring Northern Ireland into line with international standards.

The Head of Service (Environmental Health) noted comments from the Committee which he undertook to feed into the consultation response.

Having heard some proposed comments from Councillor F Cole, it was proposed by Councillor S Lee, seconded by Councillor F Cole, and agreed to recommend that the Head of Service's report and the consultation document be noted and that any other comments that Members may wish to make on the consultation be furnished to the relevant Officers by Friday 11 November 2022.

4.2 Lisburn City Centre Seasonal Car Parking (6.14 pm)

The Committee considered a report outlining the background and key issues, including the financial implications, in connection with the provision of free car parking within Council owned off street car parks on each Saturday in December in Lisburn City Centre and Royal Hillsborough.

The Vice Chairman, Councillor C McCready, proposed that the Officer's recommendation as outlined in the report be approved, with the addition that the Council also provides free car parking within Council owned off street car parks in Lisburn City Centre and Royal Hillsborough on each Saturday in January 2023.

The Director of Environmental Services and the Head of Service responded to a number of issues arising from the Vice Chairman's proposal and also to other comments and questions from the Committee.

Following further comments from the Director, Alderman J Baird proposed an amendment to the Vice Chairman's proposal that:

- a) the offer of free car parking in Lisburn City Centre and Royal Hillsborough on each Saturday in December, as outlined in the report circulated, be approved,
- b) the Head of Service prepare figures for consideration by the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Committee in connection the offer free car parking in Lisburn City Centre and Royal Hillsborough on each Saturday in January 2023, such costs to compare:
 - i) all day free parking, and
 - ii) free parking for the first four hours,
- c) in view of the Council's forthcoming Christmas campaign, delegated authority be granted to the Chairman and Vice Chairman, if satisfied with the above-mentioned costs, free of charge parking be extended to each Saturday in January 2023 based on the most cost effective option, and

4.2 Lisburn City Centre Seasonal Car Parking (Cont'd)

- d) in order to obtain baseline evidence this year arising from the provision of free car parking on Saturdays in December, Officers endeavour through the Council's Economic Development Unit and Lisburn City Centre team to:
- i) obtain evidence that local businesses were benefiting from free car parking on Saturdays in December 2022, and January 2023 if approved, and
 - ii) ascertain if there was any mis-use of the free parking at Council owned off street car parks by people who were parking all day free of charge and travelling by public transport to Belfast for shopping.

The Vice Chairman indicated that he was content with the amended proposal, as outlined above, which was put to the meeting and declared "carried." The amended proposal was proposed by the Vice Chairman, Councillor C McCready and seconded by Alderman J Baird.

5. Any Other Business

There was no other business of a non-confidential nature.

6. Confidential Business

The Chairman, Councillor M Gregg, advised that the confidential report items 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 S Lee, seconded by the Vice Chairman, Councillor C McCready, and agreed that the following matters be considered "in committee", in the absence of members of the press and public being present.

The member of the public seated in the public gallery left the meeting (6.29 pm).

6.1 Estimates Process 2023/2024 and Proposals for Pricing Points for the Environmental Services Directorate (6.30 pm)
(Report will not be made available)

Councillor S Lee left the meeting at 7.01 pm and returned again at 7.04 pm.

Councillor F Cole left the meeting at 7.15 pm and returned at 7.17 pm.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor M Guy, left the meeting remotely at 7.26 pm.

Councillor A Gowan left the meeting remotely at 7.27 pm.

6.1 Estimates Process 2023/2024 and Proposals for Pricing Points for the Environmental Services Directorate (Cont'd)

Alderman J Baird left the meeting at 7.43 pm and returned at 7.46 pm.

During the discussion it was proposed by Councillor S Skillen and seconded by the Vice Chairman, Councillor C McCready, and agreed to recommend that the Director adjust the price increase in question in the draft estimates for 2023/2024.

Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor S Lee, seconded by Councillor A Givan and agreed to recommend that the price point increments for 2023/2024 relating to the Environmental Services Directorate, as circulated, be approved, subject to the revision raised during the discussion.

The Committee agreed that the progress on the estimates process for 2023/2024 be noted.

6.2 LCCC Cemeteries Subsidy Scheme (7.51 pm)
(Report will not be made available)

The Director of Environmental Services withdrew from the meeting during consideration of this item of business (7.51 pm).

The Head of Service (Environmental Health) presented this item of business.

During the discussion Councillor S Lee left the meeting at 7.57 pm and returned at 7.59 pm.

It was proposed by Alderman J Baird, seconded by the Vice Chairman, Councillor C McCready, and agreed to recommend on a show of hands that the LCCC Cemeteries Subsidy Scheme continues until 2025, by which time the scheme would have run for 10 years.

Alderman D Drysdale put on record that he had abstained from voting on this matter.

It was noted that the matter of the LCCC Cemeteries Subsidy Scheme would not come back to the Committee in the future.

6.3 Arc21 Procurement of Waste Transfer, Bulking and Haulage (8.00 pm)
(Report will not be made available)

The Director of Environmental Services returned to the meeting at 8.00 pm.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor M Guy, re-joined the meeting remotely at 8.04 pm.

Councillor S Skillen left the meeting remotely at 8.05 pm.

Alderman D Drysdale left the meeting at 8.12 pm having declared an interest in this item of business.

6.3 Arc21 Procurement of Waste Transfer, Bulking and Haulage (Cont'd)

In line with delegated authority granted to the Committee it was proposed by Councillor S Lee, seconded by Councillor R McLernon, and agreed that the contract for the above services be awarded to the successful tenderer, as detailed in the report circulated.

6.4 DAERA Options for Recycling Policy in Northern Ireland & Common Collections Guide (8.15 pm)
(Report will not be made available)

Alderman D Drysdale re-entered the meeting at 8.15 pm.

It was proposed by Alderman J Baird, seconded by Councillor A Givan, and agreed that the Director's report and the information as detailed in the appendices be noted.

6.5 Council Strategic Waste Management Arrangements Update (8.26 pm)
(Report will not be made available)

It was proposed by Councillor S Lee, seconded by Councillor S Lowry, and agreed to recommend that:

- a) the recommendations of the SIB Project Business Case report be adopted in principle,
- b) a funding application with DfC and DAERA in relation to the Subvention Funding required as detailed in the report circulated, be approved,
- c) the actions of Officers to date be endorsed, and
- d) future reports to be brought to the Committee in due course

7. Any Other Confidential Business

7.1 Mullaghglass Odour Complaints – Verbal Update
Head of Service (Environmental Health)

The Head of Service provided the Committee with a verbal update on the current position in regard to Mullaghglass and advised that a written update would be provided to Members.

7.2 arc21 Correspondence to Councils
Alderman D Drysdale

In response to comments from Alderman D Drysdale, the Director of Environmental Services undertook to follow up with the Chief Executive on the correspondence in question.

Resumption of Normal Business

It was proposed by Councillor A P Ewing, seconded by the Vice Chairman, Councillor C McCready, and agreed to come out of committee and normal business was resumed.

There being no further business, the meeting was terminated at 8.47 pm.

Mayor/Chairman