

November 18th, 2016

#### Notice Of Meeting

You are invited to attend the Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 23rd November 2016 at 6:00 pm in the Boardroom Monaghan Row Newry.

#### The Committee Members are:

Chair:	Councillor R Mulgrew
Vice:	Councillor T Andrews
Members:	Councillor S Burns
	Councillor C Casey
	Councillor G Craig
	Councillor D Curran
	Councillor G Fitzpatrick
	Councillor V Harte
	Councillor D Hyland
	Councillor J Macauley
	Councillor P O'Gribin
	Councillor G Stokes
	Councillor D Taylor
	Councillor J Tinnelly
	Councillor J Trainor

# Agenda

- 1. Apologies and Chairperson's remarks.
- 2. Declarations of conflicts of interest.

Committee Business

3. Action Sheet of the Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 19 October 2016. (Attached).

RTS Action Sheet - 19 October 2016.pdf

Committee Business

4. Regulatory and Technical Services Business Plan - update Quarter 1 and Quarter 2. (Attached).

RTS Business Plan for Q1 & Q2.pdf

For Consideration and/or Decision - Planning

5. October 2016 Planning Committee Performance Report. (Attached).

October Performance Report.pdf

6. Record of meetings between Planning Officers and Public **Representatives.** (Attached).

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For Consideration and/or Decision - Waste Management

7. Report re: introduction of two minute beach clean boards. (Attached).

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# 8. Report re: Northern Ireland Amenity Council Awards. (Attached).

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10.	Arc21 Joint Committee Members' Monthly Bulletin 27 October 2016 (Attached).	6.
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11.	Arc21 Joint Committee Meeting – Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 29 September 2016. (Attached)	
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12.	Report re. Review of Transport NI land maintained by Council's Grounds Maintenance Department. (Attached)	
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13.	Report re. Review of Historic Cemeteries maintained by Council. (Attached).	
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14.	Conference on the future of energy policy in NI – including issues relating to Councils – Tuesday 6 December 2016. (Attached)	
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**15. Historic Actions Tracking Update. (Attached)** 

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## ACTION SHEET – REGULATORY AND TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

## 19 OCTOBER 2016

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N				
RTS/157/2016	Planting scheme at Carnbane Roundabout Newry	Relevant officials investigate How much it would cost the Council to take over, in conjunction with Transport NI, the upkeep of the Transport NI owned roundabout at Carnbane Gardens, Newry, and to also investigate how much it would cost a business to sponsor a planting/improvement scheme	K Scullion	To be reviewed and report provided.	No				
RTS/160/2016	Implementation of the Licensing of Pavement Cafes Act (NI) 2014 Policy and Procedure	Approve the amendment to the Pavement Cafes Designation Policy and Procedure for the implementation of the Pavement Café legislation, (Amended 10 October 2016) as set out in Appendix 1 circulated at the meeting (including the increased width of available footpath appropriate screening and	C Jackson	Policies and procedures to be implemented with immediate effect	Yes				

Minute Ref	Subject	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N	
		powers of enforcement).			
RTS/161/2016	Six month update on Planning Review	<ul> <li>Approve the recommendations as follows:-</li> <li>The changes initiated since the January/February 2016 review be endorsed, no changes are made to the Scheme of Delegation or the Operating Protocol for Planning Committee and that a further review be carried out in March 2017</li> <li>That the present additional staff complement be retained with a view to a subsequent recommendation being brought to the SP&amp;R Committee to make these posts permanent, and in so doing allow the costs of such a move to be included in the upcoming Budget/Rates Setting Exercise.</li> </ul>	A McKay		Y

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N	
RTS/167/2016	Provision of mains water supply to Newry Felons Community Garden at Loanda Community Centre, Newry	Approve the works and expenditure required to provide a mains water supply to Newry Felons Community Garden at Loanda Community Centre, Dorans Hill, Newry. It was noted there was no specific budget for this and the cost of the work would be assigned as an overspend to Loanda Community Centre (estimated cost £775).	K Scullion	ion To be actioned		
RTS/168/2016	Permissible headstones within Council cemeteries	Agreed the Council should harmonise the rules and regulations for permissible headstones across all five Council operated Municipal Cemeteries. Agreed to grant approval to a request to erect a headstone in	K Scullion	In progress	No	
		Lough Inch Cemetery on the basis that it would comply with				

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		legacy NMDC rules and regulations, although it did not, in the opinion of Officers, comply with legacy DDC rules and regulations			
RTS/169/2016	District wide food waste collection service	<ul> <li>Agreed to:-</li> <li>put £295K in the rates setting process to cover increased revenue spend next year</li> <li>retain 5 old refuse vehicles when the new vehicles are delivered later this financial year</li> <li>hire 10 additional refuse staff on temporary contracts</li> <li>spend £450K out of this year's capital budget, between now and the end of this financial year</li> </ul>	J Parkes	Additional cost in estimates. Rethink grant aid also applied for. Five RCVs will be retained. 10 temporary staff will be employed end of March 2017 Starting procurement of brown bins.	Y Y Y
END					

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Key R	ey Result Area 1: Resource Management										
Ref.	Key Activities	Owner	Target	Q1 A-J 2016	Q2 J-S 2016	Q3 O-D 2016	Q4 J-M 2017	Comment			
	Directorate										
A1	Manage Directorate budget within +/- 3% variance for the year 2016/17	All	+/- 3%					Significantly over budget			
A2	Manage Capital Projects within budget and project timeline	All	+/- 3%								
A3	Build the four new Departmental structures, recruiting against all managerial positions	All	Q4								
A4	Deploy an effective holiday management protocol, to minimise impact on front line services	All	Q4					Impacted by sickness absence.			
A5	Effectively implement sickness absence management procedures	All	Ongoing					Not yet implemented.			
A6	Recruit against all vacancies in a timely fashion	All	Ongoing								
	Building Control										
A7	Successfully integrate the administraiton functions of Building Control and Planning	CJ	Q4					Planning BS staff relocated to the BC reception area in Newry, but full integration incomplete.			

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A8	Introduce a joint inspection procedure for BC staff so that both BC and Planning infringements can be recorded during a single inspection	CJ	Q4		All relevant BC applications referred to Planning at validation stage. BC to notify Planning of all Uws identified on site.
A9	Design and implement a centralised Licensing Unit	CJ	Q3		Unit designed but structures not yet resolved.
A10	Rationalise the provision of bye-law enforcement and dog control services; to ensure district wide effective enforcement and dog control	CJ	Q4		Existing legacy Dog Control measures still in place, structures not yet resolved.
	Planning				
A11	Address Planning Staffing complement (enforcement /development plan/development management)	АМК	Q3		Two planning officer vacancies have been filled. In targaret for completing staff complement review in Q3.
A12	Develop and implement agreed mechanism of charging for pre application discussions.	AMK	Q4		Work ongoing. On target for completion in Q4
	Facilities				
A13	Implement centralised staff & budget control for Security, Reception & Canteens in Monaghan Row, Downpatrick Civic Centre & Greenbank	KS	By end of Q4		Some progress made but until structures are agreed and staff aligned to posts within new department progress will be limited.
A14	Devise and implement staff proceedures to allow the "sharing" of skilled and unskilled staff across Building Maintenace and Grounds Maintenance	KS	By end of Q4		Some progress made but until structures are agreed and staff aligned to posts within new department progress will be limited.
A15	Standardise proceedures for burials across the councils five municipal cemeteries.	KS	By end of Q4		Some progress made but until structures are agreed and staff aligned to posts within new department progress will be limited.

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A16	Review use of external contractors for maintenance tasks	KS	By end of Q4					Some progress made but until structures are agreed and staff aligned to posts within new department progress will be limited.
A17	Agree and implement rationalised departmental support for events.	KS	By end of Q4					New Events Committee established which is providing better and more informed co-ordination of Council support of events both Council run events and community events.
	Waste							
A18	Develop a three year capital plan for the spend on Fleet Management	JP	Q4					
A19	Rationalise 4 day Vs 5 day week for refuse collection regimes	JP	Q4					
A20	Deliver a domestic Food Waste Collection services across the District	JP	End of Q4					
	Rationalise the HRC provision across the district, optimising the number of sites, each delivering the same level of service via the same operational procedures	JP	Q4					
A22	Progress design, build and opening of HRC for Downpatrick area.	JP	2017					
A23	Rationalise district wide street cleansing, optimising staff resources while delivering extended cleansing (up to 8.00pm) for tourist areas	JP	Q4					
Key Re	esult Area 2: People Leadership							
Ref.	Key Activities	Owner	Target	Q1 A-J 2016	Q2 J-S 2016	Q3 O-D 2016	Q4 J-M 2017	Comment

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	Directorate					
B1	Create an environment that encourages cultural change, bringing together the legacy Down, Newry & Civil Servant cultures into a new NMD culture	All	Ongoing			
B2	Build a strong Regulatory and Technical Services "Lead Team"	All	Ongoong			
В3	Create, monitor and deliver against an ambitious performance improvement plan	All	Ongoing			
B4	Ensure appropriate development oppoetunities are presented to Lead Team members	All	Ongoing		0	
B5	Create formal and informal member engagement opportunities (e.g. annual strategy workshop)	All	Ongoing			
B6	Deliver meaningful monthly Directorate updates to the SMT	All	Monthly		0	
	Building Control					
B7	Implement effective administration management of off-street parking	CJ	Q3			3 year AA with TNI approved, Duty Manager appointed. Administration can now commence.
	Planning					
B8	Successfully integrate the Administration functions of Planning and Building Control implementing newly developed administrative processes.	АМК	Q4			Work ongoing. On target for completion in Q4.

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В9	Implement an effective monitoring and reporting procedure to demonstrate effective enforcement control.	АМК	Q4					Work ongoing. On target for completion in Q4.				
B10	Implement improvement plan and performance monitoring that delivers planning application turn round targets (15 weeks).	АМК	Q4					Work ongoing. On target for completion in Q4.				
Key R	ey Result Area 3: Organisation Performance											
Ref.	Key Activities	Owner	Target	Q1 A-J 2016	Q2 J-S 2016	Q3 O-D 2016	Q4 J-M 2017	Comment				
	Directorate											
C1	Create and publish a forward looking Directorate Business Plan	All	Annual									
C2	Deliver on the projects included in the Directorate Business Plan	All	Ongoing									
СЗ	Develop a targeted efficiency plan designed to lower costs and improve delivery	All	Q3					Not yet progressed.				
C4	Identify and deliver against a number of critical projects	All	Ongoing									
C5	Report quarterly Business Plan updates to the R&TS Committee	All	Quarterly									
C6	Ensure member engagement via appropriate use of committee working groups, e.g.: Strategic Waste Working Group	All	Ongoing									

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	Building Control				
C7	Implementation of street café trading / licensing	CJ	Q3		Guidance docs, policies, procedures, forms and fees approved. Structures incomplete for full implementation.
C8	Implement an effective monitoring and reporting procedure to demonstrate effective performance	CJ	Q3		Fully implemented for BC, incomplete for Licensing - structure dependent.
	Planning				
C9	Significantly improving planning department performance.	AMK	Q4		Work ongoing. Backlog reduction being achieved. Work on development plan restarted. On target for Q4
010	Complete one off programme to significantly reduce backlog of historic planning applications.	AMK	Q2		Work ongoing. Backlog of historic applications reduced to 165. Q2 target not achieved due to competing priorities diverting staff resources.
C11	Removal of NI Direct and introduction of Directorate CRM	AMK	Q4		Work ongoing. On target for completion in Q4
C12	Implement an effective procedure to monitor and manage correspondence	AMK	Q2		Procedures implemented. Monitoring ongoing to measure effectiveness.
	Falcilities				
C13	Review Monaghan Row Receptions (General, Building Control, Env Health)	KS	By end of Q2		Review underway of office accommodation at three main Council sites. Currently at data gathering point.
C14	Progress capital program to increase burial capacity of Loughinch Cemetery.	KS	By end of Q4		Planning permission has been received for extension to site.

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0.15	Develop and implement an automated planned maintenance schedule within the context of a broader council wide asset management strategy.	KS	By end of Q4					Some progress made but until structures are agreed and staff aligned to posts within new departure progress will be limited.
C16	Develop and implement a christmas Tree/Lights plan for 2016	KS	By end of Q2					Agreed that this year that provision provided in 2015 would be provided in 2016. On course for installation of trees and lights as per last year and providing assistance for Christmas Switch on Events.
	Waste							
C17	Devise strategy for managing local Authority Collected Municipal Waste that ensures we meet NILAS, Recycling and Landfill Diversion targets	JP	Q3					
	Implement a programme of rounds optimisation based on the capability provided by GPS Tracking across entire fleet	JP	201700%					
C19	Implement the actions arising out of the Anti-Litter Task Force	JP	Ongoing					
C20	Set up the Strategic Waste Working Group and deliver recommendations to committee	JP	Q2			5 43		
Key R	esult Area 4: Advocacy, external Netwo	orking an	d Communio	cations				
Ref.	Key Activities	Owner	Target	Q1 A-J 2016	Q2 J-S 2016	Q3 O-D 2016	Q4 J-M 2017	Comment
	Directorate							
D1	Provide DEA customised action plans for key R&TS directorate services	All	Q4					Not yet integrated with DEA groups.

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D2	Work with key partners to deliver priority projects, e.g. DFI - Planning Policy/EPIC; DAERA, - Waste Management; BCNI - Building Control standards	All	Ongoing			BCNI implementing effective BC standards across NI.
D3	Work with the wider community to change cultural view on littering	All	Ongoing			
D4	Work with Agents and Developers to cooperatively streamline regulatory processes	All	Q4			Effective consultation with stakeholders complete.
	Planning					
D5	In partnership with Dept for Infrastructure and other Councils, develop EPIC replacement.	АМК	Jul-05			Work ongoing
D6	Publish a time line for the production of the Area Plan.	АМК	Q3			Work ongoing. On target for completion by Q3
	Waste					
D7	In partnership AHC, get community involvement in litter management	JP	Ongoing			

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## 1. Live Applications

MONTH 2016	NEW APPLICATIONS	LIVE APPLICATIONS	LIVE APPLICATIONS OVER 12 MONTHS	
April	138	1,389	436	
Мау	121	1,335	455	
June	162	1,178	418	
July	106	1,147	425	
August	131	1,089	405	
September	133	1,048	394	
October	132	1,026	392	

## 2. Live Applications by length of time in system

Month 2016	Under 6 months	Between 6 and 12 months	Between 12 and 18 months	Between 18 and 24 months	Over 24 months	Total
April	583	370	222	66	148	1,389
Мау	549	331	222	86	147	1,335
June	511	249	195	77	146	1,178
July	501	221	196	78	151	1,147
August	480	204	162	99	144	1,089
September	472	182	150	97	147	1,048
October	462	172	135	103	154	1,026

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## 3. Live applications per Case Officer

Month 2016	Average number of Applications per Case Officer
April	58
May	56
June	47
July	46
August	44
September	40
October	41

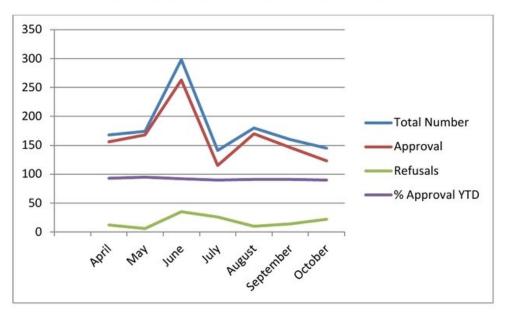
## 4. Decisions issued per month

Month 2016	Number of Decisions Issued	Number of Decisions Issued under delegated authority
April	168	163
Мау	174	169
June	298	273
July	141	114
August	180	162
September	160	140
October	145	122

5. Decisions Issued YTD

Month 2016	Number of Decisions Issued	Average processing Time	Breakdown of Decision	IS
April	168	35.52 weeks	Approvals (156)	93%
			Refusals (12)	7%
Мау	342	33 weeks	Approvals (324)	95%
,	66.686		Refusals (18)	5%
June	640	34 weeks	Approvals (587)	92%
			Refusals (53)	8%
July	781	33.4 weeks	Approvals (702)	90%
			Refusals (79)	10%
August	961	37.67	Approvals (872)	91%
ruguot			Refusals (89)	9%
September	1,121	37.67	Approvals (1018)	91%
ooptonisor	.,		Refusals (103)	9%
October	1,266	31.79	Approvals (1141)	90%
	.,		Refusals (125)	10%

## DECISIONS ISSUED FROM 1 April 2016 to 31 October 2016



## 6. Enforcement

## Live cases

Month 2016	<=1yr	1-2 yrs	2-3 yrs	3-4 yrs	4-5 yrs	5+yrs	Total
April	185	119	97	56	23	78	558
Мау	190	113	101	58	24	77	563
June	217	119	104	56	27	79	602
July	220	117	94	64	28	77	600
August	231	125	87	72	32	75	622
September	240	129	86	83	35	77	650
October	248	129	90	84	34	80	665

## 7. Planning Committee

Month	Number of Applications presented to Committee	Number of Applications Determined by Committee	Number of Applications Withdrawn/ Deferred for future meeting
13 April 2016	14	11	3
27 April 2016	10	5	5
11 May 2016	15	13	2
26 May 2016	17	12	5
8 June 2016	13	9	4
29 June 2016	35	25	10
6 July 2016	22	9	13*
3 August 2016	27	14	13
10 August 2016	4	2	2
31 August 2016	12	10	2
28 Sept & 5 Oct 2016	59	31	28
26 October 2016	30	21	9
Totals	258	162	96

\*2 Applications called in by Dfl

## 8. Appeals

### Planning Appeal Commission Decisions issued during October 2016

Area	Number of current appeals	Number of decisions issued	Number of decisions Allowed	Number of decisions Dismissed	Other decisions
Newry & Mourne	18	5	2	2	1*
Down	5	1	0	1	0
TOTAL	23	6	2	3	1

\*Enforcement Notice Terms varied

#### 9. Statutory Targets Performance Data

#### Statutory targets monthly update to April to September 2016 (unvalidated management information) Newry, Mourne and Down

	Major applications (target of 30 weeks)			Local applications (target of 15 weeks)			Cases concluded (target of 39 weeks)		
	Number decided / withdra wn <sup>1</sup>	Averag e process ing time <sup>2</sup>	% of cases proces sed within 30 weeks	Number decided / withdra wn <sup>1</sup>	Averag e process ing time <sup>2</sup>	% of cases proces sed within 15 weeks	Number brought to conclusi on <sup>3</sup>	"70%" conclus ion time <sup>3</sup>	% of cases conclu ded within 39 weeks
April	3	42.6	33.3%	164	31.0	18.9%	13	37.2	69.2%
May	2	149.3	0.0%	168	25.5	23.8%	31	92.5	45.2%
June	4	68.9	0.0%	285	27.0	22.5%	2	0.0	0.0%
July	1	159.2	0.0%	133	22.4	36.8%	25	83.4	44.0%
Aug ust	3	90.0	0.0%	173	19.4	42.8%		0.0	0.0%
Sept	6	163.4	0.0%	158	19.5	42.4%	7	42.0	71.4%
Oct	-	0.0	0.0%	-	0.0	0.0%	-	0.0	0.0%
Nov	-	0.0	0.0%	1211	0.0	0.0%	2	0.0	0.0%
Dec	-	0.0	0.0%	-	0.0	0.0%	-	0.0	0.0%
Jan	-	0.0	0.0%		0.0	0.0%		0.0	0.0%
Feb	-	0.0	0.0%	-	0.0	0.0%	-	0.0	0.0%
Mar	2	0.0	0.0%	-	0.0	0.0%	2	0.0	0.0%
Year to date	19	121.4	5.3%	1,086	25.0	30.0%	79	65.6	50.6%

Source: NI

Planning Portal

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Note

1. CLUDS, TPOS, NMCS and PADS/PANs have been excluded from all applications figures

**2.** The time taken to process a decision/withdrawal is calculated from the date on which an application is deemed valid to the date on which the decision is issued or the application is withdrawn. The median is used for the average processing time as any extreme values have the potential to inflate the mean, leading to a result that may not be considered as "typical".

**3.** The time taken to conclude an enforcement case is calculated from the date on which the complaint is received to the earliest date of the following: a notice is issued; proceedings commence; a planning application is received; or a case is closed. The value at 70% is determined by sorting data from its lowest to highest values and then taking the data point at the 70th percentile of the sequence.

# Record of meetings between Planning Officers and Public Representatives

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	Margaret Ritchie MLA	
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	Jarlath Tinnelly	
	Michael Ruane	
	Gillian Fitzpatrick	
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	Cllr McGrath	
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Annette McAlarney	Cllr McGrath	
Annette McAlarney	Cllr Curran	
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McParland		
J McParland	Cllr Quinn	
J McParland	Cllr Tinnelly	
A McKay		
	Cllr G Fitzpatrick	
	Harold McKee MLA,	
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	Cllr Quinn	
	Cllr Dermot Curran	
	Cllr Taylor	
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21/07/2016	Anthony McKay	Margaret Ritchie MP
26/7/2016	J McParland	Sean Doran
27/07/2016	J McParland	J Tinnelly
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	M Keane	
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		Cllr Curran
25/08/16	Anthony McKay	Cllr O'Gribin
30/08/16	Pat Rooney	Cllr Ruane
1/9/16	Anthony McKay	M Ritchie MP
02/09/2016	A McAlarney	Cllr Willie Clarke
	Mark Keane	
02/09/2016	A McAlarney	Cllr Willie Clarke
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	Davidson	
08/09/2016	Annette McAlarney	Colin McGrath MLA
	Catherine Moane	
08/09/2016	Pat Rooney	Cllr David Taylor MLA and
		Danny Kennedy MLA
14/9/16	Pat Rooney	Cllr Terry Hearty
14/9/16	Anthony McKay	Wm Erwin MLA
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23/09/2016	Pat Rooney/Andrew	Harold McKee MLA, David
	Davidson	Taylor MLA
29/09/2016	Pat Rooney	Cllr Terry Hearty
11/10/16	Andrew Davidson	Cllr Tinnelly
13/10/16	Andrew Hay	Margaret Ritchie MP
14/10/16	Pat Rooney & Andrew	Justin McNulty MLA
	Davidson	
14/10/2016	Jacqui McParland	Cllr B Quinn
17/10/2016	Annette McAlarney	Cllr Curran
18/10/2016	Jacqui McParland	Cllr Doran

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Report to:	Regulatory and Technical Services Committee
Date of Committee Meeting:	23 November 2016
Subject:	Introduction of Two Minute Beach Clean Boards
Reporting Officer	Canice O'Rourke
(Including Job Title):	Director, Regulatory and Technical Services
Contact Officer	Joe Parkes
(Including Job Title):	Assistant Director, Waste Management

1.0	Purpose and Background:
1.1	A Marine Litter Survey is carried out on an annual basis and is published at the end of each year. The most recent survey has identified totally unacceptable levels of litter on our beaches.
1.2	Council staff do undertake regular beach cleans and also support Community Groups to undertake beach cleaning along our coastline.
1.3	The concept of a Two Minute Beach Clean is that whenever members of the public visit a beach, whether to swim or walk, that such members of the public take two minutes of their time, to pick up litter.
	Newry, Mourne and Down is the first Council in Northern Ireland to trial a Two Minute Beach Clean. A number of Two Minute Beach Clean Stations have been purchased and have been implemented at Newcastle, Warrenpoint and Rostrevor.
	The stations comprise of an A-Board with a litter picker and wind-proof slot for waste bags.
	The stations are visible and positioned at the entrance to targeted beaches, with the intention that participating members of the public can return litter as collected, to the station and from which point, Council staff remove the waste that has been collected.
2.0	Recommendations for consideration by Committee:
2.1	Support the trial scheme with the view to extend to other beaches, subject to local support during 2017.
3.0	Appendices
	Pictures of Two Minute Beach Clean Board

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Report to:	Regulatory and Technical Services Committee
Date of Committee Meeting:	23 November 2016
Subject:	Northern Ireland Amenity Council Awards 2016
Reporting Officer	Canice O'Rourke
(Including Job Title):	Director, Regulatory and Technical Services
Contact Officer	Liam Dinsmore
(Including Job Title):	Waste Management

1.0	Purpose and Background:
1.1	At the Northern Ireland Amenity Council awards, sponsored by Open and Direct Insurance, Rooney Park, Kilkeel was judged as "Best Kept Small Housing" winner.
2.0	Recommendations for consideration by Committee:
2.1	Photocall be organised, week commencing 28 November 2016, to publicise the success of Rooney Park.
2.2	<ul> <li>The following to be invited to attend the photocall:-</li> <li>Cllr Gillian Fitzpatrick (Mayor)</li> <li>Mournes Area Councillors</li> <li>Representatives from NI Amenity Council</li> <li>Cllr Terry Andres, Council Representative in NIAC</li> <li>Representative from NIHE</li> <li>Residents at NIHE properties at Rooney Park, to be advised by the NIHE.</li> </ul>
2.3	Following discussion with the NIHE, the prize fund for the award of $\pm 150$ to be used to purchase and plant a suitable tree, at Rooney Park by the NIHE.
2.4	An award plaque presented by NIAC, to be positioned within the estate by the NIAC.



Councillor Gillian Fitzpatrick Chair Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Monaghan Row Newry BT35 8DJ

# 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016

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#### Re: Britain in Bloom 2016 Results

Dear Councillor Fitzpatrick

On behalf of the Northern Ireland Local Government Association, I would like to congratulate you on your council's wonderful success in achieving Silver Gilt in the "Coastal up to 12K" category for Newcastle in the 2016 Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) Britain in Bloom awards.

Your council has already achieved many great successes in the Translink Ulster in Bloom competition and has gone on to further accomplish huge recognition in this year's RHS Britain in Bloom awards, the overall results of which were a significant achievement for Northern Ireland. I would like to express my sincere admiration to you and to the many volunteers and supporters in your area for all their hard work and dedication and I welcome this further recognition for your council's work.

I would encourage you to put this letter within the agenda of the Council or the most appropriate Standing Committee. Your council is a credit to Northern Ireland.

Yours sincerely

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Derek McCallan Chief Executive, Northern Ireland Local Government Association

CC. Mr Liam Hannaway, Chief Executive, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council, 4 Mr Kevin Scullion, Assistant Director of Facilities, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council and Mr Damien Morgan, Parks Manager, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council.

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## MEMBERS' MONTHLY BULLETIN

The purpose of this Bulletin is to provide Members with an executive summary of the various agenda items which will be considered by the Joint Committee at its forthcoming meeting. The titles highlighted in blue relate to the various agenda items.

## Item 3 - Minutes of Joint Committee meeting 016 held on 29 September 2016

## For approval

The Joint Committee's approval is sought for the minutes of the meeting held on 29 September 2016.

## 'IN COMMITTEE' ITEMS - COMMERCIALLY CONFIDENTIAL

# Item 5 - Minutes of Joint Committee meeting 016 held 'in committee' on 29 September 2016

#### For approval

The Joint Committee's approval is sought for the minutes of the meeting held 'in committee' on 29 September 2016.

## Item 7 - Residual Waste Treatment Project

#### For noting

**The Procurement Process** - Procurement activities have been reduced to a low level of intensity to minimise nugatory expenditure until there is better visibility on the direction of planning issues.

Liaison with electricity distribution and transmission operators has taken place concerning grid connection issues and an application for a grid connection has been made.

PAC hearing - The PAC hearing took place over two days 11 and 12 October 2016.

**Other UK waste projects** – There has been recent progress in waste infrastructure development in other parts of the UK.

The Joint Committee is asked to note the report.

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## **RETURN TO MAIN AGENDA**

## Item 8 - Contracts and Performance Update

## For noting

Monthly tonnage of organic material delivered for treatment continues to be healthy.

The monthly level of contamination at the MRF has slightly decreased for the third consecutive month with the contamination figure at its lowest since contract commencement.

The textile contractor has recently been the subject of a cybercrime issue.

A comparison over five years shows a slight decline in glass tonnages collected when mixed compared to separated, with figures only recently starting to increase again.

The development of a specification has commenced for the re-procurement of the Street Sweepings contract.

The formal procurement process for the haulage service has been initiated.

Latest assessment indicates that the NILAS target is likely to be met at an arc21 level.

The Joint Committee is asked to note the report.

## Item 9 - ISO 9001:2008 Accreditation

## For noting

Following an independent audit, arc21 continues to be fully certified under ISO 9001 for its various functions. The Joint Committee is asked to note the report.

## Item 10 - SOLACE/DAERA/NILGA/SIB Report

## For noting

A report and action plan has been produced by SOLACE/DAERA/NILGA /SIB on the future management of Northern Ireland's Municipal Waste. The Joint Committee is asked to note the report.



## Item 11 - Audit Committee - Approved Minutes

## For noting

The minutes of the Audit Committee, once approved, are presented to the Joint Committee as part of the governance arrangements of the organisation.

The last meeting of the Audit Committee took place on 22 September 2016 and at that meeting the Audit Committee approved the minutes of the meeting held on 19 May 2016.

The Joint Committee is asked to note the minutes and nominate replacements for the two Members that have recently stepped down from the Audit Committee.

### Item 12 - Elected Member Handbook

### For noting

An Elected Member Handbook has been developed by arc21 to provide important back ground information on the organisation to support Members in their role on the Joint Committee.

A Contents page is attached and, given the volume of documents involved, Members can access the documents on the secure part of the arc21 website.

## Item 13 - Schedule of Meetings January to December 2017

#### For approval

The Joint Committee is presented with a proposed schedule of meetings for the year January to December 2017 and is asked to consider and approve.

## Item 14 - Financial Report 2015-16

#### For noting

The Joint Committee is required to prepare a Draft Financial Report annually and subject it to a Statutory Audit by the Local Government Auditor.



The Draft Statement of Accounts of the Joint Committee for the year to March 2016 was presented to the Joint Committee at the meeting held on 30 June 2016.

The formal statutory audit, undertaken by the Local Government Auditor, has been completed and the Chief Local Government Auditor has, once again, certified our accounts without qualification. An extract of the Annual Accounts is presented in Appendix F.

The Annual Audit Letter provided by the Northern Ireland Audit Office is required to be presented to the Joint Committee and this is presented in Appendix G. There were no issues of concern raised by the Local Government Auditor and the Annual Audit Letter expresses this view.

There is a requirement on the Joint Committee to publish both the Annual Accounts and the Annual Audit Letter and this is achieved by placing the documents on our website.

In terms of financial highlights, the turnover is up from £28.9m to £30.4m year on year, a surplus on the operational activities was achieved of £364k compared to a surplus of £89k in the previous year. The level of activity on the Residual Waste Treatment Project, due to the planning application developments, reduced substantially in the 15/16 year but the surplus achieved will mainly be applied in the current year to fund the PAC process. In addition, subject to a successful outcome to the PAC hearing, the expenditure on the Project is expected to increase significantly.

Cash balances at 31 March were £3.4m compared to £1.8m in the previous year, providing sufficient liquidity to enable arc21 to meet its monthly contractual obligations.

The Pension Scheme Reserve remains in a deficit position but the size of the deficit has come down from £629k in 2015 to £557k in 2016.

The General Reserves at 31 March 2016 increased to £922k compared to £496k as at 31 March 2015 which places the Joint Committee in a strong financial position to meet the significant challenges faced, particularly over the next two years with the Residual Waste Treatment Project.

Next Meeting: Thursday 1 December 2016 at 10.30am, to be hosted by Mid and East Antrim Borough Council

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## ITEM 3 ARC21 JOINT COMMITTEE Meeting No 016 Hosted by Belfast City Council MINUTES Thursday 29 September 2016

#### **Members Present:**

Councillor M Rea Councillor M Goodman Alderman R Gibson (Deputy Chair) Councillor M Collins Alderman J Tinsley Councillor O Gawith Councillor L Poots Councillor D O'Loan (Chair) Councillor B Adger Alderman T Nicholl (representing Cllr R Wilson) Councillor D Curran Councillor D Curran

Members' Apologies:

Councillor A M Logue Alderman A Carson Councillor A Cathcart Councillor R Brown Councillor J Bunting Councillor R Wilson Councillor S Burns

#### **Officers Present:**

J Quinn R Burnett G Craig *(Secretary)* H Campbell K Boal J Green C Robinson M Laverty D Lindsay T Walker A Reynolds D Carey C O'Rourke

#### Officers' Apologies: G Girvan

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The Chair welcomed Councillor Matthew Collins from Belfast City Council to the Committee and his first meeting. He also welcomed Alderman Tommy Nicholl who was in attendance on behalf of Councillor Ruth Wilson.

#### <u>AGM</u>

#### Thanks from the Chairman

The Chairman, Councillor Garth Craig, advised the Committee that he would be standing down from his position as Chair due to increased Council work commitments but that he would be continuing to represent his Council on the Joint Committee for the foreseeable future.

He thanked the Members, Officers and staff of arc21 for all their support and commitment during his term in office which had commenced in April 2015 following the reform of Local Government in Northern Ireland and during a very challenging time for arc21 particularly in relation to the Residual Waste Treatment Project.

He also thanked the Deputy Chair, Councillor Declan O'Loan, for all his assistance and support throughout the year.

He advised Members that Alderman Alan Graham had stepped down from the Joint Committee and had been replaced by Councillor Alistair Cathcart.

On behalf of the Members, Officers and staff of arc21 he offered his sincere thanks to Alderman Graham for all his support and commitment during his term in office both on the Joint Committee and as Chair of the Audit Committee. He noted that as one of arc21's longest serving Members he had been a champion for the Group and helped to make it the success it is today in partnership working.

Mr Quinn also noted his thanks to Alderman Graham along with several other Members and advised that he would be forwarding a letter of thanks on behalf of the Members, Officers and staff of arc21.

#### Action: Mr Quinn

Councillor Craig then stood down from the Chair in order for the election of the positions of Chair and Deputy Chair to take place.

#### **Election of Chair**

Mr Craig referred to the procedures for the elections presented in the papers and then asked the Deputy Chair, Councillor Declan O'Loan, to take the Chair in order to conduct the election of the position of Chair for the forthcoming year.

#### (Councillor O'Loan in the Chair)



Councillor O'Loan took the Chair. He forwarded his sincere thanks to Councillor Craig for his hard work and dedication to arc21 during the past year. He also took the opportunity to thank the Joint Committee Members for their continued support over the past year and forwarded his personal thanks to the arc21 Officers for their support to him.

Councillor O'Loan then sought nominations for the position of Chair to serve the Joint Committee for the forthcoming year.

Nominated:	Councillor Declan O'Loan
Proposed:	Councillor Dermot Curran
Seconded:	Alderman James Tinsley

It was resolved that Councillor O'Loan be elected as Chair of the Joint Committee for the incoming year to September 2017.

### (Councillor O'Loan in the Chair)

Councillor O'Loan thanked the Members for electing him as Chair of the Joint Committee for the forthcoming year and welcomed the opportunity to continue supporting the organisation. Councillor O'Loan stated that the next item of business was the election of the position of Deputy Chair for the forthcoming year.

### **Election of Deputy Chair**

Nominations were then invited for the position of Deputy Chair of the Joint Committee.

Nominated:	Alderman Robert Gibson
Proposed:	Councillor Beth Adger
Seconded:	Alderman James Tinsley

It was resolved that Alderman Gibson be elected Deputy Chair of the Joint Committee for the incoming year to September 2017.

Alderman Gibson thanked Members for nominating him Deputy Chair of the Joint Committee. He thanked Members for their confidence in him and advised that he would carry out his duties to the best of his abilities during the forthcoming year. He also forwarded a support of thanks to the outgoing Chair, Councillor Garth Craig.

Mr Quinn forwarded his thanks to Councillor Craig for his support and commitment during his term in office and the professional manner in which he had carried out his duties and welcomed his continued representation on the Joint Committee.

He also welcomed the newly elected Chair and Deputy Chair and wished them every success in these positions.

Alderman Rea and Councillor Curran also noted a word of appreciation to the outgoing Chair for a job well done.



### Apologies

Apologies were noted.

Action: Noted

### **Conflicts of Interest Statement**

The Chair read out the Conflicts of Interest Statement. There were no conflicts noted.
Action: Noted

### Minutes

The minutes of Joint Committee meeting 015 held on 8 September 2016 were agreed. Action: Agreed

### **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

Mr Burnett advised Members on the nappy pilot scheme in Scotland which had been referred to at the last meeting. Reference was made to the closure of the treatment facility in West Bromwich and the recent refusal of planning permission for a similar facility in Hayes.

Action: Noted

The Chair advised Members that the meeting would now be formally dealt with 'in committee'.

### In Committee

Matters of a confidential and commercially sensitive nature were discussed under this agenda item and recorded accordingly.

Following discussion on the commercially sensitive matters, the Chair advised Members that the meeting would now return to the main agenda but whilst 'in committee' there were two matters discussed as follows:

- 1. In Committee Minutes of Joint Committee Meeting No. 015 held on 8 September 2016. Action: Agreed
- 2. Residual Waste Treatment Project.

Action: Noted

The Chair advised Members that the meeting would now return to the main agenda.

### **Contracts and Performance Update**

Ms Robinson presented a report to advise the Joint Committee on the prevailing monthly situation pertinent to the operational performance of the service and supply contracts.



A summary of the key discussion is noted as follows.

### MRF

The monthly level of contamination at the MRF has slightly decreased for the second consecutive month.

### MRF and Bring Site Contracts

Ms Robinson informed the Committee that the contracts pertaining to the Bring Sites and MRF were due to expire on 31 March 2017, with options to extend for a further 12 months. However, having developed business plans for each of the contracts it was recommended to Members that the contracts are extended for a further 12 months.

Following discussion it was agreed to extend the various contracts.

Action: Agreed

A Member requested sight of the Business Plans for each of these recommendations and Mr Burnett advised that he would make this available on the arc21 secure website.

Action: Mr Burnett

#### Organic Waste

Ms Boal presented a report on the organic waste contract and reported that tonnages during the summer months had been the best to date.

Following discussion on the other contracts, the Joint Committee agreed to note the rest of the report.

Action: Noted

### 2016/17 Waste Statistics O1

Mr Burnett presented a report on the indicative position in respect of key waste statistics covering the first quarter of 2016/17.

He informed Members that the information provided by Councils to the Department through the wastedataflow system for the first quarter of 2016/17 had been completed and was now the subject of an initial validation process by the NIEA. Consequently the figures may be subject to change.

The statistics were presented in graphical format for purposes of information.

Following discussion the Joint Committee agreed to note the report.

Action: Noted

### **Revenue Estimates**

Mr Craig presented the Joint Committee with the proposed Revenue Estimates of arc21 for the three year period from 2017/18 to 2019/20, in order that Participant Councils can take them into account within their own budgets.



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These included the Establishment, Procurement and Operational activities, Waste Contract Services, Waste Contract Supplies and the costs associated with the Education Vehicle.

In terms of the Residual Waste Treatment Project, he reported that the planning application was currently at the PAC stage but, subject to a positive outcome on Planning, the Project would then progress to completing the procurement process, award the contract and also move to acquire the necessary land assembly including the acquisition of the Hightown Quarry site.

Mr Craig also informed Members that the estimates reflect the second year of the arrangement with Newry, Mourne and Down which will apply in the 17/18 year to reflect the continuation of the services of arc21 in respect of the former Newry and Mourne District Council. From the 18/19 year onwards, the contribution from Newry, Mourne and Down District Council will be on the same terms as all other Councils.

The Joint Committee was asked to consider and approve the Revenue Estimates to enable Participant Councils to take the figures into account within their own Estimates process.

Following discussion the Joint Committee agreed to approve the Revenue Estimates.

Action: Agreed

### Next Meeting

The Chair advised that the next scheduled meeting of the Joint Committee would be held on Thursday 27 October 2016 and hosted by Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council.

Action: Noted

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Report to:	Regulatory & Technical Services Committee
Date of Meeting:	23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2016
Subject:	Review of Transport NI land maintained by Council's Grounds Maintenance Department
Reporting Officer	Canice O'Rourke
Contact Officer	Kevin Scullion

1.0	Purpose and Background:
1.1	The Committee has previously requested to be provided with a list of sites which the Council's Grounds Maintenance Department maintains on behalf of TNI including a copy of a plan of the site. It is not possible at this stage to provide plans of the site but this is a project that will be taken forward with the Council's GIS Section. In the interim it is possible to provide details of the sites including a conservative estimate of the cost t the Council in undertaking this work on behalf of TNI. The Council no longer receives funding from TNI for this work. Attached at Appendix 1 and 2 is a summary of the relevant information pertaining to this review.
2.0	Key issues:
2.1	<ul> <li>There are 87 separate sites owned by TNI which are maintained by the Council's Grounds Maintenance Section.</li> <li>The estimated staff costs in maintaining these sites is £90,882.00 per annum.</li> </ul>
3.0	Recommendations:
3.1	For Noting.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	As detailed above.
5.0	Equality and good relations implications:
5.1	None.
6.0	Appendices
	Appendix 1: Legacy NMDC TNI sites maintained by Council

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	Non Council Owned Sites Ma	Sites Maintained		Hours	Visits p/a	Hourly Rate	Total
Townland	Site Name	Squad	Ownership				
Annalong/Killeel	Majors Hill	1	DRD	9	28	£12.25	£2,058.00
	Knockcree Ave	1	DRD	3	28	£12.25	£1,029.00
	Scrogg Road Corner	1	DRD	9	28	£12.25	£2,058.00
	Quarter Road	1	DRD	9	28	£12.25	£2,058.00
	Welcome Stones	t	DRD	3	28	£12.25	£1,029.00
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Rostrevor	Ross Monument Corner	2b	DRD	9	28	£12.25	£2,058.00
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Warrenpoint	Duke Street Flowerbeds	2a	DRD	9	28	£12.25	£2,058.00
	Coronation Stone	2a	DRD	9		£12.25	£2,058.00
	Warrenpoint Roundabout	2a	DRD	. 12	28	£12.25	£4,116.00
	Warrenpoint Boat Features	2a	DRD	9	28	£12.25	£2,058.00
Hilltown	Hilltown Corner	10	DRD	8	28	£12.25	£2,744.00
	Derryleckagh Corner	8	DRD	9	28	£12.25	£2,058.00
Newry	Abbey Way & New Rd Flowerbeds	7	DRD	9	28	£12.25	£2,058.00
	Omeath Road Junction	7	DRD	3	28	£12.25	£1,029.00
	Chapel Street Flowerbed	7	DRD	3	28	£12.25	£1,029.00
	Greenbank Roundabout	7	DRD	9	28	£12.25	£2,058.00
	Mourne Country Roundabout	2	DRD	9	28	£12.25	£2,058.00
	Customs Roundabout	7	DRD	9	28	£12.25	£2,058.00
	Fiveways Roundabout	7	DRD	9	28	£12.25	£2,058.00
	Rathfriland Road Roundabout	L .	DRD	9	. 28	£12.25	£2,058.00
	Monaghan Row Corner	2	DRD	3	28	£12.25	£1,029.00
	River Street EI Scheme	7	DRD	3	28	£12.25	£1,029.00
	Drumalane Corner	7	DRD	3	28	£12.25	£1,029.00
South Armagh	Camlough Village	7	DRD	з	28	£12.25	£1,029.00
	Drumintee Corner	8	DRD	3	28	£12.25	£1,029.00
	Culloville (Maachy Conlon)	4	DRD	3	28	£12.25	£1,029.00
						TOTAL	£49,049.00
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Appendix 2 Legacy DDC and Ballyward TNI sites maintained by Council

			AREA IN	Hours	Grass/Bedding/Shrubs
REF	LOCATION		SQUARE METRES		
1010	Ballyduggan Road, Downpatrick	Verge	444	50	Grass
1045	The Mall, Downpatrick	Verge	423	30	Shrubs
1075	Market Street, Downpatrick	Car Park	570	20	Shrubs
1095	Ardglass Road, Downpatrick	Verge	3,404	70	Grass
1115	Pound Lane, Downpatrick	Rec. Area	256	60	Grass/Shrubs
1127	Church Street/Saul Way, Downpatrick	Junction	110	80	Grass/ Bedding
1130	Belfast Road, Downpatrick	Roundabout	. 112	190	Bedding
1135	Belfast Road, Downpatrick	Verge	20,117	200	Grass/Shrubs
1170	Quoile, Downpatrick	Verge	962	120	Grass
1175	Old Belfast Road, Downpatrick	Verge	184	60	Grass/Bedding
1180	Saul Road/Bulls Eye Road, Downpatrick	Junction	523	40	Grass/Shrubs
1181	Killough Road/Ardglass Road, Downpatrick	Junction	96	20	Grass
1210	DOE Car Park Saul Way	Car Park	160	30	Shrubs
1220	DOE Car Park Church Street, Downpatrick	Car Park	80	30	Shrubs
1230	DOE Car Park Saul Street, Downpatrick	Car Park	60	30	Shrubs
1507	The Point, Saintfield	Verge	86	20	Grass
1515	Linden Close, Saintfield	Verge	1,123	40	Grass
1520	Lexington Close, Saintfield	Verge	223	20	Grass/Shrubs
1525	Fairview, Saintfield	Rec. Area	1,583	60	Grass
1527	Middle Road/Ballynahinch Road, Saintfield	Junction	87	20	Grass
1528	Rowallane Dale, Saintfield	Verge	163	30	Grass
1529	Old Grand Jury Road, Saintfield	Verge	510	. 20	Grass
1529a	Old Grand Jury Rd/Rowallane	Junction	200	30	Grass
1543	Killyleagh Town Planting	Town Planting	160	40	Shrubs
1550	Opposite the Grove, Killyleagh	Verge	1,053	80	Grass/Bedding
1555	Opposite Kerrywynn, Killyleagh	Verge	1,688	80	Grass
1574	Annacloy	Verge	395	. 20	Grass
1574a	Annacloy, Teconnaught	Verge	3,678	80	Grass
1595	The Square, Crossgar	Car Park	414	60	Grass/Bedding
1596	Crossgar	Traffic Scheme	. 85	80	Bedding
1605	Church Road, Ballynahinch	Verge	738	06	Grass/Shrubs
1610	Belfast Road, Ballynahinch	Verge	1,946	50	Grass/Shrubs

1611	Redburn Clinic, Ballynahinch	Verge	298	001	GIASS/DEUUIUG
1612	Tullybeg Fort/Church Road, Ballynahinch	Verge	265	50	Grass/Bedding
1613	Ballymaglave/Drumaness Road, Ballynahinch	Junction	65	30	Shrubs
1615	Dromore Road, Ballynahinch	Verge	5,390	100	Grass
1617	Crabtree Road Junction Ballynahinch	Junction	240	. 20	Shrubs
1642	Ballynahinch Road, Spa	Verge	828	20	Grass
1650	Spa, Ballynahinch	Rec. Area	386	50	Grass/Bedding
1650a	Dunmore Road, Spa	Verge	62	20	Grass
1651	Spa, Ballynahinch	Verge	597	30	Grass
1653	McAuleys Lake, Spa	Lay-by	17	20	Grass
1654	Harmony Park, Drumaness	Verge	1097	50	Grass
1668	Cumber View, Drumaness	Verge	865	20	Grass
1669	Cumber Grange, Drumaness	Verge	1669	65	Grass
1676	Drumaness Road/Newcastle Road, Drumaness	Junction	1,892	80	Grass
1686	Blackstaff Road, Clough	Verge	465	40	Grass
2105	Downpatrick Road, Ardglass	Verge	794	50	Grass
2128	Downpatrick Road/Station Road, Ardglass	Verge	72	50	Grass/Bedding
3013	Tech, Newcastle	Raised Bed	20	30	Bedding
3015	Railway Street, Newcastle	Verge	81	40	Shrubs
3095	Shimna Road/Bryansford Road	Junction	764	150	Grass/Bedding
3100	Castlewellan Road/Dundrum Road, Newcastle	Roundabout	3,502	200	Grass/Bedding
3110	Castlewellan Road, Newcastle	Verge	1,165	40	Grass
3115	Bryansford Village	Verge	113	50	Grass/Bedding
3120	Ballyhafry Road/Burrenbridge Road	Junction	91	30	Bedding
4035	Bann Road/Dublin Road, Castlewellan	Verge	506	70	Grass/Bedding
4053	(i) Mill Hill Castlewellan	Town Planting	103	30	Shrubs
4053	(ii) Newcastle Road, Castlewellan	Town Planting	130	30	Shrubs
4091	Newcastle Road, Dundrum	Traffic Scheme	14	20	Bedding
0	Westlands, Crossgar	Verge	307	80	Grass/Bedding
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Report to:	Regulatory & Technical Services Committee
Date of Meeting:	23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2016
Subject:	Review of Historic Cemeteries maintained by Council
Reporting Officer	Canice O'Rourke
Contact Officer	Kevin Scullion

1.0	Purpose and Background:
1.1	The Committee has previously recommended that Officials review the Historic Cemeteries maintained by Council with particular reference to identifying those which would be considered to have limited access. In addition, information concerning the cost borne by Council to maintain these sites has been considered as part of the review and also whether burials are permitted within these Historic Cemeteries. Attached at Appendix 1 and 2 is a summary of the relevant information pertaining to this review.
2.0	Key issues:
2.1	<ul> <li>Apart from the five municipal cemeteries operated by the Council, the Council is also maintaining a further 29 historic cemeteries at an estimated conservative annual cost of £74,290.00.</li> <li>Of these 29 Historic Cemeteries 11 are considered to have limited access.</li> <li>In 11 of the 29 sites burials are permitted.</li> </ul>
3.0	Recommendations:
3.1	For Noting.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	As detailed above.
5.0	Equality and good relations implications:
5.1	None.
6.0	Appendices
	Appendix 1: Legacy NMDC historic Cemeteries maintained by Council
	Appendix 2: Legacy DDC and Ballyward Historic Cemeteries maintained by Council

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Cemetery/Graveyard	Ownership	Continued Burials (Y/N)	Hours	Visits p/a	Hourly Rate	Total	Comments/Access
Templegowran	Council owned	z	4	6	£12.25	F98.00 fields	Limited Access/Land locked with surrounding private fields
Clonduff	Council owned	z	00	25	£12.25	£2,450.00	£2,450.00 Full access
Drumgath	Council owned	z	12	25	£12.25	£3,675.00	E3,675.00 Full access
		:					Limited Access/Land locked with surrounding private
Ouley	Council owned	z	4	2	£12.25	£98.00 Tields	tields
Crag	Council owned	z	12	25	£12.25	£3,6/5.00	±3,6/5.00 Full access
Bloody Bridge	Council owned	N	12	25	£12.25	£3,675.00	£3,675.00 Full access
Ballymartin	Council owned	N	12	25	£12.25	£3,675.00	E3,675.00 Full access
Kilkeel	Chruch of Ireland	Y	12	25	£12.25	£3,675.00	£3,675.00 Full access
Lisnacree	Chruch of Ireland	N	12	25	£12.25	£3,675.00	£3,675.00 Full access
Grinian	Council owned	z	12	25	£12.25	£3,675.00	£3,675.00 Full access
Lisserboy	Council owned	Z	12	25	£12.25	£3,675.00	£3,675.00 Full access
Mullaghglass	Council owned	z	12	25	£12.25	£3,675.00	£3,675.00 Full access
Paupers Graveyard	Council owned	Z	12	25	£12.25	£3,675.00	£3,675.00 Full access
Camlough	Council owned	z	12	25	£12.25	£3,675.00	£3,675.00 Full access
Creggan	Chruch of Ireland	Υ	12	25	£12.25	£3,675.00	£3,675.00 Full access
Meigh	Council owned	Y	12	25	£12.25	£3,675.00	£3,675.00 Full access
Latt	Council owned	Z	12	25	£12.25	£3,675.00	£3,675.00 Full access
Tullyvallen	Council owned	z	12	25	£12.25	£3,675.00	£3,675.00 Full access
Ballymoyer	Chruch of Ireland	۰ . Υ	12	25	£12.25	£3,675.00	£3,675.00 Full access
Killeavey	<b>Roman Catholic</b>	۲.	12	. 25	£12.25	£3,675.00	E3,675.00 Full access
Monkshill	Municipal	Y	32	52	£12.25	£20,384.00 Full access	Full access
Warrenpoint	Municipal	Y	12	52	£12.25	£7,644.00	E7,644.00 Full access
Rostrevor	Municipal	Y	12	52	£12.25	£7,644.00	E7,644.00 Full access
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Struell	Council	18	35	£12.25		£7,717.50 Full access (Active through Council)
Lough Inch	Council	9	35	£12.25	£2,572.50	£2,572.50 Full access (Active through Council)
Saul	Ancient	24	4	£12.25		£1,176.00 Limited Access/Uneven grass (Active through Church)
St Patrick's Grave	Ancient	1.5	35	£12.25	£643.13	£643.13 Access to St Pats Grave only (Active through Church)
Mary's Style Killyleagh Ancient	Ancient	12	8	£12.25		£1,176.00 Limited Access/Uneven grass
St Dymphna Dpk	Health Board	9	18	£12.25		£1,323.00 Limited Access/Uneven grass (Inactive)
Paupers & Old Workho Council/Ancient	Council/Ancient	12	5	£12.25	£735.00	£735.00 Very Limited Access/Uneven grass (inactive)
Magheradroll Old	Ancient	4	9	£12.25		£294.00 Limited Access/Uneven grass (Active through Church)
Kilmore	Ancient	24	5	£12.25		£1,470.00 Limited Access/Uneven grass(Active through Church)
Loughinisland Old	Ancient	12	9	£12.25	£882.00	£882.00 Limited Access/Uneven grass(Active through Church)
Ballyward	<b>Banbridge Council</b>	9	20	£12.25		£1,470.00 Limited Access/Uneven grass(Active through Church)
					£19,459.13	

# Policy Forum for Northern Ireland Keynote Seminar Energy in Northern Ireland - the energy market, renewables and security of supply

with

Jenny Pyper, Chief Executive, Utility Regulator

and

Michael Doran, Action Renewables; John French, Consumer Council Northern Ireland; Bob Hanna, Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, Republic of Ireland; Iain Hoy, CBI NI; Dr Patrick Keatley, Ulster University; Stephen McCully, Power NI; Robin McCormick, System Operator Northern Ireland (SONI); Richard Murphy, Pinsent Masons; Michael Scott, firmus energy; Maf Smith, Northern Ireland Renewables Industry Group (NIRIG); Marian Troy, SSE Ireland; Carla Tully, AES UK & Ireland and Ursula Walsh, Ulster University

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The future of energy policy in Northern Ireland, bringing out latest thinking on:

- Possible repercussions from 'Brexit';
- Increasing competition and improving consumer confidence;
- Potential developments for the renewables sector;
- Progress on infrastructure development; and
- Priorities for security of supply.

Keynote speakers:

• Jenny Pyper, Chief Executive, Utility Regulator

To note:

• Agenda includes discussion on the **role of councils** in the planning process for the renewables sector and infrastructure development.

Context:

- Uncertainty following the UK's referendum on the EU;
- Timed to follow the Department for the Economy's mid-term review of the <u>2010</u> <u>Strategic Energy Framework</u>; and
- Comes as the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee conducts an inquiry into the <u>Electricity market in Northern Ireland</u>.

Areas for discussion:

- Next steps for the energy market competition; costs for businesses, domestic consumers and potential investors; and improving consumer confidence;
- The future of the renewable sector, as well as the future of the 2020 renewable objectives, especially in light of the closure of renewable incentives and Brexit;
- Security of supply and infrastructure planning, costs and future opportunities; and
- Issues relating to infrastructure investment including the future of the <u>Integrated</u> <u>Single Electricity Market</u> (I-SEM) and the North-South Interconnector - especially in light of Brexit.

The conference is bringing together senior officials from the Northern Ireland Assembly and legislative departments with key stakeholders from the energy market, including energy providers, manufacturing firms and consumer groups.

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### **Speakers**

We are delighted that **Jenny Pyper**, Chief Executive, Utility Regulator has agreed to deliver a keynote address at the event.

Further speakers include: Michael Doran, Managing Director, Action Renewables; John French, Chief Executive, Consumer Council Northern Ireland; Bob Hanna, Chief Technical Advisor, Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, Republic of Ireland; Iain Hoy, Senior Policy Advisor, CBI NI; Dr Patrick Keatley, Research Fellow, Centre for Sustainable Technologies, Ulster University; Stephen McCully, Managing Director, Power NI; Robin McCormick, General Manager, System Operator Northern Ireland (SONI); Richard Murphy, Partner, Pinsent Masons; Michael Scott, Managing Director, firmus energy; Maf Smith, Deputy Chief Executive, Northern Ireland Renewables Industry Group (NIRIG); Marian Troy, Head of Corporate Affairs, SSE Ireland; Carla Tully, President, AES UK & Ireland and Ursula Walsh, Senior Lecturer, School of the Built Environment, Ulster University.

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Press passes have been reserved by representatives from Argus; The Detail; The Irish News and Utility Week.

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I do hope that you will be able to join us for what promises to be a most useful morning and look forward to hearing from you soon.

### Yours sincerely

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#### Policy Forum for Northern Ireland Keynote Seminar: Energy in Northern Ireland - the energy market, renewables and security of supply

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016 Venue: Stormont Hotel, Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast BT4 3LP

Draft agenda subject to change

8.30 - 9.00	Registration and coffee	

9.00 - 9.05	Chair's opening remarks

Steve Aiken MLA, Deputy Chair, Committee for the Economy, Northern Ireland Assembly

- 9.05 9.25 Energy in Northern Ireland in the context of UK and European markets Dr Patrick Keatley, Research Fellow, Centre for Sustainable Technologies, Ulster University Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.25 9.45 The Electricity sector in Northern Ireland The Northern Ireland Affairs Committee's inquiry so far Senior speaker to be confirmed Questions and comments from the floor

9.45 - 10.20 Next steps for the energy market - competition, costs and improving consumer confidence

With high energy costs remaining a significant challenge for Large Energy Users (LEUs) - particularly energy intensive manufacturers - how far would the recommendations from the Ministerial Energy & Manufacturing Advisory Group help to ensure energy costs for businesses in Northern Ireland are competitive in an EU context? Will mechanisms such as the Consumer Council's price comparison tools make consumers more aware of the benefits of switching energy tariffs and providers, and can they encourage greater competition in the domestic energy market, and help drive down prices? To what extent can the extension of the gas network to the west of Northern Ireland reduce consumer reliance on energy sources such as oil heating, increase competition, and reduce energy prices? With 42% of the population in Northern Ireland suffering from fuel poverty, what has been the impact of the Fuel Poverty Strategy - along with measures such as the Warm Homes Scheme - in encouraging greater energy efficiency and reducing fuel poverty for the most vulnerable consumers? John French, Chief Executive, Consumer Council Northern Ireland

lain Hoy, Senior Policy Advisor, CBI NI

Stephen McCully, Managing Director, Power NI Questions and comments from the floor

10.20 - The future for renewable energy in Northern Ireland - the 2020 target following the EU referendum

What are the implications of the withdrawal of the Renewable Obligations and Renewable Heat Incentives for the renewables market in Northern Ireland, including for developers and consumers, and in terms of the potential impact on the environment? Should the renewable targets set by the Northern Ireland Executive for 2020 remain in place following the EU referendum? What options and opportunities are available to the Northern Ireland Executive to ensure those targets are met? To what extent can alternative renewable energy sources - such as solar, offshore wind, tidal and marine energy - contribute to the energy market in Northern Ireland? What impact have barriers to the development of renewables, - such as costs, the removal of Executive subsidy, concerns from communities, and delays in planning processes - had on investment in renewable technologies, and what can be done to address those barriers?
Maf Smith, Deputy Chief Executive, Northern Ireland Renewables Industry Group (NIRIG)
Michael Doran, Managing Director, Action Renewables
Ursula Walsh, Senior Lecturer, School of the Built Environment, Ulster University
Carla Tully, President, AES UK & Ireland
Marian Troy, Head of Corporate Affairs, SSE Ireland
Questions and comments from the floor

### 11.10 - Chair's closing remarks

- 11.15 Steve Aiken MLA, Deputy Chair, Committee for the Economy, Northern Ireland Assembly
- 11.15 Coffee
- 11.40

#### 11.40 - Chair's opening remarks

11.45 Conor Murphy MLA, Chair, Committee for the Economy, Northern Ireland Assembly

### 11.45 - Evolving energy markets

12.10 Jenny Pyper, Chief Executive, Utility Regulator Questions and comments from the floor

#### 12.10 - Security of supply and infrastructure - planning reform, the energy grid and investment post-Brexit

12.55 What impact are delays in the development of the North-South Interconnector due to planning appeals in Northern Ireland, and the uncertainty over the Integrated Single Energy Market due to the EU referendum, having on the security of Northern Ireland's energy supply? To what extent will the completion of the North-South Interconnector and I-SEM help create a secure supply of energy, and how far can measures such as increased energy storage and a greater reliance on renewable contribute to further security of supply? How might the needs both for investment in energy grid infrastructure and to keep costs for consumers low be balanced in the pursuit of greater grid stability? What effect has planning reform in Northern Ireland had on the development of the energy grid and infrastructure investment, and what can the Executive do to promote further investment in energy infrastructure while retaining effective community engagement?

Richard Murphy, Partner, Pinsent Masons

Robin McCormick, General Manager, System Operator Northern Ireland (SONI)

Michael Scott, Managing Director, firmus energy

Bob Hanna, Chief Technical Advisor, Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, Republic of Ireland

Questions and comments from the floor

- 12.55 Chair's and Policy Forum for Northern Ireland closing remarks
- 13.00 Conor Murphy MLA, Chair, Committee for the Economy, Northern Ireland Assembly Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Policy Forum for Northern Ireland

### HISTORIC ACTION SHEET – REGULATORY AND TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

### 19 OCTOBER 2016

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
RTS/144/2016	Report on bus shelter requests	<ul> <li>Agreed to:-</li> <li>Remove the existing bus shelter at Roxborough Road, Dorsey and that a canteliver type bus shelter be installed at the new location agreed with the landowner</li> <li>a similar bus shelter that was previously on the site at McGeough's Crossmaglen Road, Aughanduff be installed</li> </ul>	K Scullion	In progress Complete	N Y
RTS/145/2016	Kilbroney Municipal Cemetery	Mr Scullion submit a report to the Rate Estimates Review Meeting for 2017/2018 on the need for a capital works project at Kilbroney Municipal Cemetery to address	K Scullion	In progress	N

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
		subsidence and uneven ground issues.			
		<ul> <li>Mr Scullion submit a comprehensive report to a future RTS Committee Meeting clarifying if the Council owns the Church and Graveyard and also, if they are the owners, was there any opportunities to seek funding to carry out potential maintenance works.</li> <li>Mr Scullion to look at possible clean-up works at Well Lane Graveyard and report back to Committee.</li> </ul>	K Scullion	In progress Under consideration	Ν
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