

October 20th, 2015

Notice Of Meeting

You are invited to attend the Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting to be held on **Wednesday, 21st October 2015 at 6:00 pm** in **the Boardroom District Council Offices Monaghan Row, Newry.**

The Committee Members are:

Chair: Councillor T Andrews

Vice: Councillor S Ennis

Members:	Councillor P Brown	Councillor C Casey
	Councillor S Doran	Councillor G Fitzpatrick
	Councillor G Hanna	Councillor V Harte
	Councillor M Murnin	Councillor H McKee
	Councillor P O'Gribin	Councillor G Sharvin
	Councillor G Stokes	Councillor H Reilly
	Councillor D Taylor	

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 23 September 2015. (Attached).**

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4. **Bi-Annual Report on Council's Scheme of Delegation. (Attached).**

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For Consideration and/or Decision - Waste Management

- 4a. **arc21 Residual Waste Treatment Project Update - arc21 Officers to present.**
- 4b. **Report re: determination of the arc21 Revised Waste Management Plan. (Attached).**

Determination of the arc21 Waste Management Plan.pdf

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5. **Report re: Reduced Commercial Rate Charge on School Bin Recycling. (Attached).**

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6. **Report re: Extension of Lease for Cloonagh Road Civic Amenity Site. (Attached).**

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7. **Proposed Consultation Response - Closure of the Northern Ireland Renewables Obligation to new onshore wind in 2016. (Attached).**

Please note ALL interested Councillors are invited to attend for discussion on this item.

[Consultation Response Closure of NI Renewable Obligation new onshore wind projects.pdf](#)

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For Consideration and/or Decision - Planning

8. **Planning Department Performance Indicators. (Attached)**

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9. **Performance Statistics for Planning decisions from 1 July to 30 September 2015. (Attached).**

[Performance Statistics for Planning Decisions 1 July to 30 Sept 2015.pdf](#)

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Miscellaneous

10. **Report re: proposed installation of a large display screen in Hill Street, Newry, as part of 2015/2016 Christmas Illuminations budget. (Attached).**

[Display Screen \(Newry\).pdf](#)

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For Noting

11. **Arc21 Joint Committee Meeting - Members' Monthly Bulletin - 1 October 2015. (Attached).**

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12. **Arc21 Joint Committee Meeting - Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 3 September 2015. (Attached).**

arc21 JC Minutes 3 Sept 2015.pdf

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13. **Reminder - - - the date of the RTS Meeting in December 2015 has been changed from Thursday 17 December to Wednesday 9 December 2015 @ 6.00 pm in Newry ---**

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ACTION SHEET- REGULATORY AND TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE – 23 SEPTEMBER 2015

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MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION BY DIRECTOR – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed
RTS/88/2015	Sympathy and Best Wishes	<p>Agreed to send a letter of sympathy to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The family of Eoin Farrell (RIP) • The family of James Miskelly (RIP) • Katrina Hynds on the death of her father, Pat <p>Agreed to send a letter of best wishes to Che Kane</p>	<p>Letters sent on 2-10-15</p> <p>Letter sent on 2-10-15</p>
RTS90/2015	Councillors on the Anti-Litter Working Group	<p>Appointments to be made at the Party Representatives Forum Meeting on 28-9-2015</p>	<p>Councillors appointed at the Council Meeting on 5-10-2015:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor McKee • Councillor Walker • Councillor Stokes • Councillor Tinnelly • Sinn Fein to confirm <p>Councillor Hearty advised in a telephone call on 6-10-2015 that the Sinn Fein representatives are:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor W Clarke • Councillor Harte
	Picnic tables at Lindsey's Hilltown	<p>It was agreed officials re-investigate the possibility of replacing the missing picnic tables at this location in the Spring, if the two remaining tables were to stay in place in the intervening period.</p>	

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		It was also agreed that the Council's Maintenance Inspection Officers investigate the closing off of a road/access route with boulders on the Leode Road, Hilltown and report back to Councillor Fitzpatrick as to who would be responsible for removing these boulders.	
	Pedestrian access gate between the Council car park and St. Mary's Cemetery, Newry	It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Casey, seconded by Councillor Doran, that Council Officials be granted authority to proceed to liaise with Newry Parish to seek agreement to open a pedestrian gateway between the Council car park and St. Mary's Cemetery, Newry and report back to the Committee.	
	Bus Shelters	<p>It was agreed that a further report be brought back to the next appropriate RTS Committee Meeting giving details of the bus shelters already agreed for installation by both former legacy Councils and by Newry, Mourne and Down District Council and seeking agreement on the phased installation of these shelters.</p> <p>At the request of Councillor Sharvin it was agreed that officials ensure the damaged roof of Kilclief bus shelter be repaired as soon as possible.</p>	
RTS/93/2015	Council's Commercial Rate Charge on School Blue Bin Recycling	It was agreed that officials investigate this issue further and bring back a report to the next RTS Committee Meeting, which would include the costs of the proposal to reduce the cost of each blue bin lift to schools by 50%.	

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION BY DIRECTOR – including action taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed
RTS/94/2015	Proposed Arc21 charges for 2015/2016	<p>It was agreed to approve the above report and the proposal to increase Newry, Mourne and Down District Council's contribution payment to Arc21 by an amount equivalent to one third of the pro-rata population of the old Newry and Mourne District, for each of the next three years.</p>	
RTS/95/2015	Planning Department Performance Statistics	<p>It was agreed at the request of Councillor Andrews that the next Planning Department Performance Indicators Report should include comparisons with the other 10 Councils.</p> <p>It was also agreed that the Planning Department produce a short plain English booklet on the main Planning Policies including CTY Policies to assist Councillors in dealing with planning applications.</p>	

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

The Council's Scheme of Delegation for Officers is made in accordance with Section 7 (arrangements for discharge of functions of Council) of the Local Government (NI) Act 2014.

Arrangements for Monitoring and Review

Each Department is required to appoint an officer with responsibility for maintaining a register of delegated decisions. Reports on the register shall be brought to relevant Committees on a bi-annual basis.

A corporate register of delegated decisions shall be maintained by the Head of Democratic Services which can be requested to be produced by any Committee of Council at any time. The Head of Democratic Services is the responsible officer for ensuring this register remains current and accurate at all times.

Scheme of Delegated Decisions for Reporting

The following delegated decisions or authorisations are to be reported monthly (unless otherwise specified) to the relevant Committee by the officer responsible for making or granting.

1. Engaging consultancy assistance below the delegated level of £2,000;
2. Decision to commence formal restructuring within a Department or Departments;
3. Consultation responses other than technical responses where officers asked for Member views;
4. Decisions arising from external report on significant Health and Safety at Work;
5. In cases of emergency, the allocation or awarding of Financial assistance (small grants) to external groups or organisations below the delegated level of £300; and
6. Other decisions such as those with political, media or industrial relations implications that Directors consider Members should be aware of.

Attached is a reporting form for each of the categories of delegated decisions/authorisations which should be completed by Departmental Officers and reported to relevant committees.

Other decisions or authorisations delegated to each Department under the Scheme of Delegation, should be reported by way of a bi-annual report to the relevant Committee of Council, (refer to the Council's Scheme of Delegation for complete list of delegated matters).

A copy should also be forwarded to Eileen McParland, Democratic Services Manager – eileen.mcpaland@newryandmourne.gov.uk

Category 6

Any other decisions such as those with political, media or industrial relations implications that Directors consider Members should be aware of.

Decision:

Replacement of the picnic tables at the amenity site in Dundrum

These tables, which were part of the Tourism NI funded "Mourne Coastal Route" project, were removed for 'over winter maintenance'. They were replaced again in July.

Building Control

- **Road Naming – Saul Meadows**

The name 'Saul Meadows' was approved for the proposed development at Saul Road, Downpatrick by O'Connor Brothers.

The proposal met with the Street Naming Criteria as it 'reflects the local townland name' with a meadow defined as 'an area of grassland, often used for hay or grazing of animals' This site was previously a farm.

- **Road Naming – Herons Close**

The name 'Herons Close' was approved for the proposed development at Killough Road, Ardglass by Berni Sutton.

The proposal met with the Street Naming Criteria as it 'reflects a local annual 'nature' event' with a layout of a close that is a residential street with through access.

- **Road Naming – Tudor Court**

The name Tudor Court was approved for the proposed development at Tudor Mews, Warrenpoint by DMS Contracts Ltd.

The proposal met with the Street Naming Criteria as 'the prefix of the name can only be the same as an existing street or road name prefix in the locality if it is accessed from that street or road'.

The proposed development is accessed off Tudor Mews and is a court yard style hence the name Tudor Court.

- **Road Naming – Bucks Loanin**

The name 'Bucks Loanin' was approved for an unnamed road adjacent to Gargarry Chapel.

Having been approached by local residents and consulted with them, they have advised that the road has always been known as Bucks Loanin. As there are no properties on this road there is no need to consult with residents.

A loanin is defined as an open space between cultivated fields which cattle are driven, and where cows are sometimes milked; also a lane.

- **Road Naming – Carrickbracken Close**

The name Carrickbracken Close was approved for the proposed development at Camlough Road, Camlough, by McParland Brothers.

The proposal met with the Street Naming Criteria as 'the name reflects the local townland name'.

The proposed development is situated in the townland of Carrickbracken, hence the name Carrickbracken Close.

- **Request for change of road name – Glack Road**

It was approved to re-name Annaclogh Hill to Glack Road, Newtownhamilton.

A request had been received from Councillor G Fitzpatrick on behalf of the residents who own land situated on this road to re-name the road to Glack Road.

The name Glack Road was proposed as the road leads to the Glack mountain.

- **Request for change of road name – Upper Ballinran Road**

It was approved not to re-name the 'Upper Ballinran Road', Kilkeel back to Leitrim Road/Ballinran Road, Kilkeel.

Upon receipt of a petition received on 04th March 2015, signed by not less than 50% of the residents of Upper Ballinran Road to change the road name back to Leitrim Road/Ballinran Road, Kilkeel. The Council canvassed by post the residents of all the properties on the Upper Ballinran Road to seek their views on the request to change the name of the road.

As a result of the survey carried out, 80% of the residents indicated they were in favour of the road name change and 20% indicated that they were not in favour of the name change. The Council Policy on road naming states that 100% of the residents must be in favour of the proposed name change. Therefore the proposal is not to change the road name.

- **Request for Dual-Language Street Nameplate – Woodlands, Newry**

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at Woodlands, Newry, following a request from an occupant; a postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section, to each occupier at Woodlands, Newry.

21 questionnaires were posted to same amount of houses in Woodlands, Newry (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

On 24th July 2015, the total of replies for Woodlands, Newry, was 8 replies received. Of the 8 replies received, 7 agreed to the erection of dual language name plates (ie, English/Irish), ie, 88% agreement on a 38% response.

- **Request for Dual-Language Street Nameplate - Edentrumly Road, Mayobridge**

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at Edentrumly Road, Mayobridge, following a request from an occupant; a postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section, to each occupier at Edentrumly Road, Mayobridge

28 questionnaires were posted to same amount of houses in Edentrumly Road, Mayobridge (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

On 21st August 2015, the total of replies for Edentrumly Road, Mayobridge was 8 replies received. Of the 8 replies received, 7 agreed to the erection of dual language name plates (ie, English/Irish), ie, 88% agreement on a 38% response.

- **Alignment of Marriage Licensing Fees**

It was approved that Newry, Mourne and Down District Council align the Marriage fees of the legacy Newry and Mourne District Council and Down District Council for applications for 3 Year Place Approval and Temporary Place Approval for Civil Marriages and Civil Partnerships.

The entire cost of issuing a Place Approval for Civil Marriages and Civil Partnerships should not be borne by the ratepayer, it should be borne by the applicant.

The recommendation is for Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to align the fees as indicated below:

Type of License	Application Fee (Non refundable)	License Fee (Including Application Fee)
3 Year Place for Civil Marriages/Civil Partnerships (per application)	£75	£300
Administration Fee when a venue is applying for approval for both Marriage and Civil Partnerships at the same time.	£50	£50
Temporary Place Approval for Civil Marriage/Civil Partnerships	£75	£155

- **Relaxation of Building (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012**

Alterations and Extension to Dwelling including New Heating System at 27 Newry Street, Warrenpoint. This request for relaxation should be accepted under Regulation 56 as the existing staircase is in a bad state of repair and alterations will make the staircase safer.

- **Enforcement**

Premises visited to assess extent of unauthorised works

<i>Ref No.</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Description of Unauthorised Works</i>	<i>Target Date</i>
15/2502	54a Camlough Road, Newry	Shop Fit Out	31.07.15

The above unauthorised works were brought to our attention on 3 July 2015. To date we have not received an application to have the works regularised.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Council's Solicitor initiates legal proceedings against the applicant of the above application for their failure to comply with the requirements of the Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012.

List of Entertainment Licences recommended for Approval in accordance with Delegated Authority

Reference	Date Signed Off by Director of Regulatory and Technical Services
E/LC/230 E/LC/382 E/LC/456 E/LC/712	14/04/2015
E/LC/225 E/LC/463	22/04/2015
E/LC/5 E/LC/70 E/LC/263 E/LC/341 E/LC/502	28/04/2015
E/LC/152	07/05/2015
E/LC/296	14/05/2015
E/LC/292	20/05/2015
E/LC/50 E/LC/155 E/LC/265 E/LC/311 E/LC/406 E/LC/521	27/05/2015

E/LC/713 E/LC/716	28/05/2015
E/LC/24 E/LC/71 E/LC/166 E/LC/251 E/LC/315 E/LC/353 E/LC/546 E/LC/714	10/06/2015
E/LC/270	18/06/2015
E/LC/152 E/LC/234 E/LC/277	25/06/2015
E/LC/323 BCR/LIC/2	01/07/2015
BCR/LIC/9	28/07/2015
BCR/LIC/10 E/LC/421	31/07/2015
E/LC/155 E/LC/197 E/LC/275 E/LC/408	13/08/2015
E/LC/537	14/08/2015

E/LC/9 E/LC/402 E/LC/407	26/08/2015
E/LC/393	11/09/2015
E/LC/75 E/LC/82 E/LC/387 E/LC/518	21/09/2015
E/LC/166 E/LC/228 E/LC/301	23/09/2015

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Senior Administrative Officer

16 October 2015

**List of Petroleum/Street Trading Licences recommended for Approval in
accordance with Delegated Authority**

Reference	Date Signed Off by Director of Regulatory and Technical Services
Petroleum	
P/LC/6 P/LC/14 P/LC/156	22.04.15
P/LC/20	05.05.15
P/LC/23 P/LC/123 P/LC/155	12.05.15
P/LC/134	18.06.15
P/LC/34 P/LC/40 P/LC/126 P/LC/113	08.07.15
P/LC/84 P/LC/77 P/LC/107	18.09.15
Street Trading	
ST/LC/664	11.09.15
ST/LC/670	23.09.15

List of Files Referred to Legal Services in Accordance with Delegated Authority

Reference	Date Signed Off by Director of Regulatory and Technical Services
DL/361	16/04/2015
HW/12423 HW/12424	22/04/2015
HW/12425	28/04/2015
DL/363	12/05/2015
DL/364	14/05/2015
DL/365 AD/LEG/15	25/06/2015
AD/LEG/24 AD/LEG/27 AD/LEG/28	28/07/2015
AD/LEG/478	21/09/2015

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16 October 2015

Agenda Item:	Determination of Revised Waste Management Plan
Report to:	Regulatory and Technical Services Committee
Subject:	Determination of Revised Waste Management Plan
Date:	21 October 2015
Reporting Officer:	Canice O'Rourke
Contact Officer:	Joe Parkes

Decision Required

Agree the Determination of Revised Waste Management Plan

1.0	<p><u>Purpose and Background</u></p> <p>Members will be aware that Newry, Mourne and Down became a constituent member of the arc21 Waste management Group and in so doing, 'adopted' the arc21 Waste Management Plan.</p> <p>That Waste Management Plan had to be revised to take account of the changes brought about by RPA – specifically the geographic changes required to include the area covered by the new Newry, Mourne and Down District Council. (See Executive Summary Attached).</p> <p>It is a statutory requirement that the Department reviews and approves the amended Waste Management Plan, and once this step is complete, the individual arc21 councils need to finally and formally 'determine' the Waste Management Plan.</p> <p>As can be seen from the attached letter, the Department has now determined that the Waste Management Plan complies with paragraph (3) of Article 23 of the Waste and Contaminated Land(Northern Ireland) Order 1997, and as such, Newry, Mourne and Down Council can now complete the process by 'determining' the Waste Management Plan.</p>
2.0	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>Council is requested to finally 'determine' the arc21 Waste Management Plan</p>
3.0	<p><u>Recommendation</u></p> <p>Committee to recommend the determination of the arc21 Waste Management Plan</p>

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Date: 18 September 2015

Dear Ricky

arc21 WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Thank you for providing the revised arc21 Waste Management Plan (the Plan), which was required as a consequence of Local Government Reform to ensure that it covers the geographic area of the new arc21 waste management group.

Following a detailed assessment, I would confirm that the Department has determined that the revised Plan complies with paragraph (3) of Article 23 of the Waste and Contaminated Land (Northern Ireland) Order 1997.

Yours sincerely

TIM IRWIN

Deputy Director

Environmental Policy Division

Executive Summary

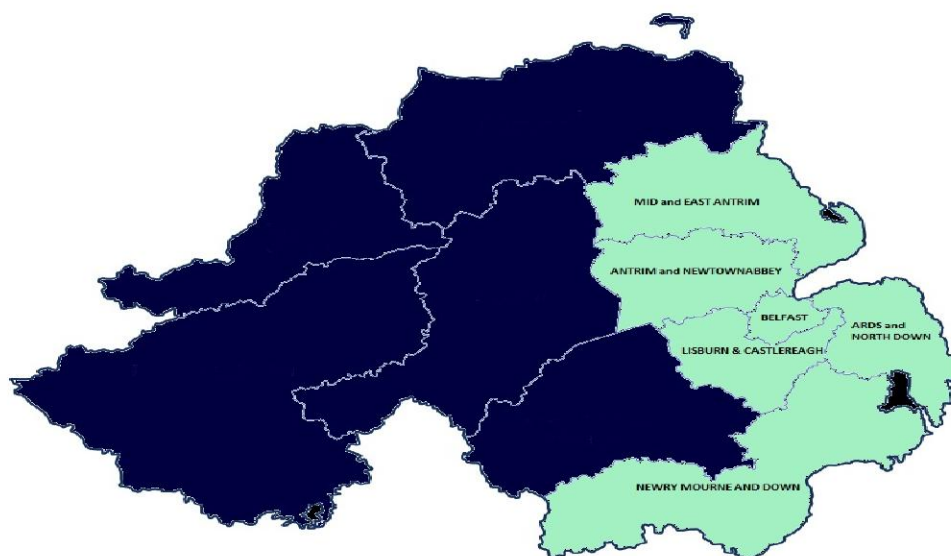
Introduction

This Waste Management Plan, hereafter referred to as 'the Plan', has been prepared by the arc21 Region in fulfilment of its councils' obligations under Article 23 of the Waste and Contaminated Land (Northern Ireland) Order 1997. Under Article 23, District Councils have a duty to prepare Waste Management Plans for the forward planning of waste management requirements for collecting, recovering, treating and disposing of controlled waste within the Region.

The Plan provides a framework for waste management provision and a regional network of facilities for all controlled wastes within the arc21 Region. It establishes the overall need for waste management capacity and details the proposed arrangements to deal with the wastes produced in a sustainable manner.

Figure ES.1 presents the constituent Councils of arc21

Figure ES.1 arc21 Councils



The arc21 objectives have been set in the context of the following four principles of sustainable development:

- Social progress which meets the needs of everyone;
- Effective protection of the environment;
- Prudent use of natural resources; and
- Maintenance of high and stable levels of economic growth and employment.

The principle objective of the Plan is therefore to identify options for managing waste within the arc21 Region which draws the correct balance between:

- The provision and maintenance of sufficient capacity to deal with the waste produced;
- Meeting strategic targets for recycling and recovery, and potentially for reduction;
- The protection of the environment for present and future generations; and
- Optimising resource utilisation in the arc21 Region.

The objectives of the Plan are as follows:

- Meet the statutory obligations of European Directives, UK and Northern Ireland legislation;
- Take into consideration the requirements of the Northern Ireland Waste Management Strategy- Delivering Resource Efficiency, 2012;
- Increase the re-use, recycling and composting of waste and reduce the quantity of waste disposed of to landfill consistent with sustainable waste management;
- Implement an integrated waste management option for residual waste to contribute to a reduction in waste requiring disposal;
- Encourage self sufficiency in waste management facilities for the arc21 Region and disposal of waste in accordance with the proximity principle;
- To reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to future climate change;
- Review existing waste treatment and disposal sites with the capacity to accommodate future waste management needs;
- Outline an adequate integrated network of regional facilities in accordance with the principles of sustainable development, Strategic Environmental Assessment and BPEO;
- Set criteria and guidelines for the development of facilities to ensure a high level of environmental protection, and minimise the risks to the environment, human health and amenity;
- Ensure future waste management arrangements are developed and implemented in accordance with the principles of Best Value and Community Planning;
- Ensure that social needs, human rights and Equality Scheme requirements can be met in the implementation of the proposals; and
- Improve options for long term benefits and achieve economies of scale in order to reduce costs.

The Plan is divided into the following parts:

- The legislative context, local environment, social and economic factors (Chapters 2 - 4);
- The analysis of waste prevention measures in the arc21 region (Chapter 5);
- Options and arrangements for municipal and other controlled wastes (Chapter 6);
- Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste (LACMW) arisings, options and arrangements in Northern Ireland (Chapter 7);
- Commercial and Industrial Waste (C&I) arisings, options and arrangements in Northern Ireland (Chapter 8);
- Packaging Waste arisings, options and arrangements in Northern Ireland (Chapter 9);
- Hazardous waste arisings, options and arrangements in Northern Ireland (Chapter 10);

- Construction, Demolition and Excavation Waste arisings, options and arrangements in Northern Ireland (Chapter 11);
- Agricultural Waste arisings, options and arrangements in Northern Ireland (Chapter 12);
- Priority and Other Waste Streams arisings, options and arrangements in Northern Ireland (Chapter 13);
- Future requirements in terms of the treatment and disposal of wastes (Chapter 14);
- Site Selection Criteria (Chapter 15);
- Plan implementation, monitoring and review (Chapter 16).

Legislative and Policy Context

Current EU Waste Policy and Legislation

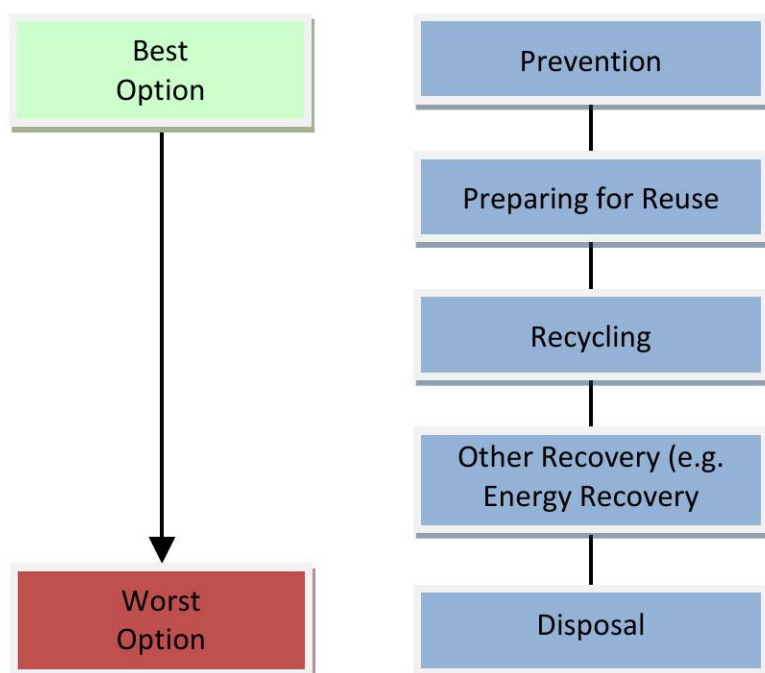
The EU gives strong direction to its member states on waste issues and much of UK and NI waste policy and guidance is based on EU legislation.

The Circular Economy Package, as currently considered by the European Commission, is meant as a direct contribution to the objectives pursued to give a new boost for jobs, growth and investment and placed within the wider context of the European Commission's commitment towards sustainable development.

This Waste Management Plan is consistent with the aspirations, aims and objectives of the circular economy. Any revision of the Waste Management Plan will continue to be coherent with the Circular Economy Package as it evolves and develops.

The Waste Framework Directive (2008/98/EC) is the overarching legislative framework and is of particular significance to the development of the Plan. It provides a foundation for sustainable waste management practice and defines waste. This Directive, which was adopted on the 19th November 2008, sets out measures to minimise the negative effects of the generation and management of wastes on human health and the environment and aims to reduce the use of resources. This Directive also repealed directives on Waste Disposal (75/439/EEC), Hazardous Waste (91/689/EEC) and Waste Oils (2006/12/EC).

A key component of the revised WFD is the new Waste Hierarchy, the primary purpose of which is to minimise adverse environmental effects from waste and to increase resource efficiency in waste management and policy. Article 4 of the WFD sets out the new Waste Hierarchy as a priority order for waste management, as set out in Figure ES.2 below.

Figure ES.2 Waste Management Hierarchy

In order to move towards a recycling society with a high level of resource efficiency the revised WFD also implements new targets for the reuse and recycling of materials. These are:

- To achieve a recycling rate of 50% (including preparing for reuse) of household waste by 2020.
- To achieve a recovery rate of 70% (including preparing for reuse, recycling and other material recovery) for all non-hazardous construction and demolition waste by 2020.

National and Local Policy and Legislative Context

The framework within which waste management plans are developed is provided by specific legislative and policy measures which include:

- Waste Legislation - including UK legislation and Northern Ireland Orders and Regulations.
- Waste Management Strategy - setting out government's policy for the management of waste. Associated guidance provides clarification and information on aspects of waste management policy, and its implementation.
- Land Use Planning - Strategies, Area Plans and Planning Policy Statements.

Programme for Government

The Northern Ireland Executive's Programme for Government 2011 – 2015 contains a specific commitment to achieve a household recycling or composting rate of 45% for Northern Ireland by 2014/15, under the objective 'Protecting our People, the Environment and Creating Safer Communities'.

Northern Ireland Waste Management Strategy: Delivering Resource Efficiency

This Strategy is a revision of the previous Northern Ireland Waste Management Strategy: Towards Resource Management which was published in March 2006 and set the strategic direction for waste management in Northern Ireland at the time. Following a scoping exercise by the Department, it was proposed that a 'recast' Strategy would be developed that would incorporate all the requirements of the relevant EU Environmental Directives coupled with a continuation and development of policies and support of resource efficiency. The recast Strategy developed is based on the principle of the waste hierarchy while maintaining the core principles of the 2006 Strategy.

The Strategy moves the emphasis of waste management in Northern Ireland from resource management (with landfill diversion as the key driver) to resource efficiency, that is, using resources in the most effective way while minimising the impact of their use on the environment. This Strategy has a renewed focus on waste prevention (including reuse), preparing for reuse and recycling in accordance with the waste hierarchy.

The key principles of the Strategy are:

- **Waste Hierarchy** – indicates the relative priority of the different methods of managing waste.
- **Life Cycle Approach** – to take into account the overall impacts that an approach or service will have throughout its whole life, that is, from cradle to grave.
- **Polluter Pays Principle** – means that waste generators should pay the costs of providing services to manage their wastes.
- **Proximity Principle** – emphasises the need to treat or dispose of waste as close as practicable to the point of generation, to minimise the environmental impact of waste transportation.
- **Integration of Waste Streams** – encouraging the development of waste management solutions that encompass all waste.

The targets set out in the Strategy include:

Household Waste

- To achieve a recycling rate of 50% (including preparing for reuse) of household waste by 2020.
- To achieve a recycling rate of 45% (including preparing for reuse) of household waste by 2015 (Programme for Government Target)

Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste

- To achieve a recycling rate of 60% (including preparing for reuse) of Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste)

Construction, Demolition and Excavation Waste

- To achieve a recovery rate (including preparing for reuse, recycling and other material recovery) of 70% for all non-hazardous construction and demolition waste by 2020.

Packaging Waste

- To achieve the recovery and recycling rates for individual packaging waste streams by 2017.
- To achieve an overall recovery rate of 79% and overall recycling rate of 72.7% of packaging by 2017.

Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE)

- To achieve a collection rate of 45% of EEE placed on the market by 2018 increasing to 65% of EEE placed on the market by 2021.
- To achieve the recovery and recycling targets for all categories of EEE as set out in the recast WEEE Directive

Batteries and Accumulators

- To achieve a collection rate of 45% of average annual sales in the UK of all waste portable batteries by 2016.

End of Life Vehicles

- To achieve an overall reuse, recycling and recovery rate for end of life vehicles of 95% by 2015.

The document also sets out a number of proposals in relation to reducing the amount of food waste sent to landfill in Northern Ireland. Reduced food waste can contribute to improving resource efficiency and food security at a global level, and would contribute to a reduction in GHG emissions resulting from their disposal in landfill.

A copy of the revised Northern Ireland Waste Management Strategy: *Delivering Resource Efficiency* can be downloaded from the DOENI website:

http://www.doeni.gov.uk/wms_2013.pdf

Political and Socio Economic Context

The socio economic strategic framework for Development Plans, including the Waste Management Plan, is provided in *Building a Better Future*, the Regional Development Strategy for Northern Ireland, 2035. The document contains Strategic Planning Guidelines for supporting economic development, transport, tackling deficiencies in infrastructure, rejuvenating urban centres, strengthening social cohesion and for the protection and enhancement of the physical, natural and man-made environment.

Proposals included in the Waste Management Plan pay regard to these Strategic Planning Guidelines and the objectives of achieving sustainable development, social cohesion and a high quality of life for all citizens of the arc21 Region.

Baseline Waste Management Review

Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste

Management and control of Local Authority Collected Municipal Wastes is provided by the legislative framework primarily under the Waste and Contaminated Land Order (Northern Ireland), 1997 and associated legislation.

The targets that apply to Local Authority Collected Waste or Household Waste come from a number of sources and include:

- **Landfill Diversion Targets:** which set targets limiting the quantities of BMW going to landfill;
- **Northern Ireland Executive's Programme for Government recycling target:** which sets an interim recycling target for household waste of 45% by 2014/15. The target is aspirational and appears to apply to NI as a whole rather than to individual Councils.
- **Statutory targets for recycling:** including the requirement within the revised Waste Framework Directive for 50% recycling and the proposals within the Northern Ireland Waste Management Strategy for the introduction of a 60% target of Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste by 2020.

In 2013/14, arc21 produced over half (64.9%) of Northern Ireland's LACMW. Of this, the Region recycled and composted 37.5% of LACMW and 41.5% of Household Waste.

Recent performance trends suggest that, in relation to LACMW and biodegradable LACMW landfilled, arc21 has consistently met their requirements under NILAS e.g. the last six years has resulted in an annual surplus being recorded with +82,768 recorded in 2011/12, +16,763 tonnes recorded in 2012/13 and 24,678 recorded in 2013/14.

The current arrangements in place within the arc21 region for this waste stream are made up of three main components:

- Education and Awareness Programmes;
- Materials Recovery- Recycling and Composting (including recycling and recovery of mixed waste from civic amenity sites/household recycling centres); and
- Landfill of Residual Waste.

Commercial and Industrial Waste

The commercial and industrial sector produces a sizable proportion of waste arisings in Northern Ireland. These Commercial and Industrial (C&I) wastes comprise of various streams, several of which are subject to their own specific legislation, targets and/or planning requirements.

The latest study conducted in Northern Ireland on the C&I Waste Stream carried out by WRAP (Northern Ireland Commercial & Industrial (C&I) Waste Estimates) estimated there to be 1.3 million tonnes of C&I waste in 2009. This comprised 0.8 million tonnes from the industrial sector and 0.5 million tonnes from the commercial sector.

Currently, there are no statutory targets that apply to C&I waste, however in order to facilitate the setting of a statutory recycling target for C&I waste in the future and to improve the capacity to report on possible future EU targets, the Department of the Environment intends to consult on proposals to introduce a statutory requirement on waste operators to provide specified data on C&I waste as a condition of their licence.

Construction, Demolition and Excavation Wastes

The Northern Ireland Waste Management Strategy sets the following targets for C, D & E waste:

- 70% of all non-hazardous C, D & E wastes to be recycled or reused by 2020; and
- The Government Construction Clients' Group (GCCG) has in its Sustainability Action Plan for 2012-15 targets for reducing waste during construction and operation. This includes a requirement that government construction projects shall include a minimum of 10% by value of recycled content.

As identified in the Northern Ireland Waste Management Strategy – *Delivering Resource Efficiency* for C, D & E wastes, the priority is waste prevention, followed by materials reuse and recovery. However, there will remain a need for landfill capacity for those wastes that are not recovered or recycled.

The target recycling and reuse rate set out by the Waste Management Strategy is 70%. According to the study carried out by WRAP in 2010, Northern Ireland is currently achieving a recycling rate of 69% with over 1 million tonnes of waste with an 'unknown' fate. If it is assumed that a quantity of this waste

is reused or recycled, then Northern Ireland is currently achieving its target recycling and re-use rate of 70%.

It is anticipated that the majority of reuse and recycling capacity of C, D & E waste will take place at the point of origin, with increased segregation and sorting, making use of appropriate mobile plant. Therefore only a proportion of this capacity will need to be provided at licensed C, D & E waste recycling plants.

The location and scale of these facilities vary and is determined by the requirements of the market. These facilities will also be required to be appropriately licensed for the storage, sorting, crushing and reprocessing of C, D & E waste materials¹.

Priority and Other Waste Streams

Several EC Directives were identified as 'Priority Waste Streams' in the European Union's Fifth Environmental Action Programme² because of growing concerns about their impact on the environment.

Priority Waste Streams have been identified on account of one or more of the following: their volume, hazardous nature, potential for recycling, potential to create an economic benefit or the fact that legislation is changing the way in which these materials have traditionally been managed. The Priority Waste Streams include:

- Waste Electrical Electronic Equipment (WEEE);
- End of Life Vehicles;
- Tyres; and
- Batteries.

The Producer Responsibility policy underlies the approach to the implementation of these Directives. The aim of the Producer Responsibility approach is to achieve a more sustainable approach to resource use and a reduction in the overall quantity of waste disposed of to landfill, by diverting materials for reuse, recycling and other forms of recovery. Producer responsibility places the responsibility for the costs of collection, sorting and treatment and recycling and recovery on the producers and promotes the concept of supply chain management.

The Waste Management Plan sets out the measures for the management of each of these waste streams within the Region in order to ensure compliance with legislation and policy and ensure that each are managed in a compliant and sustainable manner.

¹<http://www.doeni.gov.uk/niea/licensed?txtlicno=&txtwmcl=&txtpostcode=&txtCompanyName=&btnSearch=Done&btnSearch=Search&Blacnk=Start>

² <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/archives/env-act5/pdf/5eap.pdf>

Sewage Sludge

Sewage sludge is the residual sludge from wastewater treatment plants, produced from the treatment of domestic or urban wastewaters and from other sewage plants treating wastewaters of a composition similar to domestic and urban wastewaters. Responsibility for the management and control of this waste stream falls with Northern Ireland Water and is provided by the legislative framework, primarily under the EU Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive, implemented in Northern Ireland under the Urban Waste Water Treatment Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1995.

The estimated volume of sewage sludge produced in Northern Ireland in 2012 (dry solid sludge) was 39,000 tonnes.

The Waste Management Plan sets out the roles and responsibilities for the management of this waste stream.

Healthcare Wastes

Clinical waste is any waste that arises from the treatment of humans and animals and is capable of causing infection or other harm. The two main sources of this waste in Northern Ireland are hospitals and community healthcare, including nursing homes, health centres, veterinary surgeries, dental surgeries, GP surgeries, blood transfusion centres, health laboratories and teaching and research establishments.

The arc21 Region covers the following three Health and Social Care Trusts (HSC):

- South Eastern HSC Trust
- Belfast HSC Trust
- Northern HSC Trust

The management of clinical wastes is primarily controlled by the Hazardous Waste (Northern Ireland) Regulations, 2005.

Clinical waste in the Region from hospital and community healthcare facilities are estimated to be in the region of 2,613 to 3,484 tonnes per annum. The Waste Management Plan provides details of the management and treatment of the clinical waste stream within both the arc21 region and Northern Ireland.

Agricultural Wastes

Agricultural waste was previously excluded from regulations that controlled the management of household, commercial and industrial waste. The implementation of the Waste Management Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. No. 280 of 2006), as amended, has however resulted in

waste management controls now applying to agricultural waste in accordance with the European Waste Framework and Landfill Directives.

Key agricultural waste streams that are considered with the Waste Management Plan, include:

- Tyres
- Farm Plastics
- Poultry Litter

From the end of 2013 anyone who normally and regularly carries waste, including a 'specified person' such as a carrier of their own waste, a registered charity, someone carrying animal by-products only or carrying agricultural waste only, will be required to complete a one-off registration with the NIEA³.

Mining and Quarrying Wastes

Mining waste arises from the process of extracting materials from the ground that are then used as a saleable product. Commonly mining and quarrying waste arises from mined materials including clay, coal, precious stones, precious metals, metal ores and sand and shingle materials.

Due to the fact that the Mining Waste Directive is now in force, there is an obligation on Member States to ensure that all mineral waste is managed in accordance with the objectives of the Directive i.e. to prevent or reduce any adverse effects on the environment and human health brought about as a result of the management of extractive waste.

The general position of the Directive is that extractive waste should be reused on site with emphasis on placing the waste back into the extraction void where appropriate as long as this is technically possible, economically feasible and environmentally sound.

Waste Prevention Review

Waste prevention is key to optimising resource efficiency across all waste streams and is at the top of the Waste Management Hierarchy. The primary advantage is to achieve landfill diversion targets and reduce the environmental impact of waste. Additional benefits of waste prevention include:

- Reduces the quantities and hazardous properties of the waste;
- Reduces products before they enter the waste stream;
- Contributes to meeting the requirements of EU legislation;
- Reduces the demand on finite natural resources; and
- Reduces expenditure on waste disposal activities.

³ The Duty of Care - A Code of Practice. NIEA, 2012

The EU Resource Efficiency Roadmap calls for a transformation in our attitude to natural resources through greater reuse and the decoupling of economic growth from resource use. While it does not set specific targets for waste reduction, it contains a milestone that waste generated per capita should be in absolute decline by 2020.

The Waste Management Strategy for Northern Ireland aims to maintain the downward trend in waste arisings in Northern Ireland, which has shown a 7% reduction between 2002 and 2011/12 (and a 8.8% reduction in arc21) and effect a decoupling of waste arisings from economic growth.

Waste prevention and minimisation has been a key component of the current arc21 Waste Management Plan and arc21 activities. The Region has carried out a large number of waste education and awareness initiatives in order to promote waste minimisation whilst at the same time promoting sustainable waste management behaviour amongst stakeholders.

This has been delivered through a number of strands including Officers within Councils integrating waste prevention initiatives into their work and initiatives undertaken through the Rethink Waste campaign.

Examples of initiatives and programmes implemented by arc21, or subscribed to by arc21 and its member Councils have included the following:

- School visits and waste education programmes;
- Household communications;
- Liaison with community groups;
- Publicity and promotional materials through press, billboard posters and mail drops;
- Trade waste minimisation schemes; and
- Sign up to Rethink waste initiatives.

Principles of Waste Management

There is a requirement within the Waste Management Plan to assess the contribution of different waste management options and future waste facilities.

To ensure the effective management of controlled waste in the arc21 Region, a combination of waste management options will be required. These options should work in harmony with one another to provide an integrated waste management system. They are prioritised using the principles applied in the waste hierarchy with a focus on waste prevention, followed by reuse, recycling and recovery with disposal as the least preferred option at the bottom of the hierarchy.

The Waste Management Plan considers the waste management operations currently in operation, including waste prevention initiatives, reuse opportunities and recycling and composting as well as considering additional opportunities. These have included commercial waste recycling, enhanced collection of bulky wastes and litter and street sweepings.

Recovery options have been considered in terms of biological, physical and thermal treatment with energy recovery (i.e. energy from waste) as it is recognised that recovery from residual waste will be required to play an integral role in the future management of wastes in the arc21 Region. This is focused around the use of Mechanical Biological Treatment and Energy from Waste as these are the technologies identified within the current residual procurement process, which was instigated in 2008.

Hazardous Waste

The management of hazardous wastes has changed significantly in recent years, largely as a result of more stringent legislation covering its treatment and disposal. The legislation has extended the definition of hazardous waste as well as banning the co-disposal of hazardous and non-hazardous wastes.

A range of options for the management of hazardous wastes have been proposed, and include:

- Prevention/Reduction;
- Re-use, Recovery and Recycling;
- Physico-Chemical Treatment;
- Oil Separation and Treatment;
- Energy from Waste;
- Landfill; and
- Transfer Station.

The Northern Ireland Waste Management Strategy- Delivering Resource Efficiency- contains a proposal for the Department to produce a Hazardous Waste Policy Statement which will consider the existing Statement of Facility Needs for hazardous Waste in Northern Ireland.

arc21 remain committed to ensuring a safe and sustainable disposal for hazardous waste arisings within the region and will therefore incorporate any information published from this policy statement into the next review of their Waste Management Plan.

Packaging Waste

In Northern Ireland, packaging waste is the most significant waste stream dealt with under Producer Responsibility legislation.

The minimum recovery and recycling target requirements of the EU Directive on Packaging and Packaging Waste are implemented through the Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) Regulations (NI) 2007 and only apply to businesses which handle more than 50 tonnes of packaging waste and have a turnover in excess of £2 million per annum (i.e. obligated businesses). Companies that exceed both thresholds are known as 'producers'.

Northern Ireland has no specific targets for the recovery of packaging waste but the data from businesses registered in Northern Ireland contribute to the UK target as the Member State. In 2008, the total amount of packaging was estimated at 10.7 million tonnes and the total amount of packaging recovered was 7.03 million tonnes yielding a recovery rate of 65.7%, therefore over achieving the target by 5.7%. In 2010, the UK's packaging waste recovery rate was calculated to be 67%⁴.

In recognition of the potential to optimise packaging further and to address public concern about excessive packaging, the Department of Environment Northern Ireland plans to introduce higher recycling rates for aluminium, plastic, and steel for the period 2013-2017.

The proposed recycling targets for each waste stream are set out below and will be implemented through an amendment to the Packaging Regulations to take effect from 1 January 2013.

Table ES.1 Proposed Packaging Recycling Targets for each Waste Stream

Material	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Paper	69.5 %	69.5%	69.5 %	69.5%	69.5 %	69.5 %
Glass	81.0 %	81.0%	75.0 %	76.0%	77.0 %	77.0 %
Aluminium	40.0 %	43.0 %	46.0 %	49.0 %	52.0 %	55.0 %
Steel	71.0 %	72.0 %	73.0 %	74.0 %	75.0 %	76.0 %
Plastic	32.0 %	37.0 %	42.0 %	47.0 %	52.0 %	57.0 %
Wood	22.0 %	22.0 %	22.0%	22.0 %	22.0%	22.0 %

Under these proposals the overall recovery rate will rise to 79% and the recycling rate to 72.7% 2017, thus ensuring that Northern Ireland meets the minimum EU Directive targets.

New EU End of Waste Regulations for iron, steel and aluminium came into force on 7 October 2011. Defra is currently looking at changes in the point at which PRNs can be issued to take account of these Regulations. Glass end-of-waste has been agreed in Europe, but no date has yet been set for its introduction.

⁴ Northern Ireland Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) Regulations - NIEA Compliance Monitoring Plan for 2012

Future Requirements

The aim of this Chapter is to consider the future requirements in the Region in terms of the management of the key controlled waste streams comprising Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste (LACMW), commercial and industrial waste and construction, demolition and excavation wastes.

In order to meet the requirements of legislation, and to meet strategic objectives for waste reduction, reuse, recycling, recovery and landfill diversion, significant changes will be required in the way in which this waste is dealt with in the arc21 Region. This will include the following:

- Prevention and Reuse are recognised at the peak of the waste hierarchy and are duly advocated as a prime instrument in the management of waste.
- Recycling and composting should form a core part of the solution.
- Source segregation of recyclable materials is preferred to residual waste treatment wherever possible.
- Commercially viable and proven technologies should be the priority.
- Energy from waste, incorporating state of the art environmental protection will form part of the solution for the long term management of residual waste, and will not distract effort from increasing recycling and composting.
- The role of landfill for municipal waste should change from primary waste disposal to being subsidiary to other waste management methods.

The Chapter sets out details of how these strategic objectives will be met and details projections for waste growth as well as the recycling and composting required to achieve the 50% recycling and composting target detailed within the revised Waste Framework Directive. In addition, suggestions have been provided as to how recycling and composting could be increased to meet the proposed 60% recycling and composting target set out in the Waste Management Strategy.

One of the key drivers for ensuring sustainable waste management is meeting the requirements of the Landfill Directive (93/31/EC), which set targets limiting the quantities of biodegradable waste going to landfill, as follows:

- 50% of 1995 levels by 2013; and
- 35% of 1995 levels by 2020.

In this regard, and in order to fulfil these requirements, arc21 have entered into a public procurement process in March 2008 for the receipt, acceptance and treatment of Contract Waste (comprising residual LACMW and C&I waste), sale of recyclables and energy, transfer of waste treatment products, residues or rejects. The chosen technology for achieving this is a c.240,000 tpa Mechanical

Biological Treatment Facility with in vessel composting as a biological component and a c.210,000tpa Energy from Waste Facility, using moving grate technology.

Prior to Local Government Reform, the former Newry and Mourne District Council undertook a procurement exercise that resulted in the award of a contract to treat residual waste from 1 April 2015. This contract entails the treatment of residual waste to extract suitable material for recycling, produce Refuse Derived Fuel for recovery in a suitable facility with the remaining material landfilled. This contract has a ten year duration with the option of a break after five years and is complementary to the arc 21 residual waste treatment project

Site Selection Criteria

The roles and responsibilities outlined within the revised Waste Framework Directive state that District Councils must provide an *integrated and adequate network of waste disposal institutions and installations for the recovery of mixed municipal waste collected from households, including such waste collected from other producers, taking into account best available techniques*.

The issues surrounding the siting of waste management facilities are sensitive, complex and varied. Ultimately the delivery of infrastructure is dependent on securing sites which meet the needs of arc21 and demonstrate compliance with planning policy, waste policy and currently BPEO to enable sites to secure the necessary planning permissions and authorisations.

A comprehensive assessment has been presented which should be used for the purposes of selecting suitable sites. This is based around the following stages:

- Stage 1: Threshold Criteria
 - Site Size
 - Flood risk
 - Planning policy/considerations within the site
 - Consideration of aviation safety
- Stage 2: Criteria Analysis
 - Noise
 - Odour/Air Quality
 - Dust/Litter
 - Soils
 - Site Conditions
 - Proximity to Development
 - Waste Arisings Proximity
 - Visual Impact
 - Traffic Impact/Accessibility
 - Flora and Fauna

- Architectural and Archaeological Heritage
- Water Resources
- Construction Impacts.

Implementation, Monitoring and Review

Implementation of the measures set out in the Waste Management Plan is key, and will be subject to a process of ongoing monitoring and review, particularly with respect to Local Authority Collected Municipal Wastes, for which the Councils have a statutory responsibility.

The individual District Councils within arc21 are committed to:

- Completing the WasteDataFlow returns online on a quarterly basis;
- Validating the data used;
- Checking overall performance against planned levels;
- Identifying issues of concern, and implement corrective actions, where required, should performance fall significantly behind planned levels; and
- Monitoring a number of agreed Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

The purpose of the Review process is to ensure that statutory and policy targets and obligations are met by:

- Assessing the performance of the measures and actions set out in the Plan;
- Reviewing the effectiveness of the arrangements;
- Assessing the impact of policy and legislative developments; and
- Reviewing and updating the arrangements and actions where necessary.

The process provides the basis for two levels of formal review, as follows:

- Annual Review, with the publication of an Annual Report, to inform stakeholders on performance, both at the group and individual Council level.
- Plan Review, at not more than six yearly intervals, involving a full review of the Plan, culminating in the publication of a modified plan.

In addition to this, arc21 will consider management information, collected from the individual Councils, on a quarterly basis, to ensure that progress and performance against projections is monitored regularly, and to pick up as early as possible, any areas of underperformance.

The SEA Directive requires that the significant environmental effects of the Implementation of the Plan are monitored in order to identify at an early stage unforeseen adverse effects and in order to undertake appropriate remedial action. The Waste Management Plan sets out the proposed environmental monitoring programme.

Agenda Item:	Charges for School Blue Bin Recycling
Report to:	Regulatory and Technical Services Committee
Subject:	Charges for School Blue Bin Recycling
Date:	21 October 2015
Reporting Officer:	Canice O'Rourke
Contact Officer:	Joe Parkes

Decision Required

Confirm that the Charges for School Blue Bin Recycling either stay at the present rate or are reduced by 50%.

1.0	<p><u>Purpose and Background</u></p> <p>The legacy councils of Newry & Moume and Down both provided commercial waste services, which included a Blue Bin recycling waste service to schools. As part of the harmonisation process of prices, it was agreed at last November's Development Committee to move prices to the higher rate between both Councils. This was ratified by the full shadow council 2/12/14, with implementation starting the beginning of April 2015.</p> <p>This meant the Newry & Moume price was adopted, and therefore the Down price moved from a free of charge service to the existing Newry & Moume price. The price increase has been unpopular with some former Down schools, and resulted in three of the thirty nine schools cancelling their contracts. The former Newry & Moume schools have not shown any concern, as prices did not increase for them.</p> <p>At the September Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Cllr Sharvin advised that a number of School Principals had expressed concern at the price increase and felt it would have an adverse effect on their budgets. Cllr Sharvin proposed a 50% reduction in the price, however it was agreed further information should be provided to the committee relating to prices and the impact that a reduction of 50% in charging would have on income.</p> <p>At present, school blue bin recycling generates an income of £31,203 therefore a reduction of 50% would result in a loss of £15,602 per annum to the Council. Appendix 1 attached provides the number of schools that avail of the council's blue bin recycling services, along with prices including figures relating to a 50% reduction.</p>
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	<p>It is the officer's view that the present charges seen reasonable in an open market where private waste companies can provide these services. The dilemma has been for schools within the former Down Council area having to face additional charges, however schools in the former Newry & Mourne area have been paying the higher charges, without complaint nor seeking to move to the private sector. An interesting factor is that the average yearly charge paid by the former Newry & Mourne area is £271, while the former Down area the average charge is £208.41. A possible reason for this is, the former Down Council had only promoted the use of a 240L blue bin service, while the former Newry & Mourne had promoted a greater range of larger bins for recycling. The average charge variance between the two former councils would suggest schools in the Down area could make savings if they reassessed what they were disposing off in their black bins. This might be a way for schools to improve their recycling rates and make saving due to the cheaper recycling bin charges. It may therefore be appropriate for Council to write to and advise schools of the possible savings by Reducing and Recycling their waste.</p>
2.0	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Some former Down Council schools are unhappy with the blue bin recycling charges. 2) 3 out of 39 schools have cancelled the service due to the implementation of blue bin charges. 3) A 50% reduction in charges would equate to a loss in income of £15,602 p.a.
3.0	<p><u>Implications</u></p> <p>A 50% reduction in pricing would mean lost revenue, which has not been allowed for in the 2015/16 budget.</p>
4.0	<p><u>Summary</u></p> <p>A decision needs to be made as to whether the Charges for School Blue Bin Recycling remain at the present rate or are reduced by 50%.</p>

Appendix One

Commercial Charges – School Blue Bins

Former Newry & Mourne area

69 Schools receiving blue bin service + 18 canteens (**£23,075**)

School blue bin income £18,725

Canteen blue bin income £4,350

Average yearly charge to schools £271

Former Down area

39 Schools receiving blue bin service

School blue bin income **£8,128**

Average yearly charge to schools £208.41

Three out of thirty nine schools have cancelled since the introduction of the new price.

The former Down area has less income, as the service had been promoted on a 240L blue bin service, while the Newry & Mourne area had promoted the larger bins.

Total present income for the new council area is **£31,203**, a 50% reduction on this would equate to a **£15,602** loss in income.

Comparative Charges

Bin Size	Blue bin charge	50% Reduction - blue bin	Black bin charge
140L	£3.05	£1.53	£3.76
240L	£3.25	£1.63	£4.60
360L	£4.35	£2.18	£6.45
660L	£ 8.50	£4.25	£12.05
1100L	£13.00	£6.50	£19.56

Agenda Item:	Extension of Lease – Cloonagh Road Civic Amenity Site
Report to:	Regulatory and Technical Services Committee
Subject:	Extension of Lease – Cloonagh Road Civic Amenity Site, Downpatrick
Date:	21 October 2015
Reporting Officer:	Canice O'Rourke
Contact Officer:	Joe Parkes

Decision Required

Approval to extend the current lease for Cloonagh Road Civic Amenity Site, Downpatrick, for the period of 18 months with an option for the Council to extend for a further six month period if required (maximum of 24 months).

1.0

Purpose and Background

The Council currently leases land at Cloonagh Road for the purposes of providing a Civic Amenity Site for the town.

The current lease expired on 31 August 2015 and the Council is in a "holding over" situation.

The owner of the site has agreed to permit the Council to extend the Lease for a further 18 months with an option for the Council to extend for a further six month period if required ie maximum of 24 months.

The owner of the site has applied an inflationary increase to the current rental of £382.82 per week which brings the new weekly rental to £394.30.

The Council has acquired land at Killough Road, Downpatrick, to facilitate a new Household Recycling Centre for Downpatrick but to allow for the planning application process, tender process and construction works in relation to the new site. A minimum 18 month lease is required for the existing site to ensure that this amenity continues to be available to the public.

2.0	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="331 286 1283 353">1. The need to ensure continuity of service pending the development of the new Household Recycling Centre.<li data-bbox="331 398 1369 510">2. The landlord has offered the Council flexibility in terms of an option to renew the lease for a further six month period if required at the end of the 18 month term dependent upon progress with the new Civic Amenity Site at Killough Road.
3.0	<p><u>Resource Implications</u></p> <p data-bbox="331 667 1209 698">A minimal increase in the current rental from £382.82 to £394.30 per week.</p>

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2 October 2015

Dear Liam

**RE: DETI CONSULTATION ON THE CLOSURE OF THE NORTHERN IRELAND
RENEWABLES OBLIGATION TO NEW ONSHORE WIND IN 2016**

I am writing to make you aware of the above consultation by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment (DETI). The consultation proposes early closure of Northern Ireland Renewables Obligation (NIRO) support to all new onshore wind projects from 1 April 2016, unless they meet specific early closure eligibility criteria by specified dates. Projects that meet the criteria will have until 31 March 2017 to commission and accredit under the NIRO.

The proposed eligibility criteria include a requirement for a developer to demonstrate they have obtained the relevant planning permission for their project no later than the eligibility dates set out in the consultation. The relevant dates are 30 September 2015 for wind projects not connecting to clusters and 30 October 2015 for cluster connected projects.

I felt it was important to bring this consultation to your attention because of the potential impacts of these proposed changes for the planning system, both for applications currently under consideration and those that may be the subject of future pre application discussions.

Full details of the consultation document and instructions on how to respond are available on the DETI Energy website www.energy.detini.gov.uk. Please note that the consultation closes on 14 October 2015.

Yours sincerely

ANGUS KERR
Director of Planning Policy Division



Consultation paper

**Closure of the Northern Ireland
Renewables Obligation to new onshore
wind in 2016**

Ministerial Foreword



When my predecessor consulted earlier this year on the closure of the Northern Ireland Renewables Obligation (NIRO) in 2017 with a one year's grace period, this was fully in line with UK Government policy at that time.

The announcement by the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) on 18 June 2015 to close the Renewables Obligations (RO) across Great Britain (GB) in 2016 to onshore wind altered that position. In response to that announcement, I sought to reassure the onshore wind industry here of my support for the position on which we had consulted.

From the outset, it has been my desire to bring the NIRO to a controlled and managed end that strikes a balance between three important matters:

- Protecting the interests of Northern Ireland consumers;
- Protecting investments already made, and securing the investment that is already planned and associated economic benefits; and
- Contributing to the NI Executive's target on renewable energy.

Whilst renewable energy in Northern Ireland is a devolved matter, it is clear from discussions with DECC that should we maintain a different policy on the NIRO closure to new onshore wind than in GB, the cost impact of that decision would be borne solely by the relatively small number of NI consumers rather than by all consumers across the UK.

I am keen to optimise the contribution which the renewables sector can make but I am also very well aware of the impact of costs on domestic and industrial energy users and the need to balance the two.

I am therefore proposing to align NI with the DECC policy of closure to onshore wind in 2016 but with grace periods for those projects which meet certain eligibility criteria set out in this document. I have been able to negotiate a later eligibility date for wind projects connecting to clusters given that this connection policy is unique to Northern Ireland but unfortunately this later date does not extend to non-cluster connections. The eligibility date for non-cluster connection projects is effective from the date of this publication.

I am authorising a short two week consultation. While I acknowledge that this is unusual, my overriding concern is to try to give as much certainty as I can to the industry. Even this must be caveated by saying that the DECC legislation is still progressing through Parliament and that we may have to take account of any implications for Northern Ireland.

I would very much welcome your views on these proposals.

Jonathan Bell MLA
Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment

Consultation Question

1. Do you have any comments on the proposed eligibility and evidence criteria for grace periods?

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Response

The consultation opened on 30th September 2015 with a closing date set at 14th October 2015. It seems remarkable that a deadline date be proposed retrospectively to 30th September 2015 for non-cluster projects which immediately shuts the door on any project currently in the planning process or grid connection process without any time given to achieve permissions necessary for a grace period.

Newry, Mourne & Down Planning Service currently have 53 undetermined planning applications for onshore wind turbines. The proposals in this paper would effectively terminate the financial viability of each and every one of these potential wind turbine installations. This will be a huge blow to the renewable industry in the area as years of work involved with these applications will be cast aside with little or no notice given. Contractors, consultants and applicants who have invested significant amounts of money in producing drawings, planning fees, feasibility studies, grid connection fees, noise assessments and various other costly assessments will now lose out as a result of these proposals.

Not only will these changes have financial implications to the NI Renewable Industry they will also damage the credibility of governmental initiatives in the future. Commitments were made originally to uphold a closure of Renewable Obligations for onshore wind for April 2017 and these commitments are now to be broken. As a result NI Renewable Energy and Carbon targets set for 2020 and 2050 may struggle to be met if the Renewable Energy sector is hampered by the inevitable distrust that will be generated by the currently proposed betrayal of both the NI and UK governments commitments to date.

Applications Received

Month	2014	2015
April	140	164
May	185	171
June	100	148
July	128	152
August	119	102
September	145	136
October	138	62*
Total	817	873

*Marks applications received until the 14th October 2015

No. of Applications Decided

Month	2014	2015
April	87	20
May	106	69
June	106	66
July	128	84
August	122	72
September	118	119
October	112	46*
Total	667	430

*Marks applications decided up until the 14th Oct 2015. Please note that there are approximately 60 decisions printed and awaiting signature. But as Anthony is the only authorised officer this has been delayed because of his leave.

Breakdown of Decisions 1 April – 30 September 2015

Decision	Total	Percentage
Approve	437	92%
Refuse	39	8%
Total	476	100%

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DATE	CALLER	REF	ISSUE	REFERRED TO	MODE	DATE CLEARED
1/7/15	Cllr Declan McAteer	P/2009/0081/F	Not happy with system for contacting Planners	Andrew Davidson	Call transferred	1/7/15
01/07/2015	Cllr H McKee		Council Rd East, Kilkeel	Jacq and Andrew	e-mailed	1/7/2015
" "	Cllr Doyle (ABC)	Q/2014/0398	Logged as first contact complaint	Fionnuala Murray	Call transferred	1/7/15
" "	Cllr Laura Devlin	LA07/2015/0024	-----	Pat Rooney	E Mail	1/7/2015
02/07/2015	Cllr H McKee		General	J McParland	Transferred	02/07/2015
3/7/15	Margaret Ritchie MLA	R/2014/0060/F	Request to hold issue of Approval notice.	Pat Rooney	Direct E mail	3/7/15
6/7/15	Cllr Robert Burgess	----- -	Meeting 3pm today with Pat Rooney– venue?	Marian McIlhone	Telephone call back	6/7/15
06/07/2015	K mCKevitt	Update on app's		Andrew Davison	Transferred	06/07/2015
" "	Cllr Pol O'Gribin	----- -	Recognised telephone number. Identified himself as Seamus Bannon. Will call back in 10 mins.	-----	-----	----- -
" "	" "		Recognised number. Did not speak when telephone answered.	-----	-----	----- ---
06/07/2015	Cllr S Doran	P/2015/0150		J McParland	e-mailed	06/07/2015
07/07/2015	Sean Rogers	P/2010/1041	Update	J Mcpartland	e-mailed	07/07/2015
07/07/2015	Cllr Mulgrew	General	general	S Murray	S Murray	07/07/2015
07/07/2015	Cllr H McKee	P/2015/0098	Update	J McParland	e-mail	07/07/2015
7/07/2015	W Irwin MLA	P/2014/0958	Update	P Rooney	Transferred	07/07/2015

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07/07/2015	P O’Gribben	General	General	P Rooney	Transferred	07/07/2015
08/07/2015	Cllr M Carr	P/2010/1403	Update	J McParland	E mail	08/07/2015
8/7/15	Cllr Charlie Casey	P/2015/0219	Who is the developer?	Andrew Davidson	E mail	9/7/15
“ “	Cllr Harold McKee	P/2013/0378/F	-----	Jacqui McParland	Call transferred	8/7/15
“ “	Cllr Mickey Ruane	----- -	Further to discussion at briefing Panel today	Jacqui McParland	E mail	9/7/15
“ “	Teresa for Margaret Ritchie	P/2014/0054/O	Update on current position.	Jacqui McParland	Direct e mail	10/7/15
“ “	Cllr Gillian Fitzpatrick	LA07/2015/0213/F	Update requested.	Jacqui McParland	Direct e mail	10/7/15
9/7/15	Cllr Gareth Craig	----- -	Query about fees	Andrew Davidson	E mail	9/7/15
“ “	Cllr Colin McGrath	R/2014/0516/F	-----	Fionnuala Murray	E mail	9/7/15
“ “	Margaret Ritchie MLA	R/2004/0679/F	About issue of decision notice.	Pat Rooney	E mail	10/7/15
“ “	“ “	R/2014/0060/F	Clarity requested re response to query on 3/7/15	Pat Rooney	Direct e mail	10/07/2015
“ “	Cllr Sean Rodgers	P/2014/0787/F	Update requested	Andrew Davidson		9/7/15
09/07/2015	Cllr D Taylor	4 app’s	No refs	Andrew Davidson	E mail	09/07/2015
10/07/2015	M Ritchie Office	Update	No refs	Andrew, Jacqui and Pat	E mail	10/07/2015
11/7/15	Cllr Declan McAteer	LA07/2015/0226/F	Request to fast track application	Pat Rooney	Direct e mail	20/7/15
15/7/15	Cllr Gillian Fitzpatrick	LA07/2015/0068/R M	Update requested	Jacqui McParland	Direct e mail	16/7/15
“ “	Cllr Harold McKee	----- -	7 Church Road, Kilkeel	Jacqui McParland	Call transferred	15/7/15
“ “	Cllr Gillian Fitzpatrick	LA07/2015/0203/F	Update requested	Jacqui McParland	Direct e mail	16/7/15

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16/7/15	Cllr Gillian Fitzpatrick	P/2006/2183/F	Question re lapse of planning permission	Jacqui McParland	Direct e mail	16/7/15
“ “	Cllr Gillian Fitzpatrick	LA07/2015/0203/F	Update as provided as per previously	Jacqui McParland	Direct e mail	16/7/15
16/7/15	Cllr Jarlath Tinnelly	----- -	Kilbroney Park	Jacqui McParland	Direct e mail	16/7/15
“ “	Cllr Jarlath Tinnelly	----- -	Mobile home, Upper Knockbarragh Road	Jacqui McParland	Direct e mail	16/7/15
16/07/2015	Cllr McGew	General		Andrew Davison	Transferred	16/07/2015
17/7/15	Aidan for Cllr Mickey Brady	-----	General query	Andrew Davidson	E mail	17/7/15
“ “	Cllr Harold McKee	----- -	Charles McKibben, Church Rd., Kilkeel	Andrew Davidson	Call transferred	17/7/15
“ “	Cllr S Doran	P/2015/0149/RM; LA07/2015/03; P/2012/380/F; LA07/2015/0222/P REAPP	Updates requested	Jacqui McParland	Direct e mail	17/7/15
20/7/15	Cllr Colin McGrath	LA07/2015/0499	Who is Case Officer? Advised that application is not yet allocated.	Claire Doyle	By phone	20/7/15
“ “	Laura from Cllr Sean Rodgers Office	P/2014/0787	-----	Jacqui McParland	Call transferred	20/7/15
“ “	Cllr Robert Burgess	R/2014/0687 & LA07/2015/0061	-----	Pat Rooney	E mail	21/07/2015
“ “	Cllr Sean Doran	P/2015/0150/F	Update requested	Jacqui McParland	Direct e mail	20/7/15
21/07/2015	Cllr W Irwin	P/2014/0412	update	Jacqui and Andrew	e-mail	21/07/2015
21/07/2	J Shannon office	LA07/2015/0406 &	update	Jacque	Transferred	21/07/2015

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015		0399				
21/07/2015	W Irwin	General		Jacqui	Transferred	21/07/2015
21/07/2015	Willie Clarke	General		Mark Keane	Transferred	21/07/2015
21/07/2015	Laura Devlin		Wants to speak to P Rooney	P Rooney	E mail	22/07/2015
22/07/2015	M Ritchie office		Update on app	A McKay	Transferred	22/07/2015
22/7/15	Cllr Harry Harvey	R/2014/0067/0	Update requested	Mark Keane	Call transferred	22/7/15
" "	Cllr Pol O'Gribben	----- -----	Was personal information given to Maria Fitzpatrick passed to Pat Rooney?	Maria Fitzpatrick	Call transferred	22/7/15
23/7/15	Cllr Declan McAteer	P/2014/0972/O	Update requested	Jacqui McParland	Direct e mail	23/7/15
" "	Cllr Sinead Ennis	LA07/2015/0068	Update requested	Jacqui McParland	Direct e mail	23/7/15
" "	Vincent McDonald for Chris Hazzard	R/2015/077/O	Update requested	Mark Keane	E mail	23/7/15
24/7/15	Elizabeth for Karen McKeivitt MLA	LA07/2015/0050	Update requested	Andrew Davidson	E mail	27/7/15
" "	Cllr Roisin Mulgrew	P/2011/0081/F	Update requested	Gareth Murtagh	Call transferred to Andrew Davidson	24/7/15
27/7/15	Michelle for Sean Rodgers	P/2014/0787/F	About issue of Decision Notice (Applicant Patsy McAlarney)	Andrew Davidson	Call transferred	27/7/15
" "	Cllr Declan McAteer	P/2014/0972/O	-----	Jacqui McParland	E mail	27/7/15
" "	Cllr Dermot Curran	R/2015/0054/F	Application refused – farm dwelling.	Mark Keane	Call transferred	27/7/15
" "	Cllr Jarlath Tinnelly	P/2015/0026/F; P/2015/0018/RM & R/2014/0477/F	Updates requested	Jacqui McParland	Direct e mail	27/7/15

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" "	Cllr Brian Quinn	----- -----	Ballagh Road, Newcastle	Anthony McKay	Call transferred	27/7/15
" "	Thomas for Dominic Bradley MLA	LA07/2015/0246	Shore Road, Killowen, Rostrevor	Andrew Davidson/Jacqui McParland	E mail	29/7/15
" "	Sean Rodgers MLA	LA07/2015/0091/C A	-----	David Watson	E mail	27/7/15
28/7/15	Cllr Pol O’Gribin	----- -----	-----	Pat Rooney	E mail	28/7/15
" "	Elizabeth for Karen McKeivitt MLA	LA07/2015/0057	Brackney West, Killeel	Jacqui McParland	Call transferred	28/7/15
" "	Cllr Harold McKee	----- -----	3 x Sand/gravel, Killeel applications	Jacqui McParland	E mail	29/7/15
" "	Cllr Pol O’Gribin	----- -----	Thinks he missed a call from Pat Rooney	Pat Rooney	Call transferred but no reply	28/7/15
" "	Cllr Laura Devlin	LA07/2015/0024 & Q/2011/0169	-----	Mark Keane	Call transferred	28/7/15
" "	Cllr Gillian Fitzpatrick	P/2010/1508/O	Telephone Mast	Jacqui McParland	Direct e mail	28/7/15
" "	Margaret Ritchie MLA	----- -----	Site visit to Saul Street – Applicant is Oliver Curran	Pat Rooney	E mail	29/07/2015 and 04/08/2015
29/7/15	Cllr H Mckee	Killeel applications	Updates	J McPartland	E-mail	29/07/2015
29/7/15	Cllr D Bradleys Office		Speak to J McPartland	J McParland	Call transferred	29/07/2015
29/7/15	As above	P/2014/0607	Enforcement	D Watson	e-mail	10/8/15
30/7/15	Cllr R Burgess	General enq	Speak D Watson	D Watson	Call transferred	30/07/2015
30/7/15	Cllr P Gribben	General	P Rooney	P Rooney	Call transferred	30/07/2015
30/7/15	Cllr D Bradleys office	General	To Speak to either Andrew or	Wanted no message	Closed	30/07/2015

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			Jacqui	left, to ring back himself		
03/8/15	Clr R Burgess	Meeting	Creevyargon Rd	Anthony and Pat	E mail	4/08/2015
“ “	Elizabeth for Karen McKeivitt MLA	LA07/2015/0246	-----	Jacqui	E mail	4/8/15
“ “	Clr Colin McGrath	LA07/2015/0302/F & LA07/2015/0197/O	Will call to see Duty Planner for updates on a number of apps.	-----	-----	3/8/15
04/8/15	Clr C McGrath		M Keane	M Keane	Call transferred	04/08/2015
05/8/15	Clr Casey	General	A Davidson	A Davidson	Call transferred	05/08/2015
05/8/15	Clr Hazards office	General	M Keane	M Keane	Call transferred	05/08/2015
06/8/15	Clr Geraldine Donnelly		Andrew Davidson	A Davidson. Andrew not in Jacqui not take call told me to e-mail Andrew. Councillor not happy with service not having calls returned	Emailed Andrew	
07/8/15	Clr Taylor	Newry App		J McParland	Call Transferred	07/08/15
10/8/15	Clr Roisin Mulgrew	LA07/2015/0568/O	-----	J McParland	Call transferred	10/8/15
“ “	Clr Sinead Ennis	P/2014/0214/F	Update requested	J McParland	Direct e mail	10/8/15
“ “	Margaret Ritchie	R/2013/0085/CA R/2013/0131/CA	Re: Alan Stephens - Update requested	Pat Rooney	Direct e mail	27/8/15
11/8/15	Clr Mickey Larkin	-----	Wanted to speak to Andrew Davidson	Will ring Andrew on his return from leave	Telephone call	11/8/15
“ “	Seana from M Ritchie's Office	-----	Pre App discussion re 60 Drumaroad, Hill	Pat Rooney	E mail	21/8/15
12/8/15	Seana from M Ritchie's Office	-----	As above. Sean is out of the office until tomorrow morning.	Pat Rooney	E Mail	12/8/15

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12/8/15	Cllr Roisin Mulgrew	LA07/2015/0246/F & P/2015/0239	Progress with applications	Jacqui McParland	Direct e mail	13/8/15
12/8/15	Annette John McAllisters office			Jacqui McParland	E-mailed	12/8/15
13/8/15	Annette John McAllisters office			Jacqui McParland	E-mailed	13/8/15
14/8/15	Cllr Geraldine Donnelly x3calls 07515282235	-----	-----	Davy Watson	Transferred call	14/8/15
“ “	Catherine McMahon for Megan Fearon MLA	Killeen Primary School	Update requested	Pat Rooney	Direct e mail	25/8/15
19/8/15	WM Irvine’s office	P/2014/0412	To Discuss app	A Davidson	e-mailed	2/9/15
“ “	Annette Holden for John McCallister MLA	R/2013/0559/F	Request for MLA meeting	Pat Rooney	Direct e mail	25/8/15
20/8/15	M Ritchie’s office	O Curran	Site meeting	P Rooney	Transferred	20/8/15
“ “	Margaret Ritchie MLA	Q/2014/0398/O	Mr Felix McEvoy – update requested following site visit	Pat Rooney	Direct e mail	25/8/15
21/8/15	Cllr William Walker	LA07/2015/0216	Update requested	Pat Rooney	Planning@nmandd. org	25/8/15
24/8/15	Cllr H McKee	LA07/2015/0390	To Discuss	J McParland	Transferred	24/08/2015
24/8/15	Gareth W Irvine’s office	P/14/0958	Update	J McParland	e-mail	24/08/2015
24/8/15	Shauna, M Ritchie office	Pre app of 6/8/15	Update	P Rooney	e-mail	27/8/15
25/8/15	Cllr Henry Reilly	Pre App	Enquiry about Pre App meeting and costs for Change of Use	Jacqui McParland	Direct e mail	25/8/15
“ “	Cllr William Walker	Hendersons	Update requested	Pat Rooney	Direct e mail	25/8/15

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		Crossgar				
25/8/15	Margaret Ritchie MLA	R/2013/0085/CA & R/2013/0131/CA	Mr Andy Stephens, 136 Loiughinisland Road, Downpatrick	Pat Rooney	Direct e mail	2/9/15
27/8/15	Teresa for Margaret Ritchie MLA	R/2014/0578	Update requested	Mark Keane	E mail	27/8/15
28/8/15	Cllr Liz Kimmins	P/2015/0136/F	Update requested	Andrew Davidson	E Mail	1/9/15
28/8/15	Harold McKee			Jacqui McParland	E- MAIL	28/08/15
28/8/15	Margaret Ritchie MLA	LA07/2015/0066/CA	31 Sheeplands Road - breach	Pat Rooney	Direct e mail	2/9/15
" "	Margaret Ritchie MLA	R/2014/0161/CA	Wind turbine, Killard Road, Ballyhornan	Pat Rooney	Direct e mail	2/9/15
1/9/15	Cllr Terry Hearty	P/2010/0904/F	Update requested	Andrew Davidson	Direct e mail	1/9/15
2/9/15	Jim Allisters Office		Re e-mails not being replied to	Jacqui McParland	Transferred call to Par Rooney	02/09/15
2/9/15	William Erwin MLA	P/2014/412/F	-----	Andrew Davidson	E mail	2/9/15
" "	Cllr Harry Harvey	R/2014/0067; R/2014/0686 & R/2014/0678	Updates requested	Mark Keane	Direct e mail	4/9/15
" "	Margaret Ritchie MLA	LA07/2015/0108/CA	Eddie Dornan, 81a Tannaghmore Rd., Ballynahinch	Pat Rooney	Direct e mail	4/9/15
3/9/15	Cllr Glynn Hanna	P/2014/1063/O	Update requested	Jacqui McParland	E mail	4/9/15
4/9/15	Vincent for Chris Hazzard	R/2015/0077/O & LA07/2015/0817/O	-----	Mark Keane	Call transferred	4/9/15
" "	Cllr Laura Devlin	LA07/2015/0361/F	Update requested	Mark Keane	Direct e mail	4/9/15
" "	Cllr Jarlath Tinnelly	LA07/2015/0361/F	Update requested	Mark Keane	Direct e mail	4/9/15
" "	Laura Devlin	-----	-----	Mark Keane	Transferred Call	4/9/15
" "	Theresa from Mgt Ritchies Office	-----	-----	Pat Rooney	Transferred Call	4/9/15

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7/9/15	Cllr Roisin Mulgrew	P/2014/0688	-----	Andrew Davidson	E mail	9/9/15
“ “	Cllr Harold McKee	-----	Sand & Gravel apps; Leestone Road	Jacqui McParland	E mail	8/9/15
“ “	Carmel O’Boyle for Sean Rodgers MLA	R/2014/0403/O	Applicant – Colin Rodgers	Mark Keane	E mail	7/9/15
8/9/15	Cllr Stevie Burns	-----	-----	Mark Keane	Call transferred	8/9/15
“ “	Cllr Henry Reilly	P/2014/0769/O	Update requested	Jacqui McParland	Direct e mail	8/9/15
“ “	Cllr William Walker	R/2012/0143/F - R/2014/0078	Henderson’s garage, Belfast Road	Mark Keane	Planning e mail	8/9/15
“ “	Cllr Geraldine Donnelly	P/2015/0173	Update requested	Andrew Davidson	Direct e mail	9/9/15
“ “	Cllr David Taylor	P/2014/1034	Update requested	Andrew Davidson	Direct e mail	9/9/15
10/9/15	Cllr Gareth Wilson (3 calls)	P/2014/0571/F	-----	Jacqui McParland	E mail/call transferred	10/9/15
“ “	Cllr Geraldine Donnelly	LA07/2015/?	Applicant Mr Kelly	Andrew Davidson	E mail	10/9/15
14/9/15	Cllr Roisin Mulgrew	P/2014/0956/F	-----	Lisa Grant	Cllr will email Lisa	14/9/15
14/9/15	Robert Burgess	-----	-----	Pat Rooney	E-Mail	
14/9/15	Geraldine Donnelly	-----	-----	A Davidson	E-Mail	
14/9/15	Councillor McKee	-----	-----	J McParland	E-Mail	
15/9/15	Teresa for Margaret Ritchie MLA	LA07/2015/0821/L DE	-----	Mark Keane	Call transferred	15/9/15
“ “	Margaret Ritchie MLA	-----	Application for a mobile home	Pat Rooney/ M Keane	Direct email	16/9/15
16/9/15	Margaret Ritchie MLA	LA07/2015/0821/L DE & LA07/2015/0434/F	-----	Andrew Davidson	E mail	17/9/15
21/9/15	Cllr Patrick Clarke	-----	-----	Mark Keane	Call transferred	21/9/15
“ “	Cllr Terry Andrews	R/2015/0038/F	Update requested	Mark Keane	Mailbox	21/9/15
22/9/15	Margaret Ritchie MLA	LA07/2015/0740	Update requested in letter	Mark Keane	Direct e mail	22/9/15

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			15/9/15		response	
22/9/15	Mgt Ritchie	-----	-----	Mark Keane	Call Transferred	22/9/15
23/9/15	Karen Mckevitt	-----	-----	Jacqui McParland	E-Mail	
23/9/15	Alice for M Ritchie	-----	Unauthorised building at Sand Lane, Ballykinlar	Davy Watson	E mail	24/9/15
23/9/15	Mgt Ritchies Office	-----	Wished to speak to an Enforcement officer. All on a course			
23/9/15	Cllr Declan McAteer	-----	BDS Contracts, Corriffs Road, Warrenpoint	Jacqui McParland	E mail	23/9/15
24/9/15	Cllr Declan McAteer	LA07/2015/0804	-----	Andrew Davidson	E mail	25/9/15
25/9/15	Cllr Chris Hazzard	LA07/2015/0491	Letter of support	Mark Keane	Letter	25/9/15
28/9/15	Laura Devlin	-----	-----	Pat Rooney	Call transferred	28/9/15
29/9/15	Lana from Chris Hazzard's Office	R/2015/0110	Update requested	Mark Keane	Call transferred	29/9/15
" "	Margaret Ritchie MLA	-----	Morrison, Ballydugan Road, Downpatrick	Pat Rooney	Call transferred	30/9/15
29/9/15	Mgt Ritchies office	-----	-----	Pat Rooney	E-mailed	29/9/15
" "	Margaret Ritchie's Office	-----	Meeting tomorrow re Ballyduggan Rd. Downpatrick?	Pat Rooney	Telephone – will call back	29/9/15
30/9/15	Declan McAteer	-----	A Davidson re e-mail from Hazel Dillon	A Davidson	E-Mail	1/10/15

Agenda Item:	Display Screen – Hill Street
Report to:	Regulatory and Technical Services Committee
Subject:	Approval for expenditure to install a large Display Screen in Hill Street, Newry as part of 2015/16 Christmas Illumination Budgets
Date:	21 October 2015
Reporting Officer:	Mr Eddie Curtis Director of Strategic Planning & Performance
Contact Officer:	Mr Conor Haughey Parks & Grounds Officer

Decisions Required

Members are asked to note the contents of the report, and consider and agree to:

The budget for Contract works for the erection of Christmas Illuminations throughout the Newry and Mourne Area, to include the design, build and installation of a large display screen in the event space in Hill Street, Newry. This screen then to be utilised at Switch On Event and other future Council advertised Events.

1.0 Purpose & Background

1.1 Newry Legacy Council agreed to erect a large TV screen at the Events Space, Hill Street, Newry which was funded through various funding groups. However, due to unforeseen issues re cabling and underground services the screen foundations had to be greatly increased, therefore the shortfall in costing to be ratified utilising the 2015/16 Contracts Budget.

Please note costs for Christmas Illumination erection and this large screen will be coded to Contracts Works and will be within budget with no overspend.

2.0 Key Issues

Inherited Arrangements from Predecessor Councils

2.1 Works have already commenced and are well underway for this Scheme. However due to ground conditions this structure required extra pile driving enforcement and movement of underground services. These works are deemed a variation on the original Contract, therefore the shortfall in finance to be accredited by the Christmas Illuminations Contract Budget.

3.0 Resource Implications

3.1

- Approximately £23,000 spend on the Scheme (Christmas Illuminations Contract Budget within 2015/16 financial year for this Council).

- It should be noted that the Christmas Illuminations Contract Budget for 2015/16 will accommodate these additional works with no overspend, due to recalculation of the actual Christmas Lighting Programme throughout the District.



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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 2 - Minutes of Joint Committee meeting 004 held on 3 September 2015

For approval

The Joint Committee's approval is sought for the minutes of the meeting held on 3 September 2015.

'IN COMMITTEE' ITEMS - COMMERCIALY CONFIDENTIAL

Item 5.1 - Minutes of Joint Committee meeting 004 held 'in committee' on 3 September 2015

For approval

The Joint Committee's approval is sought for the minutes of the meeting held 'in committee' on 3 September 2015.

Item 5.2 - Residual Waste Treatment Project

Verbal report for noting

RETURN TO MAIN AGENDA

Item 6 - Contracts and Performance Update

For noting

No major operational difficulties were experienced with any of the service contracts with all non compliance issues suitably addressed and no need for further action.

The monthly level of contamination at the MRF has reduced for the second time since the start of the financial year.



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The monthly amount of Organic Waste delivered during August was 11.7% up on the same month last year.

The position with respect to meeting this year's NILAS target remains encouraging. The Joint Committee is asked to note the report.

Item 7 – Revenue Estimates

For consideration and approval

The Joint Committee is presented with the proposed Revenue Estimates of arc21 setting out the costs of the Joint Committee in terms of its Establishment, Procurement and Operational activities.

In line with High Level Guidance from Councils the proposed Revenue Estimates, in terms of the Establishment, Procurement and Operational activities, are maintained at the same level in 2016/17 as 2015/16 i.e. £1.4m. The current policy is to apportion the costs to Participant Councils on the basis of population statistics provided by NISRA.

In 2016/17 the Residual Waste Treatment Project is expected to move into the final stages of the procurement and, subject to a positive outcome on Planning, the acquisition of the site at Hightown Quarry would progress to completion. The anticipated costs associated with this acquisition have been taken into account in the data provided, in particular the estimated Loan Charges, should borrowing from the Government Loans Fund be the chosen financing option, are anticipated from 2017/18. It is noted that some Councils may wish to pay their portion of the Land Assembly costs by way of a Revenue Contribution and arrangements for this are in place for a decision to be made at the appropriate time.

Members should note that, on this occasion, given the greater uncertainty in the waste management environment, particularly around the potential for legal challenges should the Residual Waste Treatment Project planning application be approved, the approach to the Revenue Estimates has been more cautious and prudent than in previous years.

Discussions are ongoing in respect of the Newry, Mourne and Down requirements for arc21 services from 2016 onwards, together with the associated level of contributions, and, pending the outcome of this matter the Revenue Estimates presented reflect the cost of the services applicable to the former Down District Council.

The Joint Committee is asked to consider and approve the Revenue Estimates to enable Participant Councils to take them into account within their own budget preparations.



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Item 8 - Future Arrangements for Joint Committee Meetings

For discussion and approval

At the Joint Committee meeting held on the 3rd September 2015, Members discussed the issue of the frequency of the formal meetings and asked for a report to be presented which would set out a range of options for consideration.

The Joint Committee has traditionally met on a monthly basis to conduct the formal business of the organisation, including approving minutes of previous meetings, receiving progress reports on key strategic issues, making decisions within its delegated authority and making recommendations to Participant Councils in accordance with the Terms of Agreement.

Given the fact that a key component of the regular meetings involves updating Members on routine business it was considered that future meetings could be held less frequently.

Going forward Members are asked to consider changing the meetings arrangements from the current monthly basis to a situation in which meetings would be held either every two months or every three months. In addition, Members suggested that visits to treatment facilities could be built into the calendar of arc21 activities.

Any new arrangements agreed must also make provision for ad hoc meetings to be able to be called, potentially at short notice, in order that emerging issues can be discussed or decisions taken to facilitate the operations of the organisation.

Next Meeting - a Special Joint Committee meeting will be held on Friday 16 October at 10am, Belfast Castle and hosted by arc21.

ITEM 2
ARC21 JOINT COMMITTEE
Meeting No 004
Hosted by Belfast City Council
MINUTES
Thursday 3 September 2015

Members Present:

Alderman R Gibson
 Councillor G Carroll
 Councillor R Brown
 Councillor O Gawith
 Alderman J Tinsley
 Councillor B Adger
 Councillor D O'Loan
 Councillor R Wilson
 Councillor D Curran
 Councillor G Craig (*Chair*)
 Councillor S Burns

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Members' Apologies:

Councillor J Bingham
 Alderman M Cosgrove
 Councillor N Kellis
 Alderman A Graham
 Alderman A Carson
 Councillor J Bunting
 Councillor L Poots

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 Ards and North Down Borough Council
 Ards and North Down Borough Council
 Belfast City Council
 Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council

Officers Present:

J Quinn
 G Craig
 H Campbell
 J Green
 R Burnett
 D Lindsay
 T Walker
 H Moore
 S Holgate
 C O'Rourke

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Officers' Apologies:

K Boal
 G Girvan
 S Toland

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 Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council
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Apologies

Apologies were noted.

Action: Noted

Draft Conflicts of Interest Statement

The Chair read out the Conflicts of Interest Statement. No Conflicts of Interest were noted.

Action: Noted

Minutes

The minutes of meeting 003 held on 2 July 2015 were agreed.

Action: Agreed

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Page 6, AOB - Mr Burnett advised that he had visited the garden centre as previously discussed and had indeed found one bag of arc21 compost on sale. Following investigations he confirmed that it had been a genuine delivery mistake.

Action: Noted

The Chair advised Members that the meeting would now be formally dealt with 'in committee' and reminded them that the reports were commercially sensitive and confidential.

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 three matters discussed as follows:

1. In Committee Minutes of Joint Committee Meeting No. 003 held on 2 July 2015.
Action: Agreed
2. Residual Waste Treatment Project report. **Action: Noted**
3. MRF Procurement verbal update. **Action: Noted**

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

Contracts and Performance Update

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

Mr Burnett reported that no major operational difficulties were experienced with any of the contracts with all non compliance issues suitably addressed and no need for further action.

He further reported that the level of contamination at the MRF had increased for the third time in the last four months. Consequently there followed some lengthy discussion on this issue including associated costs, education, different collection systems etc.

Mr Burnett reported that arc21 had developed a presentation specifically aimed at council operatives collecting the material which can be adapted to incorporate council specific information. Consequently a number of councils are in the process of arranging for arc21 officers to visit their depots and deliver the presentation.

In relation to the Landfill contract, Mr Burnett reported that one of the landfill operators had been fined by the NIEA for breach of permit regarding surface water emissions and that the matter would be formally raised with the contractor by arc21 accordingly.

Mr Burnett reported that the first quarter throughput of tonnage in both the MRF and Organics was slightly down when compared with the same period last year. The amount of material landfilled was up but this is a feature of council's managing their waste with due regard to meeting NILAS targets and financial prudence.

He further reported that the amount of material collected through the Bring Site provision was marginally up and that Newry, Mourne and Down District Council are expanding the sites serviced for textiles under the arc21 contract to include those in the Newry area.

In respect to NILAS, he reported that the position with respect to meeting this year's NILAS target at an arc21 level remains encouraging.

Following discussion the Joint Committee agreed to note the report.

Action: Noted

Waste Management Plan

Mr Burnett reported that a draft of the amended Waste Management Plan to take account of the geographical changes to the arc21 area had been submitted to the Department of the Environment on the 17 July 2015 and presented a copy of the Executive Summary for information.

He advised Members that once the Department has checked the draft to ensure it meets the requisite information as required by the statute, councils are thereafter obliged to finally determine the Plan to complete the statutory process. He anticipated a formal response from the Department shortly.

Following discussion the Joint Committee agreed to note the report.

Action: Noted

Household Kerbside Collection Configurations

Mr Burnett presented a report to provide Members with a document containing a matrix summarising the position in respect of the various kerbside collection schemes currently in operation in the arc21 area. He reported that consolidation of schemes within councils will evolve over time.

Following discussion the Joint Committee agreed to note the report.

Action: Noted

Consultation on Draft Waste Management Licensing (Amendment No2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015

Mr Burnett presented a report to advise the Joint Committee on the consultation paper issued by the DOE.

He reported that the purpose of the consultation was to seek views on amendments to a prescribed list of exempted activities which do not require a Waste Management Licence.

It was recommended that the Joint Committee endorse the draft response attached, subject to any further amendment to take account of further contributions or developments prior to the closing date, for submission to the DOE.

Following discussion the Joint Committee agreed to endorse this recommendation.

Action: Agreed

Consultation on Draft Waste Management Licensing (Amendment No3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015

Mr Burnett presented a report to advise the Joint Committee on the consultation paper issued by the DOE.

He reported that the purpose of the consultation was to seek views on updating the list of prescribed offences in relation to the test of fit and proper person with respect to being a holder of a Waste Management Licence or as a registered waste carrier.

It is recommended that the Joint Committee endorse the draft response attached, subject to any further amendment to take account of further contributions or developments prior to the closing date, for submission to the DOE.

Following discussion the Joint Committee agreed to endorse this recommendation.

Action: Agreed

AOB

Joint Committee meetings - Councillor O'Loan raised the issue of frequency of meetings and suggested that bi-monthly meetings may be more appropriate where there were no strategic issues to be addressed or decisions to be made. Mr Quinn acknowledged the comments from Councillor O'Loan and stated that a report on this matter would be brought to a future meeting.

Action: Mr Craig

Site Visits - Councillor Burns suggested that it would be beneficial for Members to visit the various arc21 contractor sites. Mr Burnett advised that he was in the process of drawing up a programme.

Following discussion it was agreed that site visits may take the place of scheduled Joint Committee meetings or indeed perhaps there could be shorter meetings followed by a visit to a treatment facility. Mr Burnett to consider the potential for site visits at the next meeting date and notify Members accordingly.

Action: Mr Burnett

arc21 recruitment - Mr Craig informed Members that a number of jobs currently occupied on a temporary basis were being advertised in an attempt to fill the posts on a permanent basis.

Action: Noted

Schaefer Bin Claim - Mr Craig informed Members that following court action instigated by arc21 for breach of contract, a settlement had been achieved at a formal mediation meeting earlier in the week.

Action: Noted

Next Meeting

The Chair advised that the next meeting of the Joint Committee would be held on Thursday 1 October 2015 and hosted by Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council.

Action: Noted

Chairman

ITEM 5.1**IN COMMITTEE**

**ARC21 JOINT COMMITTEE Meeting No 004
Hosted by Belfast City Council
Thursday 3 September 2015**

Matters Discussed 'in committee'

The following matters were raised 'in committee' during the meeting of the Joint Committee on 3 September 2015. The minute of this agenda item is to be treated as commercially sensitive and confidential. Therefore its existence and content should not be made publicly available until such time that it ceases to be commercially sensitive and confidential or that the Joint Committee so agrees.

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The minute will be retained as a record by arc21.

There were three items discussed 'in committee' at this meeting.

'In committee' Minutes of Meeting Number 003 held on 2 July 2015

The minutes of meeting number 003 held, 'in-committee', on 2 July 2015 were agreed. There were no matters arising. **Action: Agreed**

Residual Waste Treatment Project

Mr Green presented a report to provide an update to the Joint Committee on the Residual Waste Treatment Project. This included the procurement process, FTC funding, the Planning Application progress and the PPC permit.

He advised Members of a briefing paper on the Project which had been forwarded to DOE officials following their recent site visit to Hightown and it was agreed that this document would be circulated to Members for their information. **Action: Mr Green**

Following discussion the Joint Committee agreed to note the report. **Action: Noted**

MRF Procurement Tender

Mr Burnett provided a verbal update on the issues arising from the submissions received during the recent tender exercise for information. **Action: Noted**

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

Chairman