

## **NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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### **Minutes of Inaugural Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 22 April 2015 at 3.00 pm in the Boardroom, District Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry**

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**Chairperson:** Councillor T Andrews

**Vice Chairperson:** Councillor S Ennis

**In Attendance:**

Councillor P Brown	Councillor C Casey
Councillor S Doran	Councillor G Fitzpatrick
Councillor G Hanna	Councillor V Harte
Councillor H McKee	Councillor P O’Gribin
Councillor G Stokes	Councillor D Taylor

#### **Non Committee Members**

Councillor B Walker

**Officials in Attendance:**

Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive  
Mr C O’Rourke, Director of Regulatory and Technical Services  
Mr A McKay, Head of Planning  
Mr T Daly  
Mr L Dinsmore  
Mr C Jackson  
Mr R Moore  
Mr J Parks  
Mr K Scullion  
Mrs E McParland, Democratic Services Manager  
Mrs C McAteer, Democratic Services Officer

#### **RTS/01/2015:- APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON’S REMARKS**

The Chairperson welcomed Members to the first meeting of the Regulatory and Technical Services Committee and said he looked forward to working with the Vice-Chair, Councillor Ennis, and also with the Director and Officers.

Apologies were received from Councillor G Sharvin.

**RTS/02/2015:- DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Declarations of Interest were received.

**RTS/03/2015:- TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Read: Terms of Reference for the Regulatory and Technical Services Committee. (Copy circulated).

NOTED: Mr O'Rourke advised that due to changes in the structure of the Organisation, a previous function of the Committee i.e. Emergency Planning had been removed from the Terms of Reference for the Regulatory and Technical Services Committee.

**AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Casey, seconded by Councillor Doran, to note the terms of reference for the Regulatory and Technical Services Committee.**

Councillor O'Gribin joined the meeting at 3.05 pm.

**PRESENTATION**

**RTS/04/2015: PRESENTATION ON THE REGULATORY AND TECHNICAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE**

Mr O'Rourke gave a presentation on the Regulatory and Technical Services Directorate and the services which the Directorate would provide. **(Copy of presentation attached).**

The following actions were agreed:-

**AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Casey, seconded by Councillor Taylor, that officials prepare a report on the costs of the Council providing a pest control service for consideration at the May Meeting of the RTS Committee.**

**AGREED: It was agreed, in response to a query from Councillor O'Gribin, that Mr O'Rourke would provide a breakdown of the costs of maintaining the Council owned cemeteries in the Newry, Mourne and Down District and circulate this to Members for their information.**

**AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Casey, seconded by Councillor Harte, that officials prepare a paper/business case on the possibility of providing a crematorium in the**

**Newry, Mourne and Down District and that this report be brought to the next appropriate RTS Meeting for consideration.**

NOTED: It was noted that Councillor McKee asked for an update in relation to enforcement action on dangerous buildings on the Harbour Road Kilkeel and Councillor Harte had asked for an additional water tap and bins to be provided at Monkshill Cemetery, Newry.

**Officials advised they would investigate these matters and update the individual Councillors.**

Councillor Ennis, Vice Chair of the Committee, said that the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee would be encouraging Members not to raise individual matters at the Committee Meeting but instead to contact the officers directly. She said this would be particularly important as the work of the Committee increased.

NOTED: Mr O'Rourke said that he hoped to be in a position to present a Business Plan to the June Meeting of the Committee which would lay out the planned work of the Directorate over the coming year. Thereafter he would be presenting this report to the Committee on a quarterly basis which would allow Members to measure and monitor progress of the Department.

## **PLANNING**

### **RTS/05/2015: ANIMAL WELFARE AGREED GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS**

**Read:** Report dated 13 March 2015 from the Local Government Chief Executives Group providing Councils with an overview of the governance arrangements from 1 April 2015 to enable Local Authorities to comply with the enforcement requirements of the Welfare of Animals Act (NI) 2012 for non-farmed animals.

The report detailed the four-centre sub regional model and gave a breakdown of the staff numbers involved; the proposed governance arrangements and recommended that each Council agrees to the governance arrangements identified in this Animal Welfare governance paper in preparation for the implementation of the Animal Welfare Act (NI) 2011 from 1 April 2015. (Copy circulated).

NOTED: Mr O'Rourke advised that these arrangements were fully funded and there would be no cost to the Council.

**AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor McKee that the Council agrees to the**

**governance arrangements identified in this Animal Welfare governance paper in preparation for the implementation of the Animal Welfare Act (NI) 2011 from 1 April 2015.**

**RTS/06/2015: RIVERS AGENCY – REQUEST TO DELIVER A PRESENTATION ON FLOOD MAPS OF NORTHERN IRELAND**

**Read:** Letter dated 18 March 2015 from Rivers Agency offering a presentation on the Flood Maps (NI) to the Council. (Copy circulated).

**AGREED:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Hanna to invite the Rivers Agency to the appropriate meeting of the RTS Committee to give this presentation.

#### **FACILITIES MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE**

**RTS/07/2015: DRUMGATH HISTORICAL SOCIETY – REQUEST RELATING TO DRUMGATH OLD GRAVEYARD, DRUMLOUGH, NEWRY**

**Read:** Background briefing paper on a request from Drumgath Ladies Group to commence a project to preserve Drumgath Old Graveyard. The report recommended that the Council gives approval in principle to Drumgath Ladies Group subject to:-

1. The site's monument status being clarified by DoE Built Heritage.
2. Details of the proposed project being pre-approved by both Council and Built Heritage, prior to any works commencing on site.
3. The Group obtaining EHS grant funding to cover the costs of the proposed works.
4. The Group providing proof of Public Liability Insurance and indemnifying the Council against any claims or costs arising directly from these Works.

**AGREED:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Doran to approve the above recommendations.

**FOR NOTING**

**RTS/08/2015: NIEA – AREAS OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST  
NOTIFICATIONS**

**Read:** Correspondence from the NIEA giving notification of the delineation of the following areas as Areas of Special Scientific Interest (Notification Under Article 28 of the Environment (NI) 2002:- (Copy circulated):-

- NIEA - Aughnavallog Area of Special Scientific Interest notification under Article 28 of the Environment (NI) Order 2002.
- NIEA - Shannaghan Hill Area of Special Scientific Interest notification under Article 28 of the Environment (NI) Order 2002.
- NIEA - Carrivemaclone Area of Special Scientific Interest notification under Article 28 of the Environment (NI) Order 2002.
- NIEA - Gransha Area of Special Scientific Interest notification under Article 28 of the Environment (NI) Order 2002.
- NIEA - Goraghwood Quarry Area of Special Scientific Interest notification under Article 28 of the Environment (NI) Order 2002.
- NIEA - Aughnagun Quarry Area of Special Scientific Interest notification under Article 28 of the Environment (NI) Order 2002.
- NIEA - Ardglass Area of Special Scientific Interest notification under Article 28 of the Environment (NI) Order 2002.

**AGREED: It was agreed to note the above correspondence.**

**RTS/09/2015: DoE PASSENGER TRANSPORT LICENCING DIVISION –  
APPLICATION TO RENEW A ROAD SERVICE LICENCE**

**Read:** Correspondence dated 8 April 2015 from the Driver and Vehicle Agency advising that the Department had received an application to renew the Road Service Licence for the under-mentioned operators:-

- B360 – O Rooney Coach Hire Ltd, 4 Dana Place, Hilltown
- B2217 – Car Park Services Ltd, t/a Cosmo Car Park, Airport Road, Crumlin
- B2599 – Budget Bus Ltd. Dungannon

**AGREED: It was agreed to note the above correspondence.**

**RTS/10/2015:           APPLICATION TO RENEW A ROAD SERVICE LICENCE**

**Read:**                   Correspondence dated 30 March 2015 from the Driver and Vehicle Agency advising that the Department had received an application to renew the Road Service Licence for the under-mentioned operators:-

- B1916 – Frontier Bus Hire, Jonesborough
- B598 - Kelly Coaches, Omagh

**AGREED:**               **It was agreed to note the above correspondence.**

**RTS/11/2015:           LETTER OF THANKS – NEWRY AND DISTRICT ANGLERS ASSOCIATION**

**Read:**                   Letter dated 10 April 2015 from Newry and District Anglers Association thanking the Council for the tree management work carried out at Carnbane Industrial Estate. (Copy circulated).

**AGREED:**               **It was agreed to note the above correspondence.**

**RTS/12/2015:           SCHEDULE OF DATES FOR FUTURE RTS COMMITTEE MEETINGS FROM APRIL 2015 TO MAY 2016**

**Read:**                   Schedule of dates for future RTS Committee Meetings from April 2015 to May 2016. (Copy circulated).

**AGREED:**               **It was agreed to note the above Schedule.**

**CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS – FOR NOTING**

**RTS/13/2015:           CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO WASTE BATTERIES REGULATIONS 2009, THE PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY OBLIGATIONS (PACKAGING WASTE) REGULATIONS 2007, THE PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY OBLIGATIONS (PACKING WASTE) REGULATIONS (NI) 2007 AND CALL FOR EVIDENCE ON THE IMPACT OF THE NEW PLASTIC FLOW FIGURES AND LINKS WITH HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING TARGETS**

**Read:**                   Letter dated 27 March 2015 from the DoE Policy Division advising of the above named consultation (any responses by 22 May 2015).

**AGREED:**               **It was agreed to note the above correspondence.**

**RTS/14/2015:            CONSULTATION ON AMENDING THE FINANCIAL PROVISION FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES IN NORTHERN IRELAND**

**Read:**                    Letter dated 27 March 2015 from the DoE Policy Division advising of the above named consultation (any responses by 19 June 2015).

**AGREED:**                **It was agreed to note the above correspondence.**

**ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PRESS AND PUBLIC EXCLUDED**

**RTS/15/2015:            INTERIM PROCESSING OF DRY RECYCLABLES**

**AGREED:**                **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Harte, seconded by Councillor Hanna to exclude the public and press from the meeting to allow consideration of this matter as it contains information considered exempt under Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 – information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information).**

**Read:**                    Report dated 22 April 2015 from Mr C O'Rourke seeking approval from the Committee on a course of action for the Interim Processing of Dry Recyclables. (Copy circulated).

**AGREED:**                **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Harte, seconded by Councillor Doran, to come out of closed session.**

**AGREED:**                **When the Committee came out of closed session Mr O'Rourke reported that it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Casey, seconded by Councillor Hanna, to approve the recommendation made for the processing of the dry recyclables from the old Newry and Mourne area, until such times as the new District wide arc21 contract is established, subject to Mr C O'Rourke establishing that there is no implications for this course of action as a result of an email received from local Solicitors in relation to this matter.**

The Meeting concluded at 3.45 pm.

For ratification by the Council at their Meeting to be held on Tuesday 5 May 2015.

Signed:                    Councillor Terry Andrews (Chairperson)

Signed:                    Mr Liam Hannaway (Chief Executive)

