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NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

RTS/M

Minutes of the Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 20 January 2016 at 6.00pm in the Boardroom, District Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry

Chairperson: Councillor T Andrews

In Attendance:

Councillor P Brown	Councillor C Casey
Councillor S Ennis	Councillor G Fitzpatrick
Councillor G Hanna	Councillor V Harte
Councillor H McKee	Councillor M Murnin
Councillor Ó Gribin	Councillor H Reilly
Councillor G Stokes	Councillor D Taylor

Non Committee Members:

Councillor P Clarke
Councillor H Harvey
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 C Jackson, Assistant Director of Building Control and Regulations
Mr J Parkes, Assistant Director of Waste Management
Mrs E McParland, Democratic Services Manager
Mrs C Taylor, Democratic Services Officer

RTS/1/2016 : APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

It was noted that there were no apologies.

The Chair, Councillor Andrews welcomed Members to the first Regulatory and Technical Services Committee meeting of 2016.

The Chair extended his sympathies to the families of the young people in the District who had recently lost their lives.

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RTS/2/2016: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was noted there were no declarations of interest.

RTS/3/2016: ACTION SHEET OF THE REGULATORY AND TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING – WEDNESDAY 9 DECEMBER 2015

Read: Action Sheet of the Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 9 December 2015. ***(Circulated)***.

Agreed: **The Action Sheet was noted.**

PLANNING

RTS/4/2016: PLANNING DEPARTMENT PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Read: Planning Department Performance Indicators ***(Circulated)***.

Mr O'Rourke said the decrease in the number of applications decided in December, whilst disappointing, was understandable, as the planning officers had been involved in planning appeals which involved a significant amount of work. He also advised senior officers had been involved in the recruitment process, which had contributed to this decrease in the number of applications decided.

Noted: **The Planning Department Performance Indicators were noted.**

RTS/5/2016 BRIEFING NOTE – INITIAL PLANNING TASKFORCE REVIEW MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13 JANUARY 2016

Read: Briefing Note – Initial Planning Taskforce Review Meeting held on Wednesday 13 January 2016 ***(Circulated)***.

Mr O'Rourke said the Planning Taskforce was well underway under the direction of planning expert, Mr Jim McKinnon.

Mr O'Rourke undertook to email Members a copy of the slides which were presented at the Planning Taskforce meeting earlier in the day.

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Noted: The Briefing Note – Initial Planning Taskforce Review Meeting held on Wednesday 13 January 2016 was noted.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

RTS/6/2016 CHARGES FOR A NEW BLACK AND BLUE BIN

Councillor Stokes said he had been contacted by a resident regarding black and blue bin charges and a comparison was needed on bin prices of the other 10 Councils in Northern Ireland and a policy required going forward.

Mr O'Rourke confirmed the other 10 Councils had been contacted regarding bin sale prices and in general terms, NMD's prices were above average.

Councillor Casey proposed a re-examination of the policy regarding bin sales at the current prices. Councillor Stokes seconded this proposal.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Casey, seconded by Councillor Stokes:

- **That the policy regarding bin sales at the current prices would be re-examined.**
- **That a report would be brought back to the February meeting of Regulatory and Technical Services detailing a review of present charges, options available and the impact on the budget.**

In response to a query from Councillor Hanna regarding the policy whereby brown bins were provided within the 30mph speed limit, Mr O'Rourke undertook to provide information relating specifically to Mill Road and Millvale, Kilkeel.

Mr O'Rourke said it was possible to purchase a second hand bin at a cost of approximately £10 and if a bin was burnt, the resident could obtain a PSNI number and then a bin was half price to purchase. He said these options may need to be better communicated to the public.

FOR NOTING

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RTS/7/2016 CONTACT FROM PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES (1 OCTOBER 2015 – 31 DECEMBER 2015)

Read: Report regarding Contact from Public Representatives 1 October to 31 December 2015 **(Circulated)**.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Murnin, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick that the planning reference numbers on the Contact from Public Representatives document would be omitted.**

Noted: **The report regarding Contact from Public Representatives 1 October to 31 December 2015 was noted.**

RTS/8/2016 REPORT ON AUTHORISATION OF OFFICERS

Read: Report regarding the Authorisation of Officers **(Circulated)**.

Noted: **The report regarding Authorisation of Officers was noted.**

RTS/9/2016 LICENSING OF PAVEMENT CAFÉS ACT (NI) 2014

Read: Report from Mr C Jackson, Assistant Director of Regulatory and Technical Services, regarding implementation of the Licensing of Pavement Cafés Act (NI) 2014 **(Circulated)**.

Mr Jackson confirmed this legislation did not cover the consumption of alcohol. He said Council also had bye-laws in place which banned the consumption of alcohol on the streets.

Noted: **The report regarding the Licensing of Pavement Cafés Act (NI) 2014 was noted.**

RTS/10/2016 COURT CASE TAKEN FOR CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

Read: Report from Mr C Jackson, Assistant Director of Regulatory and Technical Services regarding the court case taken for cruelty to animals **(Circulated)**.

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Noted: **The report regarding the Court case taken for cruelty to animals was noted.**

RTS/11/2016 **CORRESPONDENCE DATED 12 DECEMBER 2015 FROM THE ASSOCIATION OF PORT HEALTH AUTHORITIES**

Read: Correspondence from the Association of Port Health Authorities dated 12 December 2015 **(Circulated)**.

Noted: **The correspondence dated 12 December 2015 from the Association of Port Health Authorities, was noted.**

ITEMS RESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 6 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NI) 2015

RTS/12/2016 **DRUMNAKELLY LANDFILL CLOSURE**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Harte, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on this matter which related to exempt information by virtue of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 - Information relating to the financial of business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information).**

Read: **Report from Mr C O'Rourke, Director of Regulatory and Technical, dated 20 January 2016, regarding Drumnakelly Landfill Site Closure (Circulated).**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Hanna, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.**

Agreed: **When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairman reported that it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Murnin, seconded by Councillor Brown, that the recommendations relating to the Drumnakelly Landfill closure be accepted as follows:**

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- **Grant permission to implement Lot 1b of the Regen Waste Ltd Contract for the Treatment of Residual Waste relating to waste from the former Down DC area.**
- **Grant permission to Tender for: The reception, storage and bulk transport of residual waste collected by Newry, Mourne and Down District Council within the former Down District Council area.**

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 6:40pm.

For consideration at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 1 February 2016.

Signed: Councillor Terry Andrews
Chairperson of Regulatory & Technical Services Committee

Signed: Mr C O Rourke
Director Regulatory & Technical Services