

NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Minutes of Sustainability & Environment Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 18 June 2025 at 6.15pm in Council Chamber, Monaghan Row, Newry

Chair: Councillor O Magennis

**In attendance in
Chamber:**

Councillor T Andrews	Councillor C Enright
Councillor K Feehan	Councillor J Jackson
Councillor M Larkin	Councillor K Murphy
Councillor H Reilly	Councillor M Ruane
Councillor D Taylor	Councillor H Young

**Committee Members in
Attendance via Teams:** Councillor W Clarke

Officials in Chamber: Mrs S Murphy, Director Sustainability and Environment
Mr C Sage, Assistant Director of Sustainability
Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Manager
Mr C Smyth, Democratic Services Officer

SE/066/2025: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Finn, Hearty and O'Hare and Mrs S Trainor, Assistant Director, Environment.

SE/067/2025: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

**SE/068/2025: ACTION SHEET: SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21 MAY 2025**

Read: Action Sheet of the Sustainability and Environment Committee
Meeting held on 21 May 2025. **(Copy circulated)**

SE/036/2024 – Former landfill site review – Aughnagun and Drumanakelly

Councillor Enright enquired whether an update was available in respect of the above matter and queried whether a report could be provided detailing the reasons for delays in the progression of items listed on the action sheet for longer than six months. Mrs Murphy confirmed that a feasibility study conducted in March 2024 had recommended the development of a business case, and that the recommendation remained valid.

Councillor Jackson enquired about CCTV provision in Ballynahinch and the possibility of installing a camera to cover the Lisburn Street car park, noting that there had been several issues relating to fly tipping and anti-social behaviour in the area. Mr Sage advised that he was happy to explore this matter further and would revert to the Member outside of the meeting in respect of this.

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Enright, it was agreed to note the Action Sheet of the Sustainability and Environment Committee Meeting held on 21 May 2025.**

SE/069/2025: **TO AGREE START TIMES OF SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS, WORKING GROUP AND CLEANSING & REFUSE TASK FORCE GROUP 2025-26**

Read: Copy of Sustainability & Environment Committee Meetings, Working Group and Cleansing & Refuse Task Force Group 2025-26. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Jackson, Start Times of Sustainability & Environment Committee Meetings, Working Group and Cleansing & Refuse Task Force Group 2025 were agreed.**

FOR CONSIDERATION AND/OR DECISION

SE/070/2025: **DIRECTORATE BUSINESS PLAN**

Read: Report from Mrs S Murphy, Director of Sustainability & Environment, regarding Sustainability & Environment Directorate Business Plan. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor K Murphy, the following was agreed:**

- **Assessment of the Sustainability and Environment Directorate Business Plan 2024-2025**
- **Sustainability and Environment Directorate Business Plan 2025-26.**

SUSTAINABILITY

SE/071/2025: **INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

Read: Report from Mr C Sage, Assistant Director: Sustainability, regarding Control of Invasive Species Across the NM&DDC Estate. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Andrews enquired whether officers had contacted the Department for Infrastructure (DFI) Roads Service regarding the substances used in weed spraying within the District. The Chair suggested that Mr Sage revert to Councillor Andrews outside of the meeting in relation to this matter.

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Young, seconded by Councillor K Murphy, it was agreed to note the report.**

ITEMS RESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 6 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NI) 2014

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Taylor, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on the following items, which related to exempt information by virtue of para. 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local /Government (Northern Ireland) 2014 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Jackson, it was agreed to come out of closed session.**

The Chairperson advised the following had been agreed whilst in closed session:

RESTRICTED – FOR DECISION

SE/072/2025: **BUSINESS CASES FOR 25/26 FLEET REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME**

Read: Report from Mr C Sage, Assistant Director: Sustainability, regarding Fleet Procurement Programme 2025-26. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Reilly, it was agreed to approve the recommendations within the Business Cases / Full Economic Appraisals as detailed in Appendices: 2-8 attached to the officer's report.**

SE/073/2025: **BT LINE RENTAL FOR TOWN CENTRE CCTV SYSTEMS**

Read: Report from Mr C Sage, Assistant Director: Sustainability, regarding DAC 5-year line rental for delivery of town centre CCTV. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Taylor, it was agreed to approve the award of a contract for line rental of telecommunication lines for CCTV systems as noted in the officer's report.

SE/074/2025: SUSTAINABILITY CONTRACTS

Read: Report from Mr C Sage, Assistant Director: Sustainability, regarding Sustainability Contracts. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Larkin, seconded by Councillor Ruane, it was agreed to approve the award of contracts as listed in Appendix 1 of the officer's report.

SE/075/2025: PPE CONTRACTS

Read: Report from Mr C Sage, Assistant Director: Sustainability, regarding PPE 6-month Framework Contract. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Larkin, seconded by Councillor Jackson, it was agreed to approve contents of the officer's report and award a 6-month contract for procurement of PPE via the Epso Framework.

SE/076/2025: WASTE CONTRACTS

Read: Report from Mrs S Murphy, Director: Sustainability & Environment, regarding Waste Management Contracts. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Larkin, seconded by Councillor Andrews, it was agreed to approve the Direct Award Contracts as detailed in Appendix 1 and the price uplift as set out in section 2.7 of the officer's report.

SE/077/2025: EXTENSION FOR MDR CONTRACT

Read: Report from Mrs S Murphy, Director of Sustainability & Environment, regarding Extension of Mixed Dry Recycling Contracts. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Larkin, seconded by Councillor Ruane, it was agreed to approve:

- The extension of the contract for the Receipt and Processing of Mixed Dry Recyclables from 30 September 2025 to 31 March 2026, subject to the approval of the Arc21 Joint Committee.
- The extension of the current haulage contract with Natural World Products Ltd from 30 September

2025 to 31 March 2026, subject to approval of the Arc21 Joint Committee.

FOR NOTING - ITEMS RESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 6 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NI) 2014

SE/078/2025: REPORT FROM THE CLEANSING AND REFUSE TASK GROUP ON WEDNESDAY 21 MAY 2025

Read: Report from Mrs S Murphy, Director: Sustainability & Environment, regarding Report from Cleansing and Refuse Task Group. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Jackson, it was agreed to note the report.

SE/079/2025: ARC21 JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING IN COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THURSDAY 27 MARCH 2025 & ARC21 JOINT COMMITTEE MEMBERS' MONTHLY BULLETIN HELD ON 29 MAY 2025

Read: Arc21 Joint Committee Meeting In Committee Minutes of Thursday 27 March 2025 & Arc21 Joint Committee Members' Monthly Bulletin held on 29 May 2025. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Jackson, it was agreed to note the documents.

FOR NOTING

SE/080/2025: ARC21 COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 27 MARCH 2025

Read: ARC21 Joint Committee Meeting No 095 Minutes Thursday 27 March 2025. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor K Murphy, seconded by Councillor Young, it was agreed to note the document.

SE/081/2025: PORT HEALTH UPDATE

Read: Report from Mrs S Murphy, Director: Sustainability & Environment, regarding Port Health Update. **(Copy circulated)**

In referencing the report, Councillor Reilly referred to checks carried out on items imported from third world countries such as plastic coming into Great Britain from Hong Kong and China and wondered why the checks would not be undertaken in Great Britain. Mrs Murphy stated that she would revert directly to the Member outside of the meeting in relation to this matter.

AGREED:

On the proposal of Councillor K Murphy, seconded by Councillor Young, it was agreed to note the report.

There being no further business the meeting ended at **6.57pm.**

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 7 July 2025.

Signed: Councillor Oonagh Magennis
Chairperson

Signed: Mrs Sinead Murphy
Director of Sustainability & Environment