

NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ref: SE/2025

**Minutes of Sustainability & Environment Committee Meeting held on
Wednesday 28 January 2026 at 6pm in Boardroom, Warrenpoint Town Hall**

Chair:	Councillor M Hearty	
In attendance in Chamber:	Councillor K Feehan Councillor H Reilly Councillor H Young	Councillor M Larkin Councillor M Ruane
Committee Members in Attendance via Teams:	Councillor W Clarke Councillor S O'Hare	Councillor D Finn Councillor D Taylor
Non-Committee Members in Attendance via Teams:	Councillor M Rice	
Officials in Chamber:	Mrs S Murphy, Director, Sustainability and Environment Mr C Sage, Assistant Director of Sustainability Mrs S Trainor, Assistant Director of Environment Mr C Smyth, Democratic Services Officer	
Officials in Attendance via teams:	Ms F Branagh, Democratic Services Officer	

SE/001/2026: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Andrews, Magennis and K Murphy.

SE/002/2026: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

SE/003/2026: ACTION SHEET: SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 17 DECEMBER 2025

Read: Action Sheet of the Sustainability and Environment Committee Meeting held on 17 December 2025. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Feehan, it was agreed to note the Action Sheet of the Sustainability and Environment Committee Meeting held on 17 December 2025.**

ITEMS RESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 6 OF THE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NI) 2014

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Reilly, 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 Ruane, seconded by Councillor Reilly, 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/004/2026: BUSINESS CASE FOR FUEL CARDS

Read: Report from Mr C Sage, Assistant Director of Sustainability, regarding Business Case for the use of fuel cards. (**Copy circulated**)

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Reilly, to approve the business case for the procurement of a contract to facilitate the use of the fuel cards across the entire district.

SE/005/2026: BUSINESS CASE FOR SMALL EV VAN

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

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Young, seconded by Councillor Feehan, to approve the Business case as outlined in Appendix 1 of the officer's report for the purchase of a small BEV Van.

Councillor Larkin joined the meeting during above discussion – 6.08pm.

SE/006/2026: FACILITIES MANAGEMENT CONTRACT

Read: Report from Mr C Sage, Assistant Director of Sustainability, regarding Facilities Management Contract. (**Copy circulated**)

AGREED: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Larkin, to note the content of the report and approve the contract modification as detailed in section 2 of the officer's report.**

SE/007/2026: PROCUREMENT OF SPECIALIST SERVICES

Read: Report from Mrs S Trainor, Assistant Director of Environment, regarding Procurement of Specialist Services. (**Copy circulated**)

AGREED: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Larkin, seconded by Councillor Young, to approve the procurement of specialist services for radiochemical analysis for Newry, Mourne and Down District Council, facilitated by Fermanagh & Omagh District Council for a 3-year period.**

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

SE/008/2026: ARC21 JOINT COMMITTEE MEMBERS' MONTHLY BULLETIN – 29 JANUARY 2026

Read: Arc21 Joint Committee Meeting In-Committee Minutes Of Thursday 30 October 2025 & Joint Committee Members' Monthly Bulletin Held On 2 December 2025. (**Copy circulated**)

AGREED: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Larkin, seconded by Councillor Ruane, to note the document.**

FOR NOTING

SE/009/2025: REFUSE CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS UPDATE

Read: Report from Mrs S Trainor, Assistant Director of Environment, regarding Refuse Collections Update. (**Copy circulated**)

Councillor Reilly thanked Mrs Trainor for having addressed concerns regarding refuse collections over the Christmas period prior to the meeting. He nevertheless wished to record his discontent and stressed that lessons needed to be learned for Christmas 2026

AGREED: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Larkin, seconded by Councillor Ruane, to note the document.**

There being no further business the meeting ended at 6.19pm.

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 2 February 2026.

Signed: Councillor Martin Hearty
Deputy Chairperson

Signed: Mrs Sinead Murphy
Director of Sustainability & Environment