

August 20th, 2024

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend the Sustainability & Environment Committee meeting to be held on Wednesday, 21st August 2024 at 6:15 pm in Council Chamber, O'Hagan House, Monaghan Row.

Committee Membership 2024-2025

Councillor G Kearns **Chairperson**

Councillor C Enright **Deputy Chairperson**

Councillor T Andrews

Councillor J Brennan

Councillor P Campbell

Councillor K Feehan

Councillor D Finn

Councillor V Harte

Councillor J Jackson

Councillor M Larkin

Councillor O Magennis

Councillor H Reilly

Councillor M Ruane

Councillor D Taylor

Councillor H Young

Agenda

1.0 Apologies and Chairperson's Remarks

2.0 Declarations of Interest

3.0 Action Sheet of the Sustainability and Environment Committee Meeting held on 19 June 2024.

For Information

 *Action Sheet - 19 June 2024 inc. historic actions.pdf*

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For Consideration and/or Decision

4.0 Notice of Motion - Dog Fouling

For Decision

 *SE Committee Report - Notice of Motion - Dog fouling 21.04.24.pdf*

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5.0 Correspondence from Ards & North Down BC regarding additional Enforcement powers

For Decision

 *SE Committee Report - Correspondence from Ards and North Down Borough Council.pdf*

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 *Appendix 1 Correspondence from Ards and North Down Borough Council (002).pdf*

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6.0 Height Restricting Barriers at Council Carparks

For Decision

 *SE Committee Report - Proposed Installation of Height Restricting Barriers in Council Car Parks 21.08.24.pdf*

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 *Appendix 1 - The Square Warrenpoint.pdf*

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 *Appendix 2 - Castle Park Newcastle.pdf*

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Items deemed to be exempt under paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014

7.0 Direct Award Contract - Testing and Repair of all Newry Mourne & Down Christmas Illuminations

For Decision

This item is deemed to be 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)

📄 **SE Report - Direct Award Contract - Christmas illuminations testing 21.08.24.pdf** **Not included**

📄 **Appendix 1- DAC Testing & Repair of Christmas Illuminations.pdf** **Not included**

8.0 Direct Award Contract - Fixed Firefighting Equipment and Intruder/Fire Alarm Maintenance Contracts

For Decision

This item is deemed to be 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)

📄 **SE Report - DACs - Facility Service Contract 21.08.24.pdf** **Not included**

📄 **Appendix 1 - DAC Intruder and Fire Alarm 2024.pdf** **Not included**

📄 **Appendix 2 - DAC Fixed Fire Fighting Equipment 2024.pdf** **Not included**

9.0 Business Case for Procurement of Technical Advice

For Decision

This item is deemed to be 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)

📄 **SE Committee Report - Business Case - Procurement of Technical Advice 21.08.24.pdf** **Not included**

📄 **Appendix 1 Business Case - Procurement of Technical Advice 21.08.24.pdf** **Not included**

10.0 Direct Award Contract Extensions - Waste Management

For Decision

This item is deemed to be 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)

📎 **SE Committee Report - Direct Award Extensions - Waste Management - 21 Aug 2024.pdf**

Not included

11.0 Business Case for Insurance Broker Services

This item is deemed to be 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)

📎 **SE Committee Report - Business Case for Insurance Brokerage Services 21.08.24.pdf**

Not included

📎 **Appendix 1 - Business Case for Insurance Brokerage Service 21.08.24.pdf**

Not included

Items deemed to be exempt under paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014

12.0 Report from Sustainability and Environment Working Group on 19 June 2024

For Information

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📎 **SE Working Group 19 June 2024 - Action Sheet.pdf**

Not included

13.0 Arc21 Joint Committee Members' Monthly Bulletin held on 23 July 2024

For Information

This item is deemed to be 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)

14.0 Arc21 Joint Committee Meeting in Committee Minutes of Thursday 30 May 2024

For Information

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For Noting

15.0 Arc21 Joint Committee Meeting Minutes of Thursday 30 May 2024

For Information

16.0 Provisional NI Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste Man Statistics January - March 2024

For Information

17.0 Abandonment and Disposal of Land at Carneyhough Industrial Estate, Rathfriland Road, Newry

For Information

The Department for Infrastructure proposes to abandon a portion of road verge adjacent to the above location as shown hatched black on the attached abandonment map. The area in question forms part of the public road at the above location and is registered in the ownership of the Department. The abandonment is required to regularise the encroachment by the adjacent landowner.

Following abandonment, the area shown coloured hatched black will revert to the ownership of the Department. It will then be declared surplus to the Department's requirements and disposed of in accordance with the statutory rules for Government owned land.

When replying please state whether the Council have any objections.

Invitees

Cllr Terry Andrews

Cllr Callum Bowsie

Fionnuala Branagh

Cllr Jim Brennan

Lorraine/Emma Burns/McParland

Cllr Pete Byrne

Mr Gerard Byrne

Cllr Philip Campbell

Cllr William Clarke

Cllr Laura Devlin

Ms Louise Dillon

Cllr Cadogan Enright

Cllr Killian Feehan

Cllr Doire Finn

Cllr Aoife Finnegan

Ms Joanne Fleming

Cllr Conor Galbraith

Cllr Mark Gibbons

Cllr Oonagh Hanlon

Cllr Glyn Hanna

Cllr Valerie Harte

Cllr Roisin Howell

Cllr Tierna Howie

Ms Catherine Hughes

Cllr Jonathan Jackson

Cllr Geraldine Kearns

Miss Veronica Keegan

Mrs Josephine Kelly

Mrs Sheila Kieran

Cllr Cathal King

Cllr Mickey Larkin

Cllr David Lee-Surginor

Cllr Alan Lewis

Cllr Oonagh Magennis

Mr Conor Mallon

Cllr Aidan Mathers

Cllr Declan McAteer

Cllr Leeanne McEvoy

Cllr Andrew McMurray

Maureen/Joanne Morgan/Johnston

Cllr Declan Murphy

Sinead Murphy

Cllr Kate Murphy
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Cllr Selina Murphy
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Cllr Siobhan O'Hare
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Mr Andy Patterson
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Cllr Áine Quinn
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Cllr Henry Reilly
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Cllr Michael Rice
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Cllr Michael Ruane
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Mr Conor Sage
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Cllr Gareth Sharvin
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Donna Starkey
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Nicola Stranney
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Sarah Taggart
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Cllr David Taylor
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Cllr Jarlath Tinnelly
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Ms Sinead Trainor
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Cllr Jill Truesdale
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Mrs Marie Ward
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Cllr Helena Young
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SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

HISTORIC ACTIONS TRACKING SHEET

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING 26 JANUARY 2022					
Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
NS/004/2022	Trade Waste and Caravan Refuse Collection Services	<p>Agreed to approve the report and recommendations:-</p> <p>1. Alternate Weekly Commercial Waste Collection Service</p> <p>Commercial refuse customers (shops and businesses) to be contacted and advised of the proposed move to an alternate weekly collection cycle of residual and dry recyclable waste, where this is achievable.</p> <p>Commercial customers, (not including Caravan Operators) to be provided with appropriate bins to facilitate this change, so there is no cost burden to customers as a result of this change.</p>	S Murphy	In progress	N

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING 21 APRIL 2022					
Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
NS/052/2022	Compost Week 2022	Note and approve the additional activities in 2.2 to highlight and promote the importance of recycling food waste. Note and approve the launch of an application process, with set criteria, to establish demand for deploying brown bins to residents of high rise buildings who were not previously provided with these.	S Trainor	In progress	N
NS/057/2022	Various issues concerning the Events Space Kilkeel	Approve the Officers recommendation that the legal position of the Council regarding its maintenance of the events space, Kilkeel, is reviewed with a separate report to be provided to the Council once this has been considered further.	C Sage	In progress	N

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING 22 JUNE 2022					
Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
NS/091/2022	Enforcement Improvement Plan Update	Agreed to note the content of this update report and to agree review of key actions from the Enforcement Improvement Plan to be incorporated into a	S Trainor	In progress	N

		timebound programme of work for 2022/23 and annually thereafter. Test case footpaths – small footpath leading to WIN – officers to examine this area for dog fouling.			
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**SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
18 OCTOBER 2022**

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
SE/143/2022	Notice of Motion – revenue from EV Charging Infrastructure	Agreed to endorse the recommendation made at the Strategic Finance Working Group Meeting of 16 June 2022 as set out in Section 2.2 of the report and that officers consider the most appropriate way forward in relation to identifying appropriate spaces that may be suitable for the proposal as outlined in the Notice of Motion	C Sage	In progress	N

**SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
TUESDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2023**

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
SE/016/2023	Economic Appraisal for the appointment of	Agreed to note the content of the report and associated Economic Appraisal and	C Sage	In Progress	N

	a Metal Fabrication and Repair Contractor	accept the conclusion of the Economic Appraisal that Option 4 be chosen as the preferred option. Option 4 would see the appointment, through a tender process, of a contractor to provide metal fabrication and repair services. In addition to this an independent Metallurgical and Mechanical Engineering Consultancy Service would be appointed to provide advice to Council Officers on the procurement and management of this service.			
SE/018/2023	Business Case for the appointment of a contractor to undertake Legionella Control Measures on behalf of the Council	<p>Agreed to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note the content of the report. Accept the conclusion of the Business Case that Option 3 be chosen as the preferred option. Option 3 would see the appointment, through a tender process, of a competent contractor to undertake a number of duties under the Council's Legionella Management Plan for a three-year period. 	C Sage	In Progress	N
SE/019/2023	Business Case for the appointment of a contractor to undertake asbestos control measures on behalf of the Council	<p>Agreed to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the content of the report. Accept the conclusion of the Business Case that Option 3 be chosen as the preferred option to the appointment, through a tender process, of a competent contractor to undertake a number of duties under the Council's Asbestos Management Plan for a three-year period. 	C Sage	In Progress	N

SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 17 OCTOBER 2023					
Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
SE/105/2023	Notice of Motion – Clean Indoor Air	It was agreed to adopt the Notice of Motion subject to including that before proceeding with any works, that officers obtain costings for air filtration systems in Downshire Civic Centre and the new civic centre in Newry and report same back to the Sustainable and Environment Committee for consideration in due course.	C Sage	In Progress	N
SE/107/2023	Notice of Motion – Animal Welfare	It was agreed to remove the final sentence of the notice of motion. It was agreed to defer a decision on the Notice of Motion until the outcome of the legal process was known.	S Trainor	In Progress	N
SE/114/2023	Procurement of Deep Cleansing Services	It was agreed to procure Deep Cleansing Services as outlined in appendix 1 of the officer's report.	S Trainor	In Progress	N

SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 22 NOVEMBER 2023					
Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
SE/125/2023	Report on Notice of Motion in relation to Livestock worrying	It was agreed that a meeting be organised with relevant partners to discuss a way forward to produce a publicity campaign highlighting the importance of ensuring dogs are kept under control in the Mourne Mountains	S Trainor	In Progress	N
SE/128/2023	Upgrade to Town Centre CCTV and Council Facilities CCTV	It was agreed that members note the content of the report, and a business case be developed and brought to the committee with a number of options for a way forward for the proposed development of a new suite of digital CCTV systems for the Council's facilities	C Sage	In Progress	N
SE/141/2023	Sustainable Food Places Bridging the Gap Funding Application	It was agreed to note the recent support for the "Bridging the Gap" funding application. Committee would be advised on the outcome of the application at the earliest opportunity	C Sage	In Progress	N

SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 20 DECEMBER 2023					
Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
SE/154/2023	Update on rebranding/ redevelopment of Newry Market	It was agreed to note the contents of the report.	C Sage	Noted Report to be brought to future meeting	N

SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 24 JANUARY 2024					
Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
SE/004/2024	Report on Notice of Motion – Flood Defences	The following was agreed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Further investigate the possibility of a Shared Island application to assist with flood defences - Write to DFI Rivers and request a river maintenance schedule. - Seek legal advice to clarify if a meeting with DFI Rivers and the Drainage & Flooding Council would compromise the ongoing independent review of the recent flooding in the district. 	S Murphy	In Progress	N

SE/005/2024	Report on Notice of Motion – Flood Preparedness	<p>The following was agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Liaise with local DEA forums to discuss and plan the set-up of Community Resilience Groups- Investigate the facilitation of sandbag availability and management through these Community Resilience Groups- Look into sharing information the website from the Regional Community Resilience Group	S Murphy	<p>Complete</p> <p>In Progress</p> <p>In Progress</p>	N
SE/006/2024	Business Case for firefighting equipment contract	It was agreed to note the content of the report and associated business case, and to accept the conclusion of the attached Business Case	C Sage	In Progress	N

SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 21 FEBRUARY 2024					
Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
SE/018/2024	Report on Notice of Motion – Climate Change	<p>It was agreed that this Council acknowledges the work done to date to help address the climate emergency; reaffirms previous motions regarding the degenerating global situation; and again, reiterates that the crisis is the biggest threat posed to our constituents, our district, and our planet.</p> <p>Further acknowledges, however, that recent data collated by Climate Emergency UK ranks NMDDC 8th out of the 11 Councils within NI; and thus, pledges to include ambitious targets in the forthcoming Sustainability and Climate Strategies and Action Plans to expedite implementation.</p> <p>It was also agreed that a benchmark report would be brought back to Committee regarding Council actions and progress to mitigating climate change impact.</p>	C Sage	In progress	<p>N</p> <p>N</p>

SE/021/2024	Home to Hospital Schemes	It was agreed to approve the continued funding for the Mournes and Slieve Gullion Home to Hospital Volunteer driver schemes from 1 April 2024.	S Trainor	In progress	N
		It was also agreed that Council seek Expressions of Interest from suitable Community/Voluntary sector organisations to administer the schemes, subject to funding being identified	S Trainor	In Progress	N
SE/025/2024	Business Case for Minor Construction Works	It was to accept the conclusion of the Business Case to proceed with option 3 to appoint 2 minor construction works contractor to complete minor works across the Council for 3-year period. To be procured through tender or use of a suitable Framework	C Sage	In Progress	N

**SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
20 MARCH 2024**

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
SE/036/2024	Former landfill site review – Aughnagun and Drumanakelly	It was agreed that officers develop a Business Case for the installation of Solar Panels at the former landfill site Aughnagun for further consideration.	S Murphy	In Progress	N
		It was agreed that Council further explore the benefits of installing reed beds at both sites in order to make the sites self-sustaining in terms of the management of the leachate generated on site	S Murphy		

SE/037/2024	Business Case for Mini-Tractor at Castlewellan Forest Park	It was agreed to note the contents of the report and associated business case, and to accept the conclusion of the business case to proceed with the procurement of effective replacement machinery.	C Sage	In Progress	N
SE/040/2024	Electric forklifts	It was agreed to note that in line with Council's Climate Change Emergency Declaration and environmental objectives, Council officers will progress with the procurement of a battery powered forklift truck.	C Sage	In Progress	N

SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 23 APRIL 2024					
Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
SE/046/2024	Notice of Motion – Newry Market	Officers continue their commitment to revitalise the market through engagement with traders, the business community and other potential stakeholders. It was also agreed that Officers reach out to other local councils with successful markets and explore additional uses to encourage footfall, including with arts and community groups It was further agreed that a report be brought back to committee in 6 months to provide detail of any progress made	S Murphy S Murphy C Sage	In progress	N

SE/047/2024	Review of Caravan Site License Conditions	It was agreed to approve a review of Council's Caravan Site Licence conditions for Residential Caravan Sites and Holiday and Touring Caravan Sites	S Trainor	In progress	N
		It was also agreed to revisit the motorhome strategy in partnership with all relevant Directorates, alongside addressing any relevant by-laws to ensure a strategy could be developed that suited the needs of the motorhome community and the local population.	S Trainor	In progress	N
SE/048/2024	Christmas Illuminations 2024-2026	It was agreed to note the content of the report and business case.	C Sage	In Progress	N
		It was agreed to approve Option 3 of the Business Case to tender for a competent electrical contractor	C Sage		

SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 22 MAY 2024					
Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
SE/058/2024	Report on Treatment of Invasive Species on Council Estate	it was agreed to note the content of the report and approve the use of herbicides containing glyphosate for controlling invasive species at Albert Basin outside of the current allocation for normal weed control and the development of an Invasive Species Management Plan for the Council Estate.	C Sage	In Progress	N
SE/060/2024	Business Case for the Occasional Hire of Hook Lift and Driver	it was agreed to approve the business case to procure a contract for the Occasional Hire of Hook Lift Vehicle and Driver.	S Murphy	In Progress	N

SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 19 JUNE 2024					
Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
SE/068/2024	Action sheet of SE meeting held 22/05/2024	It was agreed to note the action sheet	S Murphy	Noted	Y
SE/069/2024	Agree start times of SE Committee, SE Working Group and Cleansing & Refuse Task Group	The dates and start times of SE Committee, SE Working Group and Cleansing & Refuse Task Group were agreed	S Murphy	Agreed	Y
SE/070/2024	S&E Directorate Business Plan	It was agreed to approve the following: - Assessment of SE Directorate Business Plan 2023-24 - SE Directorate Business Plan 2024-25	S Murphy	Approved	Y
SE/071/2024	Irish Open Car Parking Provision	It was agreed to approve the parking arrangements for the Angem Irish Open in Sept 2024 as outlined within the report	S Murphy	In progress	N
SE/072/2024	Provision of portable toilets for events	it was agreed that the proposal for portable toilets for events over 10,000 people should be considered as part of the review, agreed by Council of Financial Assistance	S Murphy	Agreed	Y
SE/073/2024	Report on Sustainable NI Annual Membership Subscription	It was agreed to approve the financial support at Accelerator Membership Leven and sign an SLA with Sustainable NI for 2024-25	C Sage	In progress	N
SE/074/2024	Keep NI Beautiful annual subscription	It was agreed to approve the financial support and signing of SLA for 2024-2025 as outlined, and to support Live Here Love	C Sage	In progress	N

		Here campaign and Eco Schools Programme across the District			
SE/075/2024	Food Service Plan 2024-25	It was agreed to adopt the food service plan 2024 – 2025	S Murphy	Complete	Y
SE/076/2024	Update on new safeguarding measures for XL Bully Breed type of dogs	It was agreed to support the introduction of new safeguarding measures for XL bully breed type dogs	S Murphy	Complete	Y
SE/077/2024	DAERA Consultation – rethinking our resources	It was agreed to approve the consultation response entitled “ Rethinking our resources Measures for climate action and a circular economy”	S Murphy	Complete	Y
SE/078/2024	Fleet Replacement Update	The following was agreed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approve the amended capital spend for fleet replacement 2024-2025 as outlined within the report - To approve the amendments to the 2023 – 2025 business case for vehicle replacement as outlined 	S Murphy	Complete	Y
SE/079/2024	Business case for EV Charging infrastructure	It was agreed to approve the business case recommendation for the installation of 2 double electric chargers at each site as detailed within the officer's report	C Sage	In Progress	N
SE/080/2024	Business case for Servicing, maintenance and monitoring of Council's fire and intruder alarm systems	It was agreed to approve the business case recommendation that option 2 is chosen as the preferred option.	C Sage	In Progress	N
SE/081/2024	Business case for consultancy services for waste contracts	This item has been deferred to a future committee meeting	S Murphy		Y
SE/082/2024	Business case for HRC Waste streams	It was agreed to approve the business case to procure contracts for the	S Murphy	In progress	N

		collection/receipt, transport and processing (recycling/recovery/treatment) of various waste streams from household recycling centres			
SE/083/2024	Single Tender Action	It was agreed to approve the STA as detailed in appendix 1 of the officer's report	S Trainor	Complete	Complete
SE/084/2024	Action sheet and presentation from cleansing & refuse task group of 22/05/2024	It was agreed to note the documents	S Murphy	Noted	Y
SE/085/2024	ARC21 Joint Committee members monthly bulleting of 30/05/2024 and in committee minutes of 25/04/2024	It was agreed to note the documents	S Murphy	Noted	Y
SE/086/2024	ARC21 joint committee meeting minutes of 25 April 2024	It was agreed to note the minutes	S Murphy	Noted	Y
SE/087/2024	District Cleansing – Summer Season 2024 preparations	It was agreed to note the summer season preparation for 2024	S Murphy	Noted	Y

Report to:	Sustainability and Environment Committee
Date of Meeting:	21 August 2024
Subject:	Notice of Motion: Dog fouling
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Sinead Murphy, Director: Sustainability and Environment
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Sinead Trainor, Assistant Director: Environment

For decision		X	For noting only	
1.0	Purpose and Background			
1.1	The purpose of this report is to facilitate discussion on the Notice of Motion received from Councillor Howie as deferred from the Council Meeting of 7 May 2024, in accordance with standing order 16.1.16, concerning Newry Market.			
1.2	<p>The following Notice of Motion (C/098/2024) was received from Councillor Howie:</p> <p>"That this Council will be focused on providing long term solutions around enforcement and communication campaigns with regard to dog fouling. Council officers will also look at best-practice in Councils who already operate a customer reporting hub such as BCC.</p> <p>This Council will use data provided by members of the public, elected members via a customer hub, hotspots will be identified and enforcement officers will know exactly areas of most need, this will then inform social media and posts by Council on areas experiencing high dog fouling, encouraging the public to become more aware of their responsibilities. Data may also be used to work out where bins are lacking in the district and inform their placement."</p> <p>The motion was seconded by Cllr Truesdale.</p>			
2.0	Key Issues			
2.1	<p><u>Reporting of Dog Fouling</u></p> <p>Residents and Elected Members are currently able to report dog fouling by telephone or email to health@nmandd.org. Information and advice is available on the Council website at https://www.newrymournedown.org/responsible-dog-ownership</p> <p>A review of methods of reporting across the eleven councils has shown that in one other council dog fouling and littering can be reported through a 'Reportable App', four provide an online reporting form and for the remaining six councils complaints are reported by email or telephone.</p> <p>It is recommended that Officers develop an online reporting form for Residents and Elected Members to report dog fouling issues to the Council while exploring alternative digital options for reporting dog fouling and other complaints to the department.</p>			
2.2	<p><u>Dog Fouling Complaints Statistics and Analysis</u></p> <p>A review of the number of dog fouling complaints received in the eighteen months from January 2023 to July 2024 has been undertaken. A total of 355 complaints</p>			

have been received in this period, with a breakdown of complaints by month being provided in Table 1.

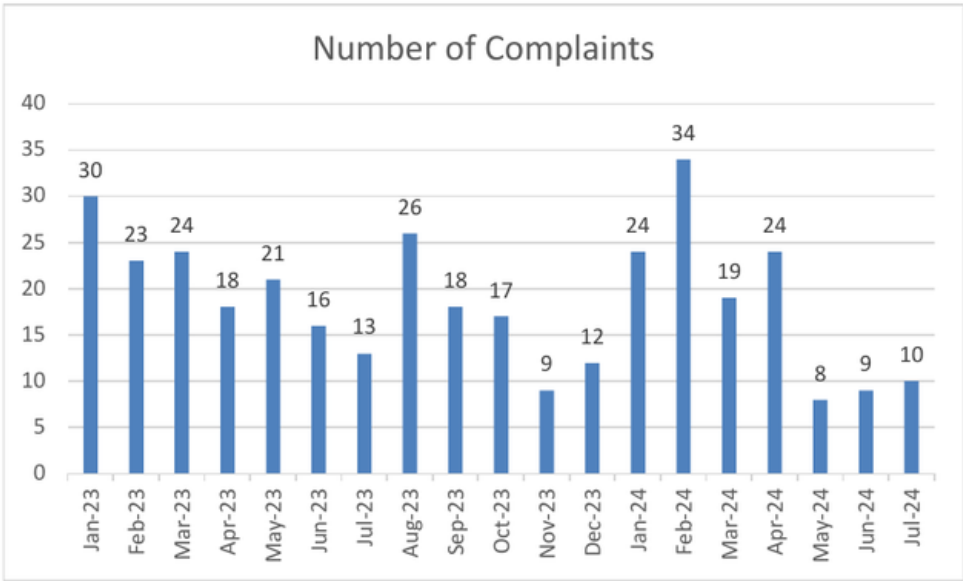


Table 1 – Dog fouling complaints Jan 2023 – Jul 2024

All complaints of dog fouling are investigated and once Enforcement Officers become aware of multiple complaints in the same area, enforcement patrols are undertaken.

Further trend analysis of the complaints can be undertaken to identify hotspots or problem areas which can inform where education and enforcement focus can be undertaken by the enforcement team.

2.3 **Litter bin provision**

The Cleansing team have carried an analysis and GIS mapping exercise of the litter bin provision across the District.

A further mapping exercise can be undertaken by Officers of identified hotspots or problem areas against current litter bin provision data to determine if additional litter bins can be provided to assist with disposal of dog fouling.

2.4 **Education and Communication**

A number of successful communication campaigns regarding responsible dog ownership and the dangers of dog fouling have been issued through social media and billboard campaigns. Appendix 1 provides details of some of the campaigns in 2023 and an overview of the reach and engagement of these campaigns.

Officers are currently working in partnership with Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful on a further dog fouling campaign, which will be launched this Autumn. As part of this campaign officers will work closely with DEA coordinators to ensure communication roll out is effective throughout the District.

Stencils have been used to spray messaging on footpaths, reminding dog walkers to pick up their dog’s waste and highlighting fines, in areas identified as hotspots. This has been effective in the past and new stencils are currently being procured so the messaging can be reapplied in areas throughout the District.

2.5	<p>Resources</p> <p>A number of vacancies exist within the Sustainability and Environment Directorate relating to enforcement and education. These posts are being prioritised for recruitment and will be key to developing a long-term Education, Communication and Enforcement plan which will include a focus on encouraging responsible dog ownership and reducing dog fouling incidents across the District.</p> <p>The development of the plan and setting of key education, communication and enforcement targets will enable reporting of activities and actions periodically to committee.</p>
3.0	<p>Recommendations</p> <p>Members are asked to note the report and approve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The development an online reporting form for Residents and Elected Members to report dog fouling issues to the Council while exploring alternative digital options for reporting dog fouling and other complaints to the department; and A mapping exercise to be undertaken by Officers of identified hotspots or problem areas against current litter bin provision data to determine if additional litter bins can be provided to assist with disposal of dog fouling.
4.0	<p>Resource implications</p>
4.1	<p>Resource implications associated with this report are officer time. There will be additional costs associated with procuring digital options for reporting dog fouling and other complaints to the department which will be subject to approval through the IT Project Board.</p>
5.0	<p>Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)</p>
5.1	<p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i> <i>n/a</i> <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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7.0	Appendices
	Appendix 1 - Social Media Communication Initiatives
8.0	Background Documents
	None

Appendix 1 - Social Media Communication Initiatives

Post 1-11 July 2023

Reach- 10,631

Engagement- 47

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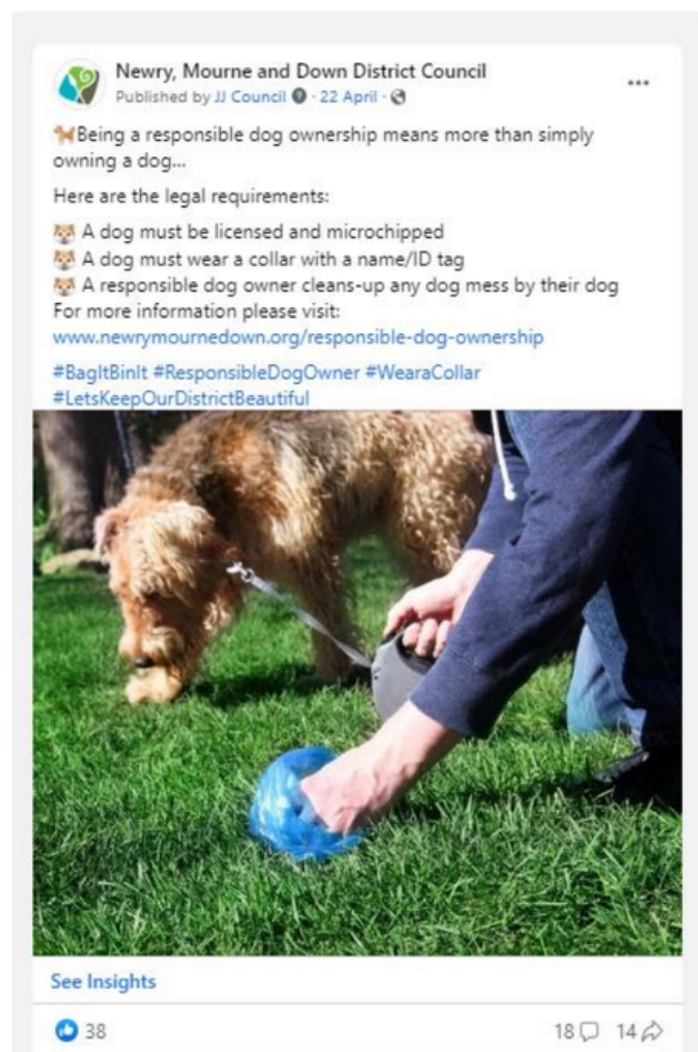
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Reach- 11,599

Engagement- 70

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Report to:	Sustainability and Environment Committee
Date of Meeting:	21 August 2024
Subject:	Correspondence from Ards and North Down Borough Council regarding additional Enforcement Powers
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Sinead Trainor, Assistant Director: Environment
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Sinead Trainor, Assistant Director: Environment

		For decision	X	For noting only	
1.0	Purpose and Background				
1.1	The purpose of this report is for Committee to consider correspondence received from Ards and North Down Borough Council, proposing the introduction of enforcement powers for Councils to deal with instances of bins being left on the streets for prolonged periods.				
2.0	Key Issues				
2.1	<p>Ards and North Down Borough Council has recently written to the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) Minister asking for the introduction of enforcement powers for Councils to deal with instances of bins being left on streets for prolonged periods, causing undue obstruction.</p> <p>Ards and North Down Borough Council are requesting powers to issue a fixed penalty to a bin owner where they fail to respond to informal requests regarding bins being left on streets.</p>				
2.2	Newry, Mourne and Down District Council collect approximately 129,000 bins from residential properties across the Council area each week and can report that complaints about bins sitting out for prolonged periods of time are not common.				
3.0	Recommendations				
	Members are asked to consider if they support Ards and North Down Borough Council's proposal and if so, then Newry Mourne and Down District Council will write to DAERA requesting similar enforcement powers.				
4.0	Resource implications				
4.1	It is anticipated that if Council obtained enforcement powers to deal with instances of bins being left on the streets for prolonged periods, then officers will be required to undertake this work. However, it should be noted that officers would be responding to complaints and be focused on education and warnings in the first instance, and only employing enforcement powers as a last resort.				
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)				
5.1	<p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></p> <p><i>n/a</i> <input type="checkbox"/></p>				
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7.0	Appendices
	Appendix 1 – Letter from Ards and North Down Borough Council
8.0	Background Documents
	Section 46 Environmental Protection Act 1990 - Environmental Protection Act 1990 (legislation.gov.uk)

18 June 2024

Sent by email only to: marie.ward@nmandd.org

Dear Marie

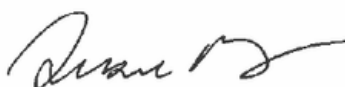
Ards and North Down Borough Council has recently written to the DAERA Minister asking for the introduction of enforcement powers for Councils to deal with instances of bins being left on streets for prolonged periods, causing undue obstruction.

Council would like to see powers modelled upon Section 46A of the Environmental Protection Act 1990, whereby we would be able to issue a fixed penalty to a bin owner where they have failed to respond to informal requests to remedy a problem.

I am writing to ask if your Council would consider supporting this request of DAERA.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter, and I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely

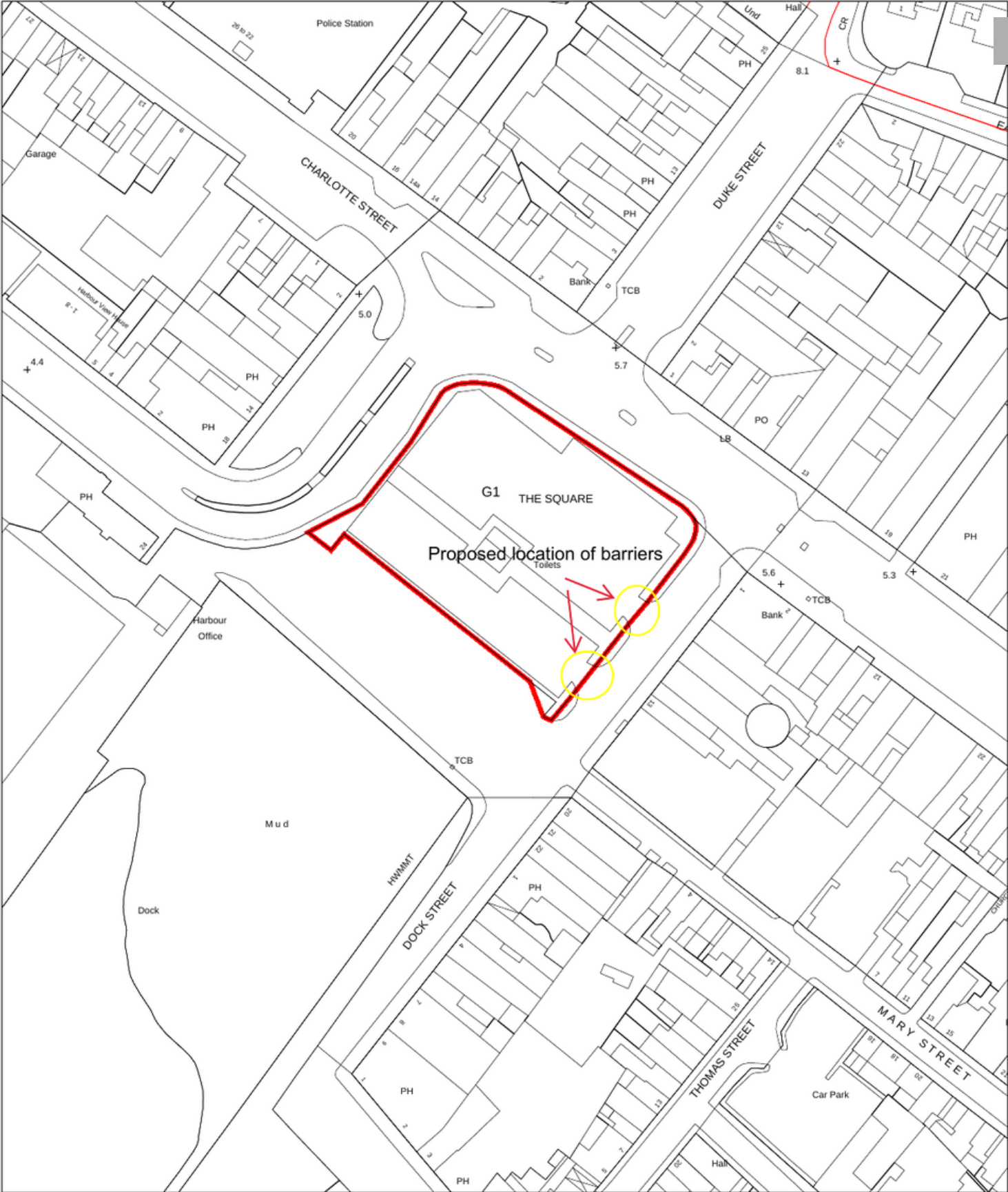



Susie McCullough
Chief Executive

Report to:	Sustainability & Environment Committee
Date of Meeting:	21 st August 2024
Subject:	Proposed installation of Height Restricting Barriers at Council Car Parks.
Reporting Officer	Conor Sage, Assistant Director: Sustainability
Contact Officer	Gary McCurry, Duty Manager, Off Street Car Parking

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1.0	Purpose and Background				
1.1	The purpose of this report is to update the committee on the proposal to reinstate height restricting barriers at Council car park located at The Square in Warrenpoint and to install temporary height restricting barriers at Castle Park Car Park in Newcastle during the Amgen Irish Open.				
2.0	Key issues				
2.1	The Square Warrenpoint An Environmental Improvement scheme was completed at the car park at The Square in Warrenpoint in March 2017. The pre-existing height restricting barriers were not re-instated at the car park as part of the project. In order to effectively manage car parking capacity and traffic control, it is proposed to reinstate height restricting barriers to the 2 entrances to this car park. Concept designs and associated costs have been requested for this work. See Appendix 1, highlighting the 2 entrances to The Square Warrenpoint.				
2.2	Castle Park Newcastle The car park at Castle Park in Newcastle does not currently have height restricting barriers in place. Council have completed a survey over recent weeks and have concerns over the number of motor homes parked in Castle Park overnight in contravention of Council By-Laws which stipulate that there must be no parking between the hours of midnight and 06:00. On 4 th of August 2024, there were 27 motor homes parked in Castle Park car park which generates significant risk in terms of fire safety and traffic control. In order to improve traffic control and reduce safety risks, it is proposed to install temporary height restricting barriers at Castle Park car park for the duration of the Amgen Irish Open from 9 th to 15 th of September 2024. Furthermore, it is proposed to erect additional signage at the entrance of the car park to remind members of the public of the Bye-Laws for control of car parking. Hire costs for supply and installation of height restricting barriers will be approximately £2k. See Appendix 2, highlighting the proposed location of temporary height restricting barrier at Castle Park.				
3.0	Recommendations				
3.1	It is recommended that Committee members consider this report and approve the proposal to reinstate height restricting barriers at The Square, Warrenpoint and installation				

	of temporary height restricting barriers at Castle Park, Newcastle for the duration of the Amgen Irish Open.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	The Square Warrenpoint – Costs to be confirmed Castle Park Newcastle – Approximately £2k.
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i> It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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7.0	Appendices
7.1	Appendix 1. Site Plan for The Square, Warrenpoint Appendix 2. Site Plan for Castle Park, Newcastle
8.0	Background Documents
8.1	N/A



 NEWRY AND MOURNE DISTRICT COUNCIL	Site: The Square Car park, Warrenpoint	Drawing Title: Siteplan	Scale: 1:1250	
	Council ref no.: EER/TCP/23	Drawing no.: DRD035-G-1-00	Drawn by: SR	Date: 01.04.15

Area Leased to the Department for Regional Development
for Generator Building and Associated Access



Building: Castle Park, Newcastle	Drawing Title: Siteplan	Scale: 1/1250	
Council reference no.: TL/130	Drawing no.: DDC145-G-1-00	Drawn by: GMcV	Date: 01.06.23

ITEM 3
ARC21 JOINT COMMITTEE
Meeting No 87
MINUTES
Thursday 30 May 2024
Hosted by Belfast City Council
at Malone House, Belfast

Members Present:

Councillor M Goodman (<i>Chair</i>)	Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council
Councillor T Kelly	Belfast City Council
Councillor A Givan	Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council
Councillor P Kennedy	Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council
Councillor C Enright	Newry, Mourne & Down District Council
Councillor T Andrews	Newry, Mourne & Down District Council
Councillor K Murphy	Newry, Mourne & Down District Council

Members' Apologies:

Councillor E McLaughlin	Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council
Alderman P Michael	Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council
Councillor C Blaney	Ards & North Down Borough Council
Councillor J Cochrane	Ards & North Down Borough Council
Councillor A Cathcart	Ards & North Down Borough Council
Councillor E McDonough-Brown	Belfast City Council
Councillor B Smyth	Belfast City Council
Alderman S Skillen	Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council
Councillor G McKeen (<i>Deputy Chair</i>)	Mid & East Antrim Borough Council
Councillor R Quigley	Mid & East Antrim Borough Council
Councillor A Wilson	Mid & East Antrim Borough Council

Officers Present:

T Walker	arc21
H Campbell (<i>Secretary</i>)	arc21
K Boal	arc21
J Green	arc21
M Laverty	Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council
S Leonard, B Murray, J McConnell	Belfast City Council
W Muldrew	Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council
D Carey	Mid & East Antrim Borough Council
S Murphy	Newry, Mourne & Down District Council

Officers' Apologies:

D Lindsay	Ards & North Down Borough Council
R Harvey	Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council
S Morley	Mid & East Antrim Borough Council

Item 1 - Conflicts of Interest, Gifts and Hospitality Statement

The Chair read out the Conflicts of Interest, Gifts and Hospitality Statement, and none were noted. **Action: Noted**

Item 2 - Apologies

Apologies were noted.

Action: Noted

Item 3 - Minutes of Joint Committee Meeting 086 held on 26 April 2024

The Joint Committee approved the minutes. Proposed by Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Murphy.

Action: Agreed

Item 4 - Matters Arising

All matters arising were either actioned or discussed later in the meeting.

Action: Noted

IN COMMITTEE

The Chair recommended that the meeting would now move “*in committee*” which was agreed. Proposed by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Enright.

Matters of a confidential and commercially sensitive nature were discussed under these agenda items.

Following discussion on the commercially sensitive matters, the Chair recommended that the meeting would now return to the main agenda, which was approved, but whilst “*In Committee*” during this section of the meeting, there were 5 matters discussed.

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| Item 5 | Minutes of Joint Committee Meeting 086 held on 25 April 2024 ‘in committee’ - approved |
| Item 6 | Matters Arising - noted |
| Item 7 | Commercially Sensitive Contract & Procurement Issues - approved |
| Item 8 | The Supply of Services Relating to the Receipt, Processing, Treatment, Recycling and Disposal of Street Sweepings Waste – Contract Award - approved |
| Item 9 | Residual Waste Treatment Project - noted |

OUT OF COMMITTEE

Proposed by Councillor Kennedy, seconded by Councillor Enright.

Item 10 - Contracts & Operations Briefing Report

- (1) Annual Performance Review 2023/24

Ms Boal presented the annual contractor performance from April 2023 to March 2024, including the number of loads handled and spread of number of vehicle movements, number of site visits, rejected loads, overweight vehicles etc. She noted that these are all reported on a monthly basis throughout the year.

Service Status

Ms Boal reported that all services were operational during the month of April 2024 and there were no requests from contractors to put any contingency arrangements in place.

Performance

She reported that turnaround times had been reviewed for April, and in most cases the contractors provided adequate reasons and therefore no service credits were applied. However, service credits were applied to Bryson for falling to meet their contractual turnaround times.

The overweight vehicles continue to be monitored and in April there was a sizeable increase in the number for the Organics contract compared to the last number of months.

In April, all weekly and monthly reports were submitted on time and there were no issues.

In April, there were eight requests for bring site rectifications (they did not have the specified capacity) across all contracts. These were communicated with the contractors, and in most cases, they confirmed that they had been emptied within the required 48 hours.

Health & Safety

(i) Annual Review

Ms Boal reported that from Apr 2023 – Mar 2024, there had been 34 x Health & Safety incidents reported to arc21, a reduction of 10 x incidents from the same period last year and these were noted in the report.

She noted that, where applicable, an individual report detailing the incidents and near misses will also be sent to each individual council covering the year above.

(ii) Incidents

During April 2024, she noted that there were 4 x Health & Safety incidents reported to arc21 by contractors.

In addition, Biffa reported that on 2 April a smouldering battery was found at the tipping area. This could not be attributed to a specific council delivery, but again highlights the ongoing risk of fire from batteries.

She noted that councils' officers have been asked to continue to liaise with their H&S officers and operational managers, including those of external contractors, to ensure that their operational teams have due regard to Health & Safety obligations and that they abide by the site rules of each site.

(iii) Audits

Ms Boal reported that the external Health & Safety consultants continues to undertake health and safety audits.

In April, an audit was conducted with ReGen Waste at their Newry site. Some minor recommendations and actions were identified, and these reports have been shared with ReGen. arc21 is working with them to address these as soon as possible.

She noted that a matrix is kept on all the audits and any recommendations and actions to be carried out are monitored.

(4) Vapes, Batteries & Gas Cannisters

(i) Communications - Vapes, Batteries & Gas Cannisters

She reported that Bryson have recently seen a significant increase in vapes, batteries and gas cannisters delivered to their site and have asked councils to carry out some communications requesting people not to dispose of these items with their dry recyclables. She noted that a suggested press release and information for social media has been circulated to councils.

A ban on single use vapes was discussed and Ms Boal advised that it was due to happen in England and NI should follow the same route. She advised that a ban on imports was being considered and in response to Members queries confirmed that she would bring a report outlining the current position to the next meeting.

Action: Ms Boal

(ii) Regulation 34 Request - Vapes

She noted that arc21 have been requested by the councils to issue a Regulation 34 to request a collection service from HWRC's for vapes. This is currently being progressed and it is hoped to have this enacted by the next Joint Committee meeting.

Rejected Loads

Ms Boal reported that there were no rejected loads delivered into MRF facilities, and one rejected load delivered into Organics delivery sites in April 2024.

Council officers have again been requested to continue to review their protocols to ensure that systems are in place so that vehicles are fully emptied before collecting another material stream.

She advised that arc21 is considering how it incorporates those contaminated loads into all of its call off competitions.

arc21 Contract Tonnages

A list of the contract tonnages for April 2024 was presented as follows:

- an increase of 12.6% for MDR material delivered into Bryson;
- a 35.2% increase material delivered to ReGen;
- a 9.8% increase for Type 1 organics material;
- an increase of 5.5% for Type 2 organics material; and
- a 14.7% decrease for the Landfill Residual Waste Contract.

Supplies

The summary of the aspects pertinent to the supplies contract were presented.

Cottonmount Landfill - Odour Complaints

Ms Boal referred to the report and noted that there had been a significant increase in the number of odour complaints received in relation to the site during March and April 2024 and highlighted the actions taken by Biffa.

It was noted that since then the complaint levels had fallen with there being only two last week. This was put down to the effectiveness of the capping works that had recently been completed.

Following discussion, the Joint Committee noted the report. Proposed by Councillor Enright, seconded by Councillor Kelly.

Action: Noted

Item 11 - Waste Tonnage Trends

Ms Boal presented the waste tonnage trends for materials delivered into the arc21 contracts highlighting in particular that:

- landfill – starting at a lower level than the 23/24 year with the BCC waste now taken elsewhere;
- Organics type 1 – starting slightly higher than the 23/24 year, but still considerably lower than the 21/22 year but weather dependent and with the recent better weather we should see this start to increase;
- Organics Type 2 - following similar starting point as Type 1 above; and
- MRF combined tonnage – starting almost at same position as 22/23 year which is well above the starting point in 23/24 year.

Following discussion, the Joint Committee noted the report. Proposed by Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Kennedy.

Action: Noted

Item 12 - Consultation - Rethinking Our Resources: Measure for Climate Action and a Circular Economy in NI

Ms Boal referred to the draft response which had been circulated to Members and through a presentation highlighted some of the key points. It was noted that for questions where there was no consensus among the councils that arc21 was not intending to respond.

She noted that the consultation contains twenty-six proposals covering aspects such as core materials and capacities for household collections, and setting out proposals for collections from businesses.

She noted that the proposed response had been presented to Steering Group officers and any comments that had been received had been taken into account in the draft response as presented.

The Chair noted that Members were probably considering the content of this consultation already within their councils, if not their council's response had not already been submitted.

Councillor Enright inquired if there was a national strategy at the front of the supply chain. Mr Walker advised that there is a Waste Prevention Strategy at a national and local level. He noted that the introduction of Extended Producer Responsibility for packaging (EPR) is starting to put a pressure on those producers placing certain packaging materials onto the marketplace; the aim of the new policy and legislation is to encourage those responsible for

commissioning the various types of packaging to amend their practices by mandating them to pay for collection arrangements for the recycling of the materials generated by residents after use. Other countries (e.g. France) have extended EPR to other material streams, such as mattresses and food.

The proposed response to the collection of side waste at Christmas was raised by a Member and in response Ms Boal advised that there had been a consensus that this would be a retro grade step and also referred to potential health and safety issues regarding collection of such items.

It was recommended that the Joint Committee approve the response for submission by the deadline, which was agreed. Proposed by Councillor Enright, seconded by Councillor Kennedy.

Action: Agreed

Item 13 - Governance Report

Mr Walker presented a report with four items for consideration.

1. Corporate Plan 2024-28

The draft Corporate Plan for the four-year period from April 2024 to March 2028 was presented for consideration, prior to being issued to the councils for their information.

Mr Walker provided an overview of the proposed content and noted that it had been drafted against a time of significant change. He advised that arc21 is still focusing on its five key areas of service: advocacy, planning, procurement, contract management and outreach.

He noted that a draft Action Plan for the four-year period was appended to the Plan which is to be further developed with the senior management team.

2. Waste Management Plan Addendum

Mr Walker advised that he had hoped to be able to present final draft of the proposed Waste Management Plan Addendum to the meeting for consideration, however, following discussions between the council representatives, the consultants and DAERA officials last month, an issue had arisen regarding whether a consultation exercise should be undertaken. Previously, advice had been given to one of the non-arc21 councils but this has yet to be shared and consequently, further discussions have been held with DAERA and legal advice specific to arc21 has been sought in relation to the WMP addendum and next steps. This is in the process of being produced and it is anticipated that a further update will be available for the June meeting.

3. Conflicts of Interest Policy

Mr Walker noted that the Conflicts of Interest process was subject to internal audit this year (2023/24) and one of the resulting recommendations was that arc21 should create a corporate level policy to augment the two Codes of Conduct which currently exist for (i) Members and (ii) officers, and this should include written practical guidance such as the frequency of completion of forms, the mechanism for review, how to manage conflicts etc.

The result of this internal audit action was to produce a Conflicts of Interest Policy which was presented for consideration and approval.

It was recommended that the Joint Committee adopt this Policy.

4. CIWM Annual Conference - 20 June 2024

Mr Walker discussed this year's joint Recycle NI/Chartered Institution of Wastes Management (CIWM) conference which is scheduled on 20 June at the Europa Hotel, Belfast.

The full agenda for the conference was presented for information.

He also advised that this year the conference coincides with the CIWM Presidential Inauguration, which is also being held in Belfast, at which the arc21 Chief Executive will be inaugurated as the 108th president of the Institution.

Given the relevance of the conference to what arc21, it was proposed that the Joint Committee should approve the attendance of the Chair and Deputy Chair (or their nominees) to this conference, along with the Chief Executive (or his nominee).

It was recommended that the Joint Committee:

1. consider the Corporate Plan, provide any comment and, in the event that there are none, to approve the content and recommendations prior to release of the Plan to the constituent councils;
2. note the update in relation to the Waste Management Plan addendum;
3. approve the Conflicts of Interest Policy; and
4. approve the attendance of the Chair and Deputy Chair (or their nominees) to the CIWM (NI) Annual Conference on 20 June, along with the Chief Executive (or his nominee).

It was agreed to approve items 3 and 4, defer the approval of the Corporate Plan to next month's meeting, and to note the update on the WMP Addendum.

Mr Walker advised that as it is planned to commence the annual staff appraisal process in June in line with arc21's ISO procedures, he would propose that the draft Plan would be used in order for staff to be able to set their objectives for the year ahead, and it was agreed to progress using this approach.

Proposed by the Chair, seconded by Councillor Enright.

Action: Agreed

Item 14 - Annual Customer Survey

Ms Boal advised that in the past the return rate from the annual customer survey had been poor and this year it was suggested to present the survey in hard format to Members to complete either during or after the meeting. She noted that this approach been used with officers at the recent Steering Group meeting.

Members requested that the survey also be sent out in electronic format to all including those not present.

Action: Ms Boal

Item 15 - AOB

There was no further business discussed.

Item 16 - Next Meeting Thursday 27 June 2024 at 10.30am, in the Council Chamber, Island Civic Centre, Lagan Valley Island, Lisburn, hosted by Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council

Date: _____ **Chairman:** _____

Waste Collections by NI Councils

January to March 2024

Waste collected by NI Councils



Recycling



45.8%

Similar to 45.7% in
January to March 2023

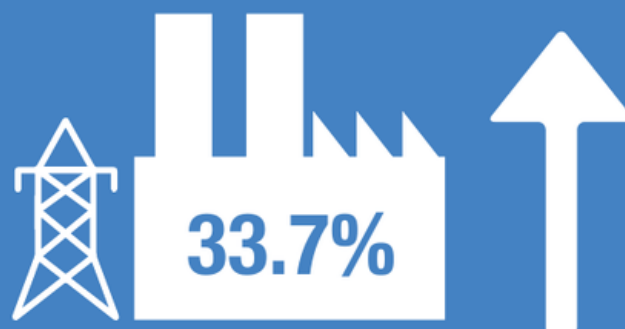
Recycling, energy recovery and landfill
rates of LAC municipal waste
January to March 2024
compared to January to March 2023.

Landfill



lower than 24.0% in
January to March 2023

Energy Recovery



higher than 28.4% in
January to March 2023

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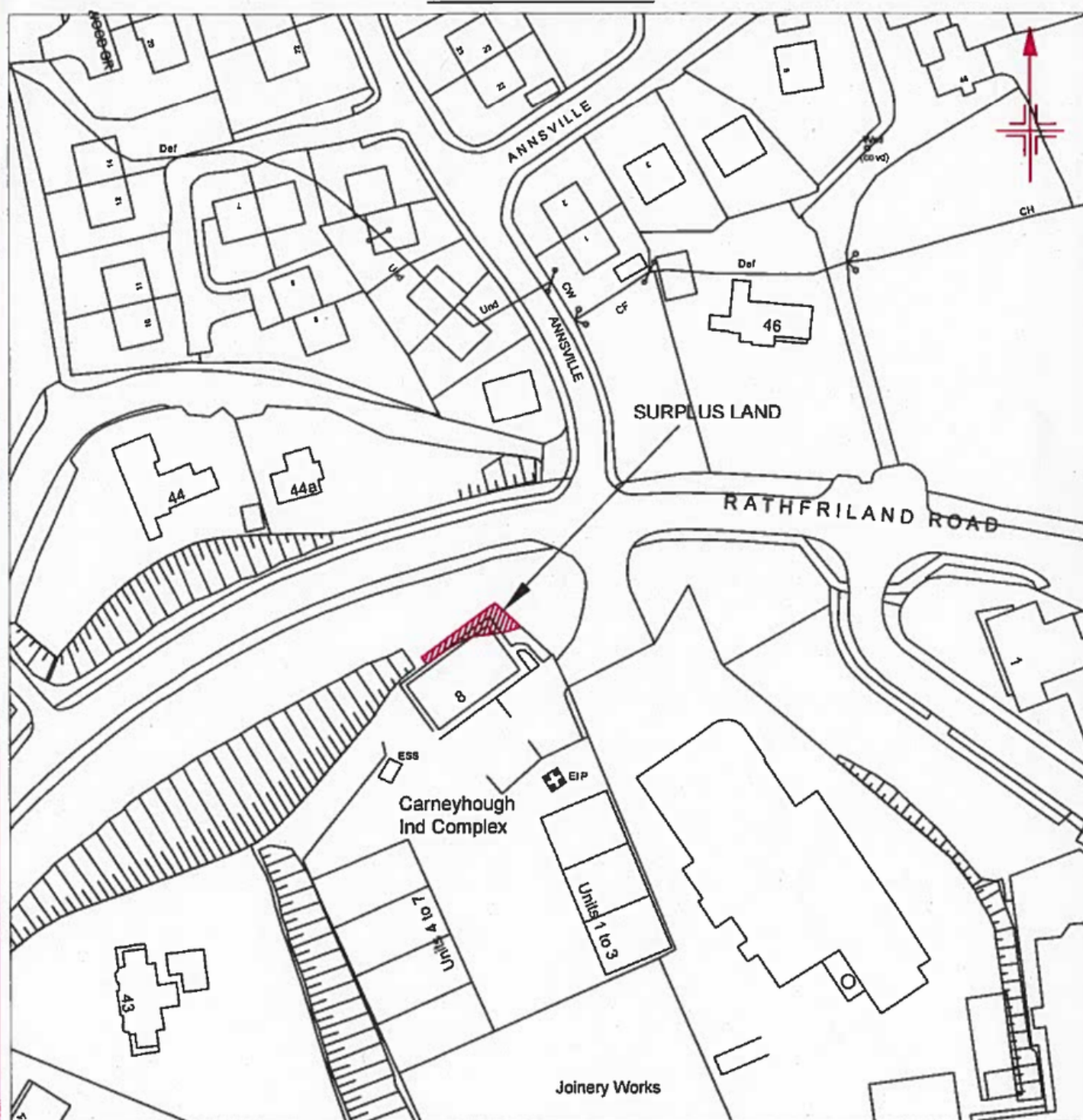
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SURPLUS LAND AT CARNEYHOUGH IND ESTATE,

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