

NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of Sustainability and Environment Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 22 February 2023 at 6.00pm in the Boardroom, District Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry and via MS Teams.

Chair: Councillor O Magennis (Chamber)

Members: Councillor T Andrews (Teams)
Councillor C Bowsie (Teams)
Councillor W Clarke (Teams)
Councillor D Curran (Teams)
Councillor A Finnegan (Teams)
Councillor D Murphy (Chamber)
Councillor K McKeivitt (Teams)
Councillor A McMurray (Chamber)
Councillor G Stokes (Teams)
Councillor M Ruane (Chamber)
Councillor D Taylor (Teams)
Councillor J Tinnelly (Teams)

Non Committee Members: Councillor H McKee (Teams)

Officials in Attendance: Mr A Cassells, Director Sustainability and Environment
Mr K Scullion, Assistant Director Facilities Management and Maintenance
Ms S Murphy, Acting Assistant Director Waste Management
Mr A Mallon, Head of Maintenance
Ms G Kane, Head of Facilities Management
Ms C McAteer, Democratic Services Officer
Ms L Dillon, Democratic Services Officer

SE/010/2023: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillor King and Councillor Malone.

SE/011/2023: DECLARATIONS OF "CONFLICTS OF INTEREST"

No declarations of conflicts of interest were made.

SE/012/2023: ACTION SHEET OF THE SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 25 JANUARY 2023

Read: Action Sheet of the Sustainability and Environment Committee Meeting held on 25 January 20223. ***(Circulated)***.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor McKeivitt, it was agreed the Action Sheet of the Sustainability and Environment Committee Meeting held on 25 January 2023 be noted and actions removed as marked.

FOR CONSIDERATION/DECISION

SE/013/2023: SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE CHARGES FOR 2023/2024

Read: Report dated 22 February 2023 from Mr A Cassells, Director re: Sustainability and Environment Directorate charges for 2023/24. *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Curran, seconded by Councillor Ruane, it was agreed to recommend adoption of the Sustainability & Environment Directorate charges as set out in Appendix 1 and 2 for the financial year 2023/24.

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE

SE/014/2023: CONTROL OF JAPANESE KNOTWEED ON LAND AT MOURNE DRIVE WARRENPOINT

Read: Report dated 22 February 2023 from Kevin Scullin Assistant Director, Facilities Management and Maintenance, re: control of Japanese knotweed at Carnmeen Park/Rossmara Park, Mourne Drive, Warrenpoint. *(Circulated)*.

Noted: In response to concerns raised by Members in relation to the ongoing growth of Japanese knotweed in this area over a number of years, Mr Scullion advised that if Committee approved the recommendations in the report, the Council would continue to treat this area and would also continue to monitor it.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Tinnelly, seconded by Councillor McKeivitt, it was agreed in the interests of public health and whist there was no agreement on the treatment of Japanese knotweed on this land, that Council continue to spray for the control of this invasive species on an annual basis. Council to advise adjacent landowners of the current position including advice from DAERA in relation to their own legal civil remedy.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

SE/015/2023: COMMUNITY PAINT REUSE PROJECT AND FUNDING

Read: Report dated 22 February 2023 from Sinead Murphy, (Acting) Assistant Director, Waste Management, re: community paint reuse project and funding. *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Clarke, it was agreed to recommend approval for Officers to submit an application to the Paint Reuse Capital Grant Scheme for Northern Ireland, funding by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs through Community RePaint to set up a Council RePaint Scheme at HRC sites in the District.

EXEMPT INFORMATION ITEMS

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 Murphy, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on items 05-10 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 Curran, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

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

SE/016/2023: ECONOMIC APPRAISAL FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A METAL FABRICATION AND REPAIR CONTRACTOR

Read: Report dated 25 January 2023 from Mr K Scullion re: economic appraisal for the appointment of a metal fabrication and repair contractor. *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Stokes, seconded by Councillor Murphy, it was agreed to note the content of the report and associated Economic Appraisal and 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/017/2023: BUSINESS CASES FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND MONITORING OF COUNCIL PUBLIC SPACE CCTV

Read: Report dated 22 February 2023 from Mr K Scullion re: Business Cases for maintenance and monitoring of Council Public Space CCTV. *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Stokes, seconded by Councillor Andrews, it was agreed to:-

- **Note the content of the report.**
- **Approve the findings of the Business Cases presented.**

Business Case for Town Centre CCTV Analogue Fiberoptic lines to link Camera system to Monitoring Centre – Approve Option 1 - Continue with analogue line rental with the current provider pending outcome of review of Public Space CCTV for 12-month period under an STA.

Business Case for Town Centre CCTV Monitoring – Approve Option 1 - Continue with annual monitoring contract with the current provider for 21 town centre Public Space CCTV cameras for 12-month period under an STA.

Committee to note that both contracts will be awarded via the use of a STA.

SE/018/2023: BUSINESS CASE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A CONTRACTOR TO UNDERTAKE LEGIONELLA CONTROL MEASURES ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL

Read: Report dated 22 February 2023 from Mr K Scullion re: Business Case for the appointment of a contractor to undertake legionella control measures on behalf of the Council. *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Stokes, seconded by Councillor Magennis, it was agreed to:-

- **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.

SE/019/2023: BUSINESS CASE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A CONTRACTOR TO UNDERTAKE ASBESTOS CONTROL MEASURES ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL

Read: Report dated 22 February 2023 from Mr K Scullion re: Business Case for the appointment of a contractor to undertake asbestos control measures on behalf of the Council. *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Stokes, seconded by Councillor McKevitt , it was agreed to:-

- **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.**

SE/020/2023: WASTE CONTRACT EXTENSIONS

Read: Report dated 22 February 2023 from Ms S Murphy re: Waste Management – contract extensions. *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Stokes, seconded by Councillor McKevitt, it was agreed to approve:-

- **The extension of waste collection and processing contracts listed in Appendix 1 in line with the extension end date in the table.**
- **The extension of dog holding, kennelling and related services contracts listed in Appendix 2 in line with the extension end date in the table and rate increases in line with CPI .**

SE/021/2023: WASTE MANAGEMENT – FLEET REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME

Read: Report dated 22 February 2023 from Ms S Murphy re: Waste Management – Fleet Replacement. *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Curran, it was agreed to:-

- **Approve the four year Capital Replacement Programme for Vehicles for the period 2023-2027 as outlined in the Officers Report.**

- **Approve the receipt of annual reports on the Fleet Replacement Programme to Committee.**
- **Note the approach in relation to the Fleet Replacement Metrics as detailed in the report.**

SE/022/2023: ARC21 JOINT COMMITTEE MEMBERS' MONTHLY BULLETIN – 26 JANUARY 2023

Read: Arc21 Joint Committee Members' Monthly Bulletin held on 26 January 2023. *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Stokes, seconded by Councillor Murphy, it was agreed to note the above Bulletin.

SE/023/2023: MINUTES OF ARC 21 SPECIAL 'IN COMMITTEE' JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING – 6 DECEMBER 2022

Read: Minutes of Arc 21 'In Committee' Joint Committee Meeting held on 6 December 2022. *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Stokes, seconded by Councillor Murphy, it was agreed to note the above Minutes.

FOR NOTING

SE/024/2023: NORTHERN IRELAND LOCAL AUTHORITY COLLECTED MUNICIPAL WASTE MANAGEMENT STATISTICS FOR JULY - SEPTEMBER 2022

Read: Northern Ireland Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste Management Statistics Quarterly Provisional Estimates for July to September 2022. *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Bowsie, seconded by Councillor Ruane, it was agreed to note the above Report.

SE/025/2023: ARC21 JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – TUESDAY 6 DECEMBER 2022

Read: Arc21 Joint Committee Meeting Minutes of Tuesday 6 December 2022. *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Bowsie, seconded by Councillor Ruane, it was agreed to note the above Minutes.

SE/026/2023: HISTORIC ACTIONS TRACKING SHEET

Read: Historic Actions Tracking Sheet (*Circulated*).

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Bowsie, seconded by Councillor Ruane, it was agreed the Historic Actions Tracking Sheet of the Sustainability and Environment Committee Meetings be noted and actions removed as marked.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 7.10 pm.

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 6 March 2023.

Signed: Councillor O Magennis
Chairperson of Sustainability & Environment Committee

Signed: Mr A Cassells
Director of Sustainability & Environment