

NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of Sustainability and Environment Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 25 January 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 D Curran (Teams)
Councillor A Finnegan (Teams)
Councillor C King (Teams)
Councillor G Malone (Teams)
Councillor D Murphy (Chamber)
Councillor K McKeivitt (Teams)
Councillor A McMurray (Chamber)
Councillor G Stokes (Teams)
Councillor M Ruane (Teams)
Councillor D Taylor (Teams)
Councillor J Tinnelly (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/001/2023: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

No apologies were received.

SE/002/2023: DECLARATIONS OF "CONFLICTS OF INTEREST"

No declarations of conflicts of interest were made.

SE/003/2023: ACTION SHEET OF THE SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 20 DECEMBER 2022

Read: Action Sheet of the Sustainability and Environment Committee Meeting held on 20 December 2022. *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Curran, it was agreed the Action Sheet of the**

Sustainability and Environment Committee Meeting held on 20 December 2022 be noted and actions removed as marked.

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE

SE/004/2023: SOCIAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP OFFER FOR PLANTING OF TREES ON COUNCIL LAND

Read: Report dated 25 January 2023 from Kevin Scullin Assistant Director, Facilities Management and Maintenance, re: update on social enterprise partnership offer for planting trees on Council land. *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor McMurray, seconded by Councillor Magennis, it was agreed to note the contents of the report and accept the recommendation that existing Council policy and procedures for addressing requests to plant trees on Council property are adequate without the need to form a partnership with a not-for-profit organisation as per recommendation approved by Council in November 2021.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

SE/005/2023: PROPOSED MOBILE PHONE INSTALLATION AT DOWNPATRICK HRC SITE

Read: Report dated 25 January 2023 from Sinead Murphy, (Acting) Assistant Director, Waste Management, re: proposed mobile phone installation at Downpatrick HRC site. *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Curran, seconded by Councillor Murphy, it was agreed to note the contents and agree to:-

- **Cornerstone progressing with their proposal to install mobile phone infrastructure at Downpatrick HRC site to replace a nearby site to provide continuation of service in the immediate area for both 02 and Vodafone, subject to them obtaining all necessary statutory consents.**
- **That the matter of any lease, wayleave or other legal agreement be properly referred to the Strategy Policy and Resources Committee.**

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 Finnegan, 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 McMurray, seconded by Councillor McKeivitt, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

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

SE/006/2023: ECONOMIC APPRAISAL FOR PROVISION OF CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS AND AD HOC CELEBRATORY LIGHTING

Read: Report dated 25 January 2023 from Mr K Scullion re: economic appraisal for the provision of Christmas illuminations and ad hoc celebratory lighting. (*Circulated*).

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Stokes, seconded by Councillor Tinnelly, it was agreed to note the content of the report and approve the recommendation from the Economic Appraisal that Option 3 was the preferred option. Option 3 would see the Council enter into contract with a provider of Christmas and ad hoc illuminations for a five-year period. The contract would include both use of the Council's own illuminations and where appropriate and agreed by Council the hire of illuminations.

SE/007/2023: WOOD WASTE PROCESSING CONTRACT – CONTRACT UPLIFT

Read: Report dated 25 January 2023 from Ms S Murphy re: Wood Waste Processing Contract – Contract Uplift. (*Circulated*).

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Magennis, seconded by Councillor Murphy, it was agreed to note the content of the report.

SE/008/2023: OPTIONS CONSIDERED UNDER OUTLINE BUSINESS CASE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COUNCIL'S PUBLIC TOILET STRATEGY

Read: Report dated 25 January 2023 from Mr K Scullion re: options considered under outline business case for the implementation of the Council's Public Toilet Strategy. (*Circulated*).

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Murphy, it was agreed to note the content of the report

FOR NOTING

SE/009/2023: 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 6.40 pm

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

**Signed: Councillor O Magennis
Chairperson of Sustainability & Environment Committee**

**Signed: Mr A Cassells
Director of Sustainability & Environment**