

CASTLEREAGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the Technical & Environmental Services Committee Meeting, held, in committee, in the Committee Room, Civic & Administrative Offices, Bradford Court, Upper Galwally, Castlereagh, BT8 6RB on Tuesday 6 September 2005 at 7.30 p.m.

ALDERMEN: J Norris (In Chair)

COUNCILLORS: M Chambers
D Drysdale
S Duncan
B Hanvey
M Henderson
J Spratt

APOLOGIES: Apologies were recorded on behalf of Alderman G Rice and Councillors A M Beattie, J Beattie, T Jeffers and A Ramsey.

IN ATTENDANCE: Director of Technical & Environmental Services, Building Control Manager, Environmental Health Manager, Client Manager, and Assistant Members' Services Officer.

MATTERS ARISING

T&ESC/2005/238 : MINUTES OF TECHNICAL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING OF 7 JUNE 2005

Councillor Drysdale queried if representatives from the Bowling fraternity would be attending tonight's meeting.

Officers stated that this matter was being dealt with by the Operations Manager. This Officer was currently on sick leave. The matter, however, would be raised with Operational Services.

RESOLVED: - Members requested that representatives from the Bowling fraternity be invited to attend the October meeting of the Committee.

T&ES/2005/239 : PRESENTATION BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE PARENTS' PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE, CARRYDUFF

The Client Manager advised Members that representatives from the above Committee wished to make a short presentation to Members to highlight the need for playground facilities in Carryduff for children of pre-school and school age.

He reported that there were currently two playgrounds in Carryduff. Edgar Avenue, which was suitable for younger children and the playground at Lough Moss, which had become very badly dilapidated due to vandalism.

The Officer continued that it was his understanding that it would be the Council's intention to move the playground nearer to the Lough Moss facility, and added that this was subject to the satisfactory resolution of a query over a vesting order.

The Client Manager referred to the site visit, which had taken place the previous week.

Several Members commented that they were not aware that this site visit had been reconvened.

The Assistant Members' Services Officer confirmed that correspondence had been reissued to all Technical & Environmental Services Members.

Several Members stated that the redevelopment of the Lough Moss Centre had been discussed at the Finance & Leisure Services Committee and sought clarification as to which committee would actually be responsible for any proposed new playground at Lough Moss.

The Chairman welcomed Mrs Loughran and Mrs McCaughey to the meeting.

Mrs Loughran advised that the Parent Playground Committee had carried out significant research into the need for play facilities in Carryduff, she circulated for Members' information a copy of the evidence gathered.

The representatives highlighted that there were no play facilities in the area that could facilitate over six children and referred Members to pictures that proved that the existing play park, at Lough Moss, was very limited and unsuitable for use by children of all ages.

Members thanked the representatives for their informative presentation, welcoming the amount of detailed research that had been undertaken.

Councillor Henderson advised that Councillors from the Castlereagh South area did continue to seek play facilities for Carryduff but stressed that it was difficult to keep pleading a case when the existing facilities had been so badly vandalised. He also advised that there was currently no provision in this year's estimate for any new facilities.

The representatives concurred but stated that they hoped any new facility would be placed nearer to the Lough Moss complex, and added that parents and children of the area were so keen to get new facilities, that they hoped they would take ownership of any such a facility.

At this stage in proceedings the representatives from Carryduff Playground Committee left the meeting.

Members discussed the presentation and whilst they agreed that there was a need for new play facilities in Carryduff they felt it was important to determine whether the Leisure & Finance or Technical & Environmental Services Committee would address this.

Councillor Duncan asked that it be placed on record that she wished for refurbishment works at Belvoir Playground also to be included in next year's estimates.

Councillor Spratt proposed that financial provision for play facilities in Carryduff be included in the estimates for 2006/2007.

Councillor Henderson seconded this proposal.

It was therefore

RESOLVED: - Members recommended to Council

- (a) that Officers determine which Committee would take responsibility for any new play facility at the Lough Moss Centre, Carryduff;
- (b) that financial provision for play facilities in Carryduff be included in the estimates for 2006/2007;

REPORT FROM BUILDING CONTROL MANAGER

T&ESC/2005/240 : SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS

The Building Control Manager outlined the schedule of applications approved by the Building Control Service for the period of 1/05/2005 to 31/07/2005 for Members information.

Noted.

T&ESC/2005/241 : REPORTS ON APPLICATIONS, INSPECTIONS AND SOLICITORS ENQUIRIES

Noted.

T&ESC/2005/242 : BUILDING REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2000 – CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PART E: FIRE SAFETY AND TECHNICAL BOOKLET E.

The Building Control Manager advised that the above consultation had now been completed and reported that these amendments (to Part E) would become operational on the 3rd October 2005.

Noted.

T&ESC/2005/243 : BUILDING REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2000 – CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PART L: COMBUSTION APPLIANCES AND FUEL STORAGE SYSTEMS AND TECHNICAL BOOKLET L.

The Building Control Manager advised that the Council's Consultation Response had been forwarded to the Department for their consideration.

The anticipated implementation date would be February 2006.

Noted.

T&ESC/2005/244 : BUILDING REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2000 – CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PART F: CONSERVATION OF FUEL AND POWER AND TECHNICAL BOOKLET F.

The Building Control Manager advised that the Council's Consultation Response had been forwarded to the Department for their consideration.

The anticipated implementation date would be April 2006.

Noted.

T&ESC/2005/245 : BUILDING REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2000 – CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PART R: ACCESS AND FACILITIES FOR DISABLED PEOPLE AND TECHNICAL BOOKLET R.

The Building Control Manager advised that the Council's Consultation Response had been forwarded to the Department for their consideration.

The anticipated implementation date would be February 2006.

Noted.

T&ESC/2005/246 : REVIEW OF THE BUILDING REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1979 (AS AMMEDED 1990) – SECOND STAGE CONSULATION.

The Building Control Manager advised that the Council had been invited to respond to the Department's proposals for new legislation to replace the Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) Order 1979.

For Members' information he summarised the key proposed amendments and reported that the Department required the Council's response to this consultation by the 4 November 2005.

Noted.

REPORT FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH MANAGER

T&ESC/2005/247 : PUBLIC HEALTH (IRELAND) ACTS 1878 TO 1907 – STATUTORY NOTICES

The Environmental Health Manager detailed that Statutory Notices had been served regarding the abatement of Public Health nuisances/conditions prejudicial to health.

Noted.

T&ESC/2005/248 : MR BOGGS - CHARGE ON PROPERTY

The Environmental Health Manager advised that on 2 December 2004 correspondence was forwarded to Russells Solicitors with reference to securing an amount of £3,804.32 for the works carried out to 29 South Sperrin, Tullycarnet in order to make the property comply with the Court Order.

Russells Solicitors had confirmed that the above balance was still outstanding. To recover the outstanding money a Court Order would be made against Mr Boggs, this would cost £377.37 plus £42.00 costs. Should Mr Boggs still refuse to pay Russells Solicitors would need to go through the Judge's Office to put a charge against the property, costing £460.00 plus £60.00 costs.

The Environmental Health Manager stated that on each occasion Russells would seek to recover the additional expenditure and request that it be added to the outstanding balance, therefore, there should be no additional cost to the Council. The Officer stressed, however, that this could not be guaranteed and to claim the outstanding money back may end up costing the Council an additional £939.73.

Members stated that they felt this was now a matter of principle.

Councillor Spratt proposed that the Environmental Health Manager proceed to recover the outstanding costs as detailed above.

This proposal was seconded by Councillor Henderson.

RESOLVED: - Members (unanimously) recommended that the Environmental Health Manager proceed to recover the outstanding costs from Mr Boggs, which could cost the Council an additional £939.73.

T&ESC/2005/249 : FOOD SERVICE PLAN

The Environmental Health Manager drew Members' attention to a copy of the Food Service Plan for the Environmental Health Service. She reported that

this Plan reviewed the performance of the food control function over the year 2004/2005 and also presents the proposed service delivery for 2005/2006.

Councillor Spratt congratulated the Environmental Health Service staff on the way the above report had been presented.

RESOLVED: That the Council approve the Food Service Plan for the Environmental Health Service as outlined by the Environmental Health Manager.

T&ESC/2005/250 : BUSINESS PLAN

The Environmental Health Manager drew Members' attention to a copy of the Environmental Health Business Plan. She reported that this Plan detailed the proposed service delivery standard for the core functions within the Environmental Health Service.

The Officer added that the Plan also reviewed performance over the year 2004/2005 and the Officer added that this plan would form the basis of the 2006/2007 estimates.

RESOLVED: That the Council approve the Environmental Health Business Plan as outlined by the Environmental Health Manager.

T&ESC/2005/251 : CHIMNEY HEIGHT APPROVAL

The Environmental Health Manager advised that an application had been received for the approval of a chimney height to serve a heating plant.

RESOLVED: Members recommended that the proposal be accepted as satisfying the criteria of the Memorandum on Chimney Heights, at the NIE Control Centre, Castlereagh House, 12 Manse Road, Castlereagh, BT6 9RT.

T&ESC/2005/252 : NOISE COMPLAINT STATISTICS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND 2004/2005

The Environmental Health Manager advised Members that she was in receipt of the 2004/2005 Noise Complaint Statistics Report. She stated that a copy of the report was available in the Environmental Health Service should Members wish to peruse a copy. Alternatively, the report could be viewed at www.ehsni.gov.uk.

Noted.

T&ESC/2005/253 : WATER POLLUTION INCIDENT AND PROSECUTION STATISTICS REPORT 2003

The Environmental Health Manager advised Members that she was in receipt of the above detailed report. She stated that a copy of the report was

available in the Environmental Health Service should Members wish to peruse a copy. Alternatively, the report could also be viewed at www.ehsni.gov.uk.

Noted.

T&ESC/2005/254 : PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON PROPOSALS FOR TRANSPORTATION AND IMPLEMENTATION IN NORTHERN IRELAND OF DIRECTIVE 2002/49/EC ON THE ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL NOISE (“THE ENVIRONMENTAL NOISE DIRECTIVE”) (END).

The Environmental Health Manager advised that the aim of the END was to define a common approach across the EU with the intention of avoiding, preventing or reducing on a prioritised basis the harmful effects, including annoyance, due to exposure to environmental noise.

The Officer detailed for Members the areas that the consultation document sought comments on.

She then referred Members’ to comments prepared in association with the Chief Environmental Health Officers Group, along with proposed answers to the specific questions in the consultation document.

RESOLVED: - Members recommended that the comments prepared in association with the Chief Environmental Health Officers Group be submitted to the Department. It was further recommended that these comments be sent to the Environment and Heritage Service as soon as possible to try and adhere to the past deadline of 5 September 2005.

T&ESC/2005/255 : USE OF FORMAL CAUTIONS

The Environmental Health Manager advised that as some Members might recall, the Council adopted to subscribe to the terms of the Enforcement Concordat in September 2000 (Minute ref: TSC/2000/340 refers). She stated that in essence the Enforcement Concordat supports a staged approach to enforcement whereby each case is assessed on its merits and consideration given to the most appropriate form of action to be pursued.

The Officer outlined that where a clear contravention of legislation had taken place usually the facts surrounding the offence were reported to Council via Committee with a clear recommendation. If the committee resolve to instigate legal proceedings, then the matter is ratified by Council and legal action is instigated.

Often whilst offences are committed, it is not appropriate to instigate formal legal action. For example, in terms of dealing with minors, the Court takes a dim view of subjecting minors to the formal judicial system and would support the use of alternative formal action.

Home Office Circular 14/1985 provides officers with guidance on the cautioning of juvenile and adult offenders. Cautioning is recognised as an increasingly important way of keeping offenders out of Court and in many circumstances, reducing the risk that they will re-offend.

The Officer referred Members to a copy of the Home Office Guidance and National Standards on the use of Formal Cautions
The Environmental Health Manager advised Members that she had been issuing Formal Cautions in accordance with the Home Office Circular and prior to her taking up post, the former Director of Environmental Health also issued them.

The Officer stated that she had recently carried out a minute search and could not find a minute approving and accepting the Home Office Guidance on such. Therefore, she wished Members to note the provisions in the Home Office Circular with regard to the issue of Formal Cautions. She also asked Members to note that the provision for issue of a Formal Caution compliments any enforcement policy already in existence.

RESOLVED: - Members recommended that Council endorse the provisions in the Home Office Circular on the issue of Formal Cautions by the Environmental Health Manager and accept that these be offered for offences where appropriate to do so. It is further recommended that where an offender declines to accept the Formal Caution that a report then be brought to Committee with a recommendation to instigate legal proceedings.

T&ESC/2005/256 : POISONS (NI) ORDER 1976 - REGISTRATION OF PREMISES

The Environmental Health Manager advised that applications had been received from the following premises for registration in 2005:

- Carroll's Glass and Timber Co, 22-24 Comber Road, Dundonald, BT16 2AB;
- Cyril Johnston & Co Ltd, 127 Ballynahinch Road, Carryduff, BT8 8DT;
- Hillmount Nursery Centre, 56-58 Upper Braniel Road, Gilnahirk, BT5 7TX.

RESOLVED: - Members recommended that the above premises be registered for the selling of poisons, as required under the Poisons (NI) Order 1976.

T&ESC/2005/257 : THE BETTING, GAMING, LOTTERIES AND AMUSEMENTS (NI) ORDER 1985 AMUSEMENT PERMIT (ADDITIONAL GROUNDS FOR REFUSAL) REGULATIONS (NI) 1993 THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) (NI) ORDER 1985 - *Policy for the Placing Of Public Notices*

The Environmental Health Manager advised that when applying for the Grant (or Provisional Grant) of an amusement permit the applicant was required to give public notice of the application by publishing an advertisement in such

newspapers circulating in the district of the Council as the Council may require.

The Officer stated that this was similar to the process required for the grant of an entertainments licence except that a public notice is also required for the renewal, transfer or variation of an entertainments licence, while this is not the case for an amusement permit. Under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (NI) Order 1985 the requirement on the applicant to place a public notice does not apply to the grant of an occasional entertainments licence in respect of an educational institution or a church hall, chapel hall or other similar building occupied in connection with a place of public religious worship. It does however apply to premises in these categories when applying for a full annual licence.

The purpose of the public notice under both the gaming legislation and the entertainment licensing legislation is to allow representations in relation to the application to be made to the Council within a specified time period i.e. not later than 28 days after the date of application.

The Environmental Health Manager stated that in order to ensure that any public notices required, reached the widest possible cross-section of persons likely to be affected by the proposed licence or granting of a permit to any premises, she would ask that Members formally agree the newspaper or papers which they would require all public notices with respect to the above two pieces of legislation, to be advertised in.

She drew to Members' attention that when deciding upon this policy for the placing of public notices, the same conditions would be applicable to all applicants including church or voluntary organisations with annual entertainment licences and occasional licences for charitable events etc as it is a requirement of the legislation that such events are advertised. This would have a distinct cost implication for the premises involved.

Detailed discussion ensued, following which Councillor Henderson proposed that public notices should now be placed in the Belfast Telegraph.

This proposal was seconded by Councillor Spratt and it was

RESOLVED: - Members recommended that the Belfast Telegraph be the Council's nominated paper in which public notices required under The Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (NI) Order 1985 and Article 3 of The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (NI) Order 1985 are to be placed

T&ESC/2005/258 : THE BETTING, GAMING, LOTTERIES AND AMUSEMENTS (NI) ORDER 1985 - LEGAL OPINION RE: PREMISES AT 1 CHURCH ROAD, DUNDONALD

The Environmental Health Manager advised that as requested a legal opinion had been sought in respect of attaching a condition to the Permit in respect of 1 Church Road, Dundonald.

She referred Members to a copy of the legal opinion, which had been attached to her report and in particular drew Members' attention to the concluding paragraphs, where in summary, the Council was recommended to declare the grant final without further delay.

Members highlighted their concern and overall objection to the grant of this licence but felt there was legally no alternative other than to proceed, in light of the legal opinion received.

RESOLVED: - Members recommended that Council accept the content of the legal opinion and that the provisional grant of the Permit is declared final. To expedite this matter it is further recommended that this recommendation be ratified at the Special Council Meeting on 8 September 2005.

T&ESC/2005/259 : PETROLEUM CONSOLIDATION ACT (NI) 1929 - LICENCE RENEWAL

The Environmental Health Manager advised that as required by the above legislation, applications had been received for the renewal of a licence to store petroleum at premises, as outlined in her report.

She confirmed that inspections were being carried out to ensure that the premises complied with the requirements of the Act and the Council's Petroleum Licence Terms and Conditions.

RESOLVED: - Members recommended that the licences as outlined in the Environmental Health Manager's report be renewed subject to receipt of all necessary documentation and compliance with the Terms and Conditions of the Petroleum Licence.

T&ESC/2005/260 : TRANSFER OF PETROLEUM LICENCES

The Environmental Health Manager advised that applications to transfer the petroleum licences from the existing licensee to the proposed transferee had been received with regard to the sites as detailed below:

PREMISES

EXISTING LICENSEE

PROPOSED NEW LICENSEE

*Carryduff Service Station
629 Saintfield Road
Carryduff*

Mr Derek McGivern

*Maxol Oil Limited
3 Custom House
Plaza
IFSC
Dublin 1*

EFFECTIVE DATE OF TRANSFER – 14/06/05

PREMISES	EXISTING LICENSEE	PROPOSED NEW LICENSEE
<i>Cherryvalley Service Stn 46 Gilnahirk Road Gilnahirk</i>	<i>Mr Ian Magowan</i>	<i>Maxol Oil Limited 3 Custom House Plaza IFSC Dublin 1</i>

EFFECTIVE DATE OF TRANSFER – 14/06/05

RESOLVED: - Members recommend the transfer of the above two petroleum licences to the proposed new licensees.

T&ESC/2005/261 : THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) (NI) ORDER 1985 ARTICLE 3 – LICENSING OF PLACES OF ENTERTAINMENT - RENEWAL OF LICENCE

The Environmental Health Manager outlined applications for the renewal of entertainment licences, which had been received for premises detailed in the report, and explained that the necessary inspections were being carried out.

RESOLVED: - That the Council authorise that the licences, detailed in the Environmental Health Manager's report, be renewed, subject to receipt of all necessary documentation and compliance with the Council's Terms and Conditions of Licence.

T&ESC/2005/262 : STREET TRADING ACT (NI) 2001- RENEWAL OF STREET TRADING LICENCE

The Environmental Health Manager reported that the trader had paid the required licence fee and provided proof of public liability insurance cover as required by the Licence Conditions. The PSNI had been consulted with respect to the applicant's trading activities and they had no objection to the renewal of this licence.

It was therefore

RESOLVED: - That the Council be recommended to approve the renewal of the street trading licences, as detailed in the Officer's report.

T&ESC/2005/263 : THE DOGS (NI) ORDER 1983 - DOG ATTACK (CRF3897) LIVESTOCK WORRYING AND ATTACK ON A PERSON

The Environmental Health Manager reported that on Saturday 4 June 2005 at approximately 7.20 a.m. two Rottweiler type dogs were straying in a field where cattle were present and were chasing and worrying the livestock. As a result of being chased by the dogs one of the cattle, a Charolais bullock,

sustained injuries to its right hind limb and had a swollen hock joint and was lame. A veterinary surgeon who examined the animal reported that these injuries were caused when the bullock, along with other cattle, were chased through a number of barbed wired fences by the dogs.

A man, who was looking after the cattle for his brother-in-law while he was on holiday, was also threatened by attack from the two Rottweiler dogs while he was trying to search for one lost animal following the livestock worrying incident. The dogs were identified as belonging to a man from the Lisnabreeny area who has admitted that the dogs were straying in the field at the time of the incident.

RESOLVED: - Members recommended the instigation of legal proceedings in relation to the livestock worrying and the threatened attack on the man and that a destruction order be sought on the dogs involved.

T&ESC/2005/264 : DOG ATTACK (CRF3944) - DOG ATTACK ON POSTMAN IN THE CREGAGH AREA.

The Environmental Health Manager reported that on Thursday 21 July 2005 a postman was carrying out his postal deliveries in the Cregagh area when two dogs ran off a property near to where he was delivering. The dogs had ran out of the property as members of the household had arrived back home in their car but instead of going to the male householder they ran towards the postman barking and growling. One of the two dogs, a black dog, then attacked and bit the postman causing him an injury, this required hospital treatment and necessitated him being unable to work for a period due to the injury received.

The Officer asked Members to consider whether they felt it was appropriate to seek a destruction order on the dog.

Following detailed consideration, Members felt it was important that the Council was consistent in their approach to these matters.

The Environmental Health Manager confirmed that ultimately the Judge would take the final decision.

RESOLVED: - Members recommended the instigation of legal proceedings in relation to the attack on the postman and that a destruction order be sought on the dog involved.

T&ESC/2005/265 : DOG LICENCE TAGS FOR YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY 2006

RESOLVED: - Members recommend the purchase of dog licence tags for the year 2006 from Sperrin Metal Ltd at a price of 29p per tag plus VAT (a total price of £1290.50 plus VAT).

T&ESC/2005/266 : STAFF ISSUES - ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH – MAKING THE DIFFERENCE CONFERENCE 15-16 NOVEMBER 2005. RADISSON ROE HOTEL, LIMA VADY

The Environmental Health Manager advised that the above conference was aimed at profiling the profession in partnership with the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health.

Councillor Henderson reported that he had attended this conference in the past and felt it was very informative, he proposed that a cross party representation should attend.

Councillor Drysdale seconded this proposal.

It was therefore

RESOLVED: - Members recommended that the Environmental Health Manager and Alderman Norris and Councillors Henderson and Hanvey attend the Making the Difference Conference, on the 15-16 November 2005, at the Radisson Roe Hotel, Limavady at a cost of £195.00. With Members to confirm with Members' Services their availability prior to booking.

T&ESC/2005/267 : STAFF TRAINING – COURSE – “PREPARING FOR COURT”

The Environmental Health Manager advised that a course was held on 22 August 2005, this was aimed at preparing Officers who may be required to attend court.

She reported that two Officers from the Environmental Health Service attended the course and sought retrospective approval of their attendance, she confirmed that the total cost for the course could be met out of the necessary budget.

RESOLVED: - Members granted retrospective approval for the attendance of two Officers from the Environmental Health Service at the “Preparing for Court” course, at a total cost of £290.00.

T&ESC/2005/268 : STAFF TRAINING – BTEC PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE IN PETROLEUM REGULATIONS

The Environmental Health Manager advised that the Professional Certificate or Part 3 of the Professional Diploma in Petroleum Regulations was a qualification in its own right and had been developed to address the issue of Enforcement Officer competence. She stated that the course provided a means of consistency of approach to both the training of Petroleum Officers and the application of enforcement procedures. Developed by former senior petroleum officers, the Professional Diploma was the first national qualification for petroleum officers. The syllabus was recently revised to reflect the changes in petroleum regulations resulting from the introduction of the Dangerous Substances and Explosive Atmospheres Regulations (DSEAR).

The Officer detailed that candidates study for the level 4 qualifications by means of open learning guided by the study notes and were supported by a telephone/e-mail helpline, together with a “Student Update” facility on the ‘News Page’ of the company (Fire Risks Management Ltd) website. The Professional Certificate entails approximately 180 hours of study time undertaken by the student at home. Total course fees and registration costs were £415.75 plus VAT, plus £10.00 post and packing.

RESOLVED: - Members recommended that permission be granted for Mr John Irvine, Enforcement Officer, to undertake a BTEC Professional Certificate in Petroleum Regulations at a cost of £415.75 plus VAT, plus £10.00 post and packing.

T&ESC/2005/269 : STAFF TRAINING – GENERAL PRODUCT SAFETY REGULATIONS 2005

The Environmental Health Manager advised that the above Regulations came into effect on 1 October 2005. As a result, a one-day training course was being held at La Mon to update Officers on the main implications of the Regulations.

RESOLVED: - Members recommended that two Officers from the Environmental Health Service attend the training course on General Product Safety Regulations 2005, to be held at La Mon Hotel, on 22 November 2005, at a cost of £60.00 per Officer.

T&ESC/2005/270 : STAFFING MATTERS – MATERNITY LEAVE

The Environmental Health Manager advised Members that a Member of the administration staff had commenced Statutory Maternity Leave. She reported that arrangements had been made to provide the necessary cover for the duration of the leave and as a result there was likely to be a small overspend in salaries by the end of the financial year.

Noted.

REPORT FROM OPERATIONAL SERVICES MANAGER

The Client Manager presented this report in the absence of the Operational Services Manager.

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services updated the Committee that the Operational Services Manager, Mr Michael Lipsett, was currently on sick leave. He reported that he had been on sick leave since Friday 12 August 2005, and added that this was obviously placing additional duties and responsibilities on other staff Members.

Members requested that the Committee’s best wishes for a speedy recovery be conveyed to Mr Lipsett.

Noted.

T&ESC/2005/271 : QUOTATIONS FOR THE SUPPLY OF SPRING BEDDING

Members were advised that quotations for the supply of spring bedding had been received, as follows:

Pentland Plants Loanhead Midlothian EH20 9QG	Quantil Ltd Cranes Lane Ormskirk Lancashire
Polyanthus: £2,516.85 +VAT Other: £1,436.25 +VAT	Polyanthus: £3,195.00 +VAT Other: £1,377.12 +VAT
H Geddis 71 Banbridge Road Waringstown BT66 7RG	Hanna's Nursery 16 Hanna's Road Larne Co Antrim
Polyanthus: £2,485.00 +VAT Other: £1,271.82 +VAT	Polyanthus: £2,471.00 +VAT Other: £1,292.00 +VAT

The Officer continued that, as agreed, by Council (Minute TSC/2004/247 refers) trials had been taking place. It was reported that at this preliminary stage of the trials that the polyanthus plants which were received from Pentland Plants held their flower throughout the winter resulting in 6 months of flower value. Officers therefore recommended that all the polyanthus be purchased from Pentland Plants, as they proved most floriferous and purchase the remainder of the bedding from H Geddis Nursery.

RESOLVED: - Members recommended that all the polyanthus be purchased from Pentland Plants at a cost of £2516.85 + VAT, as they proved most floriferous and purchase the remainder of the spring bedding from H Geddis Nursery at a cost of £1,271.82 + VAT.

T&ESC/2005/272 : QUOTATIONS FOR THE SUPPLY OF SPRING BULBS

Members were advised that following invitations being sent to 5 suppliers to quote for the supply of spring bulbs, quotations had been received from the following:

Gee Tee Matmore Gate Spalding Lincs	Lubbe & Sons (Bulbs) Ltd Welland House High Street Spalding Lincs
£1,356.50 +VAT	£1,131.56 +VAT

H J Roosa
'The Knowe'
Springholm
Nr Castle Douglas

Cornish King Bulb Growers
Wallops Wood House
Droxford
Southampton

£1,400.00 +VAT

£1,342.19 +VAT

J Parker
452 Chester Road
Old Trafford
Manchester

£1,251.75 +VAT

RESOLVED: - Members recommended that the quotation received from Lubbe & Sons (Bulbs) Ltd, at £1,131.56 + VAT, be accepted being the lowest tender received.

T&ESC/2005/273 : BELLS BRIDGE ROUNDABOUT, CREGAGH ROAD, CASTLEREAGH

The Client Manager reported that due to the absence of the Operational Services Manager this matter had not yet been considered, a report would be brought to a future meeting of the Committee.

Noted.

T&ESC/2005/274 : COMPLIMENTS RECEIVED BY THE OPERATIONAL SERVICES UNIT

The Client Manager advised that there had been a number of compliments received by the Operational Services Unit over the past few months, which he drew Members' attention to. The majority of these related to the Grounds Maintenance Section.

Officers commented that these letters were welcome comments of appreciation from the ratepayers and visitors to the Borough and acted as a good source of motivation for all staff concerned.

Members welcomed the receipt of these letters and congratulated the staff involved. Councillor Spratt added that he been approached by three different ratepayers complimenting the floral bedding displays at Crossnacreevy.

Following consideration it was

RESOLVED: - Members recommended

- (a) That, the Client Manager arrange for the complimentary letters received to be forwarded to Human Resources, for consideration in the Council's Recognition Scheme - 'Be a Star';

- (b) That, the Client Manager be instructed to pass on the Members' thanks to the Officers and staff involved for the superb borough wide floral displays, which had attracted complimentary comments from a number of sources.

T&ESC/2005/275 : CASTLEREAGH HILLS GOLF CLUB INCOME REPORT AND PROJECTION

(Tabled at meeting: current financial report)

Noted.

REPORT FROM CLIENT MANAGER

T&ESC/2005/276 : TONNAGES

The Client Manager reported that the following amounts of waste were deposited at Belfast Landfill Site at Dargan Road:

June 2077 tonnes

July 1938 tonnes

August 2135 tonnes (approx)

He stated that these figures were slightly below expectation and should they continue, the amount expended on landfill would be below the sums allowed in the budget. However, he stressed it was important to remember that as waste arisings are expected to remain constant or increase, if the amount landfilled goes down, the amount recycled goes up, resulting in increased recycling costs. He advised that increased recycling costs are inevitable as more and more of the Council's municipal waste arisings are diverted away from landfill.

In particular, he drew Members' attention to the fact that the amount of green waste recycled had increased as compared to the budget estimate. As the composting of green waste was not as expensive as landfilling it was anticipated that expenditure would still fall within the amounts set within the estimates process. There were, however, other waste streams, which the Council has a statutory duty to recycle, which are currently more expensive than landfilling and should these increase substantially there would be pressure put on budgets.

The Officer emphasised the importance of Members being aware of these increased waste costs.

Noted.

T&ESC/2005/277 : RECYCLING BANKS AT OLD MILLTOWN ROAD – LETTER OF COMPLAINT

Councillor Chambers advised that she had been contacted by several residents of an apartment block at Old Milltown Road, complaining about the

erection of recycling banks near to the entrance of their homes. The Councillor queried what consultation had taken place before these were sited at this location. She undertook to forward a copy of the letter of complaint to the Client Manager.

The Client Manager confirmed that a consultation exercise had taken place, which had been advertised in the local press and throughout local community centres. The Director added that Mr M Robinson MLA, had also raised this matter and had been forwarded a detailed response.

Councillor Chambers requested a copy of this correspondence.

RESOLVED: - The Client Manager to forward a copy of the correspondence sent to Mr M Robinson MLA, in respect of the above matter, to Councillor Mrs Chambers.

T&ESC/2005/278 : INCREASE IN PRICE OF OIL

The Client Manager stated that due to the price increases over the last few months, there was likely to be a significant increase in costs of road fuels, heating oils, gases and electricity, wheeled bins and plastic bags. These cost increases are additional to any financial provision made in the 2005/2006 budgets.

Noted.

T&ESC/2005/279 : BILLY NEILL MBE SOCCER CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE – THIRD GENERATION SOCCER PITCH

The Client Manager advised Members that, as agreed, he had proceeded in discussions with Glentoran Football Club with regard to the development of a third generation soccer pitch at Billy Neill.

He reported that he had met with Glentoran's Project Manager and informed him that the Council were happy to proceed, on the basis that the project would be at no cost to the Council. The Project Manager confirmed that Glentoran were happy to proceed on this basis and their requirement would be for use of the pitch two evenings per week and every other Saturday, with occasional special events being agreed in advance. He also stated that Glentoran Football Club would like to progress the project as quickly as possible and use their consultants, who they have been working with for some years, to progress the scheme.

He advised that he had subsequently met with the Council's legal advisors to discuss how this matter could be progressed, and investigate what steps needed to be taken to protect the Council's interests. He reported that he had received a response to this today that detailed several areas, which required further clarification prior to progressing this matter.

The Solicitor wished to clarify a number of matters, including the following points:

- In whose name the funding would be made available?
- On what terms and conditions the funding would be made available by the funder, likely to include UEFA, FIFA, FA and the Sports Council?
- Would the Council be responsible for ongoing maintenance? – considered that the Council should engage in a full financial business case.
- Lands at Billy Neill to be retained by Council – important from an audit/Local Government point of view.

Members stated that it was essential that all legal matters were clearly resolved prior this matter proceeding.

Councillor Drysdale advised that there was a lot of resistance to Glentoran coming to Billy Neill and stressed that it was imperative that a full business case was drawn up for this proposal and that the Council were kept fully briefed.

Following detailed discussion it was

RESOLVED: - Members recommended

- (a) That a planning application and lottery funding application for the proposed third generation soccer pitch be progressed and tabled at a future meeting of the Committee, for Members' consideration prior to submission;
- (b) That the aforementioned correspondence from the Council's Solicitor and correspondence from Glentoran Football Club be tabled at the next meeting of the Committee.

T&ESC/2005/280 : KICK-ABOUT AREA AT CREGAGH OPEN SPACE

The Client Manager commented that the grass was now well established on the kick-about pitch at Cregagh. He continued that there were still two main items of work to be completed, firstly, slit trenching which would be carried out in September or October, weather permitting, and secondly the erection of the fence.

He reported that some local residents had been walking their dogs and practicing golf on the pitch, he stressed that every attempt was being made to minimise this. The existing temporary fence was approximately two meters high and provided better security than the permanent fence. Officers felt it was appropriate to keep the temporary fence in place as long as possible, in order to enable the grass to establish prior to use.

The Officer added that he had been informed that the contractor had incurred extra costs due to unforeseeable circumstances. He undertook to table these at a future meeting of the Committee, when they became available.

Noted.

T&ESC/2005/281 : ARENA NETWORK REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT EXECUTIVE

The Client Manager advised Members that the Council's Arena Network Regional Development Executive, Lynsey Daly, was employed by Arena Network with funding provided by the Department of the Environment and/or the Council. He continued that approval was granted earlier this year for the setting aside of a portion of the waste management grant to cover this partnership.

RESOLVED: - Members recommended that approximately £30,000 be paid to Arena Network to be covered by the EHS Waste Management Grant 2005/2006, to cover the cost of employing the Arena Network Regional Development Executive.

T&ESC/2005/282 : CONSIDERATION OF CONSTRUCTION OF FIVE-ASIDE SOCCER PITCH AT CREGAGH ROAD HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING CENTRE

The Client Manager advised that, as requested, he had investigated the possibility of constructing a five-aside soccer pitch on the site of the Cregagh Road Household Recycling Centre.

He drew Members' attention to a plan, which clearly demonstrated that the soccer pitch would use almost the entire site and leave no space for waste handling facilities.

He also outlined a number of significant drawbacks to this proposal and it was subsequently

RESOLVED: - Members recommended that the Council would not progress with the consideration of this site for a five-aside soccer pitch and continues to use the site as a Household Recycling Centre.

T&ESC/2005/283 : NORTHERN IRELAND LANDFILL ALLOWANCE SCHEME

The Client Manager drew Members' attention to correspondence dated 26 August 2005 reference STRAT 62/4 regarding the Northern Ireland Landfill Allowance Scheme (NILAS). He reported that as well as this correspondence there was accompanying guidance for District Councils on the scheme. He advised that the scheme imposed duties on Councils to complete returns within two months of the end of each quarter otherwise Council's would face fines up to £1000.00 on each count. He advised that up until now, the

Environment and Heritage Service, who are the allocating authority in terms of the legislation had taken a flexible approach, but he stated that they now had indicated that they would no longer be doing this.

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services advised that this was a new era of waste management and stressed that it was imperative that the returns were completed and forwarded the Department within the set timescales. He continued that the completion of these returns was a complex task. Following a query, he confirmed that at present one member of staff was trained in this area, and a second was being trained.

Councillor Chambers proposed that due to the importance of this matter an additional Member of staff should be trained in the completion of these returns.

The Director advised that there was not only the matter of training, an additional staff member, but that their awareness and competency in relevant waste management areas had to be constantly maintained.

The Director added that training a third member of staff would take that member of staff away from their current core duties, both for the training period and on a regular basis when refresher training and regular updating on relevant matters took place.

Members agreed and it was subsequently

RESOLVED: - Members recommended that Officers arrange for a third Member of staff to be trained in the completion and submission of returns in respect of the Northern Ireland Landfill Allowance Scheme, in light of the fact that financial penalties were now being imposed for late submission.

T&ESC/2005/284 : VACANT POST – CAPITAL PROJECTS OFFICER

The Client Manager reminded Members that three recruitment exercises had been carried out in respect of the above vacant position, none of which were successful. He continued that the proposal was to offer a market supplement of £2000.00, which would be personal to the postholder.

He advised that there was currently a temporary member of staff employed through an agency for approximately 19 hours per week to carry out as much of the work as is possible. The 19 hours per week approximated to the cost of employing a full time officer.

The Client Manager drew Members' attention to the fact that the absence of a full time Officer was resulting in various items of work having to be deferred. These include items which the Council had a statutory duty to carry out such as DDA work. He added that he was also having to spend a higher than normal portion of his time working on capital projects and related items and this was having a detrimental effect on his normal duties.

Councillor Henderson proposed that a market supplement of £2000.00, which would be personal to the postholder, be added to the salary scale for this vacant position.

This proposal was seconded by Councillor Spratt and it was

RESOLVED: - Members recommended to Council that they approve the payment of a £2000.00 supplement to the scale rate for the Capital Projects Officer.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

T&ESC/2005/285 : CREGAGH ROAD CIVIC AMENITY SITE

Councillor Chambers advised Members that when using the above site she had witnessed several medical crutches being dumped. She expressed concern that staff at the amenity site had not advised the members of the public that these could be returned to their local hospital.

The Client Manager advised that staff at the recycling centres were being continually educated. However, he asked that if any Members witnessed such matters occurring in the future that they contact him immediately to enable him to address the matter.

Several Members commented on the helpfulness of the staff at the Cregagh Road and Carryduff civic amenity sites.

Noted.

T&ESC/2005/286 : GORDON JACKSON PROPERTY LINK

The Client Manager referred to correspondence received from the above in respect of the Belvoir Sewer emergency manhole. Mr Jackson confirmed that he had agreed a sum of £500.00 in respect of the construction of the emergency manhole on Council lands, subject to Council agreement.

RESOLVED: - Members recommended that the sum of £500.00 be accepted as compensation for the construction of the emergency manhole on Council lands at Belvoir.

T&ESC/2005/287 : INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS – ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2005-09-13

The Client Manager reported that the above conference was taking place on Wednesday 19 October 2005 at the Waterfront Hall, Belfast.

Noted.

T&ESC/2005/288 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM ROADS SERVICE RE: CYCLE WAY AT DUNDONALD

The Client Manager reported that the above correspondence had been received. He advised that a report would be tabled at the next meeting of the Committee.

Noted.

T&ESC/2005/289 : CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING THE FITTING OF SEAT BELTS ON BUSES

The Client Manager advised that this correspondence had just been received and undertook to bring a report to the next meeting of the Committee.

Noted.

T&ESC/2005/290 : LOUGH MOSS PLAYING FIELDS

Councillor Henderson advised that he had received a complaint regarding the condition of the above pitches.

The Client Manager advised that the Council's ground maintenance staff would be topdressing the pitches prior to the football season commencing. However, he undertook to have them assessed by appropriate staff to ascertain if any additional works would be required.

RESOLVED: - The Client Manager to arrange for Lough Moss Playing Fields to be assessed by appropriate staff to ascertain if any additional works would be required, prior to the football season commencing.

REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

T&ESC/2005/291 : REPORTS AVAILABLE

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services advised Members of the reports that were available for Members' information and perusal.

Noted.

T&ESC/2005/292 : CONSULTATION PAPER ON CHANGES TO THE PACKAGING REGULATIONS, JUNE 2005.

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services drew Members' attention to receipt of the above consultation paper.

He advised that as could be seen from the correspondence, the proposals were for changes to the Producer Responsibility (Packaging Waste) (as amended) Regulations (NI) 1999. Essentially, there were three proposed changes.

He also referred Members to a copy of correspondence dated 22 August 2005, entitled, Northern Ireland Consultation of 1 July 2005 on Packaging Waste Proposals – Outcome of GB Consultation, issued by the Environmental Policy Division of the Department of the Environment (NI). This provided comments on the outcome of the GB Consultation.

Noted.

T&ESC/2005/293 : THE NORTHERN IRELAND LANDFILL ALLOWANCES SCHEME (NILAS). DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT (NI) PRESS RELEASE.

The Director drew Members' attention to a press release on the above-mentioned matter, issued on 5 July 2005. He asked Members to acquaint themselves with the contents of this information.

Noted.

T&ESC/2005/294 : NORTHERN IRELAND LANDFILL ALLOWANCE SCHEME (NILAS): NOTIFICATION OF ALLOCATION OF ALLOWNCES

The Director referred to correspondence dated 4 July 2005 from the Environmental Policy Group of the Department of the Environment (NI) regarding the above-mentioned matter.

He advised that this correspondence detailed the considerable work that had been undertaken to date in arriving at the current position. He added that the Department had now decided to allocate allowances on the basis of the "early convergence simple population" model outlined in their November 2004 consultation paper. The performance of individual Council's would be closely monitored, particularly against the waste management plans and projections of biodegradable municipal waste (BMW) diversion. The very real challenges for Councils in meeting these challenges and the relatively tight timescales, bearing in mind the "lead in" times for waste infrastructure projects, should not be under estimated.

The Director stressed that meeting these challenges would have clear financial implications for the Council as arrangements were put in place to comply with these Landfill Directive requirements.

Noted.

T&ESC/2005/295 : BEST PRACTICABLE ENVIRONMENTAL OPTION FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT IN NORTHERN IRELAND : GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

The Director advised Members that The Environment and Heritage Service of the Department of the Environment (NI) had just published in June 2005, its Guidance Document on the Northern Ireland Best Practicable Environmental

Option (NI BPEO) for waste management, he drew Members' attention to a copy of this correspondence.

He reported that the NI BPEO was a key-supporting document for the new Waste Management Strategy. It would form the new Strategy, which would be submitted for public consultation in Autumn 2005, and finalised for publication in early 2006. The guidance provided a non-statutory framework for all decision makers and for the review of sub-regional Waste Management Plans

The Director outlined that BPEO was a core principle of the Northern Ireland Waste Management Strategy (NIWMS). It entailed a systematic and balanced assessment of a range of different development options, in order to maximise environmental, economic and social benefits.

He stated that the guidance document provided a summary of the BPEO process and outputs for the three main waste streams. In addition, it also provided guidance to the Waste Groups on how the NI BPEO framework should be applied at the sub-regional level in Waste Management Plans by a tailored local assessment. It was underpinned by a detailed technical report on the NI BPEO produced by ERM consultants.

He concluded by stating that the consultation and preparation of the NI BPEO did raise some concerns. These issues were raised at the Arc 21 Joint Committee Meeting held on 28 July 2005. He referred to a copy of correspondence, dated 10 August 2005 to the Minister of State for the Department of the Environment, Mr Jeff Rooker MP.

Members welcomed the aforementioned letter having been forwarded.

Noted.

T&ESC/2005/296 : NORTHERN IRELAND'S WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY. REPORT BY THE COMPTROLLER AND AUDITOR GENERAL. NORTHERN IRELAND AUDIT OFFICE. 23 JUNE 2005.

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services drew Members' attention to the publication of the above report.

He advised that this report provided a useful overview of the progress and actions by the Department of the Environment (DoE) and the Environment and Heritage Service (EHS) an Agency within the DoE, on advising and implementing the Government's waste policy and strategy.

The Director highlighted several significant financial indicators of waste management costs that had been noted in the report. These included the following:

- the DoE estimate that, total expenditure by the Department and Councils on waste is between £90 million and £120 million annually.
- domestic waste disposal costs amount to £60 million and this is expected to double by 2020, at current growth rates.
- initial estimates for capital expenditure on major new infrastructure are around £270 million over the next five years.
- District Councils estimate that they will have to spend an additional £50 million over the next three years in order to implement the infrastructure necessary to comply with EU requirements.

He further added that the NI Audit Office, in the Report, reviewed the action taken by DoE and EHS to tackle NI's waste problem by examining:

- the degree to which NI's legislative framework has kept pace with EU requirements.
- the comprehensiveness of NI's Waste Management Strategy.
- the extent to which the Waste Management Strategy has been implemented, and
- the review of progress to date and future improvements required.

Members of the Committee asked to be furnished with a copy of this report.

RESOLVED: - Members of the Committee requested that a copy of the Report be forwarded for their perusal and information.

T&ESC/2005/297 : REVISIONS TO WASTE MANAGEMENT GRANT SCHEME 2005/06

The Director drew Members' attention to correspondence received from the Environment and Heritage Service, regarding the above-mentioned matter.

He continued that as could be seen from this correspondence, confirmation of the Council's allocation and agreed profiles were still awaited for the 2005/06 financial year.

In addition to this, a series of four new draw down procedures were being introduced for the 2005/06 financial year, namely:

1. Activities are fully operational when claiming
2. In-year claims for revenue are now obligatory
3. Amended arrangements for capital claims
4. Movement of funds between revenue and capital

The Director stated that matter of timeliness of such information, in advance of the 2005/06 financial year, would still appear to remain an issue for the Department.

Councillor Spratt stated that in his estimation the EHS was a shambles from top to bottom, which needed to be dramatically reorganised. He felt that the Council should be writing to the Department outlining their concern at how badly the EHS was being run.

RESOLVED: - Members recommended that this matter be referred to the next meeting of the Waste Management Working Group.

T&ESC/2005/298 : HAZARDOUS WASTE GUIDANCE

The Director drew Members' attention to the following guidance notes. He reported that these set out changes to the controls on hazardous waste that apply in Northern Ireland. Some 200 new waste streams were now classed as hazardous as a result of changes in EU law. These included many everyday products such as fluorescent tubes, televisions, computer monitors and some paints and batteries.

He advised that hazardous waste was subject to the Hazardous Waste Regulations (NI) with effect from 16 July 2005. These regulations replace the Special Waste Regulations 1998.

He also highlighted that the implementation of this legislation introduced further requirements and costs on Councils.

Noted.

T&ESC/2005/299 : WASTE ELECTRONIC AND ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT (WEEE)

The Director referred Members to an announcement from the Department of Trade and Industry regarding the implementation date for WEEE in June 2006.

He also referred to correspondence from the Producer Responsibility Unit of the Environment and Heritage Service, this was concerned with a WEEE Pilot Scheme Report that set out the findings of a pilot scheme involving the collection and recycling of all different types of waste electrical and electronic equipment at two recycling centres in Northern Ireland.

Noted.

T&ESC/2005/300 : CONCLUSION OF THE ALL ISLAND CONTRACT FOR THE DISPOSAL OF WASTE DOMESTIC FRIDGES/FREEZERS

The Director referred Members to correspondence from the Environmental Policy Group of the Department of the Environment (NI) regarding the above mentioned matter.

He reported that this correspondence set out arrangements put in place by the Department, for the interim period between the conclusion of the current

all-island contract which expires on 12 August 2005, and the anticipated commencement of new arrangements on 12 September 2005.

Noted.

T&ESC/2005/301 : ARC 21 JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING. 28 APRIL 2005.

The Director referred Members to the minutes of the Joint Committee Meeting held on 28 April 2005 at the offices of Lisburn City Council.

He highlighted some of the business addressed at that meeting as follows:

- Organic waste
- Transfer stations
- Review of Waste Management Plan
- Consultation Papers
 - The Waste Management Regulations NI 2005
 - Review of Special Waste Regulations (NI) 1998

He advised that these minutes had been ratified by the Joint Committee at its meeting held on Thursday 30 June 2005 at Newtownabbey Borough Council. Members' attention was drawn to the need to peruse the contents of the above minutes and acquaint themselves with the waste management issues under consideration.

Noted.

T&ESC/2005/302 : ARC 21 JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING. 30 JUNE 2005.

The Director referred Members to the minutes of the Joint Committee Meeting held on 30 June 2005 at the offices of Newtownabbey Borough Council.

He highlighted some of the business addressed at the meeting as follows:

- Contracts Update.
- WRAP Market Development Initiative.
- Waste Infrastructure Task Force
- Recruitment Exercise
- Northern Ireland Strategic Governmental Waste Partnership
- Planning and Land Use
- Arc 21 2010 Capacity Requirements
- Consultation Paper – The Waste Management Regulations (NI) 2005
- Youthspeak
- Auditing Services
- Meetings Schedule

He advised that these minutes had been ratified by the Joint Committee at its meeting held on Thursday 28 July 2005 at the offices of Lisburn City Council.

Members' attention was drawn to the need to peruse the contents of the above minutes and acquaint themselves with the waste management issues under consideration.

Noted

T&ESC/2005/303 : STAFFING ISSUES

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services advised the Committee that Mr Colm McDaid, Lagan Valley Regional Park Officer had concluded his employment with the Council on Friday 26 August 2005.

He also reminded the Committee that the Operational Services Manager, Mr Michael Lipsett, was currently on sick leave. .

He advised that the above matters were obviously putting additional pressure on the remaining staff.

Noted.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

T&ESC/2005/304 : E-MAIL FROM DIRECTOR OF FINANCE & LEISURE SERVICES

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services advised that he had just received an e-mail from the Director of Finance & Leisure Services, relating to a possible joint project at the Billy Neill centre. He advised that he had been unable to make contact with the Director of Finance & Leisure Services to clarify the details of the matter.

Noted.

T&ESC/2005/305 : CAIRNSHILL PLAYING FIELDS

Councillor Drysdale asked Members to consider the possibility of awarding the management of the above playing fields to local people. He stated that he felt this could help alleviate vandalism and other associated problems.

The Client Manager stated that whilst he recognised that similar schemes may have worked in the past, this was certainly not always the case.

Councillor Chambers stated that public consultation would be necessary.

Following consideration it was

RESOLVED: - Members requested that the Client Manager prepare a report for a future meeting, on the possibility of local people being awarded the management of Cairnshill Playing Fields.

T&ESC/2005/306 : PAINTING OF PAVILION AT CAIRNSHILL

The Client Manager advised Members that children from the local community would be painting a wall at the Cairnshill Pavilion.

Noted.

As there was no further business, the meeting concluded at 11.10 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Adopted by the Council this _____ day of
_____ 2005 with the exception of
Minute Nos: _____

MAYOR

CHIEF EXECUTIVE