

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 June 2006, at 7.40 p.m.

PRESENT: Alderman J Norris MBE (in the chair)
Alderman G Rice (until 9.15 pm)

COUNCILLORS: J Beattie
A Beattie
M Chambers
D Drysdale (until 10.05 pm)
S Duncan
B Hanvey (until 10.05 pm)
T Jeffers (until 9.45 pm)
J Spratt

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Councillors Henderson and Stevenson

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

TABLED : MINUTES OF THE TECHNICAL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 2 MAY 2006

T&ESC/2006/215 : PRESENTATION BY CONNSWATER COMMUNITY GREENWAY

The Client Manager outlined that an application had been made for funding for the Connswater Community Greenway project and that the presentation was for information purposes only.

The Chairman welcomed Ms Wendy Langham and Mr Andrew Hayley to the meeting. Ms Langham then went through the details of the project, which aimed to improve the open and green spaces in East Belfast as well as restoring the Connswater River as a community asset. The Rivers Agency and the Environment Heritage Service had expressed an interest in the project, and it was hoped that funding could be obtained from the Big Lottery.

Noted.

MATTERS ARISING

T&ES/2006/216 : VISIT TO HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING CENTRE

Councillor Beattie enquired whether a visit to recycling centres had been arranged. The Client Manager confirmed that the first of three visits was scheduled to take place on Monday, 12 June 2006.

Alderman Rice stated that she had seen an advertisement for the development of land owned by the Council and adjoining the recycling centre. Councillor Beattie replied that no decision regarding the sale of this land had been reached yet.

Noted.

**REPORT FROM THE BUILDING CONTROL MANAGER
(copy previously circulated)**

T&ESC/2006/217 : SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS

The Building Control Manager outlined the schedule of applications approved by the Building Control Service for the period of 1 April 2006 to 30 April 2006.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/218 : REPORTS ON APPLICATIONS, INSPECTIONS AND SOLICITORS ENQUIRIES

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/219 : PERFORMANCE INDICATORS – FULL PLAN APPLICATIONS FOR JANUARY – MARCH 2006

The Building Control Manager presented performance indicators as outlined in the business plan for 2005-2006, taking account of the Council's objectives and customers' views.

Noted.

T&ES/2006/220 : STAFF ISSUES

The Building Control Manager informed Members that Mr Seamus Lonergan had been appointed to the post of Senior Building Control Officer with effect from 4 May 2006.

Noted.

T&ES/2006/221 : STAFF ISSUES

The Building Control Manager reported that, following the promotion of Mr Seamus Lonergan, a conditional offer of employment had been made to a reserve candidate from a previous interview, in line with the Council's standard recruitment procedures

Noted.

T&ES/2006/222 : TRANSFER OF BUDGET SUMS FROM SALARIES TO GROUP SERVICES

The Building Control Manager requested the transfer of £2,500 from the Salaries budget to the Group Services budget to ensure that performance figures would not be affected due to the delay in appointing a Building Control Officer. He estimated that the post would be filled by August 2006.

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to approve the transfer of £2,500 from the Salaries budget to the Group Services budget.

T&ES/2006/223 : FIRE SAFETY PANEL MODULE 1 COURSE

The Building Control Manager stated that Mr Gareth Anderson, Building Control Officer, had successfully passed the competence test following his attendance at the above three-day course.

Members congratulated Mr Anderson on his achievement.

Noted.

T&ES/2006/224 : STREET NAMING AT LAND TO REAR OF 39-41 OLD DUNDONALD ROAD, DUNDONALD

A proposal had been received from Ballantyne Hollinger Ltd for the street name 'Gransha Terrace' for five No dwellings on a site to rear of 39-41 Old Dundonald Road, Dundonald. The Building Control Manager confirmed that the proposal met with the requirements of the Council's street-naming policy.

Members agreed, and it was

RESOLVED: That Ballantyne Hollinger Ltd be asked to reconsider the street name of 'Gransha Terrace' for five No dwellings on a site to rear of 39-41 Old Dundonald Road, Dundonald.

T&ES/2006/225 : STREET NAMING AT OLD DALE FARM DAIRIES SITE, MONTGOMERY ROAD, CASTLEREAGH (Minute T&ES/2006/171 refers)

At the Council meeting in May 2006 it had been agreed that the street name 'Montgomery Court' be adopted for 65 No dwellings at the old Dale Farm Dairies site, Montgomery Road, Castlereagh.

In light of new information received, a request had since been received from G R Homes for the street name 'Montgomery Court' to be amended to 'Montgomery Mews'. The Building Control Manager confirmed that the request met with the requirements of the Council's street-naming policy.

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to approve that the street name 'Montgomery Court', adopted at the Council meeting in May 2006, for 65 No

dwellings at the old Dale Farm Dairies site, Montgomery Road, Castlereagh, be amended to 'Montgomery Mews'.

**REPORT FROM THE OPERATIONAL SERVICES MANAGER
(copy previously circulated)**

T&ESC/2006/226 : TOUR OF FOOTBALL PITCHES

The Operational Services Manager confirmed that the tour of football pitches had been rescheduled for Wednesday, 14 June 2006, 2.00 pm.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/227 : PURCHASE OF ONE NO 5-TONNE BOX VAN WITH CREW CAB

The Operational Services Manager informed Members that two tenders had been received for the above purchase:

NI Trucks Ltd	Iveco Daily with crew cab	£23,975
3 Mallusk Road	Additions	£500 (Euro 4 compliance)
Newtownabbey		£24,475

Roadland	Isuzu NPR 5.2 TDI	£26,903 (Euro 3 compliance)
Queen Street		
Lurgan		

New Euro 4 legislation on emission levels, effective from October 2006, meant that NI Trucks Ltd would charge an additional £1,500 for a Euro 4 vehicle, £1,000 of which the company would absorb, and the Council would be required to pay an additional £500, leaving a total cost of £24,475.

Following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to approve the purchase of an Iveco Daily vehicle with crew cab from NI Trucks Ltd at a cost of £24,475.

T&ESC/2006/228 : CASTLEREAGH HILLS GOLF CLUB – NATIONAL CLEAN AIR AWARD

The Operational Services Manager informed Members that Castlereagh Hills Golf Clubhouse had been awarded a silver National Clean Air award in recognition of the Council's commitment to minimising exposure to second-hand tobacco smoke.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/229 : PARKS, PLACES AND COUNTRYSIDE SEMINAR

The Operational Services Manager outlined details of a seminar, organised by the Institute of Leisure and Amenity Management, to be held in Edinburgh on 12-

14 September 2006, at a cost of £387.55 plus subsistence £320. The cost would be covered from the Training budget. The main theme will be 'Parks – A Waste of Space?', and the sessions will cover the following:

- The sustainable management of parks
- Training and filling the skills gap
- Community parks

The Operational Services Manager explained that participation at this seminar was essential personal and managerial development for the Parks Manager. He added that there was a possibility to reduce the costs by booking the flights as soon as possible.

Members enquired about details of the seminar, and Councillor A Beattie asked to see a copy of the itinerary. Councillor J Beattie was of the view that the cost was quite high.

Following some further discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the Operational Services Manager provide Members with details of the agenda and the cost of flights at the next Committee meeting.

T&ES/2006/230 : LAGAN VALLEY REGIONAL PARK (LVRP) – MANAGEMENT REVIEW

The Operational Services Manager referred to his previous reports on this matter. He then outlined details of a briefing document from the Environment and Heritage Service (EHS) and sought Members' views of the following points:

- 1 To support a company limited by guarantee
- 2 To confirm the Council's willingness to consider an application (based on this change) for increased funding to the Park budget from £16,000 to approximately £18,000 (exact figure to be finalised), subject to the EHS Commissioned Business Plan being tabled at a future meeting
- 3 That Castlereagh Borough Council continue to be the employing authority for this new company limited by guarantee.

The Operational Services Manager also informed Members that the Environment and Heritage Service intended to give a presentation to the Committee, and at this point the Council was only asked to state a willingness to consider an application for increased funding to the Park budget.

Alderman Rice was of the view that discussion on this matter should be postponed until after the presentation had been given and a business plan had been presented.

Councillor Chambers proposed that points 1 and 3 be carried, but that a decision on point 2 be postponed until more information was available.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor J Beattie, and it was

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to approve the following:

- (a) To support a company limited by guarantee.
- (b) That Castlereagh Borough Council continue to be the employing authority for this new company limited by guarantee.
- (c) That a decision in respect of Recommendation 2 in the Officer's report be postponed until more information is available, this was to confirm the Council's willingness to consider an application (based on this change) for increased funding to the Park budget from £16,000 to approximately £18,000 (exact figure to be finalised), subject to the EHS Commissioned Business Plan being tabled at a future meeting.

T&ES/2006/231 : UPDATE ON THE BOWLING CLUBS WORKING GROUP

The Operational Services Manager provided Members with an update on actions taken regarding bowling clubs using Council premises.

Councillor Chambers raised concerns that duplicates of lost keys would be made, which might be in breach of the insurance policy. The Operational Services Manager replied that each key holder had a separate alarm code, therefore all entries and exits from the building would be monitored. The Officer continued to say that, with regard to possible abuse of the system, the current bowling season was being used as a trial, with a thorough review at the end of the season.

Councillor Chambers was also of the view that clubs should be asked to pay for any replacement locks and keys if a key had been lost.

Following some further discussion, it was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That Members note the Officer's report and agree to actions taken by the Chairman and Officers.
- (b) That Clubs should be asked to pay for any replacement locks and keys if a key had been lost.

T&ES/2006/232 : TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF HIRE OF COUNCIL PLAYING FIELDS

The Operational Services Manager outlined details of the criteria to be used for the allocation of all Council playing fields. He went on to say that late applications would be graded and allocated according to the date they were received.

Councillor Drysdale raised concerns that Castlereagh teams might not be allocated the pitches they applied for, due to outside teams using them. He was of the view that a junior pitch could be created behind the adult pitch at Moat

Park to assist the Council in meeting this increased demand. The Manager stated that the criteria were to be applied in order, therefore the first criterion, namely that teams would be ranked, with those that had the greatest number of players resident in the Borough having priority. This would ensure that teams made up of players residing in the Borough would always have preference.

Following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to approve the terms and conditions of hire for the use of Council playing fields.

T&ES/2006/233 : BREAK-IN AT CARRYDUFF HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING CENTRE

The Operational Services Manager reported that the Cleansing Foreman had discovered the break-in on Thursday, 25 May 2006, at 6.30 am. Three RCVs, one skip lorry, one hook loader and one van had been damaged, estimated at £4,000. The incident had been reported to the police and CCTV footage had been forwarded also. The insurance company had also been informed.

The Client Manager informed Members that the security company had recently updated the equipment, and they were taking this break-in very seriously. He added that the company would be carrying out their own investigation into the incident.

Members were concerned that the security company had not noticed the break-in during the night. Councillor J Beattie was of the view that the Council should write to the company to express dissatisfaction with the service provided. He referred to the cost of the new equipment, which had proved ineffective.

Councillor Spratt enquired about the possibility of employing a night watchman because of the risk of future break-ins. He added that the police should investigate this incident at a higher level than community constable, as stated in the police report. He was concerned that there was an increased risk of vandalism in Castlereagh due to decreased policing of the area. Furthermore, he asked that the Chief Executive should write to the Castlereagh PSNI District Commander, pointing out the Council's concerns and the need for a speedy conclusion in this matter.

Alderman Rice also raised concerns about increased incidents of alcohol consumption by young people in the Borough, which might lead to further damage to Council property.

RESOLVED: That the Chief Executive write to Castlereagh PSNI District Commander, pointing out the Council's concerns and the need for a speedy conclusion in this matter.

REPORT FROM THE ACTING ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH MANAGER (copy previously circulated)

T&ESC/2006/234 : CONSUMPTION OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR IN DESIGNATED PLACES

The Committee welcomed Mr Gerard Delargey, Acting Senior Environmental Health Officer, to the meeting.

The Acting Environmental Health Manager then referred to a table detailing four incidents that had occurred in January and February of this year. Members expressed dissatisfaction that reports of incidents involving the consumption of alcohol in designated places in the Borough were delayed.

Councillor Spratt enquired whether Officers had written to the Superintendent of the PSNI regarding regular information of incidents of alcohol consumption and action taken by the PSNI.

The Acting Environmental Health Manager went on to report that witness statements had been received from the PSNI regarding an incident where two adults had been detected drinking at Cairnshill Playing Fields. This incident occurred on Friday, 21 April 2006, and was contrary to Council bye-laws.

Following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to approve that legal proceedings be instigated against two adults who had been detected drinking alcohol in a designated area on Friday, 21 April 2006.

T&ESC/2006/235 : BATHING WATER DIRECTIVE

The Acting Environmental Health Manager informed Members that a consultation document had been received in respect of the Bathing Water Directive and was available for Members' perusal from the Environmental Health Unit.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/236 : THE ENVIRONMENT (NI) ORDER

The Acting Environmental Health Manager stated that the Environmental Health Service Unit was required to submit a report on local air quality to the Environment and Heritage Service under the above Order. This report would be available for Members' perusal once its evaluation had been completed. The Acting Environmental Health Manager added that no air quality management areas had been declared within the Borough.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/237 : FOOD SERVICE PLAN

The Acting Environmental Health Manager sought Members' approval of the Food Service Plan for the Environmental Health Service Unit, which provided a review of the performance of the food control function for 2005-2006 as well as the proposed service delivery for 2006-2007 according to relevant legislation and associated guidance.

Following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to approve the Food Service Plan for the Environmental Health Service Unit.

T&ESC/2006/238 : THE HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES (NI) ORDER 1978 AND THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS (PROTECTION FROM TOBACCO) (NI) ORDER 1991

The Acting Environmental Health Manager reported that tobacco sales tests had been carried on 21 April 2006 on the following premises:

- Three service stations
- Three supermarkets/shops
- Six newsagents

Employees at eight out of the 12 premises had been found to sell cigarettes to a 14-year old child, which was contrary to Article 3(1) of the above Order, and representatives from those premises had been asked to attend a formal interview in accordance with Paragraph 10.5, Code C, of the Police and Criminal Evidence (NI) Order 1989.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/239 : THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) (NI) ORDER 1985 - ARTICLE 3 – LICENSING OF PLACES OF ENTERTAINMENT

The Acting Environmental Health Manager outlined details of applications for the renewal of Entertainment Licences, and he explained that the necessary inspections would be carried out.

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to agree that the Entertainment Licences, as detailed in the Acting Environmental Health Manager's report, be renewed for Licence No 14 and Licence No 32, subject to receipt of all necessary documentation and compliance with the Council's Terms and Conditions of Licence.

T&ESC/2006/240 : THE BETTING, GAMING, LOTTERIES AND AMUSEMENTS (NI) ORDER 1985 – RENEWAL OF AMUSEMENT PERMIT – DUNDONALD INTERNATIONAL ICE BOWL, OLD DUNDONALD ROAD, DUNDONALD

The Acting Environmental Health Manager outlined details of an application for the renewal of an amusement permit under the above Order.

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to approve the renewal of the amusement permit for Dundonald International Ice Bowl, Old Dundonald Road, Dundonald.

T&ESC/2006/241 : STREET TRADING ACT (NI) 2001 – RENEWAL OF STREET TRADING LICENCE

The Acting Environmental Health Manager reported that an application for the renewal of a Street Trading Licence had been received for a hot food trailer unit at Greenway, Cregagh. The requested hours of trading were Monday to Saturday (inclusive) between 10.00 am and 8.00 pm.

The Acting Manager advised that the required licence fee had been paid and proof of public liability insurance cover had been provided as required by the Licence Conditions.

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to approve the renewal of a Street Trading Licence for a hot food trailer unit at Greenway, Cregagh, the requested hours of trading being Monday to Saturday (inclusive) between 10.00 am and 8.00 pm.

T&ESC/2006/242 : THE DANGEROUS DOGS (NI) ORDER 1991

Councillor Chambers asked that this item be discussed in conjunction with the Acting Environmental Health Manager's supplementary report, as the report contained information relevant to the discussion.

Noted.

**SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT FROM THE ACTING ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH MANAGER
(copy tabled at meeting)**

T&ESC/2006/243 : THE DANGEROUS DOGS (NI) ORDER 1991

The Acting Environmental Health Manager reported that on 25 May 2006 a man from the Belvoir area had attempted to obtain a dog licence for a dog that he termed as a Pit Bull Terrier. Under the above legislation, this breed is currently banned, therefore the dog had been seized by the Environmental Health Service Unit and examined by two independent experts who confirmed that the dog was a Pit Bull Terrier. The Acting Environmental Health Manager sought Members' views regarding legal proceedings being instigated against the owner for possession of a dog that is banned under the Dangerous Dogs (NI) Order 1991. Members agreed, and the Manager's recommendation was upheld.

The Acting Environmental Health Manager then tabled another case, where another dog had been seized following its identification as a Pit Bull Terrier. The owner had obtained this dog from the USPCA, who had classified it as a Staffordshire Bull Terrier Cross.

Councillor Chambers raised concerns that, if this case went to court, another expert would be found who would confirm that the dog was not a Pit Bull Terrier, therefore she was of the view that the Council should obtain a written testament from a vet, confirming the dog's breed.

During the ensuing discussion, Members took the view that these two cases would be best dealt with through the courts, as there appeared to be doubt whether these two dogs were, indeed, Pit Bull Terriers. Furthermore, Members were concerned that the USPCA had rehomed a dog that had later been identified as a Pit Bull Terrier. The Acting Environmental Health Manager stated that there was a difficulty with the identification of Pit Bull Terriers, as there were only a few experts qualified to do so. Members were of the view that more detailed discussion was necessary regarding dangerous dogs during a special Committee meeting.

The Acting Environmental Health Manager then referred back to his original report. Discussion ensued regarding proposals put forward by the Manager in response to correspondence received from the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. These proposals were as follows:

- 1 If the Dangerous Dogs legislation is to continue in force, then the current amendment of the 1983 Order by the Dogs (Amendment) Act (NI) 2001 should be revoked, so that the offer of exemption for these dogs is withdrawn, and such dogs should be humanely destroyed in all cases.
- 2 Training should be provided to Local Authority Officers in the identification of designated Dangerous Dogs.
- 3 A panel of professionals (possibly DARD Veterinary Surgeons) should be suitably trained and be available to confirm that any dogs seized under the legislation are dangerous breeds as defined by the legislation. These Officers should also be available to act as expert witnesses in any legal proceedings.
- 4 Financial assistance be provided from Central Government to assist Local Authorities with the expense of kennelling seized dogs in suitable secure accommodation between seizure and the determination of the legal process.

Members raised concerns that, even if additional training for Local Authority Enforcement Officers in respect of the identification of breeds prohibited under the Dangerous Dogs (NI) Order 1991 was provided, it might leave the Council open to litigation if misidentification occurred.

Furthermore, Members agreed that financial assistance should be provided from Central Government to cover the expense of kennelling seized dogs until a decision had been reached in court.

Members also agreed that the current amendment of the Dogs (NI) Order 1983 should be revoked, so that an exemption for these dogs was withdrawn and they could be humanely destroyed.

Following further discussion, it was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That a special meeting of the Technical & Environmental Committee be convened for Tuesday, 13 June 2006, to discuss the issue regarding dangerous dogs in more detail, following consultation with the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development and the Council's solicitor.
- (b) That Proposals 1, 3 and 4, as outlined by the Acting Environmental Health Manager, be adopted and forwarded to the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development.
- (c) That, in accordance with the Dangerous Dogs (NI) Order 1991, legal action be instigated against the man from Belvoir who had in his possession a dog prescribed under the above Order.

**REPORT FROM CLIENT MANAGER
(copy previously circulated)**

T&ESC/2006/244 : TONNAGES DEPOSITED AT LANDFILL

The Client Manager reported that 1,766.74 tonnes of waste had been deposited at Dargan Road landfill site during April. He added that this figure was down from 2,113.64 tonnes deposited to landfill during April 2005

The Client Manager further stated that, at the time of writing his report, the figures in respect of the amount deposited at landfill during May 2006 had not been available and were not available on the day of the meeting.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/245 : RECYCLING RATES

The Client Manager reported that a recycling rate of 28.7% had been achieved in the period January to March 2006. He added that the rates for the 12 months up to March 2006 were as follows:

April – July 2005	36.6%
July – September 2005	34.4%
October – December 2005	28.8%
January – March 2006	28.7%

The Client Manager informed Members that an average recycling rate of 32% had been achieved during the period 2005-2006.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/246 : NEW POSTER LIVERY FOR RCVs / THANK YOU AND INFORMATION DISSEMINATION TO HOUSEHOLDERS

The Client Manager sought Members' views in respect of combining the unveiling of the poster livery for the Council's refuse vehicles and a thank-you event for householders to show the Council's appreciation for their participation in the tri-

cycle scheme on 14 June 2006. The poster livery had been chosen as a result of a competition among schoolchildren in Castlereaugh. The Client Manager further suggested that the Mayor or the Chairman of the Technical & Environmental Services Committee be invited to officiate. He added that this would provide a good photo opportunity, which was likely to generate editorial comment, and that a half-page colour advertisement would also be placed in the Community Telegraph.

Following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That an event be organised to take place on 14 June 2006, combining the unveiling of the poster livery for the Council's refuse vehicles with a thank-you event for householders to show the Council's appreciation for their participation in the Tri-Cycle Scheme, and that the Mayor or the Chairman of the Technical & Environmental Services Committee be asked to officiate.

T&ESC/2006/247 : REQUEST FOR A CAREER BREAK

The Client Manager outlined details of a request from the Council's Waste and Recycling Officer for a one-year career break. Following consideration about how to fill the vacant position, the Client Manager proposed to appoint Lynsey Daly, who is currently employed by Business in the Community/Arena Network but located in the Council. The Chief Officer of Business in the Community/Arena Network had indicated his agreement to this proposal.

Ordinarily, this arrangement would go through a tendering process in accordance with the Council's purchasing policy. However, the Client Manager asked Members' approval to set aside this policy in this instance to allow for the secondment of Lynsey Daly to the post of temporary Waste and Recycling Officer for one year. This arrangement would minimise the risk of the Council incurring nugatory expenditure.

Following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to approve to set aside its procurement policy to allow for the appointment of Lynsey Daly to the post of Waste and Recycling Officer during a one-year career break of the Council's Waste and Recycling Officer.

T&ESC/2006/248 : LANDS AT MILLMOUNT – BILLY NEILL MBE SOCCER CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

The Client Manager confirmed that agreement had been reached following discussions with the Northern Ireland Housing Executive regarding the transfer of a field, currently owned by NIHE, to the Council. The transfer would allow direct access to the Council's Billy Neill site from Greengraves Road. In exchange, NIHE had requested that the Council waive two rights of way over NIHE land, one across a field to the Billy Neill site, the other from Millmount Road along the laneway past Millmount House to the Billy Neill MBE Soccer Centre of Excellence. The Client Manager confirmed that the Council did not routinely exercise these rights of way.

Members agreed that the transfer of this land would be beneficial to the Council, and it was

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to waive two rights of way, one over land owned by NIHE, the other from Millmount Road along the laneway past Millmount House to the Billy Neill MBE Soccer Centre of Excellence, in exchange for a field at Greengraves Road, which is currently owned by NIHE.

T&ESC/2006/249 : WASTE MANAGEMENT SUPPORT AVAILABLE TO THE COUNCIL FROM ROTATE

The Client Manager informed Members that Rotate would provide technical support to the Council in the form of seminars, particularly regarding the improvement of recycling and composting performance. The Client Manager confirmed that this support would be available for 12 months, free of charge.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/250 : PROPOSED HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING CENTRE TO SERVE DUNDONALD

The Client Manager recalled for Members' benefit that three sites had been proposed by the Council's consultants as suitable for a household recycling centre in Dundonald:

- The former ECC car park
- Lands at Craigleith Drive
- Lands at Moat Park

The former ECC car park was the favoured site by the Planning Service. However, this site was not owned by the Council. The Client Manager added that a site visit had been arranged for Monday, 12 June 2006, therefore he proposed that discussion continue following the site visit.

Members agreed, and it was

RESOLVED: That discussion in respect of a suitable site as a household recycling centre in Dundonald be postponed until after the site visit on Monday, 12 June 2006.

**REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
(copy previously circulated)**

T&ESC/2006/251 : REPORTS AVAILABLE

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services advised that the following information was available for Members' attention:

- Quarry Products Association, Northern Ireland, Annual Report 2005
- Environmental and Sustainable Technology, May 2006

- Water Demand Management Bulletin, Environment Agency, April 2006
- Newslink, NI Bureau, Spring 2006
- Irish Football Association, AGM 2006, Statement of Accounts

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/252 : A SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services advised that the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland had launched the first Northern Ireland Sustainable Development Strategy on 9 May 2006. The Strategy aimed to provide steps to secure a better future for generations to come. Included in the Strategy are six priority areas for action:

- Climate Change and Energy
- Sustainable Consumption and Production
- Natural Resource Protection / Environmental Enhancement
- Sustainable Communities
- Governance for Sustainable Development
- Learning and Communication

These areas will form the basis for business planning and decision-making by Government Departments and their agencies, and the guiding principles and priority areas for action will be extended to Local Government. The Director highlighted that the roll-out of the Sustainable Development Strategy will have considerable implications for the Council.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/253 : THE UK MARINE BILL CONSULTATION PACKAGE

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services outlined details of correspondence received from the Department of the Environment regarding the UK Marine Bill Consultation package. He added that comments should be submitted by 23 June 2006.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/254 : AN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR NORTHERN IRELAND – THE REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services informed Members that two seminars in respect of the above had been organised for 14 and 15 June 2006. The Coalition for Environmental Protection had also forwarded a briefing paper, containing the Coalition's position and including the following:

- Why Northern Ireland needs an independent integrated Environmental Protection Agency
- The need for enhanced environmental protection

- Why an independent agency is needed
- Transparency, accountability and profile
- Background to the campaign for environmental protection

The Director added that the review was being carried out by three environmental and governance experts, and the findings will be published in the summer. At the end of a 12-month review period, a final report will be published, currently anticipated to be March/April 2007.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/255 : REPORT FROM WASTE INFRASTRUCTURE TASK FORCE EVENT OF 27 APRIL 2006

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services advised that correspondence had been received from the Chair and Vice Chair of the Waste Infrastructure Task Force for Members' perusal.

The Director then referred to the Waste Infrastructure Task Force event, held on 27 April 2006, to introduce proposals developed by the Waste Infrastructure Task Force regarding the delivery of the necessary waste infrastructure to enable Northern Ireland to meet national and European waste management targets up to 2020. The issues under discussion, as well as the key outcomes, have been published in a discussion paper and include the following:

- (a) Structural arrangements for procurement of infrastructure
 - Opportunities for Collaboration between Waste Management Groups
 - Opportunities for a Single Waste Disposal Authority for Northern Ireland
- (b) Large-Scale Waste Management Infrastructure for Northern Ireland – Programme Delivery Support Unit
 - Background
 - Additional Support
 - Programme Delivery Support Unit

The Director highlighted that views were particularly welcome on the following matters:

- The suggested timing and organisational arrangements for a Single Waste Disposal Authority.
- The proposals for a Programme Delivery Support Unit.

The Director drew Members' attention to the need to thoroughly peruse the discussion paper and the key outcomes from the information day.

The Director highlighted that, subsequent to the preparation of his report, a number of further developments had taken place on this matter. There had been an Arc 21 Joint Committee meeting on 31 May 2006, at which this matter had been further considered. The Director tabled the Arc 21 response to the

NILGA/Department of the Environment Consultation on Waste Issues paper that had been considered by the Joint Committee. He also reminded Members of his letter dated 1 June 2006, which set out the current position on this matter. This notes that the matter is currently under consideration and will again be considered by the Arc 21 Joint Committee at its next meeting on Thursday, 29 June 2006.

RESOLVED: That the current position on this matter be noted and that Members will reconsider these issues following the next Arc 21 Joint Committee meeting on 29 June 2006.

T&ESC/2006/256 : ARC 21 JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING OF 6 APRIL 2006

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services outlined business discussed at the Arc 21 Joint Committee meeting held on 6 April 2006. Items for discussion included the following:

- Waste Management Plan Presentation
- Contracts Update
- Waste Infrastructure Taskforce (WITF) Away Day
- Communication Strategy
- Hazardous Waste
- Paper Awareness Campaign
- Consultations – A Public Consultation on Policy for the Long-Term Management of Solid Low-Level Radioactive Waste in the UK (LLW)
- Meeting Schedule.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/257 : ARC 21 JOINT COMMITTEE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE BULLETIN, 4 MAY 2006

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services outlined details of key activities that are currently being progressed by the Arc 21 Joint Committee.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/258 : REVIEW OF WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN (WMP) AND STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SEA)

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services sought Members' approval of the Waste Management Plan and accompanying Strategic Environmental Report. He went on to highlight the main elements of the Waste Management Plan and in particular a number of significant features.

The Director further informed Members that public meetings in respect of the Waste Management Plan and Strategic Environmental Assessment had taken place between 10 April 2006 and 19 May 2006, which included the following:

- A series of 11 focus groups, open to attendance by members of the public, elected representatives, the business community and waste management industry within each of the 11 councils.

- An information exchange forum, open to attendance by members of the public, elected representatives, the business community and waste management industry within each of the 11 councils.
- An information exchange forum, held centrally to engage organisations with a regional interest, such as Non-Governmental Organisations and environment groups, Government departments and other statutory authorities.
- Formal written invitation to the other two Waste Management Groups, inviting comments.

Additionally, Arc 21 had provided an information leaflet with a short questionnaire for all households. The Director of Technical & Environmental Services informed Members of the results obtained from the questionnaires.

Following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to approve the revised Waste Management Plan and accompanying Environmental Report as well as the submission of the Plan to the Department of the Environment by 30 June 2006 for determination as prescribed under Article 23 of the Waste and Contaminated Land (NI) Order 1997.

T&ESC/2006/259 : WASTE MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, 5 MAY 2006

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services advised that the following points had been addressed at the above meeting, and he sought Members' approval of the minutes:

- Presentations
- Tri-Cycle Update
- Kerbside Recycling Contract
- Audit of Civic Amenity Sites in Northern Ireland
- Proposed Household Recycling Centre in the Dundonald area
- Bring Centre Sites
- Consultation Papers (including Review of Waste Management Plan)
- Waste Infrastructure Taskforce
- Acceptance of Rubble at Carryduff Household Recycling Centre
- Acceptance of Green Waste at Cregagh Road Household Recycling Centre
- Tender for the Removal of Dumped Hazardous Waste
- Waste Infrastructure Taskforce Consultation Event held on 27 April 2006

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's Waste Management Working Group meeting, held on Friday, 5 May 2006, be adopted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

T&ESC/2006/260 : DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR 2006-2007

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services presented the draft Management Plan. He added that the Technical & Environmental Services Department Plan for 2006-2007 addressed the following points:

- An overview of the Department
- An overview of the services provided to the Department's customers
- The locations from which such services are delivered
- Methods of service delivery
- An overview of the four Service Units (ie Building Control Service, Environmental Health Service, Client Services and Operational Services), which together constitute the Technical & Environmental Services Department
- The purpose, management and reporting arrangements and responsibilities of each Service Unit
- The objectives and key tasks, outputs and indicators for each of the four Service Units

The Director asked for Members' comments following perusal of the document. Furthermore, he drew attention to new and additional demands that would be placed on staff resources, which would impact on the Department's service provision. The total net expenditure for the Department for 2006-2007 was estimated at £6,179,574 or 51% of the Council's estimated total net expenditure.

Following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the Technical & Environmental Services Department's Management Plan 2006-2007 be adopted.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

T&ESC/2006/261 : FLOWER BASKETS

Councillor Spratt advised that Crossmacreevy Residents' Group intended to erect hanging flower baskets in Ilford Road, and they had requested that the Council write a letter to the Department of the Environment, stating that the Council would accept public liability.

RESOLVED: That the Council write to the Department of the Environment, stating that the Council would accept public liability for hanging flower baskets erected by Crossmacreevy Residents' Group.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 11.00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Adopted by the Council this _____ day of

_____ 2006 with the exception of

Minute Nos: _____

MAYOR