

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, 2 May 2006, at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Alderman J Norris MBE
(in the chair)

COUNCILLORS: J Beattie
A Beattie
M Chambers
D Drysdale (until 9.00 pm)
S Duncan
M Henderson
T Jeffers
J Spratt

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Alderman Rice and Councillors Hanvey and Stevenson

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

TABLED : MINUTES OF THE TECHNICAL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 4 APRIL 2006

REPORT FROM THE BUILDING CONTROL MANAGER (copy previously circulated)

T&ESC/2006/167 : SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS

The Building Control Manager outlined the schedule of applications approved by the Building Control Service for the period of 1 March 2006 to 31 March 2006.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/168 : REPORTS ON APPLICATIONS, INSPECTIONS AND SOLICITORS ENQUIRIES

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/169 : STAFF ISSUES

The Building Control Manager advised Members that an offer of employment had been made for the post of Senior Building Control Officer, and it was hoped that the new Officer would take up his position in the near future.

Noted.

T&ES/2006/170 : STREET NAMING AT 182 SAINTFIELD ROAD, NEWTOWNBREDA

The Building Control Manager reported that Bann Construction had proposed the street name of 'Glendale Court' for 4 No apartments on a site at 182 Saintfield Road, Newtownbreda. The proposal met with the requirements of the Council's Street Naming Policy.

Councillor Chambers enquired regarding removal of the street sign 'Glendale Park', which had been missing for some time. She requested that the developer be invoiced for a new sign.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the street name of 'Glendale Court' be adopted for 4 No apartments on a site at 182 Saintfield Road.
- (b) That the Client Manager arrange to have the street sign 'Glendale Park' replaced.

T&ES/2006/171 : STREET NAMING AT LANDS OPPOSITE BEECHILL COURT / MARTINVILLE PARK, NEWTOWNBREDA

A proposal had been received from Alan Patterson Design for the street name 'John Martin's Lane' for 44 No dwellings on a site at lands opposite Beechill Court / Martinville Park, Newtownbreda. The Building Control Manager outlined that the name 'John Martin' was the name of the original landowner, now deceased.

The Building Control Manager confirmed that the proposal met with the requirements of the Council's Street Naming Policy.

Following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the street name 'John Martin's Lane' be adopted for 44 No dwellings on a site at lands opposite Beechill Court / Martinville Park, Newtownbreda.

T&ES/2006/172 : STREET NAMING AT LAND ADJOINING 10A CUMBERLAND PARK, DUNDONALD

A proposal had been received from J Wilson Builders for the street name 'Cumberland Gate' for two town houses and one apartment on land adjoining 10a Cumberland Park, Dundonald. The Building Control Manager confirmed that the proposal met with the requirements of the Council's Street Naming Policy.

RESOLVED: That the street name 'Cumberland Gate' be adopted for two town houses and one apartment on land adjoining 10a Cumberland Park, Dundonald.

T&ES/2006/173 : STREET NAMING AT OLD DALE FARM DAIRIES SITE, MONTGOMERY ROAD, CASTLEREAGH

A proposal had been received from G R Homes for the street name 'Montgomery Court' for 65 No dwellings and apartments on a site at the old Dale Farm Dairies site, Montgomery Road, Castlereagh. The Building Control Manager confirmed that the proposal met with the requirements of the Council's Street Naming Policy.

RESOLVED: That the street name 'Montgomery Court' be adopted for 65 No dwellings and apartments on a site at the old Dale Farm Dairies site, Montgomery Road, Castlereagh.

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

T&ESC/2006/174 : FORESTRY IN NORTHERN IRELAND

The Client Manager referred to the report, presented to the Committee at the March meeting, noting the Council's opposition to any proposal to devolve responsibility for managing public access to forests to local authorities. The Department of Agriculture & Rural Development had now published a paper entitled 'Forestry in Northern Ireland: A Strategy for Sustainability and Growth', which included the following paragraph:

'The option to transfer responsibility for management of public access to forests from Forest Service to local government is not favoured. Fourteen of the sixteen District Councils that responded to "Options for Forestry" support this view. The public opinion survey found that 66% of respondents want Forest Service to retain responsibility.'

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/175 : BMX TRACK - BELVOIR

The Client Manager outlined details of a letter received from MTBriders, a local Mountainbike Club, requesting permission to renovate the Council-owned BMX track and changing it to a 'jump and skills park', which would have a wider appeal. The Manager had met with representatives from the Club who had informed him that they intended to obtain external funding and to use a third-party contractor. It was also hoped that plans would include fencing around the track.

The Manager stated that drainage of the track had become poor, and it had become overgrown. Currently the Mountainbike Club was developing a network of sustainable off-road cycling trails in the forest, with the full support of the Forest Service.

During the ensuing discussion, Councillor Chambers stated that during a meeting with Belvoir Community Association, issues relating to the use of scramblers, quad bicycles etc had been raised, and it was felt that the safety of children playing in the park was endangered. Councillor Chambers was of the view that residents in the area should be consulted regarding the track.

Following some further discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That Officers consult with MTBriders regarding plans for the development of the BMX site at Belvoir and report back to the Committee at a future meeting.

T&ESC/2006/176 : THE ULSTER WAY – LVRP QUALITY ROUTE INCLUSION

The Client Manager referred to a previous resolution that Officers write to the Environment & Heritage Service to express the Council's strong opposition to the decision not to make the Lagan Valley towpath a part of the Ulster Way. He added that he was in the process of drafting a letter to the Environment & Heritage Service which supported the LVRP's position on this matter that the towpath fulfils the criteria for inclusion as part of the Ulster Way.

The Client Manager advised that the LVRP had been invited to make a presentation to the Ulster Way Advisory Committee on 10 May 2006.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/177 : BOWLERS UPDATE

The Client Manager reported that the majority of clubs had now signed the insurance contract. However, Members urged the Manager to ensure that all clubs signed the contract, as problems would arise if they did not.

Councillor Spratt wished to place on record his appreciation for the work done by Officers in this respect and the satisfactory conclusion.

Following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That Officers ensure that all bowling clubs sign the insurance contract as agreed between the Council and bowlers.

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

**T&ESC/2006/178 : STATUTORY NOTICES - PUBLIC HEALTH (IRELAND)
ACTS 1878 TO 1907**

The Acting Environmental Health Manager outlined for Members' information the details of a Statutory Notice, which had been served in relation to the abatement of Public Health nuisance/conditions prejudicial to health.

Noted.

**T&ESC/2006/179 : CONSUMPTION OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR IN
DESIGNATED PLACES - DRINKING IN DESIGNATED AREAS**

The Acting Environmental Health Manager referred Members to a table detailing four incidents that had occurred in January and February of this year, and he pointed out that a formal caution had been given to the individuals concerned.

Members raised concerns about reports stating that people were consuming alcohol at the bridge at Woodbreda and Breda Terrace. The Acting Environmental Health Manager confirmed that these areas had previously been

identified, and signage had been erected prohibiting the consumption of alcohol in those areas.

Councillor Spratt was of the view that this type of behaviour should not be tolerated in the Borough. He also expressed disappointment that no PSNI witness statements had been received during the last three months, and he proposed that the Committee write to the District Commander of the PSNI in this respect and copy this letter to the DPP for consideration.

Councillor Henderson congratulated the Manager of Wine Lodge in Carryduff, who regularly asked shoppers at his premises whether they had been approached to buy alcohol. He seconded Councillor Spratt's proposal, and it was

RESOLVED: That the Committee write to the Superintendent of the PSNI, asking that the Council be informed regularly of incidents of alcohol consumption in the Borough and action taken by the PSNI.

T&ESC/2006/180 : WELFARE SERVICES ACT (NI) 1971

The Acting Environmental Health Manager outlined the above Act, which states that it is the responsibility of the Local Authority to bury the body of any person who has died or been found dead in its districts, where it appears to the District Council that suitable arrangements for the disposal of the body have not been, or are not being made otherwise.

The Manager then advised that the Service Unit had received notification from the City Morgue regarding the death of a lady from the Tullycarnet area, whose body had been found at her home. As there was no knowledge of any next of kin, the responsibility of her burial fell to the Council. Arrangements for her cremation and burial of the ashes in Knockbreda Cemetery had been made.

Councillor Drysdale was of the view that the property in which this lady had been resident should be inspected, as it was allegedly infested with mice and rats, and that NIHE should be contacted in this respect.

Councillor Duncan felt that Members should be informed of instances such as this, in order to give them the opportunity to attend the funeral if they wished.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/181 : HOME ACCIDENT PREVENTION

The Acting Environmental Health Manager advised that the Service Unit had received the Eastern Area Home Accident Prevention Action Plan for 2006-2009, which aimed to reduce the number of accidental deaths and injuries in the home. A copy of the Action Plan was available from the Environmental Health Service Unit.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/182 : THE DRAFT SMOKING (NI) ORDER 2006

The Acting Environmental Health Manager notified Members that a three-part report in respect of the above Order had been received by the Environmental Health Service Unit and was available for Members' perusal.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/183 : INVESTING FOR HEALTH

The Acting Environmental Health Manager advised that a report which examined the growing problem of obesity in Northern Ireland, together with recommendations on priorities and actions, had been received by the Environmental Health Service Unit and was available for Members' perusal. He added that a copy of the Executive Summary had also been placed in Party Rooms.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/184 : AIR QUALITY

The Acting Environmental Health Manager informed Members that a consultation document, Air Quality Strategy for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, volumes 1 and 2, which included options for further improvements in air quality was available for Members' perusal.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/185 : PETROLEUM CONSOLIDATION ACT (NI) 1929 – LICENCE RENEWAL

The Acting Environmental Health Manager advised that, as required by the above legislation, an application for the renewal of a licence to store petroleum had been received.

He confirmed that an inspection would be carried out to ensure that the premises complied with the requirements of the Act, and the Council's Petroleum Licence Terms and Conditions.

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to approve the renewal of a licence, as outlined in the Acting Environmental Health Manager's report, subject to receipt of all necessary documentation and compliance with the terms and conditions of the Petroleum Licence.

T&ESC/2006/186 : 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.

The Acting Manager then advised that an application had been received for the grant of an Occasional Entertainment Licence for the erection of a marquee

structure on the playing fields at Shaw's Bridge Sports Association in respect of the Lord's Taverners Ball, which will take place on Saturday, 27 May 2006. The marquee would also be used for a smaller function on Friday, 26 May 2006.

RESOLVED:

- (a) 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 21 and Licence No 31, subject to receipt of all necessary documentation and compliance with the Council's terms and conditions of Licence.
- (b) That the Council be recommended to approve that an Occasional Entertainment Licence be granted for the erection of a marquee structure on the playing fields at Shaw's Bridge Sports Association in respect of the Lord's Taverners Ball on Saturday, 27 May 2006 and a smaller function on Friday, 26 May 2006, subject to receipt of all necessary documentation and compliance with the Council's terms and conditions of Licence.

T&ESC/2006/187 : STREET TRADING ACT (NI) 2001 – RENEWAL OF STREET TRADING LICENCE

The Acting Environmental Health Manager reported that an application for the renewal of a Stationary Street Trading Licence had been received for a hot food trailer unit at Hillmount Drive, Moneyreagh. The requested hours of trading were Monday to Friday (inclusive) between 4.00 pm and 6.00 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 Stationary Street Trading Licence for a hot food trailer unit at Hillmount Drive, Moneyreagh, the requested hours of trading being Monday to Friday (inclusive) between 4.00 pm and 6.00 pm.

T&ESC/2006/188 : THE DOGS (NI) ORDER 1983 – DOGS STRAYING

The Acting Environmental Health Manager reported that two Fixed Penalty Notices – one to a lady from the Newtownbreda area and one to a man from the Carryduff area – had been returned unpaid by the Clerk of Petty Sessions, therefore he requested approval to instigate legal proceedings in accordance with the above legislation.

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to grant approval that legal proceedings be instigated in accordance with the Dogs (NI) Order 1983 against a lady from the Newtownbreda area and a man from the Carryduff area for non-payment of Fixed Penalty Notices for straying dogs.

T&ESC/2006/189 : STAFF MATTERS – LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARD 2005

The Acting Environmental Health Manager informed Members that Ms Eileen Logan, an Enforcement Officer in the Environmental Health Service Unit, had been nominated for the William Johnston Memorial Trust for an award. The award ceremony would take place at Strabane District Council on Thursday, 11 May 2006.

Noted.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

T&ESC/2006/190 : FOOTBALL GAMES IN MAWHINNEY PARK

The Acting Environmental Health Manager tabled an anonymous letter received from an elderly resident in Mawhinney Park, who felt intimidated by children playing football in front of his property.

Members sympathised with the resident, but stated that there was no law permitting the Council to take action to stop the football games.

Following further discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the anonymous letter from an elderly resident in Mawhinney Park be forwarded to the DPP for consideration.

REPORT FROM CLIENT MANAGER (copy previously circulated)

T&ESC/2006/191 : TONNAGES DEPOSITED AT LANDFILL

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

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/192 : PLAYGROUND AT BELVOIR

The Client Manager outlined details of correspondence received from Mr Brian Dunwoody from the Belvoir Community Association as well as a copy of a letter from Mr Billy Tate, Principal of Belvoir Primary School, to Mr Dunwoody in respect of Belvoir playground, requesting development of the playground, in particular improved lighting, fencing and upgrading of play equipment. The Manager stated that there was not much funding available in this year's budget.

Councillor Chambers stated that she had attended a meeting with Belvoir Community Association. Members of the Association had previously given a presentation to Council in respect of the playground. Councillor Chambers had informed the Association that, should funding become available, the Council would consider the erection of fencing around the playground, and hopefully, upgrading of play equipment could be carried out in 2007. The Community

Association had also raised concerns regarding the safety of children, as the playground was close to a river. For safety reasons, Councillor Chambers proposed that, should funding become available, the Council erect fencing around the playground.

Members entered into a discussion. They agreed that enforcement action should be taken regarding alcohol consumption on the playground. Councillor Spratt was of the view that the PSNI should be notified of antisocial behaviour.

Councillor J Beattie stated that there was a possibility that EU funding was available to upgrade the playground.

Councillor Duncan seconded the proposal from Councillor Chambers regarding fencing, and it was

RESOLVED: That Council be recommended to grant approval to the erection of fencing around Belvoir playground, should funding become available in this year's budget.

T&ESC/2006/193 : NORTHERN IRELAND ELECTRICITY – PROPOSED HIGH-VOLTAGE SUPPLY TO THE ULSTER HOSPITAL, DUNDONALD – REQUEST FOR WAYLEAVE

The Client Manager outlined details of a request for a wayleave through the Moat Park extension from Dundonald step-down sub-station to the Newtownards Road boundary of the site.

Following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That Council be recommended to grant approval for the wayleave, subject to confirmation of satisfactory insurances and an undertaking to reinstate the ground to the Council's satisfaction.

T&ESC/2006/194 : NEW DUNDONALD PRIMARY SCHOOL – MULTI-USE GAMES AREA

Councillor Spratt declared an interest as a member of the SEELB.

The Client Manager outlined details of drawings for the proposed layout and location of the multi-use games area at the new Dundonald Primary School. He recalled, for Members' benefit, that the Council had been approached regarding funding by the Principal. However, the Client Manager reported that no provision for a multi-use games area at the new Dundonald Primary School had been made in the Estimates, the cost of which would possibly run into six figures, depending on specification.

The Manager added that interest had been shown by private sector companies to develop such facilities, therefore the Manager stated that the SEELB might wish to enter into partnership with the private sector. Should it be in all parties' interest, there might be a possibility that the Council would also become involved. The Client Manager further stated that, should Members wish to visit a multi-use facility, he would be able to arrange this.

Following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the Client Manager arrange a visit to a multi-use facility and investigate how best to proceed with the erection of a multi-use games area at the new Dundonald Primary School and report back to the Committee at a future meeting.

T&ESC/2006/195 : STAFF – CAPITAL PROJECTS OFFICER AND DRAWING OFFICE ASSISTANT

The Client Manager informed Members that the post of Capital Projects Officer had been readvertised.

He further reported that the Drawing Office Assistant, employed through an agency, intended to leave Council employment at the end of April 2006 for a post with another organisation.

The Client Manager hoped that both posts could be filled in the near future.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/196 : LANDS TO REAR OF CARRYDUFF HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING CENTRE

The Client Manager reported that a request had been received from Mr Gary Hutchinson, who is developing lands adjacent to the rear of the Household Recycling Centre at Carryduff, wishing to purchase a triangle of ground as highlighted on the previously circulated map, in order to provide additional car parking facilities and access space to the new development. He further recalled that the Council had previously considered the disposal of Scout Field for development as a replacement pitch and a request from the Elim Church for additional lands. The Manager stated that it might be possible to enter into an agreement with Mr Hutchinson and the other parties, which would all suit the Council.

During the ensuing discussion, Members took the view that this proposal required further investigation, and it was

RESOLVED: That a site visit be arranged.

T&ESC/2006/197 : CASTLEREAGH HILLS – CONNSWATER COMMUNITY GREENWAY

The Client Manager reported that Ms Wendy Langham, Partnership Manager of the Castlereagh Hills – Connswater Community Greenway, had agreed to give a presentation to the June meeting of the Technical & Environmental Services Committee regarding the proposed Connswater Community Greenway.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/198 : TRICYCLE SCHEME – BRYSON HOUSE KERBSIDE RECYCLING

The Client Manager reminded Members that the contract was due to conclude in June 2006. The new tender documents were currently being prepared. The Manager explained that it might be necessary to extend the existing contract for a short period to allow for the completion of the tender process. He then recalled, for Members' benefit, that this contract had been supported by the New Opportunities Fund with a grant of £60,000 per year, and Bryson House had indicated that they would be willing to share with the Council on a 50/50 basis, the additional cost arising from the loss of this grant funding. The Client Manager sought Members' views how to proceed.

Following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to grant approval that the existing contract with Bryson House regarding kerbside recycling be extended to allow for completion of the tender process, and that the loss of New Opportunities Fund support funding and the consequential additional cost be shared between the Council and Bryson House on a 50/50 basis.

T&ESC/2006/199 : MONEYREAGH PRIMARY SCHOOL – P7 BRIDGE DESIGN COMPETITION

The Client Manager stated that he had received information from the Principal of Moneyreagh Primary School that the P7 class had been carrying out a bridge design competition. The Principal had asked whether the Council would consider hosting a small prize-giving event at the Civic Centre.

Following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to host a small award ceremony for the P7 class of Moneyreagh Primary School in the Civic Centre on 24 or 25 May 2006, the presentation being made by the Mayor and/or the Deputy Mayor and/or the Chairman of the Technical & Environmental Services Committee.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

T&ESC/2006/200 : REQUEST FOR WAYLEAVE TROUGH MOAT PARK FOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

The Client Manager reported that the Valuation Lands Agency had agreed a sum of £15,000 for the granting of a wayleave for a sewer through a section of Moat Park, close to the Enler River and SEELB grounds, subject to Council approval.

Following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That Council be recommended to grant approval for a wayleave through Moat Park, with the compensation agreed at £15,000.

T&ES/2006/201 : ELECTRICITY QUOTATIONS

The Client Manager reported that quotations had been sought and received from electricity suppliers regarding Council properties, and he recommended that the lowest quotation for each group be approved.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to grant approval for the lowest quotation for electricity for smaller users and Energia for the larger users.

T&ESC/2006/202 : BELFAST MARATHON

The Client Manager reported that the Waste Management section had entered two teams for the Belfast Marathon. Both teams had completed the Marathon and had raised a considerable sum of money for the Mayor's charity.

Members were delighted, and it was

RESOLVED: That the Council write to the members of the two teams who had completed the Belfast Marathon to congratulate them.

T&ESC/2006/203 : SPECIAL ARCHITECTURAL LIST

The Client Manager reported that part of Belvoir Park Hospital had been added to the Special Architectural List, and this would prevent it from being demolished.

Members congratulated the Planning Officer for this achievement.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/204 : HANGING BASKETS

Councillor Duncan stated that she had received a request from a gentleman in the Borough, asking if there was a possibility that the Council could provide planted hanging baskets for the Inns area. The Client Manager replied that he would contact the gentleman about the request.

RESOLVED: That the Client Manager contact the gentleman in the Borough regarding his request that the Council provide planted hanging baskets in the Borough.

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

T&ESC/2006/205 : REPORTS AVAILABLE

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

- Planning for Sustainable Energy, Spring 2006

- Environmental and Sustainable Technology, April 2006
- Northern Ireland Environmental Link – Environmental Fact Sheet, March 2006
- Tidy Northern Ireland – Tidy-Up bulletin, March 2006

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/206 : REQUIREMENTS OF THE HAZARDOUS WASTE REGULATIONS (NI) ORDER 2005 ON DOMESTIC WASTE

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services had attached to his report correspondence from the Environmental Policy Division of the Department of the Environment, dated 28 March 2006, together with guidance on the application of this legislation to domestic waste. He advised of the need for Members to become aware of the increasing remit of waste legislation arising from the implementation of EU Waste Directives.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/207 : TOWARDS RESOURCE MANAGEMENT: THE NORTHERN IRELAND WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2006-2020

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services recalled for Members' benefit that the Northern Ireland Waste Management Strategy 2006-2020 had been launched on 30 March 2006, with the Council having been represented by Alderman Norris, the Chairman of the Technical & Environmental Services Committee. The Director had highlighted some of the key issues of the Waste Management Strategy:

- A greater emphasis on the importance of waste prevention
- Breaking the link between waste production and economic growth
- The need to increase waste recycling and recovery
- Focused awareness campaigns
- The possible introduction of incentive schemes
- A recognition that energy from waste will be a necessary component of the mix of technologies required

The Director strongly recommended that Members peruse the contents of the Executive Summary of the Strategy.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/208 : REVIEW OF THE WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN (WMP) INCLUDING THE STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SEA)

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services recalled for Members' benefit that a progress report in respect of the Review of the Waste Management Plan had been presented to ARC 21 at the Joint Committee meeting of 23 February 2006.

The Director further recalled that a consultation event had there had been a consultation event on 12 April 2006 for the Castlereagh Borough Council area in

respect of the WMP and the SEA. He also included for Members' benefit the key points addressed in the Executive Summary of the Waste Management Plan and the need for Members to peruse this information: The Executive Summary of the Waste Management Plan addressed a number of matters, including:

- Strategic principles
- Analysis of waste streams
- Options and scenarios for future waste management
- Required facilities
- Siting new facilities
- Implementation, monitoring and review of the Plan

The Director pointed out that the Waste Management Plan set out how ARC 21 and its constituent Councils proposed to deal with waste for the next 15 years. The Waste Management Plan also considered immediate needs and changes required in waste management, taking account of progress since the current Plan had been adopted in January 2003.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/209 : ARC 21 JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING OF 23 FEBRUARY 2006

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services had attached to his report the Minutes of the Joint Committee Meeting held on Thursday 23 February 2006. He detailed some of the business addressed as follows:

- Contracts Update
- Ministerial Meeting
- Waste Infrastructure Taskforce (WITF)
- Communication Strategy
- Monthly NILAS
- Waste Management Plan / Strategic Environmental Assessment Review
- Consultations
- Abstract of Accounts
- Council Participation in Companies
- ARC 21 Newssheet
- AOB

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services drew Members' attention to the need to peruse the contents of the above Minutes, and acquaint themselves with the waste management issues under consideration.

Noted.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

T&ESC/2006/210 : NEXT MEETING OF ARC 21 JOINT COMMITTEE

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services informed Members that the next meeting of the ARC 21 Joint Committee would be held in Bangor, on Thursday, 4 May 2006, at 10.00 am.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/211 : WASTE MANAGEMENT MEETING

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services informed Members that the next meeting of the Waste Management Working Group would take place on Friday, 5 May 2006, at 3.00 pm.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/212 : COMMUNICATION STRATEGY DAY

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services informed Members that the ARC 21 Communication Strategy Day would be held in the Culloden Hotel on Wednesday, 3 May 2006.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/213 : CIWM WASTE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services informed Members that the ARC 21 Waste Management Conference would be held on Tuesday, 16 May 2006. He recommended that the Chairman, Councillor J Beattie and Officers attend. The cost was £50 per delegate.

RESOLVED: That Council be recommended to grant approval for the attendance of the Chairman of the Technical & Environmental Services Committee, Alderman J Norris, Councillor J Beattie and Officers at the ARC 21 Waste Management Conference, to be held on Tuesday, 16 May 2006, at a cost of £50 per delegate.

T&ESC/2006/214 : WASTE INFRASTRUCTURE TASK FORCE CONSULTATION EVENT

Councillor J Beattie reported that he had attended the above event in Cookstown on Thursday, 27 April 2006. He added that, while he appreciated the work of ARC21, he had been under the impression that he was being asked to make a decision on behalf of the Council, which, he felt, he was not able to do.

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services pointed out the importance of the conference, in that Members could express their views on the proposals arising from the Waste Infrastructure Task Force.

Noted.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 9.30 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Adopted by the Council this _____ day of

_____ 2006 with the exception of

Minute Nos: _____

MAYOR