

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, 7 November 2006, at 4.15 p.m.

PRESENT: Alderman J Norris MBE (in the chair)

COUNCILLORS: Mrs A Beattie
J Beattie
Mrs M Chambers
Mrs S Duncan
C Hall
B Hanvey
M Henderson
T Jeffers (from 5.15 pm)
J Spratt

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received on behalf of Alderman Mrs Rice and Councillor Miss Stevenson

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

TABLED : MINUTES OF THE TECHNICAL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 3 OCTOBER 2006

T&ESC/2006/363 : PRESENTATION BY THE CLIENT MANAGER RE: ARC 21 ORGANIC WASTE TREATMENT SERVICE CONTRACT

Before the Client Manager commenced his presentation, the Director of Technical & Environmental Services provided some background comments to this matter. These were as follows:

- Members were reminded that the tender report had been circulated in confidence and was commercially sensitive.
- The tender report had previously been considered at the ARC 21 Joint Committee meeting of 28 September 2006, at which the Council's representatives had been in attendance.
- In accordance with the ARC 21 Terms of Agreement, this tender report now needed to be considered by each constituent council as part of the democratic process.
- Members were reminded of the letter of 31 October 2006, inviting all Members of Council to attend this Committee meeting to hear the presentation on this matter.

The Client Manager referred to his report and outlined the details of the ARC 21 Organic Waste Treatment Service contract. He explained that, following the invitation to tender in June 2005, four valid tenders had been received from the companies listed below, by the closing date of 3.00 pm on 9 May 2006, and a full evaluation of each had been carried out in relation to cost, quality and technical issues:

- Agrivert Ltd, Radford, Oxfordshire
- MB Composting, Rugby, Warwickshire
- Natural World Products Ltd (NWP), Keady, Co Armagh
- Thames Water Services Ltd, trading as Terra Eco Systems, Reading, Berkshire

Each tenderer submitted separate compliant bids for the 15-year contract, and the contractors submitted a total of six other bids, resulting in ten tenders in total.

During the ensuing discussion following the presentation, Members raised concerns about the effects of the RPA on the Council's waste management plans. Members were also of the view that careful consideration should be given to the cost and duration of the contract, as, following the RPA, a large part of Castlereagh Borough Council would merge with Belfast City Council. However, the Client Manager replied that each Council within ARC 21 would be committing to the contract, and RPA legislation would cover how existing contractual commitments would be fulfilled.

Councillor Spratt was of the view that the Council had to comply with EU regulations in order to avoid being fined. The Director of Technical & Environmental Services advised that legal advice had been sought alongside the evaluation of the tender documents. He further stated that some Councils had already accepted the proposals from ARC 21.

Following some further discussion, Councillor Henderson proposed to accept the recommendations set out in the Client Manager's report. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Spratt, and it was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the tender be awarded to Terra Eco, in accordance with the offer expressed in their Compliant (1) bid for a 15-year contract period with optional extensions of one-yearly increments, up to a maximum of five years, as the tender which represents best economic advantage.
- (b) That the award of the contract will be based on the contractual version of the Service Delivery Plan, including the written clarifications received.
- (c) That a bond to the value of £100,000 be entered into, in accordance with the provisions of the tender, subject to confirmation of costs.

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

T&ESC/2006/364 : SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS

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

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/365 : REPORTS ON APPLICATIONS, INSPECTIONS AND SOLICITORS' ENQUIRIES

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/366 : STREET NAMING AT OLD DALE FARM DAIRIES SITE, MONTGOMERY ROAD, CASTLEREAGH

The Building Control Manager advised that a proposal had been received from G R Homes for the street name of 'Montgomery Chase' for 65 No dwellings on a site at the old Dale Farm Dairies site, Montgomery Road. He confirmed that the request met with the requirements of the Council's street naming policy, in that the name 'Montgomery' was in use in the area.

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to grant approval that the street name of 'Montgomery Chase' be adopted for 65 No dwellings on a site at the old Dale Farm Dairies, Montgomery Road, Castlereagh.

REPORT FROM THE ACTING ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH MANAGER

T&ESC/2006/367 : STATUTORY NOTICES – PUBLIC HEALTH (IRELAND) ACTS 1878 TO 1907

The Acting Environmental Health Manager outlined details of Statutory Notices that had been served regarding the abatement of public health nuisances/conditions prejudicial to health.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/368 : STATUTORY NOTICES – ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

The Acting Environmental Health Manager informed Members that the Environmental Health Service Unit had received a report and DVD entitled 'Taking Action: Tackling Antisocial Behaviour', and a copy was available for Members' perusal.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/369 : DRAFT SMOKING (NI) ORDER 2006

The Acting Environmental Health Manager referred to his report to the October Committee meeting regarding pending smoke-free legislation, and he advised that consultation documents and a questionnaire had been received and were available for Members' perusal.

Councillor Harvey enquired whether the Council would need to take further steps to uphold the legislation in respect of smoking in the Council's vehicles. He felt that staff should be reminded of the Council's no-smoking policy, and it should be pointed out that the new legislation also included the Council's vehicles.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/370 : HOUSES OF MULTIPLE OCCUPATION

The Acting Environmental Health Manager advised that a copy of the 'Northern Ireland Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO) Statutory Regulations Scheme' was available in the Environmental Health Service Unit for Members' perusal. He added that guidance notes would be produced in a separate booklet.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/371 : HEALTH PROMOTION

The Acting Environmental Health Manager advised that a copy of the 'Health Promotion Agency Annual Report 2005-2006', detailing the agency's work to improve health and how objectives had been met, was available in the Environmental Health Service Unit for Members' perusal.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/372 : HOME ACCIDENT PREVENTION

The Acting Environmental Health Manager referred to a report tabled in November 2005, asking that provision of £5,000 be made in the estimates for a Home Safety Officer for the Eastern Group area. At the time, the Committee did not support this request, therefore the other councils in the group had provided the required funding. The Manager had enclosed a report from the Eastern Group Environmental Health Committee, outlining the benefits to the Council, and he asked for Members' approval that provision of £6,000 be made in this year's estimates for the continuation of this post.

During the ensuing discussion, Members enquired which other bodies were contributing towards funding for this post. The Committee was of the view that, before the Council could commit to this proposal, it would be necessary to have more information available.

Councillor J Beattie stated that he was opposed to the Council providing funding for a Home Safety Officer.

RESOLVED: That the Acting Environmental Health Manager provide more detailed information in respect the provision of funding for the extension of the Home Safety Officer for the Eastern Group area at the next Committee meeting.

T&ESC/2006/373 : FOOD SAFETY (NI) ORDER 1991

The Acting Environmental Health Manager outlined details of a complaint received on 31 August 2006 that a flying insect had been found in a bakery product. An examination of the bakery product confirmed that it contained a flying insect. This was a contravention of Article 13(1) of the Food Safety (NI) Order 1991, therefore the Manager sought approval to instigate legal proceedings against the proprietors of the business that had provided the bakery product.

RESOLVED: That Council be recommended to grant approval to instigate legal proceedings in accordance with the Food Safety (NI) Order 1991 against the proprietors of a business that had provided a bakery product containing a flying insect.

T&ESC/2006/374 : CONSUMPTION OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR IN DESIGNATED PLACES – DRINKING IN DESIGNATED AREAS

The Acting Environmental Health Manager tabled statements received from the PSNI regarding incidents of drinking in designated areas in the Borough.

Councillor Henderson commented that the new owner of Town & Country Shopping Centre intended to install CCTV to discourage antisocial behaviour. Members welcomed this decision.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/375 : CONSUMPTION OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR IN DESIGNATED PLACES – DRINKING IN DESIGNATED AREAS

The Environmental Health Service Unit had received two witness statements from the PSNI, informing the Council of two incidents of drinking in designated areas contrary to the Council's bye-laws:

- Saturday, 3 June 2006, Cairnshill Playing Fields – one adult male offender
- Saturday, 26 August 2006, Church Lodge, Moneyreagh – one male adult offender

The Acting Environmental Health Manager sought approval to instigate legal proceedings against the offenders in accordance with the above legislation.

RESOLVED: That Council be recommended to grant approval to instigate legal proceedings against two male adults, detected drinking in Cairnshill Playing Fields and Church Lodge, Moneyreagh, respectively, in accordance with the Council's bye-laws.

T&ESC/2006/376 : THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) (NI) ORDER 1985 – ARTICLE 3 – LICENSING OF PLACES OF ENTERTAINMENT – VARIATION OF A LICENCE

The Acting Environmental Health Manager outlined details of a request for the variation of an Entertainment Licence for the following premises:

Castlereagh Hills Golf Club
Upper Braniel Road
Gilnahirk

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to authorise that the Entertainment Licence, as detailed in the Acting Environmental Health Manager's report, be varied, subject to receipt of all necessary documentation and compliance with the Council's Terms and Conditions of Licence.

T&ESC/2006/377 : PETROLEUM CONSOLIDATION ACT (NI) 1929 – LICENCE RENEWAL

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

Cherryhill (Spar) Filling Station
758 Upper Newtownards Road
Dundonald
BT16 0LA

The Acting Environmental Health Manager 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/2006/378 : THE BETTING, GAMING, LOTTERIES AND AMUSEMENTS (NI) ORDER 1985 – RENEWAL OF AMUSEMENT PERMIT

The Acting Environmental Health Manager advised that consultations with the PSNI regarding the renewal of the Amusement Permit for Lucky Jacks, 1 Church Road, Dundonald, had now been completed. The PSNI had informed

the Council that the machines on the above premises were not being viewed as being illegal under the current legislation.

During the ensuing discussion, Councillor Spratt raised concerns regarding a loophole in the legislation, as the PSNI had not been able to clarify whether the machines at Lucky Jacks were legal. He proposed, therefore, that the Council write to the PSNI, stating the Council's view that the statement received had not been satisfactory, as the details surrounding the legality of the machines had not been confirmed.

Councillor Jeffers referred to two premises in neighbouring Council areas, North Down Borough Council and Belfast City Council respectively, where similar machines were in operation, and he wished to know how these Councils dealt with those premises.

Following some further discussion, it was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Council write to the PSNI, expressing the Council's dissatisfaction with the statement contained in their response, as this did not clarify the legal status of the gaming machines held at Lucky Jacks, 1 Church Road, Dundonald
- (b) That officers from the Council liaise with representatives from the neighbouring Councils to determine how premises in their area operating similar machines are dealt with.

T&ESC/2006/379 : THE DOGS (NI) ORDER 1983 – DOG ATTACK ON A CHILD IN TULLYCARNET

The Acting Environmental Health Manager outlined details of an attack on a seven-year old girl by a greyhound-type dog on 17 July 2006. The girl had been bitten twice on the left buttock and had been taken to the Ulster Hospital for treatment. The owner of the dog, which was unlicensed at the time of the attack, had subsequently failed to obtain a licence or to pay a fixed penalty fine for the licensing offence. The Manager, therefore, requested approval to begin legal proceedings against the owner of the dog for having responsibility of the dog, which attacked a person and for keeping a dog without a valid licence in accordance with the above legislation.

Following some discussion, it was

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 in Tullycarnet for having responsibility for a dog which attacked a person and for non-payment of a Fixed Penalty notice for keeping a dog without a valid licence.

T&ESC/2006/380 : THE DOGS (NI) ORDER 1983 – DOG KEPT WITHOUT A VALID LICENCE

The Acting Environmental Health Manager reported that a Fixed Penalty Notice to a lady from Braniel had been returned unpaid from the Clerk of Petty Sessions Office, 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 Braniel for non-payment of Fixed Penalty Notice regarding a dog kept without a valid licence.

T&ESC/2006/381 : STAFF MATTERS

The Acting Environmental Health Manager advised that, since 1 October 2006, the Administrative Officer had been acting up to the position of Senior Administrative Officer to cover maternity leave. The Manager sought approval for payment of additional salary to the Administrative Officer for the duration of the maternity leave.

RESOLVED: That Council be recommended to grant approval for payment of an acting-up allowance to the Administrative Officer for carrying out the duties of the Senior Administrative Officer to cover maternity leave.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

T&ESC/2006/382 : DOG ATTACK

The Acting Environmental Health Manager gave an update on a previously reported attack, where a Rottweiler had bitten a child. The case had been taken to court, and the owner had been ordered to pay a substantial fine and asked to pay costs. The dog has been humanely destroyed.

Noted.

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

T&ESC/2006/383 : TENDER FOR NEW PEDESTRIAN TRENCHER

The Operational Services Manager reported that the following three tenders had been received in response to a public advertisement for a new pedestrian trencher:

Vesta Irrigation Ltd
170-172 Woodstock Road
Belfast

Ditch Witch 12/30

£6,895 plus VAT

BT6 8AF

Broderick Grass Machinery 1-5 Scullions Road Mallusk BT3 4WX	Greentek PT9	£6290 plus VAT
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Cyril Johnson & Co Ltd Ballynahinch Road Belfast BT8 8DJ	Greentek PT9	£6290 plus VAT
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The Manager further advised that Broderick Grass Machinery had offered a first service free of charge, including belts, therefore he sought approval to appoint Broderick Grass Machinery as the supplier for the pedestrian trencher.

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to grant approval for the purchase of a Greentek PT9 pedestrian trencher from Broderick Grass Machinery, 1-5 Scullions Road, Mallusk, BT3 4WX, for the sum of £6,290 plus VAT, including a free first service and belts.

T&ESC/2006/384 : TENDER FOR PEDESTRIAN TURF AERATOR

The Operational Services Manager outlined details of three tenders received for the purchase of a pedestrian turf aerator:

Broderick Grass Machinery 1-5 Scullions Road Mallusk BT3 4WX	Groundsman 460SDR	£6,740 plus VAT
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Johnston Gilpin & Co Ltd 7B Lisnoe Road Lisburn BT27 5LT	Aercore 800	£12,060 plus VAT
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Cyril Johnston & Co Ltd	Toro 648	£13,995 plus VAT
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As Broderick Grass Machinery had submitted the lowest tender that met the specifications, it was

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to grant approval for the purchase of a Groundsman 460SDR at £6,740 plus VAT from Broderick Grass Machinery, 1-5 Scullions Road, Mallusk, BT3 4WX.

T&ESC/2006/385 : ANNUAL CHARGES

The Operational Services Manager tabled a list of charges for chargeable services and facilities for the period 2007-2008, with the 2006-2007 charges

included for information purposes. Changes for the following items were provided:

- Hire of playing fields/pavilion facilities
Pitches and pavilions
Lagan College
Pavilion hire
- Other hire charges
Allotments
Bowling green fees
- Cemetery charges
Grave plots
Interment fees
Exhumation fees
Approval for the erection of a memorial
Issue of duplicate documents
Grave maintenance
Search fees

The Operational Services Manager drew Members' attention to the increase in exhumation fees which reflected actual costs incurred.

RESOLVED: That Council be recommended to grant approval to the charges for chargeable services for the period 2007-2008 as outlined in the Operational Services Manager's report.

T&ESC/2006/386 : BRITISH HORSE SOCIETY TOLL RIDE

The Operational Services Manager outlined details of correspondence received from the British Horse Society. The letter explained that Ireland's first BHS Equestrian Toll Ride had been opened in the Grey Abbey Estate, and there were plans to open another Toll Ride on the Blakiston-Huston Estate in Dundonald. The British Horse Society sought the Council's support for this project.

During the ensuing discussion, Members agreed to write a letter of support for the Toll Ride in Dundonald, provided that the general public would have access.

RESOLVED: That the Council write a letter of support for the provision of a BHS Equestrian Toll Ride on the Blakiston-Huston Estate in Dundonald, provided that the general public be allowed access.

T&ESC/2006/387 : TRANSLINK ULSTER IN BLOOM

The Operational Services Manager drew Members' attention to feedback received from the judges of the summer bedding competition 'Translink Ulster in Bloom'.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/388 : MINUTES OF THE BILLY NEILL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 17 AUGUST 2006

The Operational Services Manager advised that, as requested, he had included the Billy Neill Advisory Committee's terms of references in his report for Members' perusal.

Noted.

**SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT FROM THE OPERATIONAL SERVICES MANAGER
(copy tabled at meeting)**

T&ESC/2006/389 : ALLOCATION OF PITCH 5 – INTERMEDIATE PITCH, BILLY NEILL

The Operational Services Manager stated that, historically, Dundonald FC had been allocated Pitch 5, as they had been the only intermediate team to submit an application, with Dundonald FC's second team also using the pitch. However, Donard Hospital FC had now reached the intermediate level and had expressed the intention to submit an application for Pitch 5 in the 2007-2008 season. The team had contacted Dundonald FC, who had agreed to share the use of Pitch 5. However, Donard Hospital FC had now expressed concerns that Dundonald FC might withdraw their support.

The Operational Services Manager provided Members with a copy of his letter of reply to Mr Keenan, the Honorary Secretary of Donard Hospital FC, which contained a statement from Mr R M S Martin, Honorary Secretary, Northern Amateur Football League, that teams playing in divisions 1A and 1B in the Northern Ireland Amateur League may share grounds, provided that the ground has been passed by the Intermediate Committee of the Irish Football Association for Intermediate Football.

Following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Council be recommended to accept the request from Donard Hospital FC to share Pitch 5 at Billy Neill Soccer Centre of Excellence with Dundonald FC, subject to the Council's criteria for hiring pitches being met.
- (b) That approval be granted to the Operational Services Manager to forward his letter of reply to Mr D Keenan from Donard Hospital FC.

T&ESC/2006/390 : PURCHASE OF AUTOMATIC SKIP NETTING SYSTEM

The Operational Services Manager reported that, in order to comply with new health and safety regulations, the Council was required to fit a fully automatic skip netting system on the Renault hook loader at a cost of approximately £8,500. He added that this would also save time at landfill sites when tipping.

Following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to grant approval for the purchase of a fully automatic skip netting system on the Renault hook loader at a cost of approximately £8,500.

T&ESC/2006/391 : REQUEST FOR CHRISTMAS TREE AT CARRYDUFF ROUNDABOUT

The Operational Services Manager sought Members' views regarding a request from Mr Victor Robinson to place a Christmas tree at the Carryduff roundabout. He recommended that this request be forwarded to the Christmas Tree Working Group for consideration.

Following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That consideration regarding the placement of a Christmas tree at the Carryduff roundabout be referred to the Christmas Tree Working Group.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

T&ESC/2006/392 : IMPROVEMENTS AT MOAT PARK

Councillor Jeffers thanked all staff members who were involved in carrying out the improvements at Moat Park for their good work.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/393 : BOWLING BALLS

Councillor Hall outlined a request from Balmoral Bowling Club to the Council for new bowls for use by members of the public. However, the Parks Manager reminded Members of a previous decision not to supply clubs with bowls, as it might set a precedent.

Councillor Henderson recalled that it had been agreed to search Council premises and to forward any bowls that were found to clubs. The Operational Services Manager replied that a search had been carried out, but no full sets had been found.

Following some further discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to decline the request from Balmoral Bowling Club for new bowls for use by members of the public.

T&ESC/2006/394 : GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

Councillor Hall enquired when the Garden of Remembrance would be completed, and he suggested that an official opening ceremony should take place. The Parks Manager replied that the work was nearly finished.

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services was of the view, that, because the opening ceremony might be a civic event, this matter should be referred to the Central Services Committee for consideration.

RESOLVED: That consideration of an official opening ceremony for the Garden of Remembrance be referred to the Central Services Committee.

T&ESC2006/395 : COMMUNITY GARDENS AT BELVOIR

Councillor Hall enquired about the progress made with arrangements for a community garden in Belvoir. The Client Manager explained that consultations were currently taking place with NIHE regarding the transfer of land to the Council. He added that Officers would contact NIHE to check whether a decision had been reached.

RESOLVED: That Officers contact NIHE regarding the transfer of land to the Council for the purpose of providing a community garden in Belvoir.

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

T&ESC/2006/396 : TONNAGES DEPOSITED AT LANDFILL

The Client Manager reported that 1865.16 tonnes had been deposited at landfill during September 2006. Compared to September 2005, this figure was approximately 112 tonnes lower. The figure for October 2006 was 1624.82 tonnes, 192 tonnes lower than October 2005. The Client Manager anticipated that the total amount deposited at landfill in 2006 would be less than the amount allowed for in the estimates.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/397 : ARC 21 ORGANIC WASTE TREATMENT SERVICE CONTRACT

This item was discussed during the presentation given by the Client Manager earlier in the meeting. The outcomes following the discussions and the resolutions are set out in Minute T&ESC/2006/363. These are as follows:

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the tender be awarded to Terra Eco, in accordance with the offer expressed in their Compliant (1) bid for a 15-year contract period with optional extensions of one-yearly increments, up to a maximum of five years, as the tender which represents best economic advantage.
- (b) That the award of the contract will be based on the contractual version of the Service Delivery Plan, including the written clarifications received.
- (c) That a bond to the value of £100,000 be entered into, in accordance with the provisions of the tender, subject to confirmation of costs.

**T&ESC/2006/398 : CASTLEREAGH BOROUGH COUNCIL / ARC 21
WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN – EFW PROCUREMENT**

Noted.

**T&ESC/2006/399 : OVERVIEW OF WASTE MANAGEMENT
OPERATIONAL CHANGES**

As previously agreed, the Client Manager provided a report, outlined the methods used eight years ago to collect refuse in the Borough. He went on to outline the current waste management operational practices.

The following factors had prompted change to the way refuse was collected and deposited in the Borough:

- New legislation from Europe requiring diversion from landfill
- The cancellation of CCT contracts
- Other waste legislation, eg Duty of Care
- Increasing emphasis on mechanical rather than manual handling
- Increasing public expectations

The Client Manager went on to outline the challenges faced by the Council, staff and ratepayers in the future:

- The introduction of kitchen organics to the brown bin
- The procurement and introduction of the service for an EFW plant
- The introduction of more bring sites
- Improving participation rates
- Improving capture rates
- Reducing contamination
- New legislation
- Tighter regulation of exiting facilities (particularly at HRCs)
- Increasing public expectations
- Increasing costs

The successful introduction of the changes in waste management had been due to support from Elected Members, the public and Council staff, and it had

resulted in an increase of recycling/diversion rates from approximately 5% to 35-40%. The Council was, therefore, minimising the risk of being fined for failing to reach its targets.

Councillor Hall and Councillor Mrs Duncan reported that they had received notification that currently there appeared to be a problem with recycling of cardboard at the HRCs, and residents had been advised to dispose of it along with ordinary waste. The Director of Technical & Environmental Services advised that he would inform the Operational Services Unit.

Councillor Henderson was of the view that the Council should write to the BBC to complain about one of their presenters, who had publicly stated that he would never recycle anything.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/400 : BRYSON RECYCLING – CANVASSING REPORT

The Client Manager provided the results of canvassing undertaken by Bryson Recycling in the Borough. The canvassers had spoken to approximately 70% of householders in the targeted areas, and the majority of these had been positive about the service provided by Bryson Recycling, with the main request being for additional card/cardboard recycling facilities. The Client Manager hoped that he would soon be in a position to bring proposals for a card-cardboard recycling facility (and possibly other materials) to the Committee.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/401 : TARGETING OF HOUSEHOLDS NOT PARTICIPATING IN KERBIE SCHEME

The Client Manager reported that, in order to identify households that are not participating in the kerbie scheme, a member of staff would have to accompany the collection crews for several weeks. Then, a strategy would need to be worked out to bring about a change of mind, therefore the expenditure of required resources might not be justifiable.

Bryson House had targeted the collection rounds of lower participation in their canvassing exercise, carried out during the summer, and leaflets had been left when it had not been possible to speak to the residents. Further information will be forwarded to households throughout the year.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/402 : BELFAST TELEGRAPH – URBAN JUNGLE

The Client Manager outlined details of a feature run by the Belfast Telegraph, Urban Jungle, which had been set up to address issues of concern. These issues are then forwarded to the relevant bodies and editorial comment for

some of these cases was provided in the newspaper. The Client Manager pointed out two items which featured Castlereagh Borough Council for Members' information.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/403 : CAPITAL PROJECTS LIST

The Client Manager provided Members with a list of capital projects that were currently being progressed by the Technical & Environmental Services Department on behalf of all Council departments, and he sought Members' views as to how these projects should be prioritised.

During the ensuing discussion, Members felt that this matter needed more detailed discussion, therefore it was

RESOLVED: That the start of the next Technical & Environmental Services Committee meeting be brought forward by one hour to allow for detailed discussion regarding the prioritisation of items listed on the capital projects list.

T&ESC/2006/404 : PHOENIX NATURAL GAS - CHARGES

The Client Manager tabled a new price list for OC2 customers of Phoenix Natural Gas, which affected various Council properties. However, the Council had been able to secure an advantageous OC1 rate of approximately 1.6p per kWh until April 2007, and this affected the Robinson Centre, DIIB etc. The Client Manager anticipated a significant increase from May 2007 onwards, therefore relevant staff had been informed so this increase in the OC1 rate could be included in the estimates.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/405 : PROPOSED ABANDONMENTS

The Client Manager advised of notification received from the Roads Service regarding a proposed abandonment of a footpath between Newton Heights and Cairnshill Road as well as a proposed abandonment of ground fronting 11 Old Mill Dale, Dundonald. He asked Members to inform him of any concerns or issues that they wished to raise.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/406 : INTER-AGENCY BONFIRE WORKING GROUP

The Client Manager stated that the Inter-Agency Bonfire Working Group had discussed the production of a video, giving guidance to bonfire builders, and the Fire Service had indicated that they might be willing to produce this video at no cost to other bodies, if they received a formal request.

Following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to support the Inter-Agency Bonfire Working Group in their request to the Fire Service to produce a safety video, giving guidance to bonfire builders regarding health and safety, construction, lighting and removal of bonfires.

T&ESC/2006/407 : PROPOSED HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING CENTRE – CONSTRUCTION OF MULTI-USE GAMES AREA (MUGA) IN DUNDONALD

The Client Manager outlined details of a of a request from the Principal of Dundonald Primary School for support and assistance to construct a multi-use games area and a single football pitch on the site of the current football pitches beside the Moat Park Pavilion. He further recalled a proposal to build a new household recycling centre in Dundonald with funding from the EHS Waste Management Grant.

Following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That Council be recommended to grant approval to Officers to progress with the proposals for a new household recycling centre in Dundonald with funding from the EHS Waste Management Grant as well as the construction of a multi-use games area and single football pitch on the site of the current football pitches beside the Moat Park Pavilion on the basis that these would be at no cost to the Council.

T&ESC/2006/408 : CARRYDUFF COLTS – BREDA GAC – CARRYDUFF GAC

The Client Manager reported that Carryduff Colts, Breda GAC and Carryduff GAC had tried, with limited success, to book facilities through the Council, therefore both clubs had approached the Council regarding additional facilities. The Client Manager outlined two options for Members' consideration:

- (a) One or two additional Gaelic pitches at Hydebank and/or Lough Moss. This could be achieved by adjusting the position of the existing football pitches and marking out the Gaelic pitch at right angles to the football pitches across two football pitches.
- (b) Construction of a third-generation synthetic pitch at Lough Moss with external funding. The pitch could be used for Gaelic training and junior matches.

The Client Manager commented that both clubs had welcomed the proposal for a joint application for lottery or other funding. He also informed Members that a third-generation synthetic pitch had recently been constructed in Cookstown, and it was used by soccer and Gaelic clubs, and if Members wished, he would arrange for a site visit. He added that the cost of such a pitch could be approximately £400,000 to £500,000.

During the ensuing discussion, Councillor Henderson suggested that Breda GAC might wish to consider using facilities at St Joseph's Primary School in Carryduff.

Councillor Hall stated that he had been approached by Belvoir Colts, enquiring whether the Council would be willing to consider purchasing a pitch in Belvoir which currently belonged to NIHE. Councillor J Beattie replied that this particular pitch was water-logged.

The Client Manager explained that NIHE were willing to transfer the pitch over to the Council, and it could be transferred to Belvoir Colts, who would then be responsible for all issues concerning the pitch. The Client Manager stated that he would need to explore the liabilities to the Council and any legal issues surrounding the purchase of the pitch in Belvoir.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That a site visit to the third-generation synthetic football pitch in Cookstown be arranged.
- (b) That the Client Manager explore the liabilities to the Council and any legal issues surrounding the purchase of a football pitch in Belvoir.
- (c) That Officers consult with users of the soccer pitches and report back to the Committee before a decision is made with regard to marking out the Gaelic football pitches.

T&ESC/2006/409 : LANDS AT COMBER ROAD, CARRYDUFF

The Client Manager informed Members that the Council had been approached by the owners of land adjacent to the Household Recycling Centre in the Comber Road, Carryduff, who wished to purchase the long narrow strip of ground from the Council in order to create parking space for a proposed redevelopment of the adjacent site.

Councillor Hanvey recalled that the Council had previously received a proposal from a resident in the area, who wished to purchase the strip of land. However, this proposal had been refused. Councillor Hanvey felt that the Council should reconsider this request.

Following some further discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That a site visit be arranged to land adjacent to the Household Recycling Centre at Comber Road, Carryduff, and to the other site, for which the Council had received the request.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

T&ESC/2006/410 : CERTIFICATE FOR PARTICIPATION IN RECYCLING SCHEME

The Client Manager reported that the Mayor and the Chairman of the Technical & Environmental Services Committee had been invited to visit schools in the area on 21 November 2006 to present them with a certificate for their participation in the Council's recycling scheme.

RESOLUTION: That the Council be recommended to grant approval for the Mayor and the Chairman of the Technical & Environmental Services Committee to visit schools in the area on 21 November 2006 to present them with a certificate for their participation in the Council's recycling scheme.

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

T&ESC/2006/411 : REPORTS AVAILABLE

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

- On the Move, the official newspaper of Roads Service, summer 2006, issue no (6)
- Active Travel News, Sustrans, issue 8
- Practical Help News, Energy Saving Trust, issue 21
- The State of the Nation – 2006, Institution of Civil Engineers
- Water Demand Management Bulletin, Environment Agency, October 2006, issue 79

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/412 : PROPOSALS FOR APPLICATION OF GB ENERGY CONSENTS PROCESSES TO NORTHERN IRELAND

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services outlined details of a proposal from DETI to change the current Northern Ireland energy consent processes to construct, extend or operate an electricity generation station over 10MW, which would result in the energy consent processes in Great Britain being replicated in Northern Ireland. The proposals are a development following the recently released Energy Review, which set out two long-term challenges to the UK energy policy:

- The need to tackle climate change by reducing carbon dioxide emissions
- The need to deliver secure, clean energy at affordable prices as we move to increasing dependence on imported energy.

Chapter 7 in the Energy Review, entitled 'Planning for Large', formed the background to the above proposals and might assist in the progression of major waste management infrastructure.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/413 : REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE – INTERIM FINDINGS REPORT

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services tabled the Interim Findings Report in respect of the Review Panel's findings. The report set out the Review Panel's approach to conducting the review and set out the key factors and principles applied by the panel as well as a summary of key themes emerging from the consultation process, study visits already undertaken or scheduled and the panel's plan for the next stage of the review.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/414 : ARC 21 JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING OF 28 SEPTEMBER 2006

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services tabled the minutes of the Joint Committee meeting of 28 September 2006 for Members' perusal.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/415 : ARC 21 JOINT COMMITTEE – 26 OCTOBER 2006 – MEMBERS' BULLETIN

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/416 : WASTE MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP MEETING OF 20 OCTOBER 2006

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services advised that the meeting had to be postponed, as there had been no quorum. He also provided information on the current membership of the Waste Management Working Group and the current Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Noted.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

T&ESC/2006/417 : WASTE MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP MEETINGS

Councillor Henderson proposed that the date of Waste Management Working Group meetings be changed. This proposal was seconded by Alderman Norris, and it was

RESOLVED: That Officers liaise with the Chairman and any other relevant Chairmen to determine a more suitable date.

At this point, the Committee decided to continue the meeting Staff in Committee.

STAFF IN COMMITTEE

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 7.05 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Adopted by the Council this _____ day of

_____ 2006 with the exception of

Minute Nos: _____

MAYOR