

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, 3 October 2006, at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Alderman J Norris MBE
(in the chair)

COUNCILLORS: Mrs A Beattie
Mrs M Chambers (from 7.40 pm)
Mrs S Duncan
B Hanvey (until 10.05 pm)
J Spratt (from 8.30 pm)

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received on behalf of Alderman Rice, Councillors Beattie, Hall, Henderson, Jeffers and Miss Stevenson

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

TABLED : MINUTES OF THE TECHNICAL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 5 SEPTEMBER 2006

REPORT FROM BUILDING CONTROL MANAGER (copy previously circulated)

T&ESC/2006/320 : SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS

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

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/321 : REPORTS ON APPLICATIONS, INSPECTIONS AND SOLICITORS ENQUIRIES

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/322 : STAFF ISSUES

The Building Control Manager reported that Ms Claire Brown had been appointed to the post of Building Control Officer and had commenced work on 4 September 2006.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/323 : FIRE SAFETY PANEL MODULE 1 COURSE

Members congratulated David Millar and Claire Brown, Building Control Officers, for successfully completing the competence test in the above course.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/324 : NORTHERN IRELAND BUILDING CONTROL GROUP COMMITTEE ANNUAL CONVENTION 2006

The Building Control Manager outlined details of the Northern Ireland Building Control Group Committee Annual Convention, to be held in the Slieve Donard Hotel, Newcastle, on 23 and 24 November 2006, at a cost of £210 per person for attending the residential convention and £60 per day for day delegates.

Following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That approval be granted for the Building Control Manager and Councillors Hanvey and Hall to attend the Northern Ireland Building Control Group Committee Annual Convention in the Slieve Donard Hotel, Newcastle, on 23 and 24 November 2006, at a cost of £210 per person.

T&ESC/2006/325 : STREET NAMING AT LAND FORMALLY KNOWN AS 29 FERNDENE PARK, DUNDONALD

The Building Control Manager advised that a proposal had been received from Mr David Wright for the street name of 'Ferndene Mews' for five No dwellings on a site formally known as 29 Ferndene Park, Dundonald. He confirmed that the request met with the requirements of the Council's street naming policy, in that the name 'Ferndene' was in use in the area.

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to grant approval that the street name of 'Ferndene Mews' be adopted for five No dwellings on a site formally known as 29 Ferndene Park, Dundonald.

T&ESC/2006/326 : STREET NAMING AT MILLREAGH, CARROWREAGH ROAD, DUNDONALD

The Building Control Manager advised that a proposal had been received from Antrim Construction Company and Dingles Builders (NI) Ltd for the street names of 'Millreagh Avenue', 'Millreagh Court', 'Millreagh Heights', 'Millreagh Drive' and 'Millreagh Green' for 108 No dwellings on a site at Carrowreagh Road/Upper Newtownards Road, Dundonald. The street name of 'Millreagh' for the development had already been approved by the Council in March 2005, and the Building Control Manager confirmed that that the present request met with the Council's street naming policy.

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to grant approval for the street names of 'Millreagh Avenue', 'Millreagh Court', 'Millreagh Heights', 'Millreagh Drive' and 'Millreagh Green' for 108 No dwellings on a site at Carrowreagh Road/upper Newtownards Road, Dundonald.

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

T&ESC/2006/327 : REQUESTS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF CARPET BEDS

The Operational Services Manager referred to a previous Minute, deferring the decision regarding the floral bedding display for 2006 to display the Mayor's charity, Multiple Sclerosis, and a request for the Scout Centenary until after the new Mayor's appointment. The Manager had now prepared details of the costs for the erection of a new carpet bed at the bus turning circle at the Cregagh Road as follows:

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| Area 4m x 5m | £1,760 (approximately) |
| Annual bedding | £240 |

A request had also been received from Supervalu Best Kept Awards for the creation of a floral carpet in the Borough to mark their golden anniversary in 2007.

Councillor Chambers suggested that the Council might consider granting approval to let Supervalu use the area in the Cregagh Road, if they would provide funding for the bedding or obtain sponsorship, and that the Council had already decided to display the Mayor's chosen charity each year.

Following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That Council be recommended to grant approval to Supervalu Best Kept Awards to use the area at the bus turning circle in the Cregagh Road for a floral display to mark their golden anniversary in 2007, if the Northern Ireland Amenity Council would take responsibility for the cost of the display.
- (b) That, each year, the carpet bed design at the Civic Centre should be the Mayor's chosen charity.

T&ESC/2006/328 : CROSS-COUNTRY EVENTS AT BILLY NEILL

The Operational Services Manager stated that a track route was currently being investigated, and, once finished, the Manager intended to contact NI Athletics Federations and other bodies to enquire if there was an interest in using the track. The Manager further stated that cross-country events had been held in the grounds at the Billy Neill Centre in the past.

RESOLVED: That the Operational Services Manager continue to progress this matter and report back to the Committee at a future meeting.

T&ESC/2006/329 : GOLF BALLS AT TULLYCARNET PARK

The Operational Services Manager outlined details of correspondence received from a resident, asking the Council to consider erecting a higher fence to stop golf balls from being thrown into the garden.

During the ensuing discussion, Members enquired if there was a general problem in the area regarding golf balls or antisocial behaviour. The Operational Services Manager replied that, while there had been other incidents in other areas from time to time, it appeared that this house was being targeted. Members were of the view that these incidents were antisocial behaviour and were, therefore, the responsibility of the PSNI, but that the Council could consider putting up signs prohibiting ball games and the consumption of alcohol.

Alderman Norris felt that legal advice from the Council's solicitor should be sought in order to ascertain whether the Council had responsibility for any injuries or damage to property.

Following some further discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the correspondence from a resident in the Borough be passed to the PSNI for investigation, and that Officers seek legal advice from the Council's solicitors in respect of the Council's position in this regard.

T&ESC/2006/330 : MINUTES OF THE BILLY NEILL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 17 AUGUST 2006

The Operational Services Manager referred to his report and that these minutes had been included for information purposes. The Manager then referred to matters arising: he outlined the cost of replacement of fencing around Pitch 5, and he reiterated the Committee's decision to use chain-link fencing in the future.

Councillor Chambers raised concerns regarding the attendance of users at Advisory Committee meetings. The Operational Services Manager replied that the Committee had decided not to invite users initially, but that a list of users had been presented to the Committee for consideration. He further agreed to provide the Advisory Committee's terms and references for Members' perusal at the next Technical & Environmental Services Committee meeting.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That chain-link fencing be used in future to replace any missing fencing around football pitches.
- (b) That the Operational Services Manager include the Billy Neill Advisory Committee's terms and references in the agenda for next month's Committee meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

T&ESC/2006/331 : FOOTBALL PITCH AT MOAT PARK

Councillor Hanvey referred to a request from Councillor Drysdale to arrange for the grass of the Moat Park football pitch to be cut, as players found it difficult to play football due to the length of the grass. There had also been a complaint that the centre spot was not marked, and the referee showers in Lough Moss Leisure Centre did not provide hot water.

RESOLVED: That Officers make arrangements for the grass at Moat Park to be cut, ensure that the centre spot was marked and that hot water in the referee showers in Lough Moss Leisure Centre was provided.

T&ESC/2006/332 : COMPLIMENTARY LETTER RE: CEMETERY

The Operational Services Manager circulated correspondence received from a resident, thanking Alana Quinn from the Department of Technical & Environmental Services and Hugh Sterrit, grave digger at Knockbreda Cemetery, for making all the necessary arrangements for an interment of ashes. Councillor Hanvey asked that thanks be extended to all staff involved.

Councillor Chambers enquired whether there had been any progress regarding the purchase of additional land for a graveyard. The Client Manager replied that land at the Billy Neill MBE Soccer Centre of Excellence had been identified, and a hydro-geographical survey had recently been completed, although the consultants had recommended further tests on the ground, which had been divided into three categories: A, B and C.

Following some further discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That Officers work towards a speedy completion of further tests and that a further report be tabled at a future meeting.

REPORT FROM THE ACTING ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH MANAGER

T&ESC/2006/333 : ENFORCEMENT POLICY – HEALTH AND SAFETY

The Acting Environmental Health Manager referred to Minute TSC/2003/340, stating the Council's subscription to the terms of the Enforcement Concordat. A copy of the amended Enforcement Policy for Health & Safety had been enclosed for Members' perusal.

RESOLVED: That Members note and approve the provisions of the amended Enforcement Policy for Health & Safety.

T&ESC/2006/334 : SERVICE UNIT BUSINESS PLAN

The Acting Environmental Health Manager drew Members' attention to the Environmental Health Business Plan, which had been reviewed to take into consideration the Council's strategic aims. The Plan also outlined the possible need for additional resources in the future to ensure a continued compliance with statutory obligations and key objectives contained in the Plan.

RESOLVED: That Members note and approve the contents of the report.

T&ESC/2006/335 : PENDING SMOKE FREE LEGISLATION

The Acting Environmental Health Manager outlined pending new legislation regarding smoking in public places. Enforcement of the legislation rested with the Council's Service Unit, which would require additional resources. The Acting Environmental Health Manager further advised that additional information would be presented to Members once it became available.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/336 : CONSUMPTION OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR IN DESIGNATED PLACES – DRINKING IN DESIGNATED AREAS

The Acting Environmental Health Manager outlined details of incidents of drinking in designated areas which had been passed on to the Council by the PSNI. Councillor Spratt expressed dissatisfaction about the long time taken by the PSNI in notifying the Council of incidents of drinking in designated areas.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/337 : DRINKING IN DESIGNATED AREAS

A witness statement had been received from the PSNI in respect of one adult, who had been detected drinking in a designated place in the Borough, namely Manse Road, Castlereagh, on Saturday, 29 July 2006. The Acting Environmental Health Manager sought approval to instigate legal proceedings against this person.

RESOLVED: That legal proceedings be instigated against a person who had been detected drinking in Manse Road, Castlereagh, on Saturday, 29 July 2006.

T&ESC/2006/338 : DRINKING IN DESIGNATED AREAS - NOTE

The Acting Environmental Health Manager then outlined details of another witness statement received from the PSNI, which the Council had not been able to process because of inaccurate details having been recorded by PSNI officers, and the statement had to be returned to the PSNI for further investigation. As there is only a six-month period in which cases have to be presented at court, this could lead to the case having to be abandoned.

During the ensuing discussion, Councillor Chambers suggested that the Council be asked to grant executive powers to the Technical & Environmental Committee, so that offences of this type can be taken straight to court. Councillor Spratt further suggested that the Director of Technical & Environmental Services write to the District Commander, requesting that incidents of drinking in designated areas are progressed at a faster rate, and also send a list of offences since January 2006 to the DPP.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That Council be recommended to grant executive powers to the Committee of Technical & Environmental Services in respect of cases of drinking in designated areas in the Borough.
- (b) That the Director of Technical & Environmental Services send a list of all cases of drinking in designated areas in the Borough since January 2006 to the DPP.

T&ESC/2006/339 : EMERGENCY ON-CALL PROVISION

The Acting Environmental Health Manager referred to Section 2 of the Service Unit's Business Plan, which outlined the increased demands on the Service Unit, which would require additional resources to ensure adequate service delivery, including the provision of an emergency on-call service. The sum of £6,000 had been included in the 2007-2008 Estimates for this purpose, and the Acting Environmental Health Manager sought approval for this additional funding as well as the commencement date of the emergency on-call service.

During the ensuing discussion, Councillor Spratt explained that the Council had an obligation to provide an emergency on-call service. Councillor Duncan suggested that the matter be deferred to the Finance & General Purposes Committee for consideration. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Hanvey, and it was

RESOLVED: That consideration of the inclusion of £6,000 in the Estimates for 2007-2008 for the provision of an emergency on-call service and the use of an existing underspend in the Salary budget for 2006-2007 for this service be deferred to the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

T&ESC/2006/340 : THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) (NI) ORDER 1985 – ARTICLE 3 – LICENSING OF PLACES OF ENTERTAINMENT – RENEWAL OF LICENCE

The Acting Environmental Health Manager outlined details of an application for renewal of an entertainment licence at the following premises:

Ramada Hotel
(Main Building)
117 Milltown Road
Belvoir
BT8 7XP

The Acting Environmental Health Manager confirmed that all necessary inspections would be carried out.

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

T&ESC/2006/341 : PETROLEUM CONSOLIDATION ACT (NI) 1929

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:

Carryduff (Maxol) Service Station
629 Saintfield Road
Carryduff
BT8 8BS

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/2006/342 : ADDITION TO AND CLARIFICATION OF EXISTING PETROLEUM LICENCE CLAUSE 2.16 REGARDING ELECTRICAL CERTIFICATION

The Acting Environmental Health Manager outlined the following additions to the Petroleum Licence Clause 2.16:

- (a) A contractor on the register of the National Inspection Council for Electrical Installation Contracting and who has been assessed for the hazardous area extension to EN45011 under a UKAS accreditation scheme.

The certificate obtained shall be the *NICEIC Red serial numbered certificate or report* for filling station installations based on the current edition of the APEA/IP Code of Practice.

- (b) A member of the Electrical Contractors Association and who has been assessed for hazardous areas to EN45011 under a UKAS accreditation scheme.

The certificate obtained shall be the ECA serial numbered certificate for filling station installations based on the current edition of the APEA/IP Code of Practice.

- (c) A professionally qualified person who is a member of the Institute of Electrical Engineers and who has been assessed for hazardous areas to EN45011 under UKAS accreditation scheme.

The certificate obtained shall be on the member's official headed paper. The certificate for filling station installations shall be based on the current edition of the APEA/IP Code of Practice.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/343 : THE BETTING, GAMING, LOTTERIES AND AMUSEMENTS (NI) ORDER 1985 – RENEWAL OF AMUSEMENT PERMIT – LUCKY JACKS, 1 CHURCH ROAD, DUNDONALD – INFORMATION UPDATE

The Acting Environmental Health Manager advised that the PSNI were still investigating the use of certain machines at the above premises. He hoped to be able to inform Members of the outcome at the November Committee meeting, following which consideration of the renewal of the amusement licence could take place.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/344 : THE DOGS (NI) ORDER 1983 – DOGS STRAYING

The Acting Environmental Health Manager reported that two Fixed Penalty Notices – one to a lady from Dundonald and one to a lady in Castlereagh – 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 Dundonald and another lady from Castlereagh for non-payment of Fixed Penalty Notices for straying dogs.

T&ESC/2006/345 : THE DOGS (NI) ORDER 1983 – DOGS KEPT WITHOUT A VALID LICENCE

The Acting Environmental Health Manager reported that three Fixed Penalty Notices – one to a lady from Belvoir, one to a man from Castlereagh and one to a lady from Castlereagh - 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 Belvoir, a man from Castlereagh and a lady from Castlereagh for non-payment of Fixed Penalty Notices regarding dogs kept without a valid licence.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

T&ESC/2006/346 : YOUTH STRATEGY FORUM

Councillor Spratt raised concerns regarding the Youth Strategy Forum. He stated that, although topics such as antisocial behaviour were considered, the group made unsuitable proposals, which the Council was not in a position to consider, and he therefore proposed that the Council distance itself from the Youth Strategy Forum. Councillor Chambers seconded the proposal, and it was

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to distance itself from any involvement with the Youth Strategy Forum.

REPORT FROM THE CLIENT MANAGER (copy previously circulated)

T&ESC/2006/347 : TONNAGES DEPOSITED AT LANDFILL

The Client Manager reported that, at the time of writing his report, the amount deposited at landfill had not been available. He added that he would provide the information as soon as it became available.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/348 : SITE VISIT TO NEW LANDFILL SITES AT MULLAGHGLASS AND COTTONMOUNT

The Client Manager outlined details of the site visit to the above new landfill sites, and Members had been particularly interested to note the following:

- The scale of the works and the size of the holes to be filled (2 and 5 million cubic meters respectively)
- The costs of the works – upwards of £30 million in each case
- The cost of particular items – more than £1 million for litter netting
- £100,000 to move a colony of 4,000 newts
- The efforts made to meet the needs of the local community
- The length of the haul and steepness of the access routes to both sites

During the ensuing discussion, Councillor Hanvey urged caution regarding the increased journey time to the landfill sites and wear and tear on the vehicles

due to the steep access routes, and he advised that this should be taken into account in the Estimates.

Councillor Chambers asked whether another site visit could be arranged for those Members who had been unable to participate in the previous one. The Client Manager confirmed that another site visit would be arranged at some point in 2007.

RESOLVED: That another site visit to new landfill sites at Mullaghglass and Cottonmount be arranged during 2007.

T&ESC/2006/349 : WASTE MANAGEMENT UPDATE

The Client Manager informed Members that a report was currently being prepared regarding the changes to recycling and waste collection services due to the introduction of the Tri-Cycle Schemes and the change to the new landfill sites. He added that the report would be tabled at a future Committee meeting.

Members felt that it would be beneficial if all Members of Council would be given sight of the report, therefore it was

RESOLVED: That the report currently being prepared regarding changes to recycling and waste collection services due to the introduction of the Tri-Cycle Schemes and the change to the new landfill sites be forwarded to all Members of the Council.

T&ESC/2006/350 : NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SIGNAGE – COMMUNITY SAFETY UNIT

The Client Manager reiterated a request that the Council erect and provide insurance cover for neighbourhood watch signage.

Councillor Spratt was of the view that these signs could be erected by Council staff while out on other duties. However, he added, should there be a large number of signs in the Borough, the Council would need to review the position.

Following some further discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to arrange necessary insurance cover for neighbourhood watch signage in the Borough and erect the signs at locations as directed, with a proviso that the Council review the position should there be a change in the future.

T&ESC/2006/351 : STEM - SUSTAINABLE TOGETHER THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

The Client Manager sought Members' views in respect of a request from the Group Chief Environmental Health Officer to give a presentation at the

October Committee meeting about the objectives of STEM and the request for support to seek funding to continue and further develop the STEM project.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/352 : CAPITAL PROJECTS

The Client Manager informed Members that an up-to-date capital projects list was currently being prepared to assist with prioritisation and allocation of resources, and he hoped to be able to present the list at the next Committee meeting. The Client Manager further sought clarification with regard to the following projects:

- (1) Renovation of Tullycarnet Park. The park's general infrastructure would benefit from remodelling, repair and replacement of some facilities.
- (2) Billy Neill MBE Soccer Centre of Excellence. There have been requests to develop the ornamental lake as a fishing resource.
- (3) Park at Roddens Crescent. Due to antisocial behaviour at the park, Members were being asked to consider whether to construct fencing around the park with gates that could be locked and unlocked.

The Client Manager stated that these projects were examples from the Council's capital projects list.

Councillor Chambers recalled that, at previous meetings, she had recommended that any available underspends should be used to renovate playgrounds in the Borough.

Councillor Spratt was of the view that there should be closer monitoring by the PSNI of problem areas such as Tullycarnet.

Councillor Hanvey proposed that the Committee should assess the merit of each project on the capital projects list and discuss a rolling programme. Councillor Duncan seconded the proposal and requested that Officers provide a map with the locations of all the playgrounds in the Borough together with the up-to-date capital projects list.

RESOLVED: That the Client Manager provide an up-to-date capital projects list for the November meeting of the Technical & Environmental Services Committee, including a map with the locations of all the playgrounds in the Borough, and that Members assess the merit of each project.

T&ESC/2006/353 : REQUEST FOR SIGNAGE AT DUNDONALD VILLAGE

The Client Manager reported that requests had been received from residents in Dundonald for bigger signs at the entrance to the village. Quotations for bigger signs had now been obtained for £600 and £510 respectively, and the Client Manager asked that Members consider how to proceed.

Following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That Officers proceed to obtain new signage to be placed on the carriageway at the entrance to Dundonald, at a cost of approximately £600 each, and that the design be kept as close to the existing signs of this type as possible.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

T&ESC/2006/354 : ARC21 ORGANICS CONTRACT

The Client Manager suggested that a special meeting of the Technical & Environmental Services Committee be arranged to discuss the Arc21 Organics contract, which was due to commence in 18 months.

Following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That consideration be given to the Arc21 Organics contract at the next Waste Management Working Group meeting, to which all members of the Technical & Environmental Services Committee be invited, and again at the next Technical & Environmental Services Committee meeting, to which all members of Council be invited.

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

T&ESC2006/355 : REPORTS AVAILABLE

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

- Ordnance Survey of Northern Ireland Annual Report 2005-2006, Corporate Plan 2006-2009 and Business Plan 2006-2007
- Marine Protection & Sustainable Resource Use in the 21st Century, an Agenda for Action by the NI Marine Task Force

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/356 : PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MINOR AMENDMENTS IN DIRECTIVE 2005/33/EC (THE SULPHUR CONTENT OF MARINE FUELS DIRECTIVE – SCMFD) WHICH RELATE TO THE LAND-BASED ELEMENTS OF THE ORIGINAL SULPHUR CONTENT OF LIQUID FUELS DIRECTIVE (SCLFD) 199/32/EC

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/357 : ARC21 JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING OF 27 JULY 2006

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services referred to his report, in which he highlighted a number of items of business which had been discussed at the above meeting. He drew Members' attention to the need to peruse the contents of the Minutes and acquaint themselves with the waste management issues under consideration.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/358 : ARC21 JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING OF 31 AUGUST 2006

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services referred to his report, in which he highlighted a number of items of business which had been discussed at the above meeting. He drew Members' attention to the need to peruse the contents of the Minutes and acquaint themselves with the waste management issues under consideration.

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services informed Members that currently the Council was only committed to expenditure relating to the establishment of new landfill sites and ongoing contracts.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/359 : ARC21 JOINT COMMITTEE – 28 SEPTEMBER 2006 – MEMBERS' BULLETIN

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/360 : UPDATE ON CHARGES AND CLOSURE OF DARGAN ROAD LANDFILL SITE

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services referred to re-issued correspondence received from Belfast City Council regarding charges and closure of Dargan Road landfill site. This informed Members that an extension had been granted for the disposal of municipal waste until 31 October 2006 and private sector waste until March 2007. The landfill tax for 2006-2007 is as follows:

- £21 per tonne for waste other than inert waste, to increase by £3 per tonne per year after that.
- Inert waste will remain at £2 per tonne.

Consequently, Members should be aware that municipal waste landfilling by the Council using this location would cease on 31 October 2006.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/361 : 2007-2008 ESTIMATES

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services outlined details of some of the cost increases in the 2007-2008 estimates as follows:

- Landfill tax
- Waste transport (full-year costs are applicable in 2007-2008 and not part-year costs)
- Enhanced gate fees for municipal waste
- New and additional legislative requirements
- Reduced income projections in view of actual income in 2006-2007

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/362 : INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS NORTHERN IRELAND (ICENI) ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2006

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services provided details of the ICENI 2006 Annual Conference, to be held on Tuesday, 17 October 2006, in the Waterfront Hall, Belfast, at a cost of £150 per ICE member and £175 per non-ICE member.

Councillor Spratt proposed that one Officer should attend the conference. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Duncan, and it was

RESOLVED: That Council be recommended to grant approval that one Officer attend the ICENI 2006 Annual Conference on Tuesday, 17 October 2006, in the Waterfront Hall, Belfast, at a cost of £150 per ICE member and £175 per non-ICE member.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 10.15 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Adopted by the Council this _____ day of
_____ 2006 with the exception of

Minute Nos: _____

MAYOR