

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 2nd January 2007 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Alderman J Norris MBE (in the chair)

ALDERMAN: Mrs G Rice

COUNCILLORS: Mrs A Beattie (from 7.40 p.m.)
J Beattie (from 7.40 p.m.)
Mrs M Chambers
Mrs S Duncan
T Jeffers
J Spratt

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received on behalf of Councillors Hall, Hanvey and Henderson

IN ATTENDANCE: Director of Technical & Environmental Services, 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 5TH DECEMBER 2006

REPORT FROM BUILDING CONTROL MANAGER (copy previously circulated)

T&ESC/2007/01 : SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS

The Building Control Manager detailed the schedule of applications approved by the Building Control Service for the period 1st November to 30th November 2006.

Noted.

T&ESC/2007/02 : REPORTS ON APPLICATIONS, INSPECTIONS AND SOLICITORS ENQUIRIES

The Building Control Manager outlined the details in respect of the above.

Noted.

T&ESC/2007/03 : STREET NAMING AT WILLOWBANK CRESCENT, CASTLEREAGH.

The Building Control Manager advised that a proposal had been received from

M MacFarland for the street name of 'Willowbank Manor' for two dwellings and eight apartments, on a site at Willowbank Crescent Castlereagh. He confirmed that the request met with the requirements of the Council's Street Naming Policy, in that the name 'Willowbank' was in use in the area.

RESOLVED : That the Council be recommended to grant approval that the street name of 'Willowbank' be adopted for two dwellings and eight apartments on a site at Willowbank Crescent, Castlereagh.

T&ESC/2007/04 : STREET NAMING AT 16 MANSE ROAD, CARRYDUFF.

The Building Control Manager advised that a proposal had been received from Mossbrook Developments Ltd for the street name of 'Manse Gate' for five dwellings, on a site at 16 Manse Road, Carryduff. He confirmed that the request met with the requirements of the Council's Street Naming Policy, in that, the name 'Manse' was in use in the area.

RESOLVED : That the Council be recommended to grant approval that the street name of 'Manse Gate' be adopted for five dwellings on a site at 16 Manse Road, Carryduff.

T&ESC/2007/05 : STREET NAMING AT THE DEMESNE, HILLSBOROUGH ROAD, CARRYDUFF

The Building Control Manager advised that a proposal had been received from PBN Holdings for the street name of 'Demesne Cottages' for 15 apartments, on a site at The Demesne, Hillsborough Road, Carryduff. He confirmed that the request met with the requirements of the Council's Street Naming Policy, in that, the name 'Demesne' was in use in the area.

RESOLVED : That the Council be recommended to grant approval that the street name of 'Demesne Cottages' be adopted for 15 apartments on a site at The Demesne, Hillsborough Road, Carryduff.

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

T&ESC/2007/06 : PURCHASE OF 1 COMPACT MECHANICAL SWEEPER

The Operational Services Manager outlined that following a public advertisement, five tenders had been received in respect of the above, and following evaluation, two of the tenders had met the required specification as outlined below. He advised Members that the costs excluded VAT and registration.

R D Mechanical Services Newtownabbey	Schmidt Swingo Model 250	£55,228.00
S P Platt Newtownards	Johnston CN 200	£51,867.00

He recommended acceptance of the lowest tender from S. P. Plant, in the sum of £51,867.00, the cost of which had been included in this year's budget. Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council be recommended to agree to accept the tender from S P Plant, for the provision of one Johnston CN 200 Compact Mechanical Sweeper, at a cost of £51,867.00.

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

**T&ESC/2007/07 : 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/2007/08 : SMOKE FREE LEGISLATION

The Acting Environmental Health Manager outlined that he had reported the above matter to the October Committee meeting. He advised Members that a number of Officers had been seconded to temporary posts to assist in the implementation of this legislation. He added that as this legislation was likely to be one of the most significant pieces of statute that would affect all constituents of the Borough, it might be beneficial if the Officer assigned to the Castlereagh area was permitted to give a presentation to keep Members updated accordingly.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That Susan Mc Cleary, the Officer assigned to the Castlereagh area, be invited to make a presentation to the February Committee meeting in respect of the introduction of Smoke Free Legislation.

**T&ESC/2007/09 : THE BETTING, GAMING, LOTTERIES AND AMUSEMENTS
(NI) ORDER 1985 – LUCKY JACKS, 1 CHURCH ROAD, DUNDONALD**

The Acting Environmental Health Manager outlined that, as requested at last month's Committee meeting, he had written to the District Commander of Castlereagh PSNI in respect of the above. He added that when he had received a response, a further report would be tabled for Members' consideration.

Noted.

Councillors Mrs and J Beattie arrived at the meeting at this point at 7.40 p.m.

**T&ESC/2007/10 : THE BETTING, GAMING, LOTTERIES AND AMUSEMENTS
(NI) ORDER 1985 - CONTRAVENTION OF AMUSEMENT PERMIT TERMS AND
CONDITIONS RE: LUCKY JACKS, 1 CHURCH ROAD, DUNDONALD**

The Acting Environmental Health Manager reported that on 29th November 2006, Council Enforcement Officers noticed a contravention of the amusement permit conditions regarding window displays attached to the amusement permit for Lucky Jacks at 1 Church Road Dundonald, in that, an advertising poster with the wording "Monthly Poker Prize £150 Enquire within" had been displayed on the window of the main door to the premises. He added that Officers had obtained photographic evidence of this contravention.

He advised Members that under the relevant legislation, where a condition to which an amusement permit was subject was contravened, the holder of the amusement permit would be guilty of an offence. He outlined for Members the details regarding a similar breach of conditions on 21st August 2006 at these premises. He added that on this occasion the permit holders had verbally been advised to remove posters, and the details of the contravention explained. He commented that Officers had also confirmed this information in writing, and the posters had been removed from the windows.

The Acting Environmental Health Manager outlined that, in line with the Enforcement Concordat, as part of which the Council had undertaken to adopt a staged approach to enforcement, no further action had been taken in respect of the first offence.

He commented that, given the fact that a previous verbal and written warning had been issued to the permit holders, he asked Members to consider the instigation of legal action for this second breach of the conditions attached to the amusement permit.

He outlined that discussions had taken place with the Council's solicitor, who had confirmed that legal action could be taken. He added that the solicitor had indicated that this breach was open to judicial interpretation; and the legislation does not specifically state that the conditions imposed with the permit shall apply during the period of the renewal decision, however, the legislation does state that the conditions imposed with the permit shall apply during the period of appeal. It could therefore be assumed that they would apply at this time.

Councillor Chambers expressed the view that the Council had a duty to instigate legal action against those who breached the terms and conditions of their amusement permit, particularly as the permit holders in this instance appeared to have ignored a verbal and written warning which had previously been issued by the Council for a similar breach.

Councillor Spratt agreed and stated that there had been significant objection to the opening of these premises by local residents, schools, churches, community groups, etc, and the Council had a responsibility to take the necessary action through the courts. He added that it was important that all pertinent factors were available for consideration when the licence was due for renewal.

Following further discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council be recommended to agree

- (a) that legal action be instigated against the joint holders of the amusement permit for contravention of the window display condition attached to the amusement permit for the premises known as Lucky Jacks, 1 Church Road, Dundonald
- (b) that the Acting Environmental Health Manager keep Members advised on the above process, in terms of the legal costs involved, etc.

T&ESC/2007/11 : THE BETTING, GAMING, LOTTERIES AND AMUSEMENTS (NI) ORDER 1985 - CONTRAVENTION OF AMUSEMENT PERMIT TERMS AND CONDITIONS : RENEWAL OF AMUSEMENT PERMIT FOR THE GAMES ROOM, 985A UPPER NEWTOWNARDS ROAD, DUNDONALD

The Acting Environmental Health Manager reported that an application had been received to renew the Amusement Permit for the above premises.

He advised Members that the renewal application had been made and the appropriate fee paid to seek renewal of the permit for the use of £25.00 maximum all cash prizes, in addition to £8.00 maximum payment gaming machines. He outlined that the premises were suitably adapted to segregate the £25.00 machines from the £8.00 machines, and the area of the premises containing the £25.00 gaming machines was restricted to persons aged 18 years or above, as required by the legislation. He added that the maximum number of gaming machines on the premises was to be restricted to 10 machines.

The Acting Environmental Health Manager reported that consultations had taken place with the Police Service of Northern Ireland regarding this renewal application, and they had expressed no objections.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council be recommended to grant approval for the renewal of the Amusement Permits in respect of the Games Room, 985A Upper Newtownards Road, Dundonald.

T&ESC/2007/12 : REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT RE: AIR QUALITY MONITORING IN NORTHERN IRELAND 2005

The Acting Environmental Health Manager advised Members that the above report provided details of the 7 pollutants that each Council was required to monitor and the standard objectives of each of the pollutants.

Noted.

T&ESC/2007/13 : DANGEROUS DOGS (NI) ORDER 1991

The Acting Environmental Health Manager referred to a recent attack on a family Labrador by a pit-bull type dog, which subsequently died defending his owner. He advised Members that the family had written to all Councils in the Province regarding dangerous dogs and requesting an Amnesty to try to remove these types of dogs from circulation.

He sought Members support for a co-ordinated group or provincial Amnesty, as it was thought that many of those classed as dangerous dogs were not surrendered to the relevant authorities for fear of possible prosecution. He added that the knowledge that no legal action would be instigated may be a sufficient prompt, and as such, may have the desired effect of the legislation by curtailing breeding of these types of dogs.

Members discussed the issue of the growing number of horrific attacks, and expressed their support for the amnesty. It was felt, however, that the amnesty should be based on a co-ordinated approach through the Eastern Group of Councils, and that Officers should ensure that each Council within the Group was adopting the same approach, in liaison with the USPCA.

Following further discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council be recommended to agree to introduce an amnesty for the owners of dangerous dogs, on a co-ordinated approach through Eastern Group.

T&ESC/2007/14 : BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

The Acting Environmental Health Manager referred Members to the above, and drew Members' to table 3 which detailed the performance indicators of the Environmental Health Section. He outlined that the table confirmed that Castlereagh Borough Council Environmental Health Section compared very favourably other Councils.

Noted.

T&ESC/2007/15 : CONSUMPTION OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR IN DESIGNATED PLACES

The Acting Environmental Health Manager referred Members to the rolling table of incidents in respect of the above, for the period December 2005 until end of November 2006.

Councillor Spratt expressed concern at the low level of prosecutions by the PSNI. Alderman Rice agreed and referred to the growing problem of young people consuming alcohol in and around the Carryduff Shopping Centre.

Councillor Spratt outlined that following the closure of the police station, the PSNI had been attempting over the last year to identify premises within Carryduff to be used as a police surgery, but without any success as yet.

He stated that correspondence had previously been forwarded to the District Commander expressing the Committee's concern at the low level of prosecutions.

Councillor Spratt proposed that a letter be forwarded to the District Commander from the Chief Executive outlining the Council's dissatisfaction at the low level of prosecutions in respect of the consumption of alcohol in designated places in the

Borough. He added that the correspondence should also ask for an update on the proposal by the PSNI to provide a police surgery in Carryduff.

The proposal was seconded by Alderman Rice.

RESOLVED : That the Council be recommended to agree that the Chief Executive writes to the Castlereagh District Commander outlining the Committee's continuing dissatisfaction at the low level of prosecutions in respect of the consumption of alcohol in designated areas within the Borough, and also seek an update on the proposal to provide a police surgery in Carryduff.

T&ES /2007/16 : THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) (NI) ORDER 1985 – LICENSING OF PLACES OF ENTERTAINMENT : RENEWAL OF LICENCES

The Acting Environmental Health Manager advised Members that applications for the renewal of Entertainment Licences had been received for the premises detailed in his report.

RESOLVED:- That the Council be recommended to agree to the renewal of licences in respect of the Local Government (NI) Order 1985 – Licensing of Places of Entertainment, as outlined in the Acting Environmental Health Manager's report.

T&ESC/2007/17 : PETROLEUM CONSOLIDATION ACT (NI) 1929 – RENEWAL OF A PETROLEUM LICENCE

The Acting Environmental Health Manager informed Members that, as required by the above legislation, an application for the renewal of a licence to store petroleum had been received at the premises outlined in his report.

RESOLVED:- That the Council be recommended to approve the renewal of the licence in respect of Petroleum Consolidation Act (NI) 1929, as outlined in the Acting Environmental Health Manager's report.

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

(In the absence of the Client Manager, the Operational Services Manager presented the report.)

T&ESC/2007/18 : TONNAGES DEPOSITED AT LANDFILL DURING DECEMBER 2006

The Operational Services Manager advised that the above information was still not available, and would be tabled at the next Committee meeting.
Noted.

T&ESC/2007/19 : BILLY NEILL MBE SOCCER CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE – PROPOSED SYNTHETIC PITCH

The Operational Services Manager outlined that at the time of construction of the above facility, one pitch had been brought up to a sub base level and left so that either a synthetic pitch or grass pitch could be constructed at a future date. He added that Members had previously been of the view that a synthetic fourth generation pitch would be the most appropriate use of the uncompleted pitch, at a cost of approximately £500,000.00, potentially significantly more. He advised that a meeting had recently been held with IFA seeking funding for the project through FIFA Goal Investment Programme. He outlined that the Client Manager was expecting to receive a response from IFA during January, and would report back to Members accordingly.

The Client Services Manager stated that Members would be aware of the interest previously shown by Glentoran Football Club in assisting with the provision of a synthetic soccer pitch at the Billy Neill Centre. He added that following the Council's decision not to proceed with the water-based synthetic hockey pitch, the Client Manager had been requested to contact Glentoran Football Club to ascertain if the Club wished to pursue the project. He added that the Client Manager would report further on these discussions at the next Committee meeting.

He continued by stating that, if it became apparent that additional funding support was not available for the synthetic pitch, Members may wish to consider the construction of a further grass pitch at an approximate cost of £50,000.00.

He outlined that the Client Manager would report back to Members on the outcome of his discussions with Glentoran Football Club and the IFA.

Noted.

T&ESC/2007/20 : REQUEST FOR WAYLEAVE AT MOAT PARK, DUNDONALD TO SERVE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT 10 GRAHAMSBRIDGE ROAD, DUNDONALD

The Operational Services Manager reminded Members that at the December Council meeting the Committee had been granted executive powers to deal with the above matter.

He outlined that in August 2004, the Council had granted approval, in principle, for the wayleave, subject to an appropriate level of compensation being agreed. He outlined that Valuation & Lands Agency had negotiated compensation totalling £15,000.00, subject to each party paying its own legal costs, and an appropriate wayleave agreement being put in place.

He reported that the contractor was now keen to complete the works as some of the houses had been sold and a number of purchasers were believed to be at the point of moving in. He was therefore seeking Members' views as to whether the contractor be granted permission to enter the site to lay the sewer, subject to the following conditions:

1. Receipt of £15,000.00 payment
2. Receipt of satisfactory drawings from the developer indicating the works

3. Confirmation from the Council's legal advisors that the terms of the wayleave are satisfactory
4. An undertaking from the contractor to complete the works to the satisfaction of the Director of Technical & Environmental Services.

Councillor Chambers asked why the Council was now being asked to pay its own legal fees, when it had been her understanding that permission had been granted, subject to all costs incurred by the Council being met by the developer.

Councillor Spratt noted the content of the resolution in respect of Minute No. TSC/2004/244, as referred to by the Officer which stated:

RESOLVED : Members recommended that approval, in principle, be granted to the developer to lay a sewer across the Enler river and connecting to the new Lough Valley relief sewer, subject to the following:

1. an appropriate level of compensation being agreed with the Council through the Valuation and Lands Agency
2. appropriate legal arrangements being agreed and put in place
3. all costs incurred by the Council being met by the developer

Councillor Spratt referred to Point 3 and outlined that there could not be any deviation from what the Council had previously agreed.

The Operational Services Manager stated that he would ask the Client Manager to liaise with the Council's solicitor, with a view to ensuring that the developer adhered to the terms as previously agreed, in that, the Council would not be incurring any costs for granting the wayleave.

Following further discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council be recommended to agree

- (a) grant approval for the wayleave at Moat Park, Dundonald to serve residential development at 10 Grahamsbridge Road, Dundonald, subject to the following:
 - (i) receipt of £15,000.00 payment
 - (ii) receipt of satisfactory drawings from the developer indicating the works
 - (iii) confirmation from the Council's legal advisors that the terms of the wayleave are satisfactory
 - (iv) an undertaking from the contractor to complete the works to the satisfaction of the Director of Technical & Environmental Services
 - (v) all costs incurred by the Council being met by the developer, including legal fees
- (b) should the developer not agree to meet Council's legal fees, then the matter be referred back to the Committee for further consideration

T&ESC/2007/21 : CAPITAL PROJECTS LIST

The Operational Services Manager outlined that the above matter had been discussed at the December meeting of the Technical & Environmental Services Committee. He added that the Client Manager had subsequently been instructed to bring back a list of the remaining projects in a matrix with influencing factors which would help Members decide how these projects should be progressed, as follows:

PROJECTS	COMMENTS/INFLUENCING FACTORS	POSSIBLE COURSE OF ACTION
Proposed Cemetery at Greengraves Road	Geological Report to be submitted to Planning Authorities	Progress subject to planning approval and necessary Committee and Council approvals
Garden of Peace at Belvoir	Nearing completion	Progress to completion
Tullycarnet Park Re-Development	Revised Scheme to be prepared to address path, roads and parking	Prepared scheme to be brought to Committee for approval
Davarr/Dunlady Playground	Cannot be progressed whilst land issue is outstanding	Await clarification on land issues
Castlereagh Hills Golf Club/Clubhouse/Golf Course/Entrance	Can be progressed subject to agreement on details and finance being available	Progressed to completion
Refurbishment of existing Cemetery	Path refurbishment scheme to be prepared	Prepared scheme to be brought to Committee for approval
Proposed Playground in Woodbreda	Subject to results of survey	Await results of survey
Dundonald HRC	Subject to planning. Community consultation. Subject to EHS Waste Management Grant which could be lost if the scheme is not progressed quickly enough	Progress to planning submission and community consultation
Carryduff Community Playground	Awaiting receipt and subsequent approval of tenders	Prepare tender report for F&LS Committee and progress to completion
Cregagh Playground	Awaiting receipt and subsequent approval of tenders	Prepare tender report for Committee and progress to completion
DDA Work	Revised schemes to be submitted for approval, subject to finance and possibly planning approval	Prepare amended schedule of works
Fishing Facilities at	Subject to scheme being prepared	Progress subject

Lake at Billy Neill MBE Soccer Centre of Excellence	and finance being available, possibly planning.	to finance
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The Director of Technical & Environmental Services reported that a list of all the Council's Capital Projects for each of the Council's three Departments had been circulated to all Members, for consideration at the December Council meeting.

Alderman Rice outlined that as she was not fully au fait with all the Council's Capital Projects, she asked if this list could be tabled at the next Committee meeting.

Councillor Chambers outlined that the Council had previously agreed that any underspend in playground provision would go towards a playground in Belvoir, to include fencing. She sought clarification as to why this project had been omitted from the list. She continued by stating that Officers had previously kept a register of all Council decisions, and she expressed the view that to avoid such omissions in the future, she would like to see this procedure re-introduced.

Councillors Mrs Beattie and Duncan referred to previous discussions in relation to re-locating the playground as the current site was very close to the forest.

Councillor Chambers outlined that the Community Association had suggesting moving the playground, but residents had not been happy with any of the option areas suggested.

Councillor Duncan expressed the view that the current site may be more acceptable if the area was fenced in.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That

- (a) a list of all Council's Capital Projects be tabled at the next Committee meeting, clearly indicating which were being progressed by each of the Council's three Departments.
- (b) the Client Manager arrange to include the Belvoir Playground project in the Technical & Environmental Services' Capital Project list

T&ESC/2007/22: CARRYDUFF COMMUNITY PLAYGROUND

The Operational Services Manager outlined that Members may be aware that this playground had been delayed by the Finance & General Purposes Committee as it was the subject of a funding application. He added that a report on the matter was being tabled at the January meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee, with a view to a recommendation being made to the January Council meeting. He advised Members that this would enable the project to be progressed within the necessary timescale for receipt of the funding.

Noted.

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

T&ESC/2007/23 : REPORTS AVAILABLE

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

- The Network. Sustrans. Issue 4 Winter 2006.
- Introducing Community Planning to Northern Ireland. Environmental Fact Sheet. November 2006. Volume 5 Issue 1. NI Environment Link.
- Barometer. Issue 5. Met Office magazine.

Noted.

T&ESC/2007/24 : CONSULTATION ON DRAFT INSTRUMENT OF APPOINTMENT FOR NORTHERN IRELAND WATER LIMITED

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services advised Members that the above consultation document set out the details of a proposal by the Minister for Regional Development for the Instrument of Appointment for Northern Ireland Water Limited, otherwise known as "the Licence". He added that the licence would place a number of conditions on Northern Ireland Water Limited to operate as a water and sewage undertaker, and it was intended that this appointment would be made with effect from 1st April 2007. He stated that the Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation would regulate the operation of the licence under the Order.

He advised Members that the consultation period for the submission of comments on the draft licence would conclude on 9th February 2007, and that a copy of the consultation document was available for Members' perusal, should that be desired.

He reminded Members that the work of the proposed Northern Ireland Water Limited did not lie within the direct remit of the Council.

Noted.

T&ESC/2007/25 : NEWS RELEASE RE: WASTE INFRASTRUCTURE TASK FORCE REPORT

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services referred to the above and asked Members to note that the Environment Minister had welcomed the release of a report on procuring the waste infrastructure needed to comply with National and EU legislation on landfill and recycling targets.

He advised Members that the above information included key details on the establishment, role and work of the Waste Infrastructure Task Force, and importantly, a Summary of Recommendations. He added that these recommendations were considered to be an essential element of the measures needed to advance Northern Ireland's capacity to play its part in meeting national

obligations to dispose of waste, in line with the principles of sustainable development.

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services reminded Members that this matter had previously been considered by the Committee in September 2006, a copy of which was attached to his report, together with the recommendations set out in the Arc 21 Joint Committee response to the Waste Infrastructure Task Force Consultation.

Noted.

T&ESC/2007/26 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT (NI) RE: WASTE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT (WEEE) DIRECTIVE – APPOINTMENT OF DISTRIBUTOR TAKEBACK SCHEME OPERATOR

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services asked Members to note that Valpak Retail WEEE Services Ltd had been appointed as the Distributor Takeback Scheme (DTS) operator. He outlined that local authorities had been encouraged to register their recycling centres as Designated Collection Facilities (DCFs) before 31st March 2007, and he referred Members to several incentives for local authority registration outlined in the above correspondence.

He continued by stating that he had attached to his report for Members' information, details of a number of practical and operational matters that required further clarification. He added that subject to a satisfactory explanation and response on these matters, a further report would be brought for Members' consideration.

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services advised Members that a meeting had been requested with the relevant authorities by Arc 21 during the month of January 2007 to address outstanding queries and issues, in advance of the seminar being held on 8th February 2007 in Belfast.

Noted.

T&ESC/2007/27 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT DETERMINATION OF THE ARC 21 WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services reported that the Arc 21 Waste Management Plan had previously been discussed at the Committee meeting held in June 2006, and he attached a copy of the relevant Minute for Members' information.

He referred Members to the above correspondence, and asked Members to note that the Council's Waste Management Plan had been completed, and that the Department was content for the Council to proceed to adopt the draft Plan, as modified and enhanced by agreed revisions. He outlined that the correspondence included Arc 21's proposals for new generation facilities to help meet the critical diversion and recovery targets.

Alderman Mrs Rice suggested that if Members had any queries relating to these facilities, these could be raised with Officers in advance of the awareness sessions.

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services advised that there were a number of awareness sessions that would address the residual waste procurement process as he had previously advised at the December Committee meeting.

Noted.

T&ESC/2007/28 : ARC 21 JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING OF 30th NOVEMBER 2006

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services attached to his report, Minutes of the Joint Committee Meeting held on Thursday 30th November 2006, and he outlined some of the business addressed, as follows:

1. Contracts Update
2. Proposal Relating to Residual Waste Procurement Process
3. Issues relating to Future Funding
4. Issues Paper on Waste Disposal Authority as requested by NI Strategic Governmental Waste Partnership
5. Communication Plan
6. Bin/Box ID Chips
7. Media Protocol
8. Revenue Estimates 2007/2008
9. "Waste line" Issue 2
10. Schedule of Meetings 2007
11. Next Meeting

He reported that, as there had not been a quorum at the Joint Committee meeting convened on 14th December 2006, the above Minutes remain in draft form. He 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.

T&ESC/2007/29 : ARC 21 JOINT COMMITTEE – 14th DECEMBER 2006 – MEMBERS' BULLETIN

Noted.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

T&ESC/2007/30 : WASTE MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP MEETINGS

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services outlined, that in accordance with the decision taken at the last Committee meeting, Waste Management Working Group meetings would be convened on the second Tuesday of each month. He advised that the next meeting would therefore be held on Tuesday 10th January 2007 at 3.00 p.m.

Noted.

T&ESC/2007/31 : BLUE WHEELED BIN COLLECTION IN THE WYNCHURCH AREA

Councillor Duncan outlined that Councillor Long had asked her to raise an issue in respect of the above. She explained that a Wynchurch resident had complained that her blue bin had not been emptied for 4 weeks, and over the Christmas period the bin had been overflowing.

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services advised that he would ask the Client Manager to investigate the matter and report back to Councillor Long.

Noted.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 9.00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Adopted by the Council this _____ day of
_____ 2007 with the exception of

Minute Nos: _____

MAYOR