

CASTLEREAGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the Technical & Environmental Services Committee meeting, held, in committee, in the Committee Room, Civic & Administrative Offices, Bradford Court, Upper Galwally, Castlereagh, BT8 6RB, on Tuesday, 6 May 2008, at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Alderman J Norris MBE
(in the chair)
Mrs G Rice

COUNCILLORS: Mrs A Beattie
J Beattie
D Drysdale
Mrs S Duncan
B Hanvey
M Henderson
T Jeffers
Mrs V McCoy

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received on behalf of Councillors Mrs Chambers and Walker

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

T&ES/2008/186 : MINUTES OF THE TECHNICAL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 1 APRIL 2008

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the Technical & Environmental Services meeting held on 1 April 2008.

REPORT FROM THE BUILDING CONTROL MANAGER (copy previously circulated)

T&ESC/2008/187 : SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS

The Building Control Manager referred Members to the schedule of applications approved by the Building Control Service for the period 1 March 2008 to 31 March 2008.

Noted.

T&ESC/2008/188 : REPORTS ON APPLICATIONS, INSPECTIONS AND SOLICITORS' ENQUIRIES

The Building Control Manager referred Members to the reports on applications plus received fees, inspections, inspection fees raised and Solicitors' enquiries attached to his report.

Noted.

T&ESC/2008/189 : PERFORMANCE INDICATORS – FULL PLAN APPLICATIONS FOR JANUARY 2008 TO MARCH 2008

The Building Control Manager outlined the performance indicators outlined in the Business Plan 2007-2008 and the actual performance over the three-month period January to March 2008 inclusive.

Noted.

T&ESC/2008/190 : EU DIRECTIVE ON THE ENERGY PERFORMANCE OF BUILDINGS

The Building Control Manager outlined details of new regulations to implement outstanding requirements of the above Directive, introduced by the Department of Finance & Personnel, in conjunction with the Department for Social Development.

During the ensuing discussion, Councillor Henderson enquired about the extent of cost and time to the Council. The Building Control Manager replied that costs would be covered by the Department of Finance & Personnel and the certificate would be provided by a consultant, therefore he anticipated that there would be little cost or time involved for the Council.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Council be recommended to grant approval, in principle, for the Council to become an authorised body to undertake the enforcement duties set out in the EPC Regulations and that the Building Control Service undertake this function
- (b) That this activity is undertaken with the caveat that it continues to be funded by the Department of Finance & Personnel.

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

T&ESC/2008/191 : PURCHASE OF NON-COMPACTION, SOLID-BODY REFUSE COLLECTION VEHICLE

The Operational Services Manager provided a repair estimate to prepare Fleet Number 20 for its annual Goods Vehicle Certification test. However, as the vehicle was ten years old and required extensive repairs, he recommended the purchase of a new vehicle from the Belfast City Council tender list at a cost of £35,238 plus VAT. The vehicle was a non-compaction, solid-body refuse

collection vehicle, with crew cab and rear-mounted tail lift and a minimum GVW of 5,000 kg. The Operational Services Manager confirmed that provision for the purchase had been made in the 2008-2009 budget.

Following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to grant approval for the purchase of a non-compaction, solid-body refuse collection vehicle, with crew cab and rear-mounted tail lift and a minimum GVW of 5,000 kg from the Belfast City Council tender list, at a cost of £35,238 plus VAT.

T&ESC/2008/192 : MOAT PARK WAY LEAVE

The Operational Services Manager advised that an application had been received from Northern Ireland Electricity to relocate two electricity supply poles (39A and 39B) on either side of the East Link Road in order to connect to the electricity sub-station at Park Drive, Dundonald. As a result, poles 154-159 at Comber Road North End were now redundant, and in order to facilitate the removal of the poles and electricity lines it was necessary to install a temporary stay between the trees adjacent to the playing fields. The Way Leave agreement had been passed to the Legal Liaison Officer for Land & Property valuation.

Following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to grant approval for the relocation of two electricity supply poles at East Link Road and connection to the sub-station at Park Drive, Dundonald, the temporary installation of a line stay and subsequent removal of electricity supply poles at Comber Road North End.

T&ESC/2008/193 : UPDATE ON PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY BETWEEN GILNAHIRK ROAD AND GILNAHIRK AVENUE

Item 3 of the Operational Services Manager's report and Item 2 of his supplementary report were considered together on this matter.

The Operational Services Manager stated that correspondence had been received from King & Gowdy, which included a copy of a letter from the developer's solicitor, requesting the Council's consent not to proceed with regard to seeking an injunction in respect of the public right of way between Gilnahirk Road and Gilnahirk Avenue for the time being, pending the outcome of an application for diversion to the Environment & Heritage Service. The Council's solicitor had suggested deferment for one month from seeking an injunction under Article 3 of the Access to the Countryside 1983 legislation, and 16 May 2008 was considered to be an appropriate timeframe for an application for diversion to be submitted to the Environment & Heritage Service.

Following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Council be recommended to seek legal advice in respect of the proposed diversion of the right of way between Gilnahirk Road and Gilnahirk Avenue now received by the Environment & Heritage Service, and that this be available for the Council meeting of 22 May 2008
- (b) That the Councillors in Castlereagh East receive an update on developments.

T&ESC/2008/194 : QUOTATIONS FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF TWO STATIC COMPACTORS (Minute T&ESC/2008/11 refers)

The Operational Services Manager referred to Minute T&ESC/2008/11, which granted approval for the purchase of two static compactors at a cost of £39,100. Although the compactors had been ordered before the end of the financial year, manufacturing delays resulted in the installation not being completed until April 2008. These compactors were to be funded from an underspend that had been incurred in 2007-2008. The Operational Services Manager again sought Members' approval to use this underspend to be spent in the current financial year. This would be shown as an overspend in 2008-2009 and financed via the Council reserve.

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended, in accordance with Minute T&ESC/2008/11, to grant permission for the underspend from the 2007-2008 financial year to finance the overspend incurred in the 2008-2009 financial year.

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

T&ESC/2008/195 : WAIVING OF FACILITY FEES – CORRESPONDENCE FROM DUNGOYNE FC AND ACTION CANCER

The Operational Services Manager brought forward two requests to waive facility fees from Action Cancer on 31 May 2008 and Dungoyne FC on 1 June 2008 respectively.

During the ensuing discussion, Councillor Jeffers proposed that facility fees be waived, but that any costs relating to the events should be reimbursed to the Council. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Drysdale, and it was

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to grant approval to requests from Action Cancer and Dungoyne to waive facility fees on 31 May 2008 and 1 June 2008 respectively, but that any costs to the Council resulting from the events be reimbursed.

T&ESC/2008/196 : UPDATE ON PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY BETWEEN GILNAHIRK ROAD AND GILNAHIRK AVENUE

This item was discussed in Minute T&ESC/2008/193.

**REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH MANAGER
(copy previously circulated)**

**T&ESC/2008/197 : STATUTORY NOTICES – PUBLIC HEALTH (IRELAND)
ACTS 1878 TO 1907**

The Environmental Health Manager drew Members' attention to Statutory Notices that had been served regarding the abatement of Public Health nuisances/conditions prejudicial to health.

Noted.

**T&ESC/2008/198 : E-COLI 0157 INCIDENT AT BROOKLANDS NURSERY
UNIT IN DUNDONALD**

The Environmental Health Manager informed Members that two letters of thanks, one from the Principal of the primary school and one from the Outbreak Control Team of the Eastern Health & Social Services Board, had been received following the Environmental Health Service Unit's investigation into the E-Coli 0157 incident at Brooklands Nursery School unit.

A further two associated incidents of E-Coli 0157 were currently being investigated by the Environmental Health Service Unit, which still placed considerable burden on resources within the Environmental Health Service Unit.

Noted.

**T&ES/2008/199 : THE HEALTH & PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES (NI)
ORDER 1978 AND THE CHILDREN & YOUNG PERSONS' (PROTECTION
FROM TOBACCO) (NI) ORDER 1991**

The Environmental Health Manager reported that, during a further tobacco under-age sales test purchase exercise on 19 March 2008 and in accordance with Council procedure, 25 premises had been surveyed. There had been a significant improvement, as only three premises had been found to sell cigarettes to a 14-year-old child. Following the survey, representatives from these three premises had been asked to attend a formal interview in accordance with Paragraph 10.5, Code C of the Police and Criminal Evidence (NI) Order 1989.

Noted.

**T&ESC/2008/200 : DISPLAY OF CARE IN THE SUN SIGNAGE FOR
OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL AREAS AND PLAYPARKS**

The Environmental Health Manager advised that the Environmental Health Service Unit intended to participate in an educational project to produce, manufacture and erect signage in Council outdoor recreational facilities, displaying a care-in-the-sun message for children, parents and those with outdoor occupations. The project would be carried out in conjunction with the Ulster

Cancer Foundation, with funding being provided Investing for Health, the Ulster Cancer Foundation and the Eastern Health & Social Care Trust.

Following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to grant approval for the erection of signage displaying a care-in-the-sun message for children, parents and those with outdoor occupations in Council outdoor recreational facilities.

T&ESC/2007/201 : THE CIEH SURVEY OF LOCAL AUTHORITY REGULATORY ACTIVITY UNDER THE HOUSING ACT 2004 – RESULTS OF A QUESTIONNAIRE SURVEY

The Environmental Health Manager advised that the above report, issued by the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health, was available for Members' perusal. The report contained an examination of the level of regulatory activity on local government housing authorities on private-sector housing in the years 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 before and after legislative changes brought about by the Housing Act 2004.

Noted.

T&ESC/2008/202 : A CHILDREN'S ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH AND STRATEGY FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM – CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

The Environmental Health Manager advised that the above document was available in the Environmental Health Service Unit for Members' perusal. The consultation document had been issued by the Health Promotion Agency, and feedback was sought on a proposed Children's Environment & Health Strategy for the United Kingdom.

Noted.

T&ESC/2008/203 : CONSUMPTION OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR IN DESIGNATED PLACES – DRINKING IN DESIGNATED AREAS

The Environmental Health Manager outlined details of incidents of consumption of intoxicating liquor in designated places in the Castlereagh area. Members raised their dissatisfaction with the lack of statements provided by the PSNI Officers to the Council for prosecution.

Noted.

T&ESC/2008/204 : THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) (NI) ORDER 1985 – ARTICLE 3 – LICENSING OF PLACES OF ENTERTAINMENT – GRANT OF A LICENCE

The Environmental Health Manager outlined details of an application received for the grant of an entertainment licence.

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to grant approval for the grant of an entertainment licence for premises outlined in the Environmental Health Manager's report.

T&ESC/2008/205 : THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) (NI) ORDER 1985 – ARTICLE 3 – LICENSING OF PLACES OF ENTERTAINMENT – RENEWAL OF A LICENCE

The Environmental Health Manager outlined details of an application received for the renewal of an entertainment licence.

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to grant approval for the renewal of an entertainment licence for premises outlined in the Environmental Health Manager's report.

T&ES/2008/206 : STREET TRADING ACT (NI) ORDER 2002 – RENEWAL OF A MOBILE TRADERS' LICENCE

The Environmental Health Manager outlined details of an application received for the renewal of a Mobile Traders' Licence regarding the sale of ice cream, soft drinks and confectionery from a van. The applicant had provided proof of his public liability insurance cover.

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to grant approval for the renewal of a Mobile Traders' Licence as outlined in the Environmental Health Manager's report regarding the sale of ice cream, soft drinks and confectionery from a van.

T&ES/2008/207 : THE DANGEROUS DOGS (NI) ORDER 1991

The Environmental Health Manager outlined details of a case involving a resident of Castlereagh, who had lost an appeal against a conviction in Castlereagh Magistrates Court for keeping a designated dangerous dog, namely a pit bull terrier type dog. The Judge had ordered that the dog be humanely destroyed, and she had praised the Council's witnesses, saying that she was more inclined to believe them than the defendant's expert.

During the ensuing discussion, Councillor Henderson suggested that the Council send a letter of thanks for support to each of the witnesses.

RESOLVED: That the Council send a letter of thanks to each of the witnesses for their support in the appeal against a conviction in Castlereagh Magistrates Court of a Castlereagh resident for keeping a pit bull terrier type dog.

T&ESC/2008/208 : STAFF MATTERS – REQUEST FOR FLEXIBLE RETIREMENT (Minute T&ESC/2008/165 refers)

The Environmental Health Manager referred to the previous Minute that further advice be sought from the Human Resources Manager regarding a request for flexible retirement. The Human Resources Manager had provided a copy of the Council's Flexible Retirement policy, and the Officer making the request for

flexible retirement had complied with criteria (c) and (d) of the policy, with criteria (e) and (f) having taken place.

The Environmental Health Manager further stated that he had completed recruitment for a fixed-term Environmental Health Officer, and he had also determined interest in the job-share position for 18.5 hours per week. However, there had been no expression of interest, therefore there might be a shortfall in staff resources.

Members expressed sympathy for the Officer making the request, but confirmed that there should be no disadvantage to the Council in granting approval for this request.

During the ensuing discussion, Councillor Henderson suggested that, in light of RPA, the request for flexible retirement should be rejected, with a possibility of review in 12 months.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the request be forwarded to the Finance & General Purposes Committee as per Council policy
- (b) That the Committee review the request if it is not approved by Council in 12 months
- (c) That the candidacy be tested again within the next 12-month period, and should there be expressions of interest, that the request be brought before the Committee again.

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

T&ESC/2008/209 : THE LITTER (NI) ORDER 1994

The Environmental Health Manager reported that a man from Bangor, who worked in the Castlereagh area, had been seen throwing litter from a car in the Upper Knockbreda Road on 18 February 2008. A Fixed Penalty Notice had been issued, but no payment had been received. The Environmental Health Manager now sought approval to instigate legal action.

Following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to approve the instigation of legal action against a man from Bangor, who worked in the Castlereagh area, for non-payment of a Fixed Penalty Notice for throwing litter from a car in the Upper Knockbreda Road on 18 February 2008.

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

T&ESC/2008/210 : TONNAGES DEPOSITED AT LANDFILL

The Client Manager reported that, during the month of March 2008, 1,544.78 tonnes had been deposited at landfill. This was a reduction of 312 tonnes compared to March 2007.

Noted.

T&ESC/2008/211 : REMOVAL OF DOG EXCREMENT FROM PARKS AND STREETS

The Client Manager advised that, following a tender advertisement, the lowest tender received had been £15,758.08. This included provision of service for two days per week in 2008-2009. In comparison, the cost of operating this service in-house had been calculated as follows:

Labour costs for operating the machine 2 days per week	£6,000
Leasing of equipment	£3,000
Fuel costs for 2 days per week	£1,500
Equipment maintenance	£500
Disposal	£1,000
Miscellaneous costs (tax, insurance etc)	£1,000
Total	£13,000

There would be a saving to the Council of £2,758.08. The Client Manager stated that the current level of service could also be improved by operating the equipment in the organisational structure of the Operational Services Unit by using currently available labour resources and, should it be required, having the equipment available for more than two days per week. However, there would be a requirement to purchase a vehicle-mounted vacuum system for the removal of dog excrement. He continued to say that North Down had tendered for and purchased such a vehicle in January 2007. The approved supplier in that case had agreed to hold his price and supply to Castlereagh in accordance with the North Down tender. Members might wish to use that tender to save on advertising and other costs.

The Client Manager informed Members that the lowest tenderer had been offered the contract on a short-term basis, as the Council was considering bringing it in-house, but he had declined because it was not worth his while investing in equipment for a short period. The existing contractor (and only other tenderer) had agreed to continue providing the service on a month-to-month basis.

Following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Council be recommended to grant approval that removal of dog excrement from streets and parks in the Castlereagh area be carried out in-house

- (b) That a vehicle-mounted vacuum system for the removal of dog excrement be purchased, using the North Down tender, provided the Local Government Auditor had no objection.

T&ES/2008/212 : PAYMENT OF EXAM FEES

The Client Manager sought approval for payment of exams and associated fees of £390 following a course of study at a local College of Further Education that had been attended by an Administration Officer. A year ago the Council had granted approval for attendance at this course.

Following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to grant approval for payment of exams and associated fees of £390 following attendance of a course of study for the Diploma in Administrative Management at the local College of Further Education by an Administration Officer.

T&ESC/2008/213 : PROPOSED HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING CENTRE DUNDONALD

The Client Manager recalled a previous decision not to proceed with a new household recycling centre at Moat Park, Dundonald. He now sought Members' views regarding a possible siting of a new household recycling centre in Dundonald.

Following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That a site visit be arranged to a modern household recycling facility for members of the Technical & Environmental Services Committee and Members of Castlereagh East
- (b) That consideration be given to the best siting of a household recycling facility in the Dundonald area.

T&ESC/2008/214 : ELIM CHURCH, EDGAR AVENUE, CARRYDUFF

The Client Manager reiterated the Council's progression of the sale of additional land, consisting of a narrow access between the Elim Church and the former Methodist Church Hall and land to the rear of those two sites, to the Elim Church in Carryduff.

During the ensuing discussion, Alderman Rice stated that she had consistently opposed the sale of this land. Councillor Beattie suggested that Officers should seek clarification from Elim Church regarding the proposed use of the land before progressing further with the sale.

RESOLVED: That Officers await clarification from the Elim Church regarding the proposed use of land consisting of a narrow access between the Elim Church and the former Methodist Church Hall and land to the rear of those two sites.

T&ESC/2008/215 : INTER-AGENCY BONFIRE WORKING GROUP

The Client Manager informed Members that a meeting of the Inter-Agency Bonfire Working Group, including representation from the Council's Community Services Section, had taken place on 24 April 2008 and that another meeting would be held within the next two weeks.

Noted.

T&ESC/2008/216 : PROPOSED PLAYGROUND AT BRED A TERRACE / WOODBRED A

The Client Manager advised that allegations had been made regarding the proposed bonfire on the open space between Breda Terrace and Woodbreda, although these had not yet been substantiated. He added that he would table any further information once it became available. Furthermore, the Client Manager stated that residents had asked that the area be kept tidy.

Noted.

T&ESC/2008/217 : DISPLAY ENERGY CERTIFICATES

The Client Manager advised that, in order to comply with The Energy Performance of Buildings (Certificates and Inspections) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008, it was required to display Display Energy Certificates (DECs) in public buildings over 1000m² occupied or part occupied by public authorities or by institutions providing public services and therefore visited by the public. Council premises that will require DECs are:

- Billy Neill Centre
- Civic Centre
- Dundonald International Ice Bowl
- Loughmoss Leisure Centre
- Robinson Centre
- Castlereagh Hills Golf Club

Currently, there are no accredited energy assessors or accredited training schemes for the production of DECs, as the associated software is not yet available, therefore the associated costs are unknown. Once the software or training scheme become available, the Council will either require to employ a consultant to carry out the DECs annually or train a staff member to carry these out.

Noted.

T&ESC/2008/218 : PLAYGROUND AT COLBY PARK

The Client Manager recalled that the Colby Park Playground Group had given a presentation to the Technical & Environmental Services Committee in October 2007, and correspondence had recently been received regarding their wishes and concerns for the area.

Following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That Officers respond to the correspondence received from the Colby Park Playground Group, giving reassurance about their concerns and stating that the application for a community centre and playground is being progressed.

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

**T&ESC/2008/219 : NILGA CONSULTATION RE: CLEAN NEIGHBOURHOODS
AGENDA**

The Client Manager outlined details of a meeting between NILGA and the Minister for the Environment on 10 April 2008 regarding the delay in progressing the Clean Neighbourhoods Agenda in Northern Ireland. He further listed the local environmental quality issues currently included in the Agenda. However, the Clean Neighbourhoods Agenda required detailed legislation with supporting regulations and guidance, and, in order to identify Local Government's views on the progress of the Agenda, the Minister asked NILGA to consult with Local Government to identify the following:

- Would councils prefer that the entire Clean Neighbourhoods Agenda be progressed by the Department or that a smaller number of priority areas be progressed in advance of the main body of work
- If councils believe that it would be better in the short term to address a smaller number of key issues to assist Local Government, the Minister requested that the top three priority issues from the Clean Neighbourhoods Agenda be chosen on which the Department can move forward.

During the ensuing discussion, Councillor Beattie proposed that the Client Manager provide a report for Members' consideration, listing areas of priority within the Castlereagh area and send this to all Members for their consideration and comment. Officers should also seek, at full Council, delegated powers for the Technical & Environmental Services Committee, so that the Committee could respond to the questionnaire in the timescale stipulated. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Henderson, and it was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Client Manager prepare a report, listing areas of priority in the Castlereagh area, and forward this to all Members for consideration and comment
- (b) That Officers seek, at full Council, delegated powers for the Technical & Environmental Services Committee, in order to respond to the questionnaire in the timescale provided.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

T&ESC/2008/220 : ARTICLE IN 'BT 16' MAGAZINE RE BROWN BINS

Councillor Jeffers referred to an article in 'BT 16' magazine regarding the bi-weekly collection of brown bins during the winter months.

Noted.

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

T&ESC/2008/221 : REPORTS AVAILABLE

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

- Northern Ireland Water Strategic Business Plan 2007–2010, 6-month Interim Report
- Councillors' Waste Management Reference Guide, NILGA, February 2008
- Remediation Update issue 1.2008, publication of Land Regeneration Services
- Enviro-Wise Update, Spring 2008 issue
- Proposals to introduce a fees & charges scheme under The Water Abstraction & impoundment (Licensing) Regulations (NI) 2006. Consultation Document
- Friends of the Earth, Northern Ireland Newsletter, Issue16, Spring 2008
- Regulation of Water Service Discharges Report 2006, a report by the Water Management Unit of the Environment & Heritage Service.

Noted.

T&ESC/2008/222 : E-COLI 0157 INCIDENT – LETTER OF THANKS

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services advised that a letter of thanks had been received from the Chief Executive of the South Eastern Education & Library Board, expressing gratitude to Council staff for their guidance, support and professionalism throughout the E-Coli 0157 incident at Brooklands Nursery Unit, Dundonald.

Noted.

T&ESC/2008/223 : ARC 21 JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING OF 2 APRIL 2008

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services drew Members' attention to the draft Minutes of the Joint Committee meeting held on Wednesday, 2 April 2008, at the Civic Offices, Antrim. Some of the business addressed was as follows:

- Contracts Update
- Wheeled-Bin Tender Report
- Residual Waste Treatment Site Selection
- Consultation – Review of Northern Ireland Landfill Allowance Scheme (NILAS)
- Consultation – Implementation of the Batteries and Accumulators and Waste Batteries and Accumulators Directive (2006/66/EC)
- Local Government Audit Reports.
- Planning Policy Statement 1B: Renewable Energy
- Waste Programme Steering Group
- AOB

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

Noted.

T&ESC/2008/224 : ARC 21 JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING OF 24 APRIL 2008 – MEMBERS' BULLETIN

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services informed Members that the next meeting of the Arc 21 Joint Committee was scheduled to take place on Thursday, 24 April 2008, at the offices of Ballymena Borough Council. He drew attention to the Members' Bulletin for that meeting, which outlined the business to be conducted at that meeting.

Noted.

T&ESC/2008/225 : ARC 21 JOINT COMMITTEE – FINANCE SUB-GROUP MEETINGS

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services drew Members' attention to correspondence relating to issues on the agenda of the Arc 21 Joint Committee Finance Sub-Group meeting, scheduled to be held on Thursday, 24 April 2008, namely the implications and background to the Residual Waste project, including funding support. The Director stressed the importance of the attendance of the Council's Finance Officers at this meeting, as waste and its financial implications were significant for all Arc 21 councils.

Members agreed that waste and its financial implications were a very important issue, and following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the Director of Finance and/or his nominee attend all such Finance Sub-Group meetings.

T&ESC/2008/226 : DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR 2008-2009

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services drew Members' attention to the draft Departmental Management Plan for 2008/09 for the Technical & Environmental Services Department. He stated that the Plan addressed a number of issues, including the following:

- Takes account of the Council's core values and strategic aims
- Provides a Departmental overview
- Provides an overview of the services provided to the Department's customers
- The locations from which such services are delivered
- Methods of service delivery
- An overview of the four Service Units (i.e. Building Control, Environmental Health Service, Client Services and Operational Services).
- The purpose, management and reporting arrangements, and responsibilities of each Service Unit
- The objectives and key tasks, outputs and indicators for each of the four Service Units.

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services continued to say that discussion accompanying each Service Unit concluded with the identification of departmental objectives, key tasks and time scales. Members' comments arising from the perusal of this Management Plan by way of guidance and direction were clearly recognised as being important. Furthermore, the Management Plan tasks that had been outlined were important in that they provided a basis for meeting Departmental and Council objectives.

However, the Director drew Members' attention to the fact that these important tasks would place additional demands on existing scarce staff resources and, consequently, there would be an impact on Departmental service provision.

The Department's estimated total net expenditure for 2008/09 was £6,664,391, which represented 50% of the Council's estimated total net expenditure.

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services now sought approval for the adoption of the Departmental Management Plan for 2008-2009 for the Technical & Environmental Services Department.

Councillor Henderson thanked the Director and his staff for such a comprehensive report, and following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to grant approval for the adoption of the Departmental Management Plan for 2008-2009 for the Technical & Environmental Services Department.

T&ESC/2008/227 : CENTRALISED PROCUREMENT – IMPLICATIONS OF THE CURRENT PROPOSALS FOR THE TECHNICAL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services advised that, due to some recent developments on the progression of the Council's procurement arrangements, his report on this matter was being withdrawn.

Noted.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 9.35 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Adopted by the Council this _____ day of
_____ 2007 with the exception of
Minute Nos. _____

MAYOR