

CASTLEREAGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of Castlereagh Borough Council held in the Council Chamber, Castlereagh Borough Council, Civic & Administrative Offices, Bradford Court, Upper Galwally, Castlereagh, BT8 6RB, on Thursday 28 July 2011.

PRESENT: Councillor J White
(in the Chair)

ALDERMEN: J Beattie MBE
S Duncan
M Henderson MBE
G Robinson

COUNCILLORS: A Beattie
M Chambers
J Cochrane
M Copeland
C Hall
B Harvey
C Howard
T Jeffers
M Long
V McCoy
T Morrow
PJ O'Reilly
T Sandford
J Spratt
J White

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive, Director of Technical & Environmental Services, Director of Finance, Director of Leisure Services, Community Services Manager, Economic Development Manager, Planning Officer, Planning Service Officer and Assistant Members' Services Officer

APOLOGIES: Alderman Rice, Councillors Drysdale, Gregg and Vitty

2011/370 : OPENING OF THE MEETING

In the absence of the Mayor's Chaplain, Councillor McCoy opened the meeting with a scripture reading and prayer.

Noted.

2011/371 : DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members and Officers were invited to declare any pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests (including gifts and hospitality) they should have in respect of items on the agenda. Declarations of interest were put forward, as follows:

- Councillor Long declared an interest in respect of the presentation by South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust on the basis of his employment by the Trust
- Alderman Henderson also declared an interest in respect of the presentation by South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust on the basis of his employment.
- Councillor Spratt declared an interest in issues relating to the Department of Regional Development on the basis that he was chair of that Committee at the NI Assembly

Noted.

2011/372 : CONDOLENCES

On behalf of her party, Councillor Chambers expressed condolences to Councillor Spratt and his wife on the recent death of his wife's mother. Aldermen Henderson and Duncan and Councillor Hanvey also expressed condolences on behalf of their parties. Councillor Spratt thanked everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy.

Councillor Spratt referred to the recent tragedy in Norway and suggested that the Council should write expressing sympathy to the people of Norway.

RESOLVED: that the Council write to express condolences to the people of Norway on behalf of the Council and the Borough following the recent tragic occurrences there.

Councillor Copeland arrived at 7.15 pm

2011/373 : MINUTES

RESOLVED : That

- (a) the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 23 June 2011 be adopted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings
- (b) the Minutes of the Special Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 29 June 2011 be adopted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings
- (c) the Minutes of the Leisure Park Board meeting held on 15 March 2011 be noted.

- (d) the Minutes of the Castlereagh Hills Golf Club Board meeting held on 18 March 2011 be noted.

PRESENTATIONS

2011/374 : PRESENTATION BY SOUTH EASTERN HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE TRUST RE: SOUTH EASTERN TRUST DRAFT CORPORATE PLAN 2011-15 (copy previously circulated)

The Mayor welcomed the following representatives of South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust: Mr Hugh McCaughey, Chief Executive; Mr John Simpson, Director of Planning, Performance Management & Information and Ms Roisin Coulter, Assistant Director, Capital Development & Projects. Mr McCaughey advised that their presentation would be in two parts, one covering the draft corporate plan and the second providing an update on development at the Ulster Hospital

South Eastern Trust Draft Corporate Plan 2011-15

Mr McCaughey provided an overview of health and social care provision in Northern Ireland following recent reorganisation. He then focused on the South Eastern Trust which covered a population of approximately 350,000 with a budget of £500m and approximately 10,000 staff. He outlined the range of services provided by the Trust and he detailed the financial challenges facing it. These included the challenges of dealing with the demographics of an aging population, the need to seek out efficiencies, to reform and to maximise the Trust's estate.

Mr McCaughey outlined the Trust's vision for the future and the 6 key themes of the corporate plan which were

- Safety, quality and experience
- Access
- Health and well being
- Efficiency and service reform
- Our staff
- Stakeholder engagement

He outlined the corporate plan process and indicated that the consultation process would end on 5 August and the finalised plan would be launched in September.

The Mayor then invited questions from Members on the draft corporate plan. Councillor Chambers referred to the fact that, after RPA, Councils would be given responsibility for well being and she enquired whether the Trust would be willing to work with the Council to improve the well being of inhabitants in the Borough. Mr McCaughey stated that South Eastern Trust was very amenable to working in partnership with Councils and other bodies and stated that partnership working was vital to improving efficiency.

Alderman Duncan raised queries regarding the availability of screening for bowel and prostate cancer and the quality of mental health care for women in prison.

Mr McCaughey stated that a screening programme for bowel cancer had been introduced in Northern Ireland fairly recently and advised that there were criteria for who was screened. He reported that in 2008 the South Eastern Trust had been given responsibility for health care throughout Northern Ireland prisons and he stated that aspects of the service needed to be improved. He indicated that management of health care staff within prisons had not yet transferred over to the Trust but that this would take place in 2012.

In response to a query by Councillor Spratt as to whether prisoners would receive preferential treatment in terms of access to hospital care, Mr McCaughey stated that most health care for prisoners was provided within the prisons and that prisoners would have the same access to hospital care as anyone else.

Councillor Long left at 7.50 pm

Alderman Henderson referred to the growth in the elderly population and enquired what measures were being taken by the Trust to deal with this. Mr McCaughey stated that the Trust had a range of services and activities within its health and well-being scheme. Mr Simpson stated that one of the Trust's priorities was to enable the older population to live as independently as possible.

Councillor Copeland left and Councillor Long returned at 7.55 pm

Ulster Hospital

Ms Coulter thanked the Council for the opportunity to come along and update it on the Ulster Hospital development. She advised that the business case for Phase B development had been approved in May 2010 at a cost of £190 million and would provide an Inpatient Ward Block and an Acute Services Block. She stated that site service enabling works had commenced and the replacement ward block construction would be carried out from January 2013 to December 2016 and construction of the acute services block would commence in 2017.

Ms Coulter stated that the In-patient Ward Block would consist of 12 24-bed wards of single rooms with en suite facilities as well as a pharmacy, day surgery/endoscopy and cardiac/catheterisation lab. The Acute Services Block would consist of specialist wards, emergency department, imaging facility and essential support services.

Alderman Robinson left and Councillor Copeland returned at 8.10 pm

Alderman Duncan enquired what effect the closure of the City Hospital's Emergency Department would have on the Ulster Hospital. Mr McCaughey advised that the Ulster Hospital had grown quicker than any other hospital in Northern Ireland and there had been difficulties with the capacity of the A&E Department. He stated that the current facilities had been upgraded and additional capacity and space had been provided and the Trust was exploring the possibility of extending these facilities further.

The Mayor then thanked the representatives of the South Eastern Trust for their presentation and they then left the meeting.

2011/375 : PRESENTATION BY EASTERN DIVISION ROADS SERVICE – SPRING 2011 REPORT

The Mayor welcomed the representatives of Eastern Division Roads Service to the meeting: Mr Bertie Ellison, Deputy Divisional Roads Manager and Mr Eamonn McMahan, Service Engineer.

Mr Ellison provided an update on the Knock road widening scheme which, while outside the Borough, had significance for residents of Castlereagh. With regard to the proposed roundabout scheme at Moneyreagh, he advised that agreement had not yet been reached with the owner of the development land to allow road improvements to take place and it was therefore unlikely that the project could be taken forward within the next three financial years.

With regard to bus priority measures, Mr Ellison advised that a bus turning area in Carryduff had been completed but was omitted from the report. He advised of safety measures at Carryduff and St Bernards Primary School and pedestrian crossings at Four Winds and Bells Bridge.

With regard to street lighting, Mr Ellison reported that the Division had a considerably larger budget than last year. He also provided an update on maintenance works. He referred to the damage caused to roads and footpaths by the severe winter conditions and advised that this would require a substantial increase in expenditure for repairs and maintenance.

Councillor Long referred to the reorganisation within Eastern Division and stated that it was now difficult to make contact with appropriate officers. He asked if Roads Service could provide contact details for Councillors.

Councillor Hanvey referred to problems regarding control of weeds and asked what remedies were being put in place. He referred specifically to Carryduff which had been entered in the Ulster in Bloom competition and he felt that the failure of the Roads Service to control weeds would impact adversely on the town's chances of success. He also raised queries about salt boxes. He noted that a planning application had been submitted for improvements to Milligan's crossroads and queried whether the Roads Service now had the funding to proceed with this project.

Alderman Henderson left at 8.30 pm

Mr Ellison advised that contractual issues meant that the contract for weed control had had to be terminated and brought in-house and efforts were being made to catch up and spraying was ongoing. Councillor Spratt stated that, as Chair of the Assembly's Regional Development Committee, he had not been aware of this matter. He stated that weeds were several feet high now and, while spraying would kill them, they would still have to be physically removed.

With regard to Milligans crossroads, Mr Ellison advised that this scheme would cost in the region of £3.5 million and the Division would have to compete for funding. He did not expect that the scheme would go ahead in the next three years.

Mr Ellison asked Members to contact the Division if they were aware of locations within the Borough that required a salt box.

Councillor Sandford referred to the fact that disability bays at Greenway were included in the report but had not been provided. Mr Ellison stated that the work would be scheduled within the next year.

Councillor Hanvey left at 8.35 pm

Councillor McCoy raised a query regarding traffic calming measures in Braniel Crescent. Mr McCaughey stated that the consultation process with people in the area had started.

The representatives of the Roads Service then left the meeting.

Councillors McCoy and Sandford left the meeting at 8.40 pm

2011/376 : WEED CONTROL

Councillor Spratt expressed concern about the Road Service comments regarding weed control. He felt that the Council should write to the Minister and find out exactly what had happened with regard to the contract for weed control and what the Department proposed to do about the matter. He pointed out that the Council's efforts to present the Borough in the best possible light were being adversely affected by the failure to control weeds.

Alderman Robinson and Councillors McCoy and Sandford returned to the meeting at 8.42 pm

Councillor Copeland referred to safety issues on the Ballygowan Road arising from verges where grass and weeds were growing to over 3 feet high. Councillor O'Reilly stated that hedge cutting had also been neglected.

Councillor Hanvey returned to the meeting at 8.44 pm

It was proposed by Councillor Spratt, seconded by Councillor Chambers and

RESOLVED: that the Council write to the Minister to enquire about the reasons behind the Road Service's failure to manage weed control within the Borough and to ask how the Department proposed to remedy this problem as well as the failure to maintain hedges and roadside verges.

PLANNING

Councillor Beattie took the chair for this part of the meeting.

Councillor White left the meeting at 8.50 pm

SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS DATED 28 JULY 2011 (copy previously circulated)

2011/377 : APPLICATION Y/2009/0408/O: SITE FOR 120 BEDROOM HOTEL WITH ASSOCIATED CONFERENCING, BANQUETING AND LEISURE COMPLEX AND TO INCLUDE LANDSCAPING AND ASSOCIATED CAR PARKING (AMENDED DESCRIPTION AND PLANS)

The Planning Service Officer advised that this application had been withdrawn at the request of the Minister for the Environment. Councillor Spratt expressed concern that the Minister had interfered with the planning process particularly in view of the sound planning reasons for refusal and the number of objections to the development. He asked for an explanation for the Minister's action.

The Planning Service Officer advised that, as head of the Department of the Environment, a Minister could call in any planning application as and when he/she wished. Councillor Spratt asked the Planning Service to come back to Council with further information on the reasons why the Minister had withdrawn this application. Councillors Copeland and Long also expressed concern at the Minister's action. Alderman Robinson stated that he would like to know whether anyone had contacted the Minister and influenced him into withdrawing the application.

Councillor White returned to the meeting at 8.55 pm

RESOLVED: that the Council write to the Minister enquiring about the reasons for his instruction that the application be withdrawn from the schedule and whether anyone had contacted him about the application and influenced his decision.

2011/378 : APPLICATION Y/20111/0129/F: ERECTION OF NEW PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT COMPRISING 1 NO. DETACHED AND 2 NO. SEMI-DETACHED DWELLINGS WITH ASSOCIATED SITE WORKS – 2 RODDENS PARK, CASTLEREAGH, BT5 7JN.

Councillor McCoy enquired whether the Planning Service was sure that this application did not constitute over-development of the site. The Planning Service Officer confirmed that this was not over-development and that neighbours had been notified of the application.

Noted.

2011/379 : APPLICATION Y/2010/0323/F: PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW DAY NURSERY FACILITY FOR A MAXIMUM OF 50 CHILDREN AND ASSOCIATED PARKING FOR STAFF AND VISITORS – 121 COMBER ROAD, DUNDONALD, BT16 2BT

In response to a query by Alderman Robinson, the Planning Service Officer advised that amended drawings had been submitted and the application had been readvertised and neighbours had been notified.

Noted.

2011/380 : WEEKLY PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR THE PERIOD 14 JUNE TO 18 JULY 2011 (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2011/381 : MINUTES OF SPECIAL PLANNING MEETING

Members noted that this special planning meeting scheduled for 26 July 2011 had been postponed.

Noted.

2011/382 : EMAIL DATED 7 JULY 2011 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT RE: PUBLICATION OF ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT STATISTICAL BULLETIN FOR 2010/2011

Noted.

Alderman Robinson left the meeting at 9.00 pm

ANY OTHER PLANNING BUSINESS

2011/383 : APPLICATION Y/2008/0375/F – ERECTION OF NEW SOCIAL HOUSING RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT FOR THE ACTIVE ELDERLY, CONSISTING OF 15 NO APARTMENTS AT 68 LOWER BRANIEL ROAD, BELFAST

The Planning Officer advised that the Council's application to the Management Board regarding this application had been turned down.

Councillor McCoy suggested that the Council should raise the outstanding issues again with the Divisional Officer. Councillor Long queried whether the

Management Board ever upheld any issues forwarded to it by Council and supported Councillor McCoy in asking for matters to be raised again with the Planning Service.

Councillor Copeland asked the Planning Service Officer whether the traffic assessment had been a fundamental factor in the Department's decision to approve the application. He indicated that he considered that assessment to be flawed and that a new traffic assessment should be carried out. Councillor Long stated that the car parking was also a fundamental issue in the application.

The Planning Service Officer advised that it was normal practice after a referral to Management Board was turned down for planners to be instructed to issue the decision. However, in this instance, planners had been asked to consider any further issues. He stated however that, as consultation had already been carried out, there would be no requirement to take the application back to the Council. He advised that the Planning Service would review all the issues before issuing a decision.

The Planning Service Officer stated that the issue of road safety was an important one and, in this instance, the Roads Service had considered a range of factors and had considered that road safety issues were acceptable.

After discussion it was

RESOLVED: to ask the Planning Service, when reconsidering this application, to review the issues raised by Council particularly regarding road traffic and car parking

Councillor McCoy left the meeting at 9.10 pm

2011/384 : WIND TURBINES

Councillor Spratt indicated that a number of businesses within the Borough wishing to invest in wind turbines were concerned at the delay in obtaining a decision from the planners. The Planning Service Officer advised that, while the Department would wish to support applications for sustainable development, there were several key issues to be investigated relating to wind turbines. These included prominence and possible interference with telecommunications, television signals or airports. The Department would also take advice from the Northern Ireland Environment Agency regarding impact on wild life.

Noted.

Councillor Copeland left the meeting at 9.12 pm

The Mayor returned to the Chair.

HOUSING

2011/385 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 29 JUNE 2011 FROM THE DEPARTMENT FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT RE: HOUSING (AMENDMENT) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2011 (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2011/386 : ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED : That the Council approve the under noted payments:

General Accounts (Suppliers)	£2,932,374.49
General Accounts (Emergency Payments)	£63,457.09
Subsidiary Account (Wages & Salaries)	£888,567.76C

Councillors Copeland and Mc Coy returned to the meeting at 9.15 pm

**MAYOR/DEPUTY MAYOR'S BUSINESS
(copy previously circulated)**

2011/387 : MAYOR/DEPUTY MAYOR'S BUSINESS FOR JULY 2011

Noted.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

2011/388 : THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) (NI) ORDER 1985 – ARTICLE 3 – LICENSING OF PLACES OF ENTERTAINMENT – RENEWAL OF LICENCE

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services outlined details of two applications for renewal of Entertainment Licences.

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to grant approval for the renewal of Entertainment Licences as outlined in the Environmental Health Manager's report, subject to receipt of all required documentation.

2011/389 : PETROLEUM CONSOLIDATION ACT (NI) 1929 – RENEWAL OF PETROLEUM LICENCE

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services outlined details of applications for the renewal of licences to store petroleum.

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to grant approval for the renewal of licences to store petroleum, subject to receipt of all required documentation.

2011/390 : THE DOGS (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1983 – DOGS KEPT WITHOUT VALID LICENCES

The Director of Technical & Environmental Health Services outlined details of two incidents where dogs had been kept without valid licences. Fixed Penalty Notices had been issued, which subsequently had been returned unpaid by the Clerk of Petty Sessions Office. The Director sought approval to instigate legal proceedings.

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to grant approval for the instigation of legal proceedings against two persons for keeping dogs without valid licences and non-payment of Fixed Penalty Notices

2011/391 : THE DOGS (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1983 – DOGS STRAYING

The Director of Technical & Environmental Health Services outlined details of an incident when two dogs had been permitted to stray in contravention of the above legislation. Fixed Penalty Notices had been issued, which subsequently had been returned unpaid by the Clerk of Petty Sessions Office. The Director sought approval to instigate legal proceedings.

RESOLVED: that, in line with the Council's policy, approval be given to instigate legal proceedings under the Dogs (NI) Order 1983 against the keeper of the dogs.

2011/392 : STREET TRADING ACT (NI) ORDER 2001 – GRANT OF A STATIONARY TRADER'S LICENCE

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services outlined details of an application for the grant of a stationary street trader's licence.

RESOLVED: That approval be given to the application for a stationary street trader's licence, subject to receipt of public liability insurance cover.

2011/393 : STREET TRADING ACT (NI) ORDER 2001 – GRANT OF AN ADDITIONAL MOBILE TRADER'S LICENCE

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services outlined details of an application for the grant of an additional mobile trader's licence.

RESOLVED: That approval be given to the application for an additional mobile trader's licence.

2011/394 : THE LITTER (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1994 - FAILURE TO PAY FIXED PENALTY NOTICES

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services outlined details of 2 cases where drivers had failed to pay fixed penalty notices and he sought

approval to instigate legal proceedings against the drivers for the littering offences.

RESOLVED : That the Council be recommended to grant approval for the instigation of legal action against two drivers under Article 20 of the Litter (NI) Order 1994, as detailed in the Environmental Health Manager's report.

2011/395 : PROPOSED NEW PLAYGROUND AT CLONDUFF

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services reported that tenders for the proposed new playground at Clonduff were being reviewed. He suggested that the Council should consider granting executive powers to the Technical & Environmental Health Committee in order that the project might proceed.

RESOLVED: that the Council grant executive powers to the Technical & Environmental Services Committee to award the tender for the construction of the proposed playground in Clonduff.

2011/396 : ANNUAL TENDER FOR RECYCLING OF VARIOUS MATERIALS (REF: TO2/11)

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services reported that the above tender had been advertised on 24 June 2011 with a tender deadline of 8 July 2011. The contracts were for 1 year and covered the following categories: paper, cardboard, metals, wood, rubble, garden waste (haulage), paints, batteries and aerosols.

The Director reported that 10 tenders had been received by the tender deadline and had been evaluated in accordance with the criteria specified in the tender documents, namely:

- Evidence of appropriate insurances
- Evidence of relevant certificates and permits
- Health and safety policy
- Evidence of appropriate experience
- Methodology (20%)
- Cost (80%)

He advised that all tenderers were compliant with the requirements in relation to insurance, certificates and permits, health and safety and experience and they also demonstrated acceptable methodologies. Tenders scoring the highest following evaluation were as follows:

Category	Supplier
Paper	Bailey Waste Recycling (NI) Ltd
Cardboard	Bailey Waste Recycling (NI) Ltd
Metals	Eastwood Ltd
Wood	Irish Recycling Services
Rubble	McQuillan Envirocare Ltd

Garden Waste (Haulage)	Irish Recycling Services
Paints, batteries and aerosols	ENVA (NI) Ltd

RESOLVED: that the Council award contracts for a period of 1 year commencing 1 April 2011 to the suppliers detailed above.

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF LEISURE SERVICES (copy previously circulated)

2011/397 : OLYMPICS 2012 – TORCH RELAY

The Director of Leisure Services reported on arrangements for celebrating the arrival of the Olympic Torch in Northern Ireland in June 2012. She reported that there would be overnight stays in Portrush, Londonderry, Newry and Belfast and opportunities for relay events within the Council areas through which the torch would travel en route to the overnight stay.

Members considered correspondence from the London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games (LOCOG). It was noted that each Council participating in the Torch Relay would be required to sign an agreement. The Director sought approval to sign the agreement on behalf of the Council.

The Director also reported that, prior to releasing further information on the relay route, all officers and Members were required to complete an undertaking of confidentiality. These were distributed to Members at the meeting.

The Director advised that, in order to maximise and coordinate the opportunities presented by this event, a working group should be established to work with LOCOG.

RESOLVED:

- (a) that the Council authorise the Director of Leisure Services to sign the agreement with LOCOG on its behalf
- (b) that officers and Members be asked to sign the undertakings of confidentiality and further information on the relay event be brought back to the next meeting of Council in September
- (c) that a working group be set up to work with LOCOG to coordinate the Council's participation in the torch relay events.

2011/398 : FACILITY BUSINESS PLANS 2011-2012

The Director of Leisure Services presented for approval the draft facility plans for the three leisure centres, Robinson Centre, Lough Moss and Belvoir Activity Centre (copy previously circulated). She reminded Members that the draft Leisure Strategy had been approved in June 2011 with the view of

finalising the facility plans to support the key objectives and cross cutting themes contained therein. A copy of the value creation map to support the overall leisure strategy had also been circulated for Members' information.

The Director advised that the draft plans for the Golf Club and Dundonald International Ice Bowl would be tabled to the respective Boards in August.

In response to a query by Alderman Beattie, the Director confirmed that any costs in the facility business plans had been included in the current year's financial estimates.

RESOLVED: that the Council approve the 2011-2012 facility business plans.

2011/399 : ROLL FORWARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY (PHA) SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT 2011/2012 FOR HEALTHWISE-CASTLEREAGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Members considered correspondence from PHA confirming the funding proposal of £14,100 for the contract period April 2011 – March 2012 (copy previously circulated). The Director of Leisure Services sought approval to sign the acceptance of letter of offer on behalf of the Council and this in turn would allow the contract document for 2011/2012 to follow.

RESOLVED: that the Director of Leisure Services be authorised to sign the letter of offer from the Public Health Agency in respect of the 2011/2012 Healthwise Scheme.

REPORT BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

2011/400 : CASTLEREAGH DISTRICT POLICING PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT (copy previously circulated)

The Chief Executive presented for Members' information the Castlereagh District Policing Partnership Annual Report.

Councillor Spratt reminded Members that at its meeting in June the Council had agreed not to convene any further meetings of the District Policing Partnership pending clarification on issues raised by it with the Department of Justice/Northern Ireland Policing Board.

Noted.

CONFERENCES

2011/401 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED JULY 2011 FROM THE ASSOCIATION FOR PUBLIC SERVICE EXCELLENCE RE: 'CHANGING WORLD, CHANGING SERVICES' SEMINAR (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2011/402 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED IN JULY 2011 FROM THE ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES OF IRELAND RE: 98TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2011/403 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED ON 15 JULY 2011 FROM McCREATH TAYLOR (NI) LTD TOGETHER WITH EMAIL DATED 20 JULY 2011 FROM NILGA RE: WINTER MAINTENANCE CONFERENCE – 5 SEPTEMBER 2011 (copies previously circulated)

Noted.

GENERAL

2011/404 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 10 JUNE 2011 FROM THE HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE BOARD AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY RE: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2011/405 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 21 JUNE 2011 FROM THE BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR NORTHERN IRELAND RE: 6TH REVIEW OF PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2011/406 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 9 JUNE 2011 FROM THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILLORS RE: CERTIFICATE OF COUNCILLORS COURSE (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2011/407 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED ON 27 JUNE 2011 FROM INVEST NI RE: INVEST NI POLICY AND PROGRAMME SCREENINGS (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2011/408 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 14 JULY 2011 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT RE: THE TAXIS ACT (NI) 2008 – CONSULTATION PAPERS ON ‘TAXIS LICENCE AND POWERS OF SEIZURE REGULATIONS’ AND ‘WEDDING AND COURTESY TRANSPORT’ (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2011/409 : EMAIL DATED 7 JULY 2011 FROM NORTHERN BANK RE: CHANGE TO BRANCH NETWORK (copy previously circulated)

It was proposed by Councillor Long and

RESOLVED: that the Council write to the Northern Ireland voicing its objection to the proposed branch closure.

2011/410 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 6 JULY 2011 FROM CCMS RE: CONSULTATION ON EQUALITY SCHEME FOR COUNCIL FOR CATHOLIC MAINTAINED SCHOOLS (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2011/411 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 4 JULY 2011 FROM PATIENT AND CLIENT COUNCIL RE: PEOPLE'S VIEWS ABOUT PRESCRIPTION CHARGING AND PRODUCTS AVAILABLE ON PRESCRIPTION (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2011/412 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 27 JUNE 2011 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY RE: CONSULTATION ON A DRAFT POLICY FOR DEVELOPING ADVOCACY SERVICE – A GUIDE FOR COMMISSIONERS (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2011/413 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 30 JUNE 2011 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY RE: PUBLIC CONSULTATION – A DISTRICT NURSING SERVICE FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW: A DRAFT STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN 2012-2017 (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2011/414 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 30 JUNE 2011 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY RE: CONSULTATION ON 'A STRATEGY FOR THE ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS IN NORTHERN IRELAND' (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2011/415 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 8 JULY 2011 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT RE: PASSENGER AND GOODS VEHICLES (COMMUNITY RECORDING EQUIPMENT REGULATION) REGULATIONS (NI) 2011 GIVING EFFECT TO EUROPEAN COMMUNITY REGULATIONS TO ENABLE INSTALLATION OF DIGITAL TACHOGRAPHS ON LIGHT VEHICLES (copies previously circulated)

Noted.

2011/416 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 8 JULY 2011 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE RE: PUBLIC CONSULTATION – THE DRAFT CARRIAGE OF EXPLOSIVES (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2011 (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2011/417 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 14 JULY 2011 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENTERPRISE, TRADE & INVESTMENT RE: CONSULTATION ON THE ELECTRICITY SAFETY, QUALITY AND CONTINUITY REGULATIONS 2011 (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2011/418 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 1 JULY 2011 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT RE: REVIEW OF AND CONSULTATION ON THE IDENTIFICATION OF BATHING WATERS IN NORTHERN IRELAND 2011 (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2011/419 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 21 JULY 2011 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT RE: LOCALISM BILL – EUROPEAN UNION FINES (copy previously circulated)

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services reported that this matter had been raised at an arc21 meeting earlier that day and he suggested that the Council should keep it under review.

RESOLVED: that this correspondence be referred to the Technical & Environmental Services Committee for consideration.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

2011/420 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 22 JULY 2011 FROM TRANSLINK RE: TRANSLINK METRO SERVICES – CITY CENTRE TERMINAL CHANGES

Members considered correspondence from Translink regarding changes to Metro Services coming into effect from 1 September 2011. Councillor Long referred to the decision to withdraw off peak services on Metro service 29 and asked that the Council ask Translink to reconsider.

RESOLVED: that the Council write to Translink asking that it reconsider its decision to withdraw off-peak services on Metro service 29.

2011/421 : REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES - REQUEST TO HOST A POLO MATCH AT HYDEBANK

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services reported that MENCAP had requested the use of the Council's Hydebank facility to host a polo match on 27 August 2011. The Director advised that the facilities had already been committed for the forthcoming soccer season which would commence on 20 August 2011. He also advised that the facilities had been designed and maintained specifically for football with pitches having a low impact surface suitable for soccer.

RESOLVED: that the request from Mencap for use of Hydebank for a polo match be declined on the basis that the facility was already committed for other usage.

2011/422 : TRIBUTE TO CHARLIE CHARLTON

Members considered a paper drawn up by friends of Charlie Charlton outlining their plans for a commemorative bench at the Lock Keeper's Cottage together with a fundraising evening to unveil the bench on Saturday 3 September 2011. Councillor Spratt proposed and it was

RESOLVED: that the Council make a contribution of £500 towards the costs of the commemorative bench.

2011/423 : MANAGEMENT TEAM MINUTES

Councillor Long proposed that the Management Team minutes should be circulated to all Members. The Chief Executive advised that the minutes included confidential staffing and other matters and Councillor Long indicated that he would be satisfied if confidential items were removed before circulation.

Councillor Spratt opposed the circulation of Management Team minutes on the basis that these related to management issues including confidential staffing matters.

It was proposed by Councillor Long, seconded by Councillor Morrow that the minutes of Management Team meetings, with confidential items removed, be circulated to all Members.

Councillor Long requested a recorded vote.

The proposal was then put to the meeting and voting was as follows:

For the proposal:	Councillor Long
	Alderman Duncan
	Councillor Cochrane
	Councillor Morrow
	Councillor Howard
	Councillor O'Reilly
	Councillor Hanvey

Against the proposal:

- Councillor Copeland
- Councillor Sandford
- Councillor Jeffers
- Councillor Chambers
- Council AM Beattie
- Councillor McCoy
- Alderman Beattie
- Councillor Spratt
- Councillor White
- Councillor Hall

On a recorded vote, 7 for and 10 against, the proposal was declared not carried.

Councillor Spratt left the meeting at 9.30 pm

IN COMMITTEE

REPORT BY THE COMMUNITY SERVICES MANAGER

REPORT BY THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

2011/425 : EVOLUTION PROJECT

The Economic Development Manager reported on the Evolution Project which had been approved for funding by European New Competitiveness Programme (managed by DETI) and Invest NI subject to a positive economic appraisal. He advised that the budget to deliver the programme was included in the Council's economic development budget. He sought Council's consideration for launch of the project and appointment of third party specialists.

Members considered a paper outlining a proposal for the launch which was provisionally scheduled for 20 September 2011 subject to guest availability. The Manager advised that the launch was essential to generate media interest in the project and maximise uptake of the programme.

The Manager reminded Members that the Council had approved the procurement of third party specialists to support the project (Minute No F&GP/2011/98 refers). He advised that the closing date for receipt of tenders was 19 August 2011. He advised that a high level of interest was anticipated and that it would not be possible to complete assessment of submissions in time for the August Council meeting. He therefore asked the Council to consider giving executive powers to the Economic Development Sub-Committee meeting on 5 September 2011 so that contracts could be drawn up prior to the programme launch provisionally scheduled for 20 September.

The Manager also advised that he had been invited by the Federation of Small Business to meet with MLAs from the Enterprise and Investment Committee at Stormont who were interested in this programme as a model of best practice. He advised that he was scheduled to meet with Alban Maginness, Chair of the relevant Stormont Committee, towards presenting the Castlereagh Project Proposal to the Committee on 15h September 2011.

After discussion it was proposed by Councillor Chambers, seconded by Councillor Copeland and

RESOLVED:

- (a) that the Council approve the arrangements for the launch of the Evolution Project provisionally scheduled for 20 September 2011
- (b) that the Council authorise the Mayor and Chair of the Finance and General Purposes Committee to take a decision regarding the award of tenders for third party specialists in order that contracts might be drawn up in time for the launch.

2011/426 : EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND NEW COMPETITIVENESS PROGRAMME

The Economic Development Manager reminded Members that some of the Council's key achievements including Hanwood Business Park, the Lock Keeper's Cottage Visitor Centre and the Local Economic Growth Programme 2009-2011 had been funded by the New Competitiveness Programme.

He advised that discussions were taking place between DETI and Invest NI regarding a potential transfer from DETI to Invest NI of the EU budget as well as the application, assessment and vouching process. He stated that there had been no definitive guidance on the implications of this change to local authorities and he sought the Council's approval to seek clarification from DETI on the following matters:

- The arrangements that would be put in place to safeguard potential conflicts of interest for Invest NI's management of the funds
- The impact a transfer might have on existing applications either awaiting assessment or undergoing economic appraisal
- Whether the Council would have a contractual letter of offer from Invest NI or a separate European Programmes function and, if the contract was with Invest NI, the controls that would be put in place to distinguish EU funds at 50% and Invest NI funds at 25% (Council funds being 25%)
- The controls that would be put in place to ensure that projects with 75% budgetary control by Invest NI would still be channelled towards local economic development.
- Whether an independent body would be appointed to monitor and assess the application process

- Whether DETI intended to enter a formal consultation to obtain Council views in relation to the proposals.

RESOLVED: that the Chief Executive be authorised to write to DETI seeking clarification regarding possible transfer of EU budget to Invest NI.

2011/427 : TENANCY AT BALLYORAN

The Economic Development Manager asked the Council to note that a writ for eviction was being served on the tenant of unit 2 Ballyoran Centre because of rent arrears.

Noted.

2011/428 : NIGHT TIME ECONOMIC SURVEY

The Economic Development Manager reported that the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Policy had circulated a survey on the night time economy for consideration by the Council. He advised that the deadline for receipt of responses was 29 July 2011. He advised that a draft response included the following key points:

- The Council did not have a night time economy strategy
- There would be benefit in having such a strategy at Northern Ireland level rather than by local Council area
- Partnership had not been explicitly established in Castlereagh to discuss night time economy issues. The CSP and the DPP would indirectly table items ad hoc
- There was a small number of licensed evening economy businesses in the Borough and they would not be defined as problem premises
- The adequacy of late evening transport arrangements in Castlereagh was a minor problem

RESOLVED: that the Council approve the response to DHSSP's survey on the night time economy as detailed above.

2011/429 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 24 JUNE 2011 FROM HM REVENUE & CUSTOMS RE: FLEMING CLAIM: SPORTS TUITION (copy previously circulated)

Members were asked to note settlement from HM Revenue and Customs regarding reclaim of VAT and that 20% of the settlement would be payable to Pricewaterhouse Coopers LLP who had dealt with the claim.

Noted.

IN COMMITTEE – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

2011/430 : REPORT BY DELOITTE

In response to a query by Councillor Hanvey, the Mayor advised that an update on the Deloitte report would be provided at the next meeting of the Council.

Noted.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 10.10 p.m.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

MAYOR