



**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE HELD
IN ANTRIM CIVIC CENTRE ON MONDAY 4 MARCH 2019 AT 6:30 PM**

In the Chair	:	Councillor D Ritchie
Members Present	:	Aldermen - A Ball, T Burns, M Girvan and J Smyth Councillors – L Clarke, N Kelly, J Greer, A Logue, J Montgomery, N McClelland, J McGrath and M Rea
Non Committee Members	:	Councillors D Hollis and B Webb
Officers Present	:	Director of Operations - Ms G Girvan Head of Leisure – Mr M McDowell Head of Parks - Mr I McMullan Head of Waste Management – Mr M Lavery Head of Environmental Health – Mr C Todd ICT Officer – Mr J Higginson Media and Marketing Officer – Ms A Doherty Member Services Officer - Mrs S Fisher

CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

The Chair welcomed everyone to the March Operations Committee meeting and reminded all present of recording requirements.

1 APOLOGIES

Councillors S Flanagan and R Foster

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3 REPORT ON BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED

3.1 EH/EHS/LR/11 SCHEME OF DELEGATION

Members were advised that due to the revision of legislation for which Environmental Health has responsibility, it was necessary to update the Scheme of Delegated Functions for the Director of Operations and the Head of Environmental Health. Copies of the revised Schedules were circulated.

The revision included a change to the The Pollution Prevention and Control (Industrial Emissions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013 (as amended) and new legislation, The Houses in Multiple Occupation Act (Northern Ireland) 2016.

Proposed by Councillor Kelly
Seconded by Councillor Montgomery and agreed that

the updated Schedule of Delegated Functions for the Director of Operations, Geraldine Girvan, and Head of Environmental Health, Clifford Todd, is adopted.

ACTION BY: Clifford Todd, Head of Environmental Health

3.2 L/LEI/2 MARY PETERS TRUST – REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

Correspondence was received and circulated from the Mary Peters Trust requesting financial support for its sports awards. The Trust provides encouragement and financial support to young sports men and women from across Northern Ireland in a range of sporting disciplines including: Gymnastics, Hockey, Triathlon, Canoeing, Basketball, Boxing, Shooting, Table Tennis, Judo, Athletics, Swimming and Motor Sport.

Council support for the last 2 financial years had been £2,000 per annum (£2,000 in 2017/18 and £2,000 in 2018/19).

A list of those athletes from the Borough who have received support was set out in the letter.

The Mayor had agreed to host a reception for the Mary Peters Trust grant recipients and Mary Peters would be invited to attend.

Proposed by Councillor Montgomery
Seconded by Alderman Girvan and agreed that

a contribution of £2,000 be made to support the work of the Mary Peters Trust within the Borough for 2019/2020.

ACTION BY: Vicki Kyles, Executive Assistant to Director of Operations

3.3 PK/GEN/051 BALLYDUFF QUARRY

Members were reminded that large sections of land on Carnmoney Hill are owned by Council and leased to the Woodland Trust for maintenance and management and a map was circulated. In May 2016, Council agreed in

principle to accept the offer of land at Ballyduff Quarry from Anderson Haulage Limited for the purpose of provision of open space/recreation. In November 2016, Council agreed in principle to lease this land to the Woodland Trust upon acquisition.

Final site works are underway by Anderson Haulage to ensure compliance with planning requirements and indications are that the land will be ready for transfer in September 2019.

Lease Arrangements

The 25 year lease of lands on Carnmoney Hill to Woodland Trust is due to expire in 2028. As there is now less than 10 years remaining on this lease, grant aid opportunities are limited.

For ease of management and funding opportunities, Woodland Trust had requested that the lease for Carnmoney Hill be renewed and revised to include the land at Ballyduff Quarry, within a single 25 year lease. If approved, the new lease would run from September 2019.

Cost of Maintenance

The management costs at Carnmoney Hill are £27,000 per annum for the Woodland Trust. The Trust had requested a 50% payment (£13,500 per annum) from the Council as a contribution towards the cost of managing the site. This management fee would cover all responsibilities to include development works and access to Ballyduff Quarry. The Woodland Trust had indicated that it would secure grant aid to provide the annual balance of £13,500 to continue to maintain at the current level of service. If this funding was approved, the Council contribution would be required each year starting from September 2019 to coincide with lease.

Funding Opportunities

The Woodland Trust was keen to progress with a funding application for Ballyduff Quarry however the deadline for applications is September 2019. This grant would provide the Woodland Trust with resources to plant the site with native broadleaved trees including a 5-year maintenance allowance to assist with the development of the site as a woodland.

In addition the Woodland Trust had made initial enquiries to several funders with regard to providing access, such as new paths, entrance, seating and interpretative signage.

Proposed by Alderman Girvan

Seconded by Alderman Ball and agreed that

- i.) Approval be given to extend and revise the leased lands at Carnmoney Hill to include the Ballyduff Quarry site for 25 years from 1st September 2019 or as soon as finalised**
- ii.) Approval be given for an annual contribution of £13,500 to the Woodland Trust towards the management and maintenance of the leased area of Carnmoney Hill to commence with the revised lease. Costs to be met from Parks budget.**

ACTION BY: Lindsay Houston, Parks Development Officer

3.4 PK/CEM/2 CROSS OF SACRIFICE: REQUEST FROM THE COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES COMMISSION

The Cross of Sacrifice at Carnmoney Cemetery is one of six similar crosses in Northern Ireland which benefits from the oversight of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Last year Council placed a VC memorial for Major Hugh Colvin close to the Cross of Sacrifice at Carnmoney.

The War Graves Commission recently conducted a condition survey (these are completed every nine years). This most recent survey of the Carnmoney Cross indicated the need for minimum work including cleaning of the cross, re-bronzing the sword and some minor joint repairs. All of these works are routine and have a conservation focus. As part of this works the existing Commonwealth War Grave sign would be replaced at the cemetery entrance.

The Regional Manager had submitted a request to proceed with this work and in due course Council would provide officers with progress on the tender and timing of the various works as well as any necessary and appropriate Health and Safety considerations. The cost of these works would be met by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Proposed by Councillor Montgomery
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and agreed that

the Commonwealth War Graves Commission be granted approval to conduct conservation works on the Carnmoney Cross of Sacrifice as set out above as well as replacing the sign at the entrance of the Cemetery.

ACTION BY: Ivor McMullan, Head of Parks

3.5 PK/GEN/22 NOMINATION FOR BEST KEPT IRELAND SMALL TOWN COMPETITION 2019

Correspondence had been received from the Northern Ireland Amenity Council following the success of Randalstown in the Best Kept competition 2018.

To take the success further, the NI Amenity Council proposed, with Council's support, to nominate Randalstown in the 'Small Town' category of the 2019 Best Kept Ireland Competition. Involvement in competitions such as this generates a huge amount of enthusiasm, boosting civic pride and community involvement.

The awards ceremony is due to be held in Dublin in June 2019.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor McClelland and agreed that

Committee supports the nomination of Randalstown for the Best Kept Ireland Small Town Competition 2019.

ACTION BY: Lindsay Houston, Parks Development Officer

3.6 PK/GEN/129 SIX MILE WATER TRUST

Correspondence has been received in December 2018 from the Six Mile Water Trust highlighting some general issues along the Sixmile Valley and general catchment area. The Director of Operations and the Head of Parks, Leisure, Waste Management and Environmental Health have since met with the representatives of the Trust and have continued to work through various issues.

In the interim, representatives from the Six Mile Water Trust have requested the opportunity to make a presentation to the Operations Committee in regards to the work they carry out in the Six Mile Valley area.

Proposed by Councillor Montgomery
Seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed that

Six Mile Water Trust be invited to the September Operations Committee meeting.

ACTION BY: Vicki Kyles, Executive Assistant to Director of Operations

3.7 PK/GEN/035/VOL2 GRASS MANAGEMENT SUB GROUP

The Grass Management Sub Group met on Monday 4th February 2019. Members were updated on a range of issues. Minutes and supporting documents of the meeting were circulated.

In summary, Members were updated on:

Town and Village Action Plans
Future planning Roundabouts
Roundabout Sponsorship
Flowerbed Sponsorship

Members noted that the level of sponsorship on roundabouts was encouraging at £24,500 per annum, with sponsorship income increasing in these areas where refurbishments and upgrading have taken place.

The two key recommendations made by the subgroup were:

- i.) Expenditure in the region of £26,000, for plant, baskets, planters etc. in Towns and Villages as highlighted in action plans by residents groups (in addition to general Parks support)
- ii.) To pilot flowerbed sponsorship in Ballyclare for 2019 (small voluntary groups/clubs £50 and large voluntary groups/clubs £100)

Alderman Smyth suggested that Members in the Newtownabbey area encourage sponsorship for the roundabouts to generate further income.

Proposed by Alderman Smyth
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and agreed that

the minutes of the Grass Management Sub Group and recommendations therein are approved.

ACTION BY: Ivor McMullan, Head of Parks

3.8 FI/PRO/TEN/15 SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF CLEANING PRODUCTS

Members were advised that the tender 'FI/PRO/TEN/15 Supply and Delivery of Cleaning Products' had been granted an extension to 28 February 2019 in order to trial 5 products that have an EU Ecolabel at the Mossley Mill site.

Members were also reminded that two 'eco labels' are widely agreed to be the only acceptable labels which provide products which are scientifically proven and policed by DEFRA and the UK Government and these are the EU Ecolabel and Nordic Swan. Both labels meet high standards of both performance and environment quality and pass rigorous environmental fitness trials. Products bearing the labels have been independently measured, tested and verified on the following aspects:

1. Biodegradability Test
2. Performance Test (benchmarked against the market leader)
3. Packaging in Use Ratio (concentration)

These products are limited, at present, to the following:

1. Degreaser
2. All Purpose Cleaner
3. Hand Dishwashing Detergent
4. Washroom Cleaner
5. Toilet Cleaner

Feedback from end users regarding the trial of the 5 products was positive and the recommendation was to introduce these products to the Council's cleaning products list for a period of one year in order to continue the trial of the products across a wide range of facilities and to analyse spend.

The Council's cleaning products list was reviewed with the aim of reducing the number of items. Spend analysis, supplier engagement and research exercises have now been completed and it is proposed to reduce the number of items on the cleaning products list from 131 to 24 with a fifth of these products (5) carrying an EU Ecolabel. This reduction has been achieved by removing items from the supply and delivery of cleaning products tender as follows:

- 8 items will be procured through a separate procurement process for Cleaning and Sanitation Products for Pools and Spas

- 45 items will be procured through a separate procurement process for Hardware Products
- 54 items have been identified as no longer required
- Of the remaining items, 5 are able to be purchased using the Crown Commercial Services (CCS) Framework RM3703, these items carry the EU Ecolabel.
- The 19 items remaining will be procured either using the Crown Commercial Services (CCS) Framework RM3703 which includes named janitorial supplies or by a separate procurement process. These 19 items include soaps and hand sanitisers, bleach and disinfectants and heavy duty floor cleaners and maintainers which do not currently have the EU Ecolabel. Staff will continue to monitor the market for product development and to ensure the Council is procuring products, which reduce the impact of the cleaning process on the environment.

Proposed by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Alderman Smyth and agreed that

- i.) **the CCS Framework RM3703 be used to procure 5 EU Ecolabel items and other items named on the framework for the period 1 March 2019 to 29 February 2020. Product trials and spend analysis will be assessed throughout the contract period;**
- ii.) **a separate procurement exercise, be carried out for the remaining products which do not currently hold an EU Ecolabel and are not included in CCS Framework RM3707.**

ACTION BY: Julia Clarke, Procurement Officer

3.9 L/SAP/CL/007 CORRESPONDENCE FROM MOSSLEY HOCKEY CLUB

Correspondence was received from Mossley Hockey Club and was circulated requesting that Council hosts a celebratory dinner at Mossley Mill, on either Saturday 31 August or Saturday 7 September, to mark the Club's 90th anniversary. The Linen Suite was free on both dates at present, and could accommodate these numbers for a dinner.

Following contact with the Club, confirmation was received that the numbers expected are 100-150. (A meal for this number of people would cost around £1800.)

The Honorary Vice President had indicated that in the event that Council cannot meet the cost of the celebratory dinner itself, that the Club seeks approval for free use of the Mill for the event, given its connection with both the building and the Council over many years.

In 2015 the Club requested Council to host a dinner for a Trevor Lorimer Memorial Event for 60 people. This request was approved at a cost of £1053.

Proposed by Councillor Montgomery
Seconded by Alderman Smyth and agreed that

That Council does not meet the costs of the anniversary meal for Mossley Hockey Club and that the request for free use of the Mill be considered in the context of Council's Free Use policy.

ACTION BY: Geraldine Girvan, Director of Operations

3.10 L/SAP/008/VOL 3 2019 SPORTS AWARDS

The initial meeting of the Sports Awards Working Group, was held on Thursday 21 February. A number of recommendations on a range of issues for the 2019 awards were set out in the minutes including the role of the group, community sports representatives, the venue for the awards, award categories, the nomination process/timetable, the Master of ceremonies, community engagement, PR plan, sponsorship, branding/theme, promotional video and Galley of Sporting Legends.

The minutes of the meeting and terms of reference were circulated.

Proposed by Alderman Smyth
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and agreed that

the minutes of the initial meeting of the Sports Awards Working Group 2019 be approved.

ACTION BY: Anna Boyle, Sport and Physical Activity Development Manager

4.1 EH/PHWB/013 COMMUNITY RESUSCITATION STRATEGY

Members were reminded that following the presentation to the February 2019 meeting of the Operations Committee by Stephanie Leckey of the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service, it was recommended that Environmental Health staff incorporate checks on Anatomical External Defibrillators into inspections of premises that hold an Entertainments Licence.

This suggestion was widened to include all premises inspected by Environmental Health staff under the Smoking (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 thereby capturing all premises, to which the public has access, across the Borough.

Proposed by Councillor McClelland
Seconded by Alderman Girvan and agreed that

the report be noted.

NO ACTION

4.2 L/GEN/001 LEISURE - CORPORATE MEMBERSHIPS

Members were advised that there is currently a Corporate Membership option within the Leisure pricing policy and schedule, whereby if an organisation signs up a minimum of ten employees, the cost to the individual is £20 rather than the normal £25 (based on current individual adult price).

The scheme, which was set up in Antrim Forum originally, required the organisation to pay for the memberships on behalf of employees via a monthly invoice. It was not reviewed at the time of the More Membership scheme introduction, as the focus was primarily on individual and family memberships.

Having conducted a recent review with all of the Membership Advisors from the Borough, it became clear that the key issue raised by those enquiring about the scheme was the method of payment – with the preference being for organisations to sign up but payment to be made by individual employees. Currently there are 3 corporate membership organisations with 250 individual members.

The method of payment for the scheme will be amended, so that when a corporate membership is taken out, the individual employees, with an appropriate verification process in place, will now make monthly payments directly to the centres, rather than their employer.

Public, private and third sector organisations that are based in the Borough are eligible, and a significant PR campaign will be initiated which will work well in the context of the Community Plan in promoting Health and well-being. Officers will consider the potential to cross-reference organisations which use Council's conference facilities with a view to linking them to the Corporate Membership scheme. There may be merit in discounting conferencing facilities for Corporate Leisure members.

Proposed by Councillor Montgomery
Seconded by Alderman Smyth and agreed that

the report be noted.

NO ACTION

4.3 PK/BIO/011 SUSTAINABLE NI WORK PLAN 2019/2020

Sustainable Northern Ireland had circulated its work plan for 2019/2020. A copy was circulated for information and Council's recently appointed representatives on the All Party Group for Sustainable Development, Councillors Roisin Lynch and Billy Webb had been provided with the work plan as well.

Updates from the All Party Group for Sustainable Development would be reported to Committee following any meetings or updates as appropriate.

Proposed by Councillor Kelly
Seconded by Alderman Girvan and agreed that

the report be noted.

NO ACTION

4.4 WM/RC/01 COMMUNICATIONS FUNDING APPLICATION FOR HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING CENTRES

A number of waste management consultations have been issued by the Department for the Environment, Farming, and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) in England, in conjunction with the Scottish Government, Welsh Government and the Department for Agriculture, Environment, and Rural Affairs (DAERA) in Northern Ireland.

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA), in conjunction with WRAP NI, has released a communications funding opportunity in January for a Northern Ireland wide harmonised Household Recycling Centre communications campaign. Officers have successfully applied for approximately £5,000 to improve communication throughout all five Household Recycling Centres in the Borough before the end of March 2019.

In line with other councils, the funding will be used to encourage people to sort their waste before coming to the recycling centres, ensuring that they recycle rather than throw their waste directly into the General Waste skips.

This universal message, as well as being standardised across recycling centres in Northern Ireland in March and will be further highlighted through radio advertisement and national social media campaigns.

Council received funding for the following:

- Information leaflets to be distributed by staff at the recycling centres;
- Large Banners promoting waste segregation and reuse at each of the recycling centres;
- Pop up stands on waste segregation, recycling and reuse for events and Council Buildings;
- Billboards and Adshels throughout the Borough to give information on the waste segregation message.

Proposed by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Clarke and agreed that

the report be noted.

NO ACTION

4.5 WM/WM/40 WASTE MANAGEMENT CONSULTATIONS BRIEFING DOCUMENT

A number of waste management consultations have been issued by the Department for the Environment, Farming, and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) in England, in conjunction with the Scottish Government, Welsh Government

and the Department for Agriculture, Environment, and Rural Affairs (DAERA) in Northern Ireland.

The consultations cover a range of waste management issues and in particular packaging waste, and have the potential for significant impact on Council waste collection services.

For Members' benefit, the consultations have been summarised below. The consultation period for the four documents will run for 12 weeks and close on 12 May for the Plastic Packaging Tax one and 13 May for the others. There are 306 questions in total across all four consultations.

1. Consultation on Reforming the UK Packaging Producer Responsibility System

This consultation applies to the whole of the UK and covers the following issues:

- Producer funding used to pay local authorities for the collection and management of household packaging waste and to support the collection for recycling of household-like packaging arising in the commercial waste;
- Incentives to encourage producers to design and use packaging that can be recycled;
- The definition of full net cost recovery and approaches to recovering full net costs from producers;
- The businesses that would be obligated under a packaging extended producer responsibility system;
- Mandatory labelling on all packaging to indicate if it is recyclable or not;
- New packaging waste recycling targets for 2025 and 2030, and interim targets for 2021 and 2022;
- Alternative models for the organisation and governance of a future packaging extended producer responsibility system;
- Measures to strengthen compliance monitoring and enforcement including for packaging waste that is exported for recycling

The full document can be found at
https://consult.defra.gov.uk/environmental-quality/consultation-on-reforming-the-uk-packaging-produce/supporting_documents/packagingepiconsultdoc.pdf

2. Consultation on Introducing a Deposit Return Scheme in England, Wales and Northern Ireland

This consultation, in England, Wales, and Northern Ireland, is on a Deposit Return Scheme (DRS) for drinks containers. The Scottish Government consulted on a DRS last year and a response to that consultation is expected shortly.

The consultation proposes that the materials included in a DRS could be polyethylene terephthalate (PET) and high density polyethylene (HDPE)

plastic bottles, steel and aluminium cans, and glass bottles. It puts forward two options for a DRS:

- a) an 'all in' model that would encompass drinks containers of all sizes;
- b) an 'on-the-go' model, where only drinks containers less than 750ml in size and sold in single format could be collected.

The consultation document can be found at <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/consultations/daera/depositreturnconsultdoc.pdf>

3. Consultation on Consistency in Household and Business Recycling Collections in England

Although this consultation is currently for England, it is likely that the outcome will influence the future legislative requirements of Northern Ireland.

The consultation focuses on the requirement for households and businesses to present dry recyclables and food waste separately from residual waste for collection and recycling. It also seeks views on the minimum service standard for local authority household waste collections covering a consistent set of dry recyclable materials.

The consultation puts forward proposals for all waste collection authorities to:

- Collect the same core set of dry recyclable materials from households;
- Have separate weekly food waste collections from households.

It also seeks views on:

- whether waste collection authorities should provide a free garden waste collection service for households with gardens;
- how to achieve greater separation of dry materials in collections, especially paper and glass to improve the quality of dry recyclables collected from households;
- whether statutory guidance on minimum service standards for waste and recycling services should be introduced;
- how to develop non-binding performance indicators to support local authorities to deliver high quality and quantity in recycling and waste management;
- how to support joint working between local authorities on waste;
- alternatives to weight-based targets;
- standardising bin colours for waste and recycling.

In the consultation, the Government commits to ensuring that local authorities receive additional resource to meet any new net costs arising from the policies set out, including both net up-front transition costs and net ongoing operational costs.

The consultation document can be found at https://consult.defra.gov.uk/environmental-quality/consultation-on-consistency-in-household-and-busin/supporting_documents/recycleconsistencyconsultdoc.pdf

4. Consultation on a Plastic Packaging Tax

HM Treasury is consulting on the introduction of a new tax on the production and import of plastic packaging from April 2022 to provide an economic incentive for businesses to use recycled material in the production of plastic packaging and greater demand for this material.

The proposal put forward is for the tax to apply to all plastic packaging manufactured in the UK and unfilled plastic packaging imported into the UK that has less than 30% recycled content. It includes specific questions on:

- defining products within the scope of the tax;
- setting a threshold for recycled plastic content;
- the approach to rates;
- the precise point at which the tax is charged and who will be liable to pay;
- how to minimise administrative burdens for the smallest operators and/or low volumes of production or import;
- the treatment of imports and exports;
- promoting compliance and preventing opportunities for tax avoidance or evasion; and
- how business can demonstrate the recycled content of their products in a robust way without introducing unnecessary administrative burdens

The consultation document can be found at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/plastic-packaging-tax>

Stakeholder event for Members and Officers

Due to the far reaching nature of these consultations, an event, “**Unpacking the Extended Producer Responsibility and Deposit Return Consultations**”, has been organised for Tuesday 12 March 2019 at Belfast Metropolitan College, Titanic Quarter, Belfast and details were circulated. The all-day event has been organised by arc21, CIWM Northern Ireland, DAERA, INCPEN, NIPACK and the Resource Association, and supported by DEFRA and Her Majesty's Treasury, to help delegates understand and discuss these important consultations on packaging. Members interested in attending were asked to contact Head of Waste Management, Michael Lavery, to get registered.

In response to a query, the Head of Waste Management outlined the individual consultation documents and the possible implications for Northern Ireland and the Director of Operations confirmed that the draft responses would be brought before the Committee for approval before submission.

Proposed by Councillor Montgomery

Seconded by Alderman Smyth and agreed that

the report be noted.

NO ACTION

Councillor Logue joined the meeting at this point

The Chairman advised that any other business would be taken at this point.

6. ANY OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS.

In response to a query from Councillor Webb regarding slurry spraying in the Brackens area, the Head of Environmental Health advised that he would circulate the information from the Northern Ireland Environment Agency. He reminded members that Council's powers in relation to the spreading of slurry on fields specifically relates to a statutory nuisance being established. For a nuisance to occur this would have to be over a prolonged period rather than a single event.

Councillor Hollis asked would it also be possible to determine who allowed the extra two days for slurry spraying.

ACTION BY: Clifford Todd, Head of Environmental Health

In response to a query from Councillor Rea regarding a floral tribute for Crumlin WI at Nutt's Corner roundabout, the Director of Operations confirmed that this request had been considered through the Grass Management Group and was confirmed for September.

Councillor Logue raised the issue of DfI planned works around Nutt's Corner roundabout which had not been progressed. Officers are to contact DfI Roads and revert to Councillor Logue on this point.

ACTION BY: Ivor McMullan, Head of Parks

PROPOSAL TO PROCEED 'IN CONFIDENCE'

Proposed by Alderman Smyth

Seconded by Councillor Montgomery and agreed that

the following Committee business be taken In Confidence.

5.1 IN CONFIDENCE WM/ARC21/6 arc21 PROCUREMENT OF MATERIALS RECYCLING FACILITY CONTRACT EXTENSION

The arc21 Materials Recycling Facility Contract will expire on 31 March 2019. The Contract is for the reprocessing of the dry recyclables collected comingled and Council uses it for the sorting and reprocessing of the dry recyclables collected the blue bins in the legacy Antrim area.

The contract was divided into two geographical lots as follows:

Lot 1: **Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council**, Ards and North Down Borough Council, Belfast City Council, Lisburn & Castlereagh City Borough Council, and Mid and East Antrim Borough Council;

Lot 2: Newry, Mourne and Down District Council.

The service for Lot 1 is provided by Bryson Recycling with Re-Gen Waste Ltd awarded Lot 2.

While it is envisaged that the results from the new procurement exercise will be presented to Committee next month, a short extension to each of the Contract Lots is required to allow the completion of the procurement process. This can be facilitated by the Extended Term provision within the Contract and during the extension period, there will be no change to the current prices or service provision.

arc21 Joint Committee Approval

As per arc21's Terms of Agreement the contract has been approved by the arc21 Joint Committee on 31 January 2019 and is required to be ratified by the arc21 constituent Councils.

Proposed by Alderman Smyth
Seconded by Councillor Montgomery and agreed that

Committee approves the extension of the arc21 Materials Recycling Facility Contract, Lots 1 & 2, for 3 months from 1 April 2019 on current terms.

ACTION BY: Michael Lavery, Head of Waste Management

5.2 IN CONFIDENCE WM/ARC21/5 arc21 PROCUREMENT OF MUNICIPAL WASTE DISPOSAL CONTRACT EXTENSION

The arc21 Municipal Waste Disposal Contract will due to expire on 31 March 2019 with the service currently provided by Alpha Resource Management Ltd at their Mullaghglass Landfill Site. The contract was previously extended for 18 months on 1 October 2017.

The contract was divided into two geographical lots as follows:

Lot 1: Ards and North Down Borough Council, Belfast City Council, and Lisburn & Castlereagh City Borough Council.

Lot 2: **Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council**, and Mid and East Antrim Borough Council.

Alpha were appointed at tendered gate fee of £■■■■ and £■■■■ per tonne for each respective lot. Down District Council did not participate in the procurement exercise as they use their own landfill site.

A short extension to each of the Contract Lots is required to complete the procurement process and this can be facilitated by the Extended Term provision within the Contract. During the extension period, there will be no change to the current prices or service provision.

arc21 Joint Committee Approval

As per arc21's Terms of Agreement the contract has been approved by the arc21 Joint Committee on 31 January 2019 and is required to be ratified by the arc21 constituent Councils.

Proposed by Alderman Smyth
Seconded by Councillor Montgomery and agreed that

Committee approves the extension of the arc21 Municipal Waste Disposal Contract, Lots 1 & 2, for 3 months from 1 April 2019 on current terms.

ACTION BY: Michael Lavery, Head of Waste Management

5.3 IN CONFIDENCE WM/ARC21/4 arc21 JOINT COMMITTEE PAPERS

As agreed at the November (2015) meeting of Council, the papers for the arc21 Joint Committee Meeting were circulated for:

- February 2019

Members were reminded that these documents are confidential and may be legally privileged or otherwise protected from disclosure so therefore Members should not disclose this information to any third party and the information must be kept secure.

Proposed by Alderman Smyth
Seconded by Councillor Montgomery and agreed that

the papers be noted.

NO ACTION

PROPOSAL TO PROCEED OUT OF 'IN CONFIDENCE'

Proposed by Councillor Montgomery
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and agreed that

the remainder of Committee business be taken in Open Session.

The Chair advised that audio-recording would recommence at this point.

There being no further committee business the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance. The meeting concluded at 6.59 pm.

MAYOR

Council Minutes have been redacted in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Data Protection Act 2018, the General Data Protection Regulation, and legal advice.