



**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD
AT MOSSLEY MILL ON TUESDAY 27 MAY 2025 AT 6.30 PM**

- In the Chair** : Mayor (Councillor N Kelly)
- Members Present** : Aldermen – L Boyle, L Clarke, M Cosgrove, S Ross and J Smyth
- : Councillors – J Archibald-Brown, A Bennington, J Burbank, M Cooper, S Cosgrove, H Cushinan, P Dunlop, S Flanagan, R Foster, J Gilmour, R Kinnear, L Kirkpatrick, AM Logue, R Lynch, H Magill, B Mallon, A McAuley, T McGrann, E McLaughlin, V McWilliam, M Ní Chonghaile, L O'Hagan, A O'Lone, M Stewart, S Ward and B Webb
- Members Present (Remotely)** : Aldermen – P Bradley, M Magill
- : Councillors – M Brady, M Goodman and S Wilson
- Officers Present** : Chief Executive - R Baker
Director of Community Development – U Fay
Director of Sustainability, Operations – M Lavery
Director of Parks and Leisure, Operations – M McDowell
Director of Finance and Governance – S Cole
Director of Organisation Development (Interim) – H Hall
Borough Lawyer and Head of Legal Services – P Casey
ICT Systems Support Officer – C Bell
ICT Helpdesk Officer – J Wilson
Member Services Manager – A Duffy

1 BIBLE READING, PRAYER AND WELCOME

The Deputy Mayor welcomed all present to the meeting and advised Members of the audio recording procedures.

The meeting opened with a Bible reading and prayer by Councillor Foster.

The Mayor, Alderman Boyle and Councillors Burbank, Cushinan, Goodman, Kinnear, Logue, McAuley, McGrann, McLaughlin, Ní Chonghaile, O'Hagan and O'Lone joined the meeting at this point.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

The Mayor took to the Chair and welcomed all present to the meeting. He congratulated Councillor Kirkpatrick on her recent marriage.

2 APOLOGIES

Aldermen – T Campbell, J McGrath and P Michael

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Items 12.4 and 12.5 - Councillor Foster

4 MINUTES OF THE ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBEY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

Moved by Councillor Webb
Seconded by Councillor Lynch and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council Meeting of Monday 28 April 2025 be taken as read and signed as correct.

5 MINUTES OF THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Moved by Councillor McWilliam
Seconded by Councillor McAuley

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Operations Committee Meeting of Tuesday 6 May 2025 be approved and adopted.

In response to a Member's query in relation to the waste harmonisation project, the Director of Sustainability, Operations clarified that whilst he could not comment on the actions of other Councils. The Business Case for Council's project had been approved by Council, and in turn had also been independently approved by DAERA and officials from the Department of Finance as the most economic, advantageous option for this Council. The project is legally compliant with current legislation and predicted future legislation.

6 MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Moved by Alderman Boyle
Seconded by Alderman Clarke and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Policy and Governance Committee Meeting of Wednesday 7 May 2025 be approved and adopted.

7 MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Moved by Councillor Brady
Seconded by Councillor Lynch and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Community Development Committee Meeting of Monday 12 May 2025 be approved and adopted.

8 MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Moved by Councillor Webb
Seconded by Councillor Goodman

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Economic Development Committee of Tuesday 13 May 2025, be approved and adopted.

9(a) MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING, PART 1

Moved by Councillor Archibald-Brown
Seconded by Councillor Cosgrove and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Planning Committee Meeting of Monday 19 May 2025 Part 1 be taken as read and signed as correct.

9(b) MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING, PART 2

Moved by Councillor Archibald-Brown
Seconded by Councillor Cosgrove and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Planning Committee Meeting of Monday 19 May 2025 Part 2 be approved and adopted.

10 NOTICE OF MOTION

Moved by Councillor Stewart
Seconded by Councillor Lynch and

“This Council recognises the importance of farmers and rural dwellers to our society and that farmers, agricultural workers and people living in rural communities could have lower access to cancer services due to the nature of their work and often living in isolated areas. We also recognise the

impact that a cancer diagnosis could have on a family business such as a family farm, including housing, the extended family, and the welfare of livestock. Being aware of the symptoms of cancer and early diagnosis and treatment could save lives. We therefore endorse the 'Nip It In The Bud' campaign delivered by the Farming Community Network in partnership with Macmillan Cancer Support and acknowledge the benefits this campaign offers to the rural community".

RESOLVED – that the Motion be declared carried.

ACTION BY: Richard Baker, Chief Executive

11 ITEMS FOR DECISION

11.1 PBS/BC/003 VOL 2 STREET NAMING SUBMISSION – BELFAST ROAD, DUNADRY

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to recommend to Members a new street name for a development at Belfast Road, Antrim.

2. Introduction/Background

A development naming application was received from Robert McWilliams on behalf of Kilmoon, regarding the naming of a residential development at Belfast Road, Dunadry. The development consisted of 5 detached dwellings. The development names and developer's rationale had been submitted as outlined below, with the developer's application, location map and site plan circulated.

- 1 – Dunadry Lane – The houses would be accessed via a laneway and the site was in close proximity to Dunadry.
- 2 – Dunadry Hill – The houses were set on a hill and located in close proximity to Dunadry.
- 3 – Dunadry Gardens – The houses were all located with surrounding gardens

Should the Council not wish to select one of the above names; the matter would be referred back to the developer via the Building Control section for further consideration.

Moved by Councillor Lynch
Seconded by Councillor Logue and

RESOLVED – that Council approve the name Dunadry Lane for the above development.

ACTION BY: Liam McFadden, Principal Building Control Surveyor

11.2 G-LEG-38-118 DUAL LANGUAGE STREET SIGN POLICY

1. Purpose

The Council's Dual Language Street Sign Policy was approved by the Council on 30 May 2022 subject to a review after 3 years.

In line with the Policy, it was now due for review.

This report provided an update to Members regarding the application of the Policy.

The Policy was circulated.

2. Statistics (as of the date of this report)

- Total number of applications received: **24**
- Applications that got through the first stage: **21**
- Applications that were successful: **14**
- Applications that were unsuccessful: **7**
- Cost: approximately **£500 per sign**.

Moved by Councillor Burbank

Seconded by Alderman Boyle and agreed that the existing policy be approved with the following modifications:

- a) The policy background review period of three years be changed to two years;
- b) In part 4 Procedure (iii), where two thirds or more of all those canvassed have indicated that they are in favour of the erection of a second language street sign be changed to an excess of 50%;
- c) In part 4 Procedure (vi) where if the request is refused by the Council, further requests for that street would not be considered until the expiry of 36 months be changed to until the expiry of 24 months;
- d) In part 4 Procedure (viii) where Council would process a maximum of 3 applications per month be changed to a maximum of 5 applications per month;

An amendment was put to the meeting as follows:

AMENDMENT

Proposed by Alderman Cosgrove

Seconded by Councillor Kirkpatrick and agreed that the existing Policy be approved.

On the amendment being put to the meeting, 21 Members voted in favour, 16 against and 0 abstentions, it was agreed that

the amendment be declared carried and become the substantive Motion.

A further amendment to the Motion was then put forward as follows:

AMENDMENT

Proposed by Councillor Logue

Seconded by Councillor Ní Chonghaile and agreed that the policy be rewritten to be inclusive of a more progressive policy as the current policy was not fit for best practice, was not evidence based and did not meet international standards.

On the Amendment being put to the meeting and a recorded vote having been requested by Councillor McLaughlin, Members voted as follows:

In favour of the Amendment Members viz 10	Against the Amendment Members viz 27	Abstentions Members viz 0
Councillors – Cushman, Goodman, Kinnear, Logue, Lynch, McGrann, McLaughlin, Ní Chonghaile, O'Hagan and O'Lone	Aldermen – Boyle, Bradley, Clarke, Cosgrove, Magill, Ross and Smyth Councillors – Archibald- Brown, Bennington, Brady, Burbank, Cooper, Cosgrove, Dunlop, Flanagan, Foster, Gilmour, Kelly, Kirkpatrick, McAuley, McWilliam, Magill, Mallon, Stewart, Ward, Webb and Wilson	

On the above amendment being put to the meeting 10 Members voted in favour, 27 against and 0 abstentions and it was agreed that

the amendment be declared not carried.

The substantive Motion to retain the existing Policy was then put to the meeting.

SUBSTANTIVE MOTION

Proposed by Alderman Cosgrove

Seconded by Councillor Kirkpatrick and agreed that the Motion to retain the existing Policy be approved

On the Motion being put to the meeting 27 Members voted in favour, 10 against and 0 abstentions.

The substantive Motion was declared carried and it was

RESOLVED - that the existing Dual Language Street Sign Policy be approved.

ACTION BY: Paul Casey, Borough Lawyer & Head of Legal Services

In response to a Member's query regarding new signage being replaced with new dual language signage, the Chief Executive confirmed that officers would investigate the Councillor's query and provide all Members with this information.

ACTION BY: Richard Baker, Chief Executive

Alderman Magill raised a point of order to be noted regarding the Sinn Féin group party leader.

The Point of Order related to a statement by Councillor Ní Chonghaile, communicated verbally in Irish, which was not subsequently translated for the benefit of other elected members, engaged in debate in the Chamber.

Alderman Magill stated that she had placed the office of the Mayor in a difficult position by not providing a translation and in doing so had forced the Mayor to guess in relation to voting.

MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN COMMITTEE'

Moved by Councillor Bennington
Seconded by Alderman Boyle and

RESOLVED - that the Council proceeds to conduct the following business 'In Committee'.

Members were advised that the live stream and audio recording would cease at this point.

Councillor Ward left the Chamber at Item 12.1.

12 ITEMS IN COMMITTEE

12.1 IN CONFIDENCE FI/PRO/TEN/589 FRAMEWORK FOR THE SUPPLY, DELIVERY AND MAINTENANCE OF A RANGE OF VEHICLES

CONTRACT PERIOD 13 JUNE 2025 – 31 MAY 2027 WITH THE OPTION TO EXTEND FOR UP TO A FURTHER 24 MONTHS (SUBJECT TO PERFORMANCE AND REVIEW)

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to obtain approval for the appointment of suitably qualified and experienced organisations to a framework to supply a range of vehicles to Council for the contract period and to approve the fleet investment for Lots 4,6 and 7 under Further Competition 1.

2. Introduction/Background

In line with the ongoing fleet replacement programme, the Council would purchase a variety of vehicles for use across its departments. The spend on this contract would align with operational requirements and the approved capital fleet replacement programme.

The framework consisted of 8 lots as detailed below:

Lot 1 – Up to & including 3.5T vehicles

Lot 2 – Over 3.5T up to & including 8T Vehicles

Lot 3 – Over 8T up to & including 18T Vehicles

Lot 4 – Approx 5T Small Sweepers

Lot 5 – Approx 16T Large Sweepers

Lot 6 – Refuse Collection Vehicles (typically 26T)

Lot 7 – 32T Hookloader Vehicles

Lot 8 – Other Specialist Vehicles

Suppliers would be appointed to the framework on a lot-by-lot basis. Where one or more vehicles were required, Officers would undertake a further competition exercise and all the appointed suppliers in the relevant lots would be invited to tender. Where the costs of any further competition exceeded the relevant threshold, a report would be brought to Council to inform Members.

In order to optimise the efficiency of this procurement exercise, those suppliers successfully appointed to the Framework would also have the opportunity to tender for the following lots and vehicles, hereafter referred to as Further Competition 1.

Lot 1

Item 1 – 2 x 3.5T Highway Maintenance Fixed Body Vehicles

Item 2 – 1 x 3.5T Crew Cab Open Back Dropsided Fixed Body Vehicle

Lot 2

Item 1 – 1 x 5.2T Open Back Dropsided Tipping Vehicle

Item 2 – 1 x 7.5T Boxvan

Lot 4

Item 1 – up to 7 x 5T Small Sweeper Vehicles

Lot 6

Item 1 – 1 x 26T Refuse Collection Vehicle

Lot 7

Item 1 – 1 x 32T Hookloader Vehicle

There were no requirements for items in Lot 3, 5 or 8.

This tender opportunity was made available on eSourcingNI on 7 February 2025. Seven tender responses, across the lots, were opened via the eSourcingNI Portal on 14 March 2025 and referred to the evaluation panel for assessment.

The tenders were evaluated for appointment to the framework and award of Further Competition 1 as follows:

APPOINTMENT TO THE FRAMEWORK

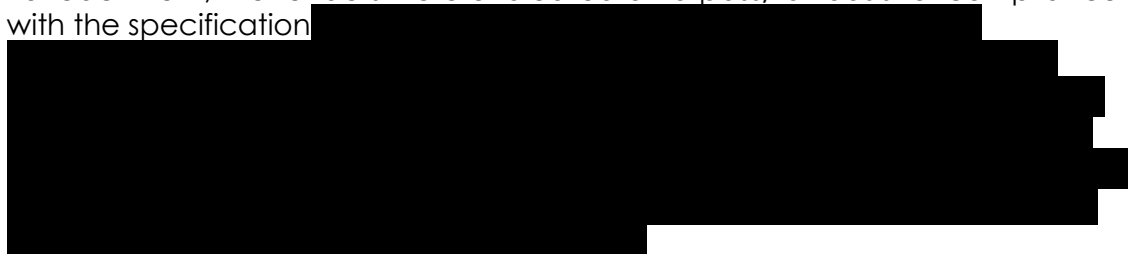
The tenders were evaluated on a pass/fail basis for tenderer's professional conduct, economic and financial standing, management systems and practices, previous relevant experience, local agent for servicing, maintenance and repairs, confirmation of compliance, and declarations and form of tender. One tenderer failed to meet the requirements for appointment to the framework. The remaining tenderers met the requirements and the recommendation for appointment to the framework was as follows:

LOT	Suppliers Appointed to the Framework
1	Diamond Trucks Ltd RD Mechanical Services Ltd
2	RD Mechanical Services Ltd TBF Thompson (Garvagh) Ltd
3	Diamond Trucks Ltd RD Mechanical Services Ltd
4	Bucher Municipal Dawson Group Environmental Municipal Civil Ltd RD Mechanical Services Ltd
5	Bucher Municipal Diamond Trucks Ltd RD Mechanical Services Ltd
6	Manvik Plant Hire Ltd RD Mechanical Services Ltd
7	Dawson Group Environmental Municipal Civil Ltd Diamond Trucks Ltd RD Mechanical Services Ltd TBF Thompson (Garvagh) Ltd
8	Dawson Group Environmental Municipal Civil Ltd RD Mechanical Services Ltd

FURTHER COMPETITION 1

Stage 1 – Technical Assessment

For each item, the tenders were evaluated on a pass/fail basis for compliance with the specification



Sub-Stage 2 – Commercial Assessment

The tenders were evaluated on the basis of cost (100%). The recommendation was as follows:

Lot/Item	Supplier	Cost Assessment (out of 100%)	Estimated Total Cost (£) (excl. VAT)
LOT 4 Item 1 – 5 x 5T Small Sweeper Vehicles	RD Mechanical Services Ltd	██████	██████
LOT 6 Item 1 – 1 x 26T Refuse Collection Vehicle	Manvik Plant Hire Ltd	██████	██████
LOT 7 Item 1 – 1 x 32T Hookloader Vehicle	RD Mechanical Services Ltd	██████	██████

Moved by Alderman Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor Webb and

RESOLVED – that:

- a) Having met the requirements for the framework, the tenderers be appointed to the framework for their respective lots as detailed in the table for the period of 13 June 2025 – 31 May 2027, with an option to extend for up to a further 24 months.
- b) Having achieved the scores detailed above for Further Competition 1, awards be made to RD Mechanical Services Ltd and Manvik Plant Hire Ltd for their respective items at the tendered rates.

ACTION BY: Melissa Kenning, Procurement Manager

Councillor Cooper left and returned to the Chamber during Item 12.2.

12.2 IN CONFIDENCE FI/PRO/TEN/597 SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF CO₂ TO LEISURE CENTRES

CONTRACT PERIOD 2 JUNE 2025 – 31 MAY 2026 WITH THE OPTION TO EXTEND FOR UP TO A FURTHER 12 MONTHS (SUBJECT TO PERFORMANCE AND REVIEW)

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to obtain approval for the appointment of a suitably qualified and experienced organisation to supply CO₂ to leisure centres for the contract period.

2. Introduction/Background

The Council currently uses liquid CO₂ as a pH control measure aid to assist with maintaining the cleanliness of the pools at the Antrim Forum, Sixmile Leisure Centre and Valley Leisure Centre. The contract would include the supply of the tanks and regular deliveries of CO₂. The level of annual spend on this contract was approximately £██████ per annum.

This tender opportunity was made available on eSourcingNI on 11 April 2025. Two tender responses were opened via the eSourcingNI Portal on 6 May 2025 and referred to the evaluation panel for assessment. The tenders were evaluated on a two-stage basis as follows:

STAGE 1 – SELECTION STAGE

The tenders were evaluated on a pass/fail basis for tenderer's professional conduct, economic and financial standing, previous relevant experience, management systems and practices, and declarations and form of tender. Both tenders met the requirements of Stage 1 of the evaluation process and proceeded to Stage 2.

STAGE 2 – AWARD STAGE

Sub-Stage 1 – Technical Assessment

The tenders were evaluated on a pass/fail basis for compliance with the specification and details of the tanks. Both tenders met the requirements of this stage and proceeded to the next stage of evaluation.

Sub-Stage 2 – Quality & Commercial Assessment

The tenders were evaluated on the basis of implementation plan (10%), capacity to deliver (10%), contract management and performance monitoring (10%) and cost (70%). The recommendation was as follows:

Supplier	Quality Assessment (out of 30%)	Cost Assessment (out of 70%)	Total % Score	Estimated Total Cost per Annum (£) (excl. VAT)
Pipeline Solutions NI Ltd	████	████	████	████

Moved by Councillor Bennington
Seconded by Councillor Foster and

RESOLVED – that having achieved a score of █████ Pipeline Solutions NI Ltd. be appointed to supply and deliver CO₂ at the tendered rates for the period of 2 June 2025 – 31 May 2026, with an option to extend for up to a further 12 months.

ACTION BY: Melissa Kenning, Procurement Manager

12.3 IN CONFIDENCE FI/PRO/TEN/603 COLLABORATIVE TENDER FOR THE PROVISION OF INSURANCE SERVICES FOR THE SOUTH EASTERN SUB REGION

CONTRACT PERIOD 1 APRIL 2025 – 31 MARCH 2027 WITH THE OPTION TO EXTEND FOR UP TO A FURTHER 36 MONTHS (SUBJECT TO PERFORMANCE AND REVIEW)

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to obtain approval for the appointment of a suitably qualified and experienced organisation to provide insurance brokerage services.

2. Introduction/Background

A collaborative tender exercise was undertaken for the provision of insurance brokerage services. The procurement was led by Mid and East Antrim Borough Council with Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council and Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council also participating. The contract would include assisting with the implementation and renewal of insurance, managing any and all claims on behalf of the Council and providing additional advice and guidance as required. The anticipated level of annual spend on this contract for Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council is approximately £[REDACTED].

This tender opportunity was made available on eSourcingNI on 4 October 2024. Two tender responses were opened via the eSourcingNI Portal on 4 November 2024 and referred to the evaluation panel for assessment. The tenders were evaluated on a two-stage basis as follows:

STAGE 1 – SELECTION STAGE

The tender was evaluated on a pass/fail basis for tenderer's professional conduct, economic and financial standing, previous relevant experience, regulatory authorisation, and declarations and form of tender. The tenders met the requirements of Stage 1 of the evaluation process and proceeded to Stage 2.

STAGE 2 – AWARD STAGE

Quality & Commercial Assessment

The tenders were evaluated on the basis of methodology (40%), scope of cover (40%), and cost (20%). The recommendation was as follows:

Supplier	Quality Assessment (out of 80%)	Cost Assessment (out of 20%)	Total % Score	Estimated Total Annual Cost per Council in Year 1 & Year 2 (£) (excl. VAT)
Brown & Brown Insurance Brokers (UK) Ltd t/a ABL Group	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Moved by Councillor Webb
Seconded by Councillor Lynch and

RESOLVED – that having achieved a score of [REDACTED] Brown & Brown Insurance Brokers (UK) Ltd t/a ABL Group be appointed to provide insurance brokerage services at the tendered rates for the period of 1 April 2025 – 31 March 2027, with an option to extend for up to a further 36 months.

ACTION BY: Melissa Kenning, Procurement Manager

Having declared an Interest in Item 12.4 and 12.5 Councillor Foster left the Chamber.

12.4 IN CONFIDENCE FI/PRO/TEN/604 COLLABORATIVE TENDER - SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY

CONTRACT PERIOD 9 MAY 2025 – 30 APRIL 2027, WITH THE OPTION TO EXTEND FOR UP TO A FURTHER 11 MONTHS

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to obtain approval for the appointment of a suitably qualified and experienced organisation to supply electricity for the contract period and determine if the Council would like to continue to purchase 100% green electricity.

2. Introduction/Background

A collaborative tender exercise was undertaken for ten Councils, led by Mid & East Antrim Borough Council. In this contract, the rate per kilowatt hour would vary in line with the market rates for electricity, but the Council would pay a fixed supplier margin. There was an option to purchase 100% green electricity and the additional cost for this is detailed below. The level of spend on this contract was approximately £[REDACTED] per annum.

This tender opportunity was made available on eSourcingNI on 20 February 2025. Two tender responses were opened via the eSourcingNI Portal on 4 April 2025 and referred to the evaluation panel for assessment. The tenders were evaluated on a two-stage basis as follows:

STAGE 1 – SELECTION STAGE

The tenders were evaluated on a pass/fail basis for tenderer's professional conduct, economic and financial standing, previous relevant experience, regulatory licenses, ability to meet the supply and specification requirements, and declarations and form of tender. One tender failed to meet the requirements of this stage and did not proceed further in the process. The remaining tender met the requirements of Stage 1 of the evaluation process and proceeded to Stage 2.

STAGE 2 – AWARD STAGE

Quality & Commercial Assessment

The tender was evaluated on the basis of implementation plan and selection (10%), contract management and performance monitoring (10%), and cost (80%). The recommendation was as follows:

Lot	Supplier	Quality Assessment (out of 20%)	Cost Assessment (out of 80%)	Total % Score	Supplier Margin (pence per kilowatt hour) (excl. VAT)
1 – Half Hourly	LCC Power Ltd	██████	██████	██████	██████
11 – Non-Half Hourly	LCC Power Ltd	██████	██████	██████	██████

GREEN ELECTRICITY

Within this contract, Council had the option to purchase green electricity and switch its supply to brown or green electricity at any point during the contract. Currently, Council purchase 100% green electricity which was generated from renewable resources.

To continue to purchase 100% green electricity, based on the estimated rates and current usage, it would cost approximately ██████ per annum (excl. VAT) more than to revert to the purchase of brown electricity, of which, approximately 60% is generated from renewable resources. However, this additional cost would vary in line with market rates and usage.

While green electricity is generated from 100% renewable resources, it would enter the grid and be used in our buildings in the same manner as brown electricity. The Department of Economy had indicated that “purchased electricity was not accounted for in the Green House Gas Inventory for NI” and, as a result, green electricity provided the same level of CO₂ emissions as brown electricity.

In response to a Member's query regarding producing electricity the Director of Parks and Leisure Operations clarified that progress was underway and that a report would be presented to Members at the June Operations Committee Meeting.

Moved by Councillor Webb
Seconded by Councillor Cosgrove and

RESOLVED – that:

- a) having achieved a score of ██████ for the relevant lots, LCC Power Ltd. t/a Go Power be appointed to supply electricity at the tendered rates for the period of 9 May 2025 – 30 April 2027, with an option to extend for up to a further 11 months.
- b) Continue to purchase green electricity at an additional cost of approximately ██████ (excl. VAT) per annum.

ACTION BY: Melissa Kenning, Procurement Manager

Councillor Ward returned to the Chamber at Item 12.5.
Councillor O'Lone left the Chamber at Item 12.5.

12.5 **IN CONFIDENCE** FI/PRO/TEN/605 COLLABORATIVE TENDER - SUPPLY OF GAS

CONTRACT PERIOD 1 MAY 2025 – 30 APRIL 2027, WITH THE OPTION TO EXTEND FOR UP TO A FURTHER 11 MONTHS

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to obtain approval for the appointment of a suitably qualified and experienced organisation to supply natural gas for the contract period.

2. Introduction/Background

A collaborative tender exercise was undertaken for ten Councils, led by Mid & East Antrim Borough Council. In this contract, the rate per kilowatt hour would vary in line with the market rates for gas, but the Council would pay a fixed supplier margin. The level of spend on this contract is approximately [REDACTED] per annum.

This tender opportunity was made available on eSourcingNI on 20 February 2025. Two tender responses were opened via the eSourcingNI Portal on 31 March 2025 and referred to the evaluation panel for assessment. The tenders were evaluated on a two-stage basis as follows:

STAGE 1 – SELECTION STAGE

The tenders were evaluated on a pass/fail basis for tenderer's professional conduct, economic and financial standing, previous relevant experience, regulatory licenses, ability to meet the supply and specification requirements, and declarations and form of tender. One tender failed to meet the requirements of this stage and did not proceed further in the process. The remaining tender met the requirements of Stage 1 of the evaluation process and proceeded to Stage 2.

STAGE 2 – AWARD STAGE

Quality & Commercial Assessment

The tender was evaluated on the basis of implementation plan and selection (10%), contract management and performance monitoring (10%), and cost (80%). The recommendation was as follows:

Lot	Supplier	Quality Assessment (out of 20%)	Cost Assessment (out of 80%)	Total % Score	Supplier Margin (pence per kilowatt hour) (excl. VAT)

1 – Tariff Sites	LCC Power Ltd t/a Go Power	██████	██████	██████	██████
9 – Contract Sites	LCC Power Ltd t/a Go Power	██████	██████	██████	██████

Moved by Councillor McAuley
Seconded by Councillor Bennington and

RESOLVED – that having achieved a score of █████ for the relevant lots, LCC Power Ltd. t/a Go Power be appointed to supply natural gas at the tendered rates for the period of 1 May 2025 – 30 April 2027, with an option to extend for up to a further 11 months.

ACTION BY: Melissa Kenning, Procurement Manager

Councillors Foster and O'Lone returned to the Chamber at Item 12.6.

12.6 **IN CONFIDENCE** FI/PRO/TEN/570 **FRAMEWORK FOR THE PROVISION OF ELECTRICAL MAINTENANCE**

CONTRACT PERIOD 13 JUNE 2025 – 31 MAY 2027 WITH THE OPTION TO EXTEND FOR UP TO A FURTHER 24 MONTHS (SUBJECT TO PERFORMANCE AND REVIEW)

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to obtain approval for the appointment of suitably qualified and experienced organisations to a framework to undertake maintenance and works on the Council's electrical systems for the contract period.

2. Introduction/Background

Across the Council's properties, and at the direction of Estates Services, the contractors appointed to the framework would be responsible for the reactive, emergency and planned maintenance visits as well as capital works for electrical systems in accordance with the relevant legislation. The annual spend for this contract is approximately █████

The top six highest scoring tenderers would be appointed to the framework. The primary contractor, ranked first, would undertake the planned preventative maintenance and repairs and provide an emergency response service. Where there were other works packages, Officers could call-off the framework directly at the tendered rates or undertake a further competition. Where the costs of any further competition exceed the relevant threshold, a report would be brought to Council to inform Members.

This tender opportunity was made available on eSourcingNI on 19 February 2025. Six tender responses were opened via the eSourcingNI Portal on 27 March 2025 and referred to the evaluation panel for assessment. The tenders were evaluated on a two-stage basis as follows:

STAGE 1 – SELECTION STAGE

The tenders were evaluated on a pass/fail basis for tenderer's professional conduct, economic and financial standing, previous relevant experience, management systems and practices, technical capacity and capability, and declarations and form of tender. All tenders met the requirements of Stage 1 of the evaluation process and proceeded to Stage 2.

STAGE 2 – AWARD STAGE

Sub-Stage 1 – Technical Assessment

The tenders were evaluated on a pass/fail basis for compliance with the specification. All tenders met the requirements of this stage and proceeded to the next stage of evaluation.

Sub-Stage 2 – Quality & Commercial Assessment

The tenders were evaluated on the basis of implementation plan (10%), capacity and capability to deliver (10%), contract management and performance monitoring (10%), social value (10%), and cost (60%). The recommendation was as follows:

Rank	Supplier	Quality Assessment (out of 40%)	Cost Assessment (out of 60%)	Total % Score	Estimated Total Cost per Annum (£) (excl. VAT)
1	AJCG Ltd	████	████	████	████████
2	Independent Company Safety Services (ICSS) Ltd	████	████	████	████████
3	WKK Electrical Systems Ltd	████	████	████	████████
4	C&H Electrical Ltd	████	████	████	████████
5	H&J Martin Ltd	████	████	████	████████
6	M&M Contractors (Europe) Ltd	████	████	████	████████

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor Webb and

RESOLVED – that having achieved the scores detailed above, the tenderers be appointed to the framework in ranked order for the period of 13 June 2025 – 31 May 2027, with an option to extend for up to a further 24 months at the tendered rates.

ACTION BY: Melissa Kenning, Procurement Manager

Alderman Cosgrove and Councillors Mallon and O'Hagan left and returned to the Chamber during Item 12.7.

12.7 **IN CONFIDENCE** FI/PRO/TEN/595 REFURBISHMENT OF PLAY PARKS ACROSS THE COUNCIL ESTATE

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to obtain approval for the appointment of a suitably qualified and experienced organisation to undertake refurbishment and repair works on 29 play parks throughout the Borough.

The works had a gross cost of [REDACTED] (excl. VAT) and would be funded from existing revenue budgets and capital programme as appropriate. The works were deemed affordable in the context of CAPEX and whole life annual revenue.

2. Introduction/Background

The Council maintained a number of play parks throughout the Borough and a comprehensive independent Play Park Refurbishment review was undertaken in Autumn 2023. Twenty-nine parks were identified for refurbishment including parks in Jordantown, Rathfern, Muckamore, Bawnmore and Burns Memorial Park among others. This contract included the repair, refurbishment and replacement of equipment, sundry furniture and wet pour as well as other remedial works.

In order to expedite the procurement of this work, YPO Framework 1220 was utilised. The framework was a compliant route to market, available to the public sector.

Under this framework, a further competition was issued to the appointed suppliers via CIAnywhere on 14 April 2025. Two tender responses were opened on 21 May 2025 and referred to the evaluation panel for assessment. The tenders were evaluated as follows:

STAGE 1 - AWARD STAGE

Commercial Assessment

The tenders were evaluated on the basis of cost (100%). The recommendation was as follows:

Supplier	Cost Assessment (out of 100%)	Tendered Total of the Prices (£) (excl. VAT)	Model Compensation Event Total* (£) (excl. VAT)	Tender Assessment Total Price (£) (excl. VAT)
Sutcliffe Play Ltd	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

*The model compensation event was included to assess the cost impact of change resulting from potential future compensation events such as variations due to unforeseen works that may arise during refurbishment. This sum may or may not be fully utilised.

The tendered total of the prices of [REDACTED] from Sutcliffe Play Ltd had been checked and was deemed value for money in the current market. The Director of Parks and Leisure, Operations advised Members that a further report would be brought to the June Operations Committee meeting detailing each of the Parks that would undergo refurbishment, spend allocated to each play park and a timeline for completions of works.

The Director of Parks and Leisure, Operations addressed Members' queries regarding the tender process, costs, heat source maps and gap analysis.

A Member's request that Officers explore and reach out to other statutory bodies/agencies for a new plot in the Monkstown area as the current play park had reached its capacity, was noted.

Moved by Councillor Kinnear
Seconded by Councillor Kirkpatrick and

RESOLVED – that:

- a) **having achieved a score of [REDACTED] Sutcliffe Play Ltd. be appointed to undertake the refurbishment of the play parks at the tendered rates.**
- b) **the tendered full works cost of [REDACTED] be approved.**

ACTION BY: Melissa Kenning, Procurement Manager

MOTION TO PROCEED 'OUT OF COMMITTEE'

Moved by Councillor Lynch
Seconded by Councillor O'Lone and

RESOLVED - that the Council proceeds to conduct any remaining business 'In Public'.

Members were advised that the audio recording would restart at this point.

The Mayor thanked everyone for attending, he expressed his thanks to all for their cooperation during his term as Mayor and the meeting concluded at 8.02pm.

MAYOR

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