

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee held in the Council Chamber, Island Civic Centre, and remotely, on Wednesday 4th January 2023 at 6.05 pm

PRESENT IN CHAMBER:

Councillor M Gregg (Chairman)

Councillor C McCready (Vice-Chairman)

Aldermen J Baird and D Drysdale

Councillors A P Ewing, A Givan, S Lee and S Skillen

PRESENT IN REMOTE LOCATION:

The Right Worshipful the Mayor
Councillor Scott Carson

Aldermen M Henderson MBE and S P Porter

Councillors F Cole, S Lowry, A McIntyre, R McLernon and T Mitchell

OTHER MEMBERS:

In Remote Location:

Alderman S Martin

Councillors A Gowan and Hon. N Trimble

IN ATTENDANCE:

In Chamber:

Director of Environmental Services
Head of Service (Building Control)
Head of Service (Environmental Health)
Head of Service (Waste Management and Operational Services)
Business Support Manager (DI)
IT Officer
Member Services Officers (CH RN)

In Remote Location

Head of Service (Finance)

Commencement of the Meeting

At the commencement of the meeting, the Chairman, Councillor M Gregg, welcomed those present to the meeting of the Environmental Services Committee. The Chairman advised that the meeting would be audio recorded unless the item on the agenda was to be considered under confidential business.

At this point, the Member Services Officer read out the names of the Elected Members and Officers in attendance at the meeting.

The Chairman, Councillor M Gregg, stated that, whilst the meeting was being recorded, unauthorised recording was not permitted, as per the Council's Standing Orders. He asked that mobile phones be put on silent or switched off for the duration of the meeting and proceeded to outline the evacuation procedures in the case of an emergency.

1. Apologies (00:02:34)

It was agreed to accept apologies for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of the Deputy Mayor, Councillor M Guy.

2. Declarations of Interest (00:02:50)

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3. Non-Confidential Any Other Business (00:03:30)

3.1 Missed Recycling Collections (00:03:49)

Councillor S Lee raised an issue on behalf of a resident with regard to frequent missed recycling collections in Church Avenue, Carryduff. The Head of Waste Management and Operational Services agreed to investigate the matter.

3.2 Vice-Chairman Appreciation (00:04:35)

The Chairman, Councillor M Gregg passed on his appreciation to the Vice-Chairman, Councillor C McCready for chairing the December 2022 Environmental Services Committee in his absence.

3.3 Depot Team Appreciation (00:05:03)

Both Alderman S P Porter and Councillor S Lowry acknowledged the excellent service provided by the Depot Team to the public over the Christmas period. It was suggested that appreciation be conveyed to the Depot Team on behalf of the committee. The committee agreed to this course of action.

4. Confidential Report by the Director of Environmental Services (00:06:25)

The Chairman, Councillor M Gregg, advised that the confidential report items would be dealt with "In Committee" due to (1) information relating to financial or business affairs of the organisation concerned [including the Council holding that information), (2) information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual and (3) information in relation to which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.

"In Committee"

It was proposed by Councillor A P Ewing, seconded by Councillor A Givan, and agreed that the following matters be considered "in committee", in the absence of members of the press and public being present.

4.1 2023/2024 Environmental Services Estimates Report
(Report will not be made available)

Councillor N Trimble joined the meeting remotely at 6.25 pm and left at 6.47 pm.
Councillor S Skillen left the meeting at 6.34 pm.
Councillor S Lee left the meeting at 6.47 pm and returned at 6.50 pm.
Business Support Manager left the meeting at 6.51 pm.
Councillor A Gowan joined the meeting remotely at 7.05 pm.
Head of Service (Finance) left the meeting remotely at 7.25 pm.

Officers responded to a number of questions from the Committee arising from the report.

Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor S Lee, seconded by Councillor S Lowry, and agreed to recommend that the Draft Estimates for the Environmental Services Directorate, as presented and reviewed, be approved in order to be submitted into the overall estimates of the Council for the year commencing 1st April, 2023.

4.2 Eco Schools Request for Financial Support 2023/24
(Report will not be made available)

The Head of Service for Waste Management and Operational Services presented this item of business and outlined the background and options in relation to the above request.

It was proposed by Alderman J Baird, seconded by Alderman M Henderson, and agreed to recommend that the Eco-Schools programme be supported for the 2023/24 year (option 1).

5. Confidential Any Other Business

5.1 ARC21 Meeting

Councillor A Gowan left the meeting remotely at 7.27 pm.
Councillor T Mitchell left the meeting remotely at 7.28 pm.

Alderman D Drysdale provided a verbal update to the Committee on a recent ARC21 meeting in which a report outlining a Single Waste Management Structure for Northern Ireland was delivered. The Committee were further advised that following the ARC21 meeting a letter providing feedback would be issued to the Chair of Solace.

5.2 Waste Collection Proposal

Alderman S P Porter left the meeting remotely at 7.39 pm.

The Director of Environmental Services provided a verbal update in relation to the Full Business case for the Kerbside Model.

5.2 Waste Collection Proposal Cont'd

The Committee were reminded of the following dates in relation to the Full Business case for the Kerbside Model, with all Elected Members encouraged to attend:

- Thursday 12 January–Members Workshop
- Wednesday 18 January–Special Council to consider Full Business Case.

Resumption of Normal Business (00:06:38)

It was proposed by Alderman J Baird, seconded by Councillor A P Ewing, and agreed to come out of committee and normal business was resumed.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 7.40 pm.

Mayor/Chairman