

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2019**

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1	Nomination of Chair	<i>Agreed Alderman Finlay</i>
2	Apologies	<i>Councillor Boyle Councillor Hunter Councillor Mulholland</i>
3	Declarations of Interest	<i>None</i>
4	Minutes of Meeting held Tuesday 8 October 2019	<i>Confirmed</i>
5	Notice of Motion Proposed by Councillor McGurk, seconded Councillor McGlinchey, received 17 January 2019, referred from 19 April 2019 Planning Committee Meeting. <i>Re: 'opposing plans to develop a goldmine and processing plant'</i>	<i>Support amended Notice of Motion</i>
6	Entertainments Licensing Report	<i>Approve</i>
7	Implementation of the Official Controls Regulation (EU) 2017/625 (OCR) Consultation	<i>Approve</i>
8	Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service and Council	<i>Approve</i>
9	Affordable Warmth Scheme Service Level Agreement (SLA) between Department for Communities and Council	<i>Approve</i>

10	Rationalisation of Borough Floral Display	Approve	
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	20.1 Response to the DAERA Waste Management Plan for Northern Ireland	Approve Response	Draft
22	Conferences	None	
23	Matters for Reporting to Partnership Panel	None	
24	Notice of Motion Proposed by Councillor McLean, seconded Councillor McAuley, received 10 July 2019, referred from 01 October 2019 Council Meeting. Re: <i>Council purchase of Seabins</i>	Support the Notice of Motion, in principle, Director of Environmental Services to bring a report back	
25	Any Other Relevant Business (notified in accordance with Standing Order 12 (o))		
	24.1 Alderman Finlay Winter planting	Considered Rationalisation	at of

		Borough	Floral
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	24.2 Alderman Fielding Portstewart Townhall	Information supplied; report to be brought to Corporate Policy & Resources Committee	
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26	Efficiency/Savings/Income Generation Proposals – Operations Service Area	Defer	
27	Update on Shooting Club Request to Lease Land at Drumaduff Landfill Site	Refer Option 1 to the Land & Property Sub-Committee for consideration - Retain the initial decision and offer the lease as per the Council decision in December 2016	
28	Purchase of Teleporter	Approve	
29	Coleraine Car Parking, Review of Car Parking Charging and Re-Development of Market Yard	Defer to December Council Meeting	

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE IN CIVIC HEADQUARTERS, COLERAINE ON TUESDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2019 AT 7:00PM

In the Chair: Alderman Finlay

Members Present: Alderman Fielding, Hillis and Robinson.
Councillors Anderson, Beattie, Chivers, Holmes, McCaw, MA McKillop, McLaughlin, McLean, McMullan, Wallace and Wilson

Officers Present: A McPeake, Director of Environmental Services
B Edgar, Head of Health & Built Environment
G Doyle, Head of Estates
J Richardson, Head of Capital Works, Energy and Infrastructure
T Vauls, Car Parks Manager
T McKenna, Committee and Member Services Officer

In Attendance: Press (1 No)

SUBSTITUTIONS

Alderman Hillis substituted for Councillor Hunter; Councillor McCaw substituted for Councillor Boyle; Councillor MA McKillop substituted for Councillor Mulholland;

1. NOMINATION OF CHAIR

In the absence of the Environmental Services Committee Chair and Vice Chair

It was:

Proposed by Councillor Holmes
Seconded by Alderman Robinson and

AGREED – that Alderman Finlay chair the proceedings of the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were recorded for Alderman Boyle, Councillors Hunter and Mulholland.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of Interest were recorded for Councillor Wilson in Agenda Item 16, Street Trading Licence Renewals.

Councillor Wilson did not leave the Chamber and did not participate in any discussion during item 16.

4. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD TUESDAY 8 OCTOBER 2019

The Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 8 October 2019 were confirmed as a correct record.

AGREED – to Change The Order of Business.

5. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR MCGURK, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MCGLINCHEY (REFERRED FROM PLANNING COMMITTEE 19 APRIL 2019)

'This Council opposes plans to develop a goldmine and processing plant in The Sperrins and wider region. Given the serious health and environmental risks involved, this council is opposed to the use of cyanide for mining purposes, which also contravenes the European Parliament resolution of 27 April 2017 on the implementation of the Mining Waste Directive (2006/21/EC).'

Councillor McGurk spoke in support of the Notice of Motion and read from a prepared statement:

"I have previously delivered my presentation on this motion and we have also now had the benefit of our workshop presentations this evening so I won't go in to much detail and repeat myself again. I want to highlight a couple of issues with the proposed mine in the Sperrins and the knock on effect it could have here.

Firstly the argument of economic benefit. Now much has been made of the economic benefits of such mines, however it is worth noting that most of the companies that have prospecting licences for the wider Sperrins and Binevenagh areas are not owned by Irish companies. Instead are foreign owned which means the profits from these mines will not be fed back into the locally economy. In fact the company operating the current mine in West Tyrone is Canadian company owned by a vulture fund. The jobs created by these mines would only last for a generation, the lifespan of the mine (25-30 years), however the environmental impact of the mine would last for many generations to come and potentially impact on more sustainable options for economic growth in these areas such as tourism and hospitality which have shown that they can produce similar revenues as this mine has proposed.

Secondly the dry stacking method proposed by Dalradian in their proposal. This method is only suitable for dry, arid environment of which we could definitely not class the climate here, as the weather in the past number of days has only highlighted. The risk of chemical, toxins and by products leaching into our water table is very real with this method of dealing with mining contaminate. As Sean Tracey's presentation has shown, our water table is very susceptible to contamination and as much of the province's water table is connected, a breach in tyroe could have devastating consequences almost anywhere else in the country. This represents too great a risk to even fathom at the price of economic development.

Lastly I wish to mention the cyanide processing, as although Dalradian have removed this element from their current proposal, this could very much be reintroduced or form part of other mining applications. More than half of all gold and silver mines in the world rely on the use of cyanide. The use of cyanide in mining is however controversial, as spills have the potential to inundate an ecosystem with toxic levels of cyanide. There have been a string cyanide-related disasters in the EU alone include Stava (Italy, 1985), Los Frailes (Spain, 1998) and Baia Borsa (Romania, 2000). The worst accident took place in 2000 at a gold mine in Baia Mare, Romania, where heavy rain, ice, and snow caused a breach in a tailings dam (tailings are the cyanide-treated ore waste, from which gold has been removed), resulting in the release of 100,000 cubic meters of cyanide contaminated waste into the surrounding watershed. Drinking water supplies were cut off for 2.5 million people in neighbouring Hungary and Serbia and hundreds of tons of fish in the Danube River system were killed.

Industry claims cyanide is relatively safe because — even if it spills — it breaks down rapidly in surface water. But the compounds that cyanide breaks down into can be harmful. Cyanide spills into groundwater can persist for long periods of time and contaminate drinking water supplies. Cyanide contaminated groundwater can also pollute hydrologically connected neighbouring streams. However recent disasters how very clearly the impact of cyanide spills can have on the environment over a large area and the local people in terms of health.

In summary we cannot stand back and potentially put at risk the health and wellbeing of our constituents at risk for the small reward that such a mining proposal may bring.”

All Parties stated their respective support for the Notice of Motion.

Councillor Holmes suggested that as Dalradian had removed the element of cyanide processing from their current proposal, the motion be amended to remove the wording regarding cyanide processing.

Councillor McGurk was in agreement to amend her Notice of Motion, remove the wording regarding cyanide processing:

'This Council opposes plans to develop a goldmine and processing plant in The Sperrins and wider region'.

The Chair put the amended Notice of Motion to the Committee to vote.

14 Members voted For, 0 Members voted Against and 1 Member Abstained.

The Chair declared the Motion **CARRIED**.

6. ENTERTAINMENTS LICENSING REPORT

Report previously circulated.

Licence No:	EL 247
Premises:	Diamond Bar, 2 High Street, Ballymoney
Application:	Grant of indoor entertainments licence
Representations:	None received
PSNI and NIFRS:	No objections received

It is recommended - Grant of an Entertainment Licence subject to compliance with any recommendations of the Councils licensing department inclusive of the following special conditions.

Proposed by Councillor McMullan
Seconded by Councillor MA McKillop and

AGREED - to recommend that Council Grant an Entertainment Licence subject to compliance with any recommendations of the Councils licensing department inclusive of the following special conditions.

7. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OFFICIAL CONTROLS REGULATION (EU) 2017/625 (OCR) CONSULTATION

Report previously circulated, presented by the Head of Health & Built Environment.

The purpose of this report is to advise and seek Committee approval of the consultation reply prepared with respect to Implementation of the Official Controls Regulation (EU) 2017/625.

Until the UK ceases to be a member of the EU the Government will

continue to negotiate, implement and apply EU legislation. The Official Controls Regulation (EU) 2017/625 (OCR) takes effect and will be directly applicable in Northern Ireland, on 14 December 2019. The OCR addresses official controls, and other official activities, performed to ensure the application of food and feed law rules on animal health and welfare, plant health and plant protection products. This consultation focuses on the implementation of legislation in Northern Ireland to provide for the execution of powers and enforcement of the OCR only in relation to the FSA areas of responsibility for food and feed law and animal health and welfare. The full consultation paper can be found at <https://www.food.gov.uk/newsalerts/consultations/implementation-of-the-official-controls-regulations>.

It is recommended - that the Environmental Services Committee recommends to Council that the response be endorsed.

Proposed by Councillor McLean
Seconded by Councillor Anderson and

AGREED – to recommend to Council that the response be endorsed.

8. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN NORTHERN IRELAND FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE AND COUNCIL.

Report previously circulated, presented by the Head of Health & Built Environment.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS) and Council in relation to Fire Safety has been issued to amalgamate and replace MOUs and voluntary procedures previously in place.

The purpose of the MOU is to ensure effective co-operation between NIFRS and Council in relation to Fire Safety and details protocols in relation to Licensing, Building Control, Environmental Health and Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs).

The MOU aims to provide a framework for co-operation by clarifying roles and responsibilities, delegating enforcement powers in respect of Licensing and Houses in Multiple Occupation, further developing inter-agency working, achieving a cohesive and joined-up approach to Fire Safety, achieving a consistent approach across Northern Ireland and enhancing the safety of people in and around buildings.

It is recommended - that the Environmental Services Committee recommends to Council the signing of the above Memorandum of

Understanding and that this be signed by the Chief Executive on Council's behalf.

Proposed by Councillor MA McKillop
Seconded by Councillor Wallace and

AGREED - to recommend to Council the signing of the above Memorandum of Understanding and that this be signed by the Chief Executive on Council's behalf.

9. AFFORDABLE WARMTH SCHEME SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT (SLA) BETWEEN DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITIES AND COUNCIL.

Report previously circulated presented by the Head of Health & Built Environment.

The Head of Health and Built Environment recommended this report is deferred due to having just received further correspondence from Northern Ireland Housing Executive, which requires clarification.

It is recommended – that presentation of this report to the committee is deferred until further correspondence from the Northern Ireland Housing Executive is clarified.

Proposed by Councillor Beattie
Seconded by Councillor McLaughlin

AGREED – to recommend that Council defer presentation of this report until further correspondence from the Northern Ireland Housing Executive is clarified.

10. RATIONALISATION OF BOROUGH FLORAL PRESENTATION

Report previously circulated, presented by the Director of Environmental Services.

For many years Borough towns and villages have been recognised for their vibrant and colourful floral displays. These displays have resulted in success at competitions such as Britain in Bloom and Ulster in Bloom. They have also added to the positive experience of both visitors and local rate payers. However, changes to this provision can be achieved that both maintains the colour/variety of display and offers a financial saving. This would build on work carried out in recent years to reduce cost.

Proposals

1. Reduce the quantity of flowerbeds. There are some low profile locations that could revert to grass. There are also some locations which were previously maintained by local communities with flowers provided by Council. As communities no longer maintain them Council can reduce the number of plants purchased.
2. Continue re-modelling larger flowerbeds which can have an element of permanent planting in the middle with seasonal planting confined to the periphery of the bed.
3. Re-design of tiered planters to reduce plant numbers
4. Continue with replacing ground planting with planters which, in the case of small roundabouts, improves safety of operatives working in selected locations.
5. Continue reducing winter planting.
6. Reduce size of hanging baskets
7. Restrict support to community groups to the provision of summer bedding plants when requested well in advance of the planting season.
8. Charge for the provision of additional town centre baskets over and above those supplied by Council.

Savings

The above changes can provide savings of approximately £30,000 per annum. This is achieved predominantly by reducing the number of plants purchased, reduction in compost etc and reduced manpower time. A small revenue stream can be created by charging £25 for additional baskets requested in town centres.

In response to a request for clarification regarding staffing numbers, the Head of Estates advised that there was no staff exclusively dedicated for the upkeep of floral presentations and that all staff contributed to various parts of this area of work. The Head of Estates also confirmed that the proposed rationalisation would not impact on staff numbers.

In response to a request regarding grass-cutting at roundabouts, the Head of Estates confirmed that Council continues to cut grass at roundabouts on behalf of the Department of Infrastructure, but that Council receives payment for this work.

Discussion took place regarding the possibility of establishing a bespoke Parks department. The Director of Environmental Services advised that to a certain degree, Council already has this, albeit under different names. Council is required to have a degree of flexibility where staff can be moved, according to their employment contract, to meet demand.

Discussion took place concerning the provision of hanging baskets in town centres. The Head of Estates confirmed that Council has supplied hanging baskets to local businesses. The cost is minimal and is included in the costing element of the recommendation. The businesses are responsible for their upkeep.

In response to a request regarding planting costs, The Head of Estates confirmed that Council was experimenting with the use of wild flower growing and that some plants are purchased and some are grown at source. He confirmed that sometimes it is less expensive to purchase rather than grow at source.

Further discussion followed concerning what support was presently offered to community groups regarding planting. The Head of Estates confirmed that planters and baskets were provided to a number of Community Groups by Council free of charge, as long as the group undertook to maintain the plants and flowers.

Discussion took place regarding overtime practices. The Head of Estates clarified that overtime was sometimes incurred with regarding to some watering having to be completed early morning. The same working practices currently exist across the Council.

In response to a request concerning the status of Cushendall being classed as a village or a town, the Director of Environmental Services stated that this would be need to be clarified.

It is recommended - that the Environmental Services Committee acknowledge the steps taken to date to reduce costs and implement the steps outlined to make further savings including charging for additional baskets.

Proposed by Councillor Beattie
Seconded by Councillor Holmes and

AGREED – to recommend that Council acknowledge the steps taken to date to reduce costs and implement the steps outlined to make further savings including charging for additional baskets.

11. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES BUSINESS PLANS FOR 2019/20

Report previously circulated, presented by the Director of Environmental Services.

As Council enters the first year of the new Council term, this plan provides the current plans which officers have been using and which will assist with the strategic and corporate planning scheduled in November 2019.

The business plans represent a continuation of work from the 18/19 period for:

- Estates
- Health & Built Environment
- Infrastructure
- Operations

The plans for each of the aforementioned service area are developed based upon:

- The emerging actions from the Community Planning Process.
- The Council’s exiting Corporate Plan.
- Endorsed service area strategies.
- Relevant Central government strategies and policies.
- Council decisions and direction from the 2018 / 19 period.

The purpose of the annual business plans is to:

- Give a clear sense of what the service is for and the challenges it faces.
- Show how it is supporting Council’s priorities.
- Show how it is contributing to the efficiency drive and transformation of service delivery.
- Show how it is aligning its resources to meet the challenges ahead.
- Help us to hold ourselves to account and ensure we deliver for Council and its residents.
- Bring key information together in one place about the service, which Members, staff and stakeholders can understand.

The table below shows the budget for 2019/20 and the ground up budgeting process which was assisted by PwC during the summer period. Each service area has been asked to provide efficiency proposals to mitigate against projected deficit at year end. These proposals have been presented to Members with further papers requested to assist Members decision making in the following months.

Service Area	2019/20	2019/20	2019/20
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	Budget (£'m)	Ground Up Budget (£'m)	Variance (£'m)
Estates	3.85	3.85	0.00
Health & Built Env.	2.11	2.13	0.02
Infrastructure	(0.37)	(0.10)	0.27
Operations	16.44	17.32	0.88
Business Support	0.56	0.56	0.00
Cent. ES Management	0.13	0.13	0.00
ES Total	22.73	23.88	1.16

Recommendation

The committee is asked to consider and approve the proposed business plans for the remainder of 2019 / 20 period, providing a focus for officers responsible for delivering Environmental Services.

In a response to clarification regarding the position of poverty coordinator under Heath and the Built Environment, the Head of Head and the Built Environment confirmed that the post was funded by the Public Health Agency and had remained vacant since February 2019. The Public Health Agency's intention was to continue with the post.

Further discussion ensued concerning the proposed Estates structure changes. The Head of Estates informed members that there are proposed plans to address the Estates Structure. Members sought further confirmation regarding proposed efficiencies and savings.

It was proposed by Councillor Holmes

Seconded by Councillor Wilson and

AGREED to recommend that the Environmental Services Business Plans are deferred to the next Environmental Services committee meeting for further clarification with the following details to be included: number of vehicles and machinery that Council currently hold and details of staff structure in Operations.

12. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS FOR 2019/20

Report previously circulated, presented by the Director of Environmental Services.

At the Corporate Policy Meeting held recently it was agreed that each Directorate should report on Key Performance Indicators on a quarterly basis. The proposed KPI's for Environmental Services are attached in Appendix 1 (circulated).

Recommendation

The committee is asked to consider and approve the proposed Environmental Services KPI's for 2019/20 period.

In response to clarification regarding an increase in agency staff costs, The Director of Environmental Services confirmed that the intention was to reduce this. Discussion followed regarding the detail contained in this report.

Proposed by Councillor Holmes

Seconded by Councillor Wilson and

AGREED – to recommend that the Environmental Services Key Performance Indicators report for 2019/20 is deferred to the next Environmental Services committee.

13. AMUSEMENT PERMIT RENEWALS

Information report previously circulated.

The undernoted applications for renewal of an amusement permit have been received and processed during the report period.

<u>Licence No:</u>	<u>Name of Premises</u>
AP011	Potters Snooker Club

AGREED - that the information report be noted

14. ENTERTAINMENTS LICENCE RENEWALS

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) (NI) ORDER 1985

Information report previously circulated.

The undernoted 13 applications for an entertainments licence have been received, acknowledged and processed during the report period.

<u>Unique Reference Number</u>	<u>Name of Premises</u>
EL133	Potters Snooker Club
EL090	Mussenden Temple
EL308	Donegal Charlies
EL087	Railway Arms
EL007	Golf Links Hotel
EL166	Bushmills Youth Hostel
EL276	Huey Memorial Stranocum Orange Hall
EL183	Giants Causeway Visitors Centre
EL315	Rising Sun Bar
EL083	Portstewart Royal British Legion
EL078	Portrush Yacht Club
EL393	Coleraine Grammar School (Castlerock Road)
EL092	Royal Court Hotel

AGREED - that the information report be noted

15. LICENCES ISSUED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

Information report circulated.

The below licences were issued under Delegated Authority during the last report period:

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) (NI) ORDER 1985

ARTICLES 13 &14, PRACTICE OF ACUPUNCTURE/BUSINESS OF COSMETIC PIERCING/TATTOOING/SEMI-PERMANENT SKIN-COLOURING/ELECTROLYSIS

Unique Reference Number	Premises	Type of Registration
CP042019	Claire's Accessories	Cosmetic Piercing

AGREED - that the information report be noted

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) (NI) ORDER 1985

ENTERTAINMENT LICENCES

Licence No	Premises	Type of Entertainment Licence
EL393	Coleraine Grammar School	Occasional Indoor

AGREED - that the information report be noted

16. PETROLEUM SPIRIT LICENCE RENEWALS

PETROLEUM (REGULATION) ACTS 1929 AND 1937

Information report previously circulated.

7 applications for renewals of Petroleum Spirit Licences were received, acknowledged and processed during the report period.

AGREED - that the information report be noted

17. SOCIETY LOTTERY REGISTRATIONS

THE BETTING, GAMING, LOTTERIES AND AMUSEMENTS (NI) ORDER 1985

Information report, previously circulated.

The undernoted applications for society lottery registrations have been received, acknowledged and processed during the report period.

<u>Registration No:</u>	<u>Name of Society</u>
SL032	Coleraine Rugby, Football, Cricket, & Hockey Club

AGREED - that the information report be noted

18. STREET TRADING LICENCE RENEWALS

Information report, previously circulated.

The undernoted applications for a street trading licence have been received, acknowledged and processed during the report period.

<u>Unique Reference Number</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Type of Licence</u>	<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Location</u>
MST 002	S. Lavery	Mobile	Hot Food	Borough of Causeway Coast and Glens
TSTM 058/2019	S. McFall Naturally North Coast and Glens	Temporary	Various	Station Square and Amphitheatre, Portrush

AGREED - that the information report be noted

19. REGISTER A FOOD BUSINESS (RAFB) ONLINE SERVICE

Food Business Operators (FBOs) are required to register their food business with their local authority and to date this has largely been completed using paper based systems.

The Food Standards Agency has developed a digital platform called the Register a Food Business (RAFB) service to enable food business operators to register online. In order to improve the overall effectiveness, efficiency and consistency of food business registration, Council has recently moved to the RAFB digital service.

On-line registration of new businesses can now be completed on Council's website or via the GOV.uk website. It is a user-friendly process and captures enhanced data from food business operators (FBOs) at the point of registration. Use of the RAFB service saves time and provides much improved accuracy of data. Other positive aspects of the RAFB are:

- Food business operator receives timely confirmation of registration, a unique food business reference number and links to helpful guidance.
- Double entry of data on Management Information System avoided therefore saving time

- A straightforward way for food officers to assist FBOs to register a business whilst on an inspection or during a visit.
- Automatic confirmation of application to register.
- Local Authority automatically receives an email with registration details and a link to a PDF (or data in a suitable digital format) for their records.

It is recommended that the information is noted and that this element of the Business Plan is completed.

AGREED – to recommend that the information is noted and that this element of the Business Plan is completed.

20. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence report circulated, presented by the Director of Environmental Services.

The following correspondence had been received:

Ards and North Down Borough Council (dated 3 October 2019 and received 7 October 2019) Re. Review of NI Building Regulations – Energy Efficiency Standards

Ards and North Down Borough Council recently resolved to write to the Department of Finance and has asked that other NI Councils consider doing likewise. They have also written to the UK Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government.

It is recommended that the Environmental Services consider the correspondence.

It was AGREED – to recommend that the correspondence letter is brought to the next Committee meeting.

21. CONSULTATIONS

RESPONSE TO THE DAERA CONSULTATION ON THE WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

The purpose of this report is to advise Members on the Department of Agriculture, Environment & Rural Affairs (DAERA) consultation on the Waste Management Plan for Northern Ireland and to provide a Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council response to the consultation. DAERA issued a consultation on 16 October 2019 in relation to the Waste

Management Plan for Northern Ireland (WMPNI). The consultation is open for eight weeks until 4pm on Wednesday 11 December 2019.

The revised Waste Framework Directive 2008/1 (rWFD) requires Member States to produce one or more waste management plans which cover, alone or in combination, the geographical territory of the Member State concerned. As waste is a devolved matter, the other UK devolved administrations and Gibraltar are preparing their own waste management plans which cover their geographical territories and which, together with this plan, are needed to meet the requirements of the rWFD.

This consultation is on a Waste Management Plan for Northern Ireland (WMPNI). On 1 May 2019 the Board of the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) agreed to consult on a waste management plan for Northern Ireland by 31 December 2019.

Appendix 1 (circulated) encloses a copy of the letter to Consultees from DAERA and dated 16 October 2019.

The Director of Environmental Services provided clarification that there were 2 bio compost plants - in Keady and in Belfast and that a number of local Councils were exploring the possibility of collaboratively constructing their own plant.

It is recommended that the Environmental Services Committee approves to Council the Draft Response (as set out at Appendix 2) of the DAERA Waste Management Plan for Northern Ireland.

Proposed by Councillor Holmes
Seconded by Alderman Hillis and

AGREED – to recommend that Council approve the Draft Response (as set out at Appendix 2, circulated) of the DAERA Waste Management Plan for Northern Ireland.

22. CONFERENCES

There was no conference schedule tabled.

23. MATTERS FOR REPORTING TO PARTNERSHIP PANEL

There were no matters for reporting to the Partnership Panel.

24. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR ALAN MCLEAN

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JOHN MCAULEY (REFERRED FROM COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 1 OCTOBER 2019)

“Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council has many miles of beautiful coastline that has seen an increase in visitors during the last number of years as we promote its tourism opportunities. Unfortunately, the marine environment suffers from an increasing amount of plastic waste and in shore litter which locals have always been keen to keep under control. In order to assist local communities in keeping their areas tidy and free from litter, this Council would purchase and install a number of Seabins in order to improve this position and ensure future generations can enjoy this wonderful asset.”

Councillor McLean spoke in support of the Notice of Motion and read from a prepared statement:

“As members will be aware, waste plastics has become a major issue in our oceans worldwide. Micro plastics in particular, despite a lot of human effort, have proven nearly impossible to capture.

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council has many miles of beautiful beaches and as tourist numbers rise, we as a Council need to ensure we do all we can to protect our coastline and assist local groups in their efforts to keep it free from all forms of litter.

The Seabin Project has proven to be a successful aid in removing items of waste from our oceans including plastic shopping bags, plastic drink bottles, disposable cups, cigarette butts and of course micro plastics. It is also capable of skimming off surface oils. One of the largest collections of Seabins is in Sydney Harbour, where they have 30.

Ards and North Down Borough Council are one of the local Councils who have Seabins installed and their Community Safety Officer, Mr Johnathan Blakley, speaks very highly of the benefit.

He informed me that one of the things they did was to install signs near the location of the Seabins explaining how they work and how they came about. They also invite local schools and community groups to see the Seabins working and receive an educational talk on marine litter. This has proven in itself very beneficial and is helping reduce waste.

Each Seabin cost around £3500 but having spoken to the funding unit we would be able to get funding from the Landfill Fund. The daily cost to run each Seabin is 75p per day. The Seabin needs to be fitted to a floating pontoon in order to rise and fall with the tide and have access to a power source. It will draw waste in from 8 to 10 metres.

Members, I could go on about the benefits of the Seabin but you can view all their website for yourselves.

As a Council, it is vital that we are not left behind other countries and other local councils by missing this great opportunity to help our environment.

I would urge you to support the motion.”

All Parties stated their respective support for the Notice of Motion.

The Director of Environmental Services advised that Council have already made some enquiries around the instalment of Seabins, but that further investigation was required. He recommended a paper being prepared by the Harbour Master to be brought back to Members.

AGREED – to recommend that Council support the Notice of Motion in principle and that the Director of Environmental Services bring back a paper to present to Members.

AGREED – to Change The Order of Business.

25. ANY OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS (NOTIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 12 (O))

24.1 Alderman Finlay – Winter and Summer Planting

Alderman Finlay stated that this had been dealt with under Minute Item 9, Rationalisation of Borough Floral Presentation.

24.2 Alderman Fielding - Engineers Report to temporarily close the Ground Floor of Portstewart Town Hall.

Alderman Fielding expressed concern the ground floor of Portstewart Town Hall was closed for 4 weeks to carry out remedial structural repair. Alderman Fielding stated that a fit for purpose facility was vital and that a proper audit of Town Hall usage was required.

The Director of Environmental Services advised that a more comprehensive report of the use of Portstewart Town Hall was being prepared by the Head of Performance. He further clarified that the Environmental Services Directorate had responsibility for the structure and facade of the building. He advised that a structural condition report was available for Members to view.

MOTION TO PROCEED ‘IN COMMITTEE’

Proposed by Councillor Anderson
Seconded by Councillor Wilson and

AGREED – that the Committee proceed to conduct the following business
'In Committee'

26. EFFICIENCY/SAVINGS/INCOME GENERATION PROPOSALS – OPERATIONS SERVICE AREA

Confidential report, previously circulated.

The Director of Environmental Services presented a confidential report seeking approval for proposals to Committee to reduce the overall cost of Operations Service Area.

Discussion ensued on the detail of the costs and savings of proposed reductions, Committee requested that the Director of Environmental Services bring information back to further inform decisions.

Proposed by Councillor MA McKillop

Seconded by Councillor Wilson and

AGREED – to recommend that the proposals to reduce the overall cost of Operations Service Area are deferred to next Environmental Services Committee Meeting when further reports will be brought back.

* **Councillor McCaw left the meeting at 10.15pm**

27. UPDATE ON SHOOTING CLUB REQUEST TO LEASE LAND AT DRUMADUFF LANDFILL SITE

Confidential Report, previously circulated.

The Director of Environmental Services presented a confidential report on the outcome of meetings between the 2 shooting clubs wishing to lease lands at Drumaduff Landfill and to agree an option which could be referred to the Land and Property Sub-Committee.

Recommendation(s)

It is recommended that the Environmental Services Committee refer this paper to the Land & Property Sub-Committee for consideration with a recommended Option

Discussion ensued on the detail of the options available.

Proposed by Alderman Fielding
Seconded by Councillor Holmes

- to recommend that Council refer the paper to the Land and Property Sub-Committee for consideration with a recommended Option 1 – Retain the initial decision and offer the lease as per the Council decision in December 2016.

The Chair put the Motion to the Committee to vote.

9 Members voted For, 5 Members voted Against and 0 Members Abstained.

The Chair declared the Motion **CARRIED**.

28. PROCUREMENT OF 1 NO. 12.5 METRE REACH TELEPORTER

Confidential Report, previously circulated.

The Director of Environmental Services presented a confidential report seeking permission to procure a 12.5 metre reach teleporter. The teleporter will replace a similar vehicle which was damaged beyond use as a consequence of an arson attack.

It is recommended that the Environmental Services Committee recommends to Council the procurement of teleporter stated in option 3.1. Vehicle is to be supplied by Dennison JCB, Ballyhartfield Road, Ballyclare, BT39 0RB.

Proposed by Councillor Holmes
Seconded by Councillor McMullan

AGREED – to recommend that Council approve the procurement of teleporter stated in option 3.1. Vehicle is to be supplied by Dennison JCB, Ballyhartfield Road, Ballyclare, BT39 0RB.

29. COLERAINE CAR PARKING, REVIEW OF CAR PARKING CHARGING & RE-DEVELOPMENT OF MARKET YARD

Confidential Report, previously circulated.

The Director of Environmental Services presented a confidential report providing Members with a review of parking tariffs throughout the Borough, as requested.

Recommendation

Tariff Review

It is recommended that Members consider the proposed tariff review and direct officers on an appropriate option.

Note - If Council is to avail of charging within additional car parks from March 2020, equipment would need to be ordered by December 2019 due to lead times and to allow for installation.

Market Yard, Coleraine

Previously Members delayed a decision with regard to Market Yard until a car parking tariff review was completed throughout the Borough. It is recommended that Members advise officers if they now wish to progress to stage 3 of the procurement process, to allow Market Yard to proceed or to refer to Land and Property for asset realisation.

Following discussion it was
Proposed by Councillor McLean
Seconded by Councillor Wilson and

AGREED - To recommend that Council defer progression of the proposal to review Car Parking Charging & Re-Development of Market Yard, to the Council Meeting on 3rd December 2019.

MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN PUBLIC'

Proposed by Councillor Anderson
Seconded by Councillor Wallace and

AGREED - that the Committee proceed to conduct the following business 'In Public'

There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at **10:30pm.**

Chair