

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2020**

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19.	Matters for Reporting to Partnership Panel	<b>None</b>
20.	Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Baird, seconded by Alderman Hillis (referred from Council Meeting 7 January 2020)  <b><i>A Million Trees to Secure our Future on Earth</i></b>	<b><i>Withdrawn and defer to March Environmental Services Committee Meeting</i></b>
21.	Notice of Motion proposed by Alderman Fielding, seconded by Councillor McLean (referred from Council Meeting 7 January 2020)  <b><i>Toilet Facilities at Portstewart Harbour</i></b>	<b><i>Motion LOST</i></b>
22.	Any Other Relevant Business (notified in accordance with Standing Order 12 (o))	
	<b>22.1 Alderman Robinson</b> “Have Council any plans during this mandate to replace the street lighting	<b><i>Repair and replace programme in place as and when needed</i></b>

	on the Blackburn Path in Limavady to a more energy efficient LED lighting scheme?"	
	<b>IN COMMITTEE</b>	
	<b>22.2 Alderman Finlay</b> "In relation to Craigmore Road Landfill Site and the outcome of the meeting."	<b><i>Update provided</i></b>

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE  
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE  
IN CIVIC HEADQUARTERS, COLERAINE ON  
TUESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2020 AT 7:00PM**

**In the Chair:** Alderman Boyle

**Members Present:** Alderman Fielding, Finlay and Robinson  
Councillors Beattie, Chivers, Hunter, Holmes,  
McLaughlin, McLean, McMullan and Wilson

**Officers Present:** A McPeake, Director of Environmental Services  
B Edgar, Head of Health & Built Environment  
D Allen, Committee & Member Services Officer

**In Attendance:** Press (1 No)

**Substitutions**

Alderman Boyle took the Chair in the absence of Councillor Mulholland.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were recorded for Councillor McGlinchey and Councillor Wallace. The Chair informed Members that Councillor Mulholland might be arriving late.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Declarations of Interest were recorded for Councillor McMullan in Agenda Item 10, Entertainment Licence Renewals.

Councillor McMullan did not leave the Chamber and did not participate in any discussion during Agenda item 10.

**3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 14 JANUARY 2020**

The Minutes of the above meeting were adopted at the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 4 February 2020.

**4. PROPERTY CERTIFICATE & NON STATUTORY CHARGES FEE INCREASE**

\* **Councillor Holms arrived at the meeting at 7.04pm.**

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

The purpose of the report is to consider the review of fees with respect to both property certificates and non-statutory charges.

The current fees charged for Property Certificates were introduced across Northern Ireland on 1 January 2004 and there have been no reviews or price increases since.

To provide consistency across all 11 Councils, Building Control NI (BCNI) reviewed the current fees and established that there should be an inflationary increase as from **1<sup>st</sup> April 2020**. Discussions took place with the Law Society and they indicated that they did not have any concerns with the proposed increases. SOLACE were also informed of the proposal to ensure consistency in fee charging and they have since advised BCNI that they are content with the minimal inflationary increases, subject to the matter being reported to and receiving approval from their respective Councils.

It has also been recommended in mitigating against having to introduce future annual inflationary costs that a 4 year inflationary fee review cycle take place. This will mean a further review would not be required until 2023, unless there were significant changes to the Council Property Certificate process.

These minimal increases are necessary to enable Councils to maintain adequate resources to ensure that the service is delivered in a prompt, efficient and professional manner.

The current and proposed fee structure is detailed below:

<b>Current and Proposed Property Certificate Charges</b>		
	<b>Existing Council Charges</b>	<b>Proposed Council Charges 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020</b>
Property Certificate, 10 Year Search <sup>1</sup>	£60.00	<b>£70.00</b>
Property Certificate, Follow Up Search to 1973 <sup>1</sup>	£25.00	<b>£30.00</b>
Property Certificate, Full Search to 1973 <sup>1</sup>	£85.00	<b>£95.00</b>
Property Certificate, Specified 10 Year Search <sup>1</sup>	£60.00	<b>£70.00</b>

It is proposed to introduce these new charges as from **1<sup>st</sup> April 2020**

The table below indicates the non-statutory charges that Building Control apply to administer and produce the requested information. These charges are required to be advertised as part of the Councils Publication Scheme and are presently on the Council website.

In reviewing the Property Certificate Fee as detailed above it was agreed by all within BCNI to review all non-statutory charges which had not been reviewed since 2015. Applying simple inflationary rates and factoring increased staff costs this increases the standard fee accordingly from £25 to £30 (excluding property certificates).

<b>Current and Proposed Non Statutory Charges</b>		
	<b>Existing</b> Council Charges	<b>Proposed</b> Council Charges 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2020
Confirmation of 'Exemption' from making a Building Control application <sup>2</sup>	£25.00	<b>£30.00</b>
Duplicate or Archived Retrieved Copy of Completion Certificate	£25.00	<b>£30.00</b>
Photocopy of original approval or completion certificate requested under Fol/EiR	No Charge	No Charge
Comfort Letter (Completion before 1994) <sup>3</sup>	£25.00	<b>£30.00</b>
Additional/Revised stamped set of 'Approved' Plans (where drawings/plans have been provided)	£25.00	<b>£30.00</b>
Confirmation of address letter	£25.00	<b>£30.00</b>
Review of Archived Records	£25.00	<b>£30.00</b>
Legal Enquiries (ie.Work Stages)	£25.00	<b>£30.00</b>
VAT Exemption Letter (for HMRC)	-	<b>£30.00</b>
Withdrawn application (after validation and before Approval / Notice of Rejection issued or PONE) <sup>4</sup>	£25.00	<b>£30.00</b>
Copy of archived drawings / plans (where Review of Archived Records is required the above fee is also applicable)	-	A0 size <b>£5.00</b> A1 size <b>£5.00</b> A2 size <b>£5.00</b>

**It is recommended** that the Environmental Services Committee recommends to Council the increase in the Council Property Certificate and Non-Statutory Charges as detailed above as with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020.

In response to a query from Councillor Holmes the Head of Health and Built Environment clarified that the charges were consistent with other Councils in Northern Ireland and that the figures covered Councils costs.

Proposed by Councillor Holmes  
Seconded by Councillor McLean

- that the Environmental Services Committee recommends to Council the increase in the Council Property Certificate and Non-Statutory Charges as detailed above as with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020.

The Chair put the Motion to the Committee to vote. Committee voted unanimously in favour.

The Chair declared the motion **CARRIED**.

## **5. REVIEW OF STREET TRADING AT LAMMAS FAIR 2019**

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

The Head of Health and Built Environment presented Members with a report providing them with a review of the Street Trading element of the 2019 Lammas Fair and to consider recommendations for future events.

The introduction of the Street Trading Act (NI) 2001 saw the legacy Moyle District Council designate streets in the Ballycastle town centre and subsequently identify 12' x 6' street pitches where stationary street trading could occur on the two days of the Lammas Fair.

It is considered that the approach adopted by Moyle District Council to designate pitches was taken to regularise trading at the event. By instigating this approach rather than issuing temporary trading licence the then Moyle District Council was ensuring a "safe event" by allocating stalls to specific locations. Advantages to this approach are listed in the report.

In addition to these Council stationary trading pitches trading by stalls also occurs on private land and in residential gardens. This activity is unregulated by Council as it occurs on private land and may cause issues primarily to the overall safety of the event.

The Street Trading Act also provides an exemption to allow trading to be carried out at or adjoining premises used as a shop. The premises owners in Ballycastle either trade on the street during the fair or on occasion allow traders to trade outside their premises. These traders must obtain a temporary street trading licence. (This causes an enforcement issue to Council as it is often unplanned and only comes to Enforcement Officers attention on the days of the Fair).

In 2019 147 Street Trading Licences were issued, 198 Council stationary pitches were available, The removal of the 20 stationary pitches as a consequence of an Environmental Services Council decision February 2019, equates to the loss of a street trading income to Council of £3,500.

In total 171 Council stationary trading pitches were let during the two days; a total income of £32,991.18 was achieved. This included temporary pitches and payments received in Euro's. 19 stationary trading pitches were unlet. The potential loss revenue to street trading income as a consequence was £3,325.

Street trading income to Council generated at the 2018 Lammas Fair was £37,863.13. This represents a difference of £4,871.95 or approximately 27 street trading licences. When the removal of twenty pitches are taken into consideration this represents a loss of 7 Street Trading Licences.

It is therefore suggested that the introduction of Criminal Record Checks has had a negligible effect on street trading at the Lammas Fair.

The report previously circulated, also details the Temporary Street Trading Licences, enforcement action, complaints and considerations as to further improvements to Lammas Fair Events.

#### **Proposals:**

- (i) It is proposed that the issue of "mobile street trading" licences on the days of the Lammas Fair are discontinued. The Street Trading Act (NI) 2001 defines a mobile licence as "*a person authorised by street trading licence to trade from a vehicle which goes place to place, stopping for a time for the purpose of trading*".
- (ii) Whilst traditionally mobile licences (cost £90) have been issued to those traders trading without a stall, no mobile trading at the Lammas Fair meets this definition and these traders should be classified as "Temporary traders" and changed accordingly.
- (iii) Whilst it is considered that the introduction of Criminal Record Checks to Lammas Fair 2019 was an important step in regularising street trading throughout the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area, its introduction significantly added to Councils administration costs in 2019. The cost of an Access NI Check is £22. It is proposed that if street trading licence fees are increased for 2020 then Council should relax its requirement for an annual Criminal Record Check to it being necessary every three years. As such all traders at the 2019 Lammas Fair need not require a further Criminal Record Check until the 2022 Event.
- (iv) It is proposed that Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council review conditions attached to street designations for street trading



purposes. In certain streets these conditions limit hot food and ice cream traders and consequently limit the type of stalls that may be let on Council stationary pitches. This restriction is often at odds with those trading on private locations on the same streets. Any review of these restrictions will require consultation with NIFRS.

- (v) It is proposed that Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council should consider how to best encourage a variety of new/different traders to attend the Lammas Fair. The current process is dependent on traders contacting Councils Licensing Section to request a licence. Council should consider a more proactive approach whereby Council contacts traders to further animate the Event and provide variety.
- (vi) It is proposed that prior communication be made with shopkeepers who wish to have trading outside their premises but may require a temporary licence. Council as event organiser's should also liaise in advance with private landowners who facilitate a large number of traders outside of street trading licensing regime but have received no conditions and are unaware of Road Closure Restrictions, etc. This lack of knowledge can cause subsequent issues in ensuring a safe Event.
- (vii) It is proposed that Council remove free street trading licences for charities unless that charity demonstrate that it is a Registered Charity.

**It is recommended** that the Environmental Services Committee recommends to Council the adoption of the proposals as detailed above and outlined in Paragraphs 9.1 to 9.7 inclusive of the Committee Report.

Councillor Wilson commented that 20-28 street pitches were not filled in 2019 and that this could be addressed in the proposal on how best to encourage new traders to the Lammas Fair. Ensuring all the pitches filled would generate extra income; in addition some pitch sizes could be reduced in order to generate more income.

Councillor Wilson voiced concerns in relation to the proposed increase in street trading licence fees, which equated to a 40% increase and stated that this would have a detrimental impact.

The Director of Environmental Services informed Members that a report on the review of Street Trading Licence Fees for the Lammas Fair was taken to the full Council Meeting on 4 February 2020; the report was not approved. These costings would now be discussed at

the Special Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday 12 February 2020.

Councillor Wilson agreed with the proposals as set out in paragraphs 9.1 to 9.7 of the Committee Report.

The Head of Health and Built Environment informed Members that Council were only permitted to recover costs, i.e. administration, street cleansing and the disposal of rubbish. He clarified that the guidance for the Street Trading Action is clear to what Council can levy costs for.

The Director of Environmental Services clarified that the proposals at 9.1 to 9.7 inclusive of the report are not linked to costs but are stand alone.

\* **Alderman Robinson left the meeting at 7.33pm.**

In response to a query from Councillor Beattie the Head of Health and Built Environment confirmed that Council hold a database on previous years traders at the Lammas Fair and a waiting list of traders who wish to apply for a pitch.

The Head of Health and Built Environment clarified proposal 9.6 of the Committee report in that should a shopkeeper wish to trade outside their own premises then they would be exempt from a Temporary Street Trading Licence. However, should another trader wish to trade outside the shopkeepers premises then a Temporary Street Trading Licence would need to be applied for.

In relation to the Access NI check, some Members voiced their concerns that checks would take place every three years instead of every year only if Street Trading Licence Fees are increased for 2020.

The Head of Health and Built Environment informed Members that the Access NI Check is done through a separate body and that the comment on the 3 year check would be taken on board.

In response to Councillor McMullan's query The Director of Environmental Services clarified that all traders from the 2019 Lammas Fair do not require a further Access NI check for 3 years i.e. until the 2022. All new traders would require an Access NI check before they would be able to trade and this also would last for 3 years.

\* **Alderman Robinson re-joined the meeting at 7.36pm.**

The Chair confirmed that the Access NI check was a statutory requirement.

The Head of Health and Built Environment clarified that pitches for the Lammas Fair would be offered to those traders who had occupied pitches last year, and if these were not taken up they would then be offered to those traders on the waiting list. The invites are to be sent out in mid-April and that the traders would have 4-6 weeks to confirm, after that period Council would offer pitches to those on the waiting list.

Councillor Wilson informed Members that he had also spoken to Stakeholders, Community Representatives, the Chamber of Commerce and Heritage Trust who have many ideas on how to improve/rejuvenate the Lammas Fair. He commented that the other proposals would tie in with the discussion to be held at the Special Council Meeting on Wednesday 12 February 2020.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson  
Seconded by Council Hunter

- that Council set up a Lammas Fair Steering Group in order to look at the Lammas fair in its entirety and that the Committee defer making a decision on the proposals for one month in order for a member of the Events Team/Leisure and Development be present at the next meeting to answer Members queries/questions.

He also added that the proposed increase in fees would be for discussion at the Special Council Meeting on Wednesday 12 February 2020.

The Chair put the Motion to the Committee to vote. Committee voted unanimously in favour.

The Chair declared the motion **CARRIED**.

## **6. UPDATE TO PERSONS APPOINTED AS PUBLIC ANALYST**

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

Public Analyst Scientific Services Limited (PASS Ltd) are contracted to provide Public Analyst Services for the 11 Northern Ireland Councils. Due to changes in personnel at PASS Ltd it is necessary to update the persons appointed as Public Analysts on behalf of Council.

Article 27 (1) of the Food Safety (NI) Order 1991 requires that the Council appoint one or more persons (Public Analyst(s)) to act as Analyst(s) within the district of the Council. Furthermore the Framework Agreement\* (Chapter 2, para 12.8), states that Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council shall ensure that a Food Analyst is appointed to carry out examinations and analyses of food samples. In making these appointments, all relevant legal requirements and Codes of Practice shall be satisfied.

The qualifications required by Analysts are set out in the Food Safety (Sampling and Qualifications) Regulations (NI) 2013. The Environmental Health Department is satisfied that the following persons, who are employed by Public Analyst Scientific Services Ltd, fulfil the requirements of the Regulations for appointment as Public Analysts on behalf of the Council:

**Watney Elizabeth Moran** MSc, MChemA, MBA, CChem, FRSC

**Duncan Kenelm Arthur** BSc, MChemA, CChem, MRSC

**Nigel Kenneth Payne** MSc, MChemA, CChem, MRSC

**Joanne Hubbard** BSc, MChemA, CChem, MRSC

**Kevin Wardle** MSc, MChemA, CChem, MRSC

**Lilian Emma Jane Downie** MChem, MChemA, CChem, MRSC

**Michelle Evans** BSc, MChemA, CChem, MRSC

**Donna Hanks** BSc, MChemA, MRSC

**It is recommended** that Council appoint the above persons as Public Analysts to Council under Article 27 (1) of the Food Safety (NI) Order 1991.

Proposed by Councillor McMullan

Seconded by Councillor Hunter

- to recommend that Council appoint the above persons as Public Analysts to Council under Article 27 (1) of the Food Safety (NI) Order 1991.

The Chair put the Motion to the Committee to vote. Committee voted unanimously in favour.

The Chair declared the motion **CARRIED**.

## **7. TECHNICAL GUIDANCE: PLANNING AND NOISE: ASSESSMENT OF NOISE FROM DOG KENNELING AND BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS**

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

- \* **Councillor Wilson and Alderman Fielding left the meeting at 7.49pm and re-joined the meeting at 7.52pm.**

The Head of Health and Built Environment presented Members with a report asking them to consider the adoption of technical guidance for all interested parties in respect of issues arising from the operation of proposed or established Dog Kennelling and Boarding establishments.

The report, previously circulated provided a background, referred to points of discussion and outlined the proposals.

### **Proposal**

In the absence of a UK specific guide and/or adoption of a Regional Standard it is proposed that the **Technical Guidance: Planning and Noise: Assessment of Noise from Dog Kennelling and Boarding Establishments** detailed at Appendix 1 to this report, forms an open, transparent approach, with the opportunity for this to form additional technical guidance to assist key parties.

1. The Technical Guidance document may form part of additional advice and guidance which may be referred to within the consultation responses issued as internal advice to prospective applicants/developers, and noise consultants.
2. The Technical Guidance may be issued in response to Pre-Application Discussions to assist the applicant by providing key advice specific to the sector.
3. The Technical Guidance may be referred within planning appeal submissions as adopted.
4. The Technical Guidance may be accessible through the Council Website.
5. The Technical Guidance will be reviewed, amended and superseded in the event of UK specific Guidance/Published Regional Guidance.

**It is recommended** that the Environmental Services Committee recommends to Council the adoption of this internal technical guidance as detailed at Appendix 1 to this report in order to provide an open and transparent method to assess and consider noise impacts from dog kennelling/boarding establishments.

Councillor McMullan suggested that Council should take advice from the Kennel Club on the Technical Guidance document and they should endorse the document.

The Head of Health and Built Environment stated that there was no consultation held with the Kennel Club. He confirmed that other published documents had been taken into consideration when compiling the Technical Guidance: Planning and Noise document. He confirmed that Council had tried to steer towards the middle ground in relation to design and noise management, to allow for some development to take place.

In response to a query from Councillor McMullan the Head of Health and Built Environment informed Members that breeding establishments were included in the technical guidance.

In response to a query from Councillor Beattie the Head of Health and Built Environment stated that this Guidance may be considered by Planning Service regionally. The guidance is developed by Environmental Health Officers in the field and derived from research papers. At this moment in time the technical guidance is an internal document; but it could be used by other practitioners.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson  
Seconded by Councillor Beattie

- to recommend that that the Environmental Services Committee recommends to Council the adoption of this internal technical guidance as detailed at Appendix 1 to this report in order to provide an open and transparent method to assess and consider noise impacts from dog kennelling/boarding establishments.

The Chair put the Motion to the Committee to vote. Committee voted unanimously in favour.

The Chair declared the motion **CARRIED**.

## **8. AMUSEMENT PERMIT RENEWALS THE BETTING, GAMING, LOTTERIES AND AMUSEMENTS (NI) ORDER 1985**

Information report previously circulated.

The undernoted applications for renewal of an amusement permit were received, acknowledged and processed during the report period.

Licence No:	Name of Premises
AP004	Flutters Portrush Ltd
AP015	Kiddieland Amusements
AP003	Sportsland Amusements

The information report was **NOTED**.

**9. CINEMA LICENCE RENEWALS  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) (NI) ORDER  
1985  
CINEMAS (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1991**

Information report previously circulated.

The undernoted application for a Cinema Licence was received, acknowledged and processed during the report period.

Unique Reference Number	Name of Premises
CL003	Bushmills Inn Hotel

The information report was **NOTED**.

**10. ENTERTAINMENTS LICENCE RENEWALS  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) (NI) ORDER  
1985**

Information report previously circulated.

22 applications for an Entertainments Licence were received, acknowledged and processed during the report period.

The information report was **NOTED**.

**11. LICENSES UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) (NI) ORDER  
19885**

Information report previously circulated.

The undernoted application was issued under Delegated Authority during the last report period:

Unique Reference No	Name of Premises	Type of Registration
CP/01/2020	Uptown Hair Beauty & Aesthetics	Cosmetic Piercing

## 12. STREET TRADING LICENCE RENEWALS STREET TRADING (NI) ACT 2001

Information report previously circulated.

The undernoted application for a Street Trading Licence has been received, acknowledged and processed during the report period.

Unique Reference Number	Applicant	Type of Licence	Commodity	Location
SST 011	Garth William Reid	Stationary	Fresh Fish	Catherine Street, Limavady

The information report was **NOTED**.

## 13. DUAL LANGUAGE STREET SIGNAGE APPLICATIONS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ORDER 1995

The Head of Health and Built Environment presented Members with an information report, previously circulated, advising them of the processing of a number of applications received under the approved Street Naming and Numbering Policy adopted by Council March 2015. The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Order 1995 affords Council discretion to approve numbers, name streets and provide street signage including street names expressed in languages other than English.

Council has received 2 No. applications in the Dunloy area, as detailed below, for dual language street signs to be in English and Irish:

- (i) Carness Drive
- (ii) Greenacre

As per section 5.0 of the policy and by delegated authority, these applications have completed the consultation process and the results are indicated on the table below.

As less than two thirds of those consulted responded in favour, in line with section 5.0 of the policy, these applications have not been approved for a dual language street sign.



**Table to show replies received for erection of dual language street nameplates in English and Irish**

Street	Number Consulted	2/3 Quota Required	Valid Replies	Yes	No	Invalid
Greenacre, Dunloy	30	20	19	19	/	/
Carness Drive, Dunloy	27	18	13	13	/	/

The Director of Environmental Service confirmed that Council had an obligation to maintain the dual language street nameplates.

The information report was **NOTED**.

**14. DAERA CONSULTATION ON THE WASTE PREVENTION PROGRAMME 2019 – ‘STOPPING WASTE IN ITS TRACKS’**

Information report previously circulated.

DAERA issued a consultation on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020 in relation to the Waste Prevention Programme 2019 – ‘Stopping Waste in its Tracks’. The consultation is open for eight weeks until Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Consultation responses may be emailed to [wpp@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:wpp@daera-ni.gov.uk).

The Department of Environment prepared the first Waste Prevention Programme for Northern Ireland – ‘The Road to Zero Waste’ by December 2013. This was required by Article 29 of the Waste Framework Directive [2008/98/EC]. Thirteen waste prevention actions were proposed that have been implemented or are ongoing. There is a requirement to review and, if necessary, revise the Programme every six years.

This programme is an interim measure designed to meet the legal requirements set out in the Waste Framework Directive and the Waste Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011. It provides information on the actions the Department is currently undertaking and planning to implement, which will address waste prevention in Northern Ireland but does not seek to introduce any new waste prevention policies. Due to the interim nature of this programme, there are no specific consultation questions, rather, we welcome broad views and comments on the actions. Key objectives are; stimulating a culture of resource efficiency in all organisations, encouraging re-use and repair of products, developing and supporting information and awareness campaigns; in particular in relation to food waste, improving producer responsibility schemes and encouraging less waste generation. Responses will be used to inform waste prevention policy following the transition to a post EU Exit

environment and the introduction of the Circular Economy Waste Package (CEWP).

The Waste Framework Directive (WFD) requirement to produce a Waste Prevention programme was transposed into The Waste Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011.

Waste Prevention Programme 2019 – ‘Stopping Waste in its Tracks’ can be viewed at [www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations).

Building on ‘The Road to Zero Waste’ 2013 programme it is proposed to continue to support waste prevention through this updated programme, ‘Stopping Waste in its Tracks’.

This programme incorporates ongoing actions from the 2013 programme, with the intention of building on the work achieved by the ‘Road to Zero Waste’ to help support and maintain the upward trend in waste prevention in line with policies of the previous Executive.

**It is recommended** that the Environmental Services Committee notes the consultation on DAERA Waste Prevention Programme 2019 – ‘Stopping Waste in its Tracks’.

**AGREED** - that the Environmental Services Committee notes the consultation on DAERA Waste Prevention Programme 2019 – ‘Stopping Waste in its Tracks’.

**15. NORTHERN IRELAND LOCAL AUTHORITY COLLECTED MUNICIPAL WASTE MANAGEMENT STATISTICS (QUARTERLY PROVISIONAL ESTIMATES FOR APRIL TO JUNE 2019 & JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2019)**

Information report previously circulated.

The Director of Environmental Services presented Members with an information report, previously circulated, advising them on the Northern Ireland Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste Management Statistics quarterly provisional estimates for April to June 2019 and July to September 2019 published on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2019 and 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020 respectively by DAERA.

DAERA issue a quarterly publication which reports provisional figures on the key measurements of local authority collected municipal waste for councils and waste management groups in Northern Ireland.

The data contained within the publication are used by local authorities to measure progress towards achieving targets from various waste strategies including:

- The revised Northern Ireland Waste Management Strategy
- The EU Waste Framework Directive

Council household recycling rate was 54.6% between April and June 2019. The NI household recycling rate for the same period was 54.8%.

Nine Councils reported increased household recycling rates (NI key performance indicator) compared to April to June 2018, with Causeway Coast and Glens BC reporting the largest increase at 7.5%.

Council household recycling rate was 60.2% between July and September 2019. The NI household recycling rate for the same period was 56.1%.

All Councils reported increased household recycling rates (NI key performance indicator) compared to July to September 2018, with Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council reporting the largest increase at 10.4%.

The improved recycling rate for both reporting periods can be attributed to a rise in the household waste composting rate (brown bin) and dry recycling rate (blue bin).

The combined household waste composting and dry recycling rate increases were both the largest for all councils during the two quarterly reporting periods.

Council waste from households (WfH) recycling rate was 50.8% between April and June 2019, increasing to 54.9% for July to September 2019. Waste from households recycling rate target in 2020 is 50%.

**It is recommended** that the Environmental Services Committee notes the provisional estimates of the Northern Ireland Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste Management Statistics for April to June 2019 and July to September 2019.

**AGREED** - that the Environmental Services Committee notes the provisional estimates of the Northern Ireland Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste Management Statistics for April to June 2019 and July to September 2019.

## **16. CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

## **17. CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS**

There were no consultations.

## **18. CONFERENCES**

There were no conferences.

## **19. MATTERS FOR REPORTING TO PARTNERSHIP PANEL**

There were no matters for reporting to the Partnership Panel.

## **20. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR BAIRD, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HILLIS (REFERRED FROM COUNCIL MEETING 7 JANUARY 2020)**

### *A Million Trees to Secure our Future on Earth*

*"It is now clear from empirical evidence that we face a global climate change challenge. The Earth's atmosphere is warming at a fast rate and while we must continue to reduce our carbon emissions we can help redress the problem by conserving and planting many more trees. A tree can store 48 lbs of carbon dioxide in one year and sequester 1ton of CO2 by the time it reaches 40 years old. Sadly Northern Ireland has the lowest tree coverage in the UK at only 8%.*

*Reforestation a very effective solution in mitigation of the impending climate crisis and as a Council I propose that we set a target of planting 100,000 trees over this term of Council in our Borough. I further propose that we ask other Councils to join us and make it 1Million trees across Northern Ireland.*

*Tree planting on this scale will make a difference with benefits not only to store carbon but reduce flooding risk, extend natural habitats and promote physical and mental well-being for our citizens.*

*Council should make tree planting a priority in all environmental schemes and involve all our Communities including farmers and business in this strategy to ensure inclusivity, commitment and success. Funding may be obtained from a variety of sources such as the newly announce National Lottery Community Fund which is directed specifically at climate change. Commitment to tree planting will make a huge difference and I urge you to*

*back this motion and ask other Councils to join with us in improving the environment in Northern Ireland.”*

The Chair informed Members that this item had been withdrawn from the agenda and deferred to the March Environmental Services Committee Meeting.

**21. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY ALDERMAN FIELDING, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MCLEAN (REFERRED FROM COUNCIL MEETING 7 JANUARY 2020)**

“That this Council provides a permanent toilet facility at Portstewart Harbour for the use of Boat Owners.”

Alderman Fielding read out a prepared statement.

*“I have been asked to bring a Motion on this matter by boat owners at Portstewart Harbour.*

*You have a Council facility used by Boat Owners who pay harbour mooring fees for the use of the Harbour. Just as amenity sites have toilets for the use of staff, a toilet should be provided for boat owners who pay to use the Council Harbour. If any Council was building any new facility today, a toilet for health and safety regulations would be provided in the plans.*

*Yes there is a public toilet on Harbour Road round the corner from the Promenade but you still have to cross a busy road and it may not always be open depending on the time boats are entering or leaving the harbour. From a practical point of view a toilet for the use of boat owners should be at their place of work at the harbour and boat owners have explained their reasons to me for this. It will not be a public toilet but for the sole use of boat owners.*

*There already is a derelict building at the harbour known as the winch house. I am not asking, nor are the boat owners asking, for considerable expense but minimum cost to provide a basic necessity and would like this to be included in future minor capital programme of works. The purpose of the Motion is to get that commitment.”*

**\* Councillor Holmes left the meeting at 8.09pm.**

Councillor McLean informed Members a building existed nearby that could be converted in to a toilet without too much expense.

Councillor Wilson queried that public toilets were currently situated approximately 50 yards from the harbour.

Councillor Beattie voiced her concerns on the question of building a new toilet facility at this particular time.

On a point of clarification from the Chair, the Director of Environmental informed Members that the public toilets Councillor Wilson had referred to were open each day from 8am - 6pm in the winter; later in the summer months.

Proposed by Alderman Fielding  
Seconded by Councillor McLean

- that this Council provides a permanent toilet facility at Portstewart Harbour for the use of Boat Owners.

The Chair put the Motion to the Committee to vote.  
4 Members voted For, 6 Members voted Against and 0 Members abstained.

The Chair declared the motion **LOST**.

## **22. ANY OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS (NOTIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 12 (O))**

### **22.1 Alderman Robinson**

*"Have Council any plans during this mandate to replace the street lighting on the Blackburn Path in Limavady to a more energy efficient LED lighting scheme?"*

The Director of Environmental Services informed Members that Council was currently carrying out a repair and replace programme. Bulbs were being replaced by LED lighting as and when repairs were required to existing lighting.

### **MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN COMMITTEE'**

Proposed by Alderman Finlay  
Seconded by Councillor McLean and

**AGREED** - that Council move *'In Committee'*.

\* **Press left the meeting at 8.20pm.**

## **22.2 Alderman Finlay**

*“In relation to Craigmore Road Landfill Site and what was the outcome of the meeting.”*

The Head of Health and Built Environment and the Director of Environmental Services provided Members with an update on the current position in relation to Craigmore Road Landfill site.

### **MOTION TO PROCEED ‘IN PUBLIC’**

Proposed by Councillor Beattie  
Seconded by Alderman Finlay and

**AGREED** - that Council move ‘In Public’.

There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at **8.25pm**.

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Chair