

Derry City and Strabane District Council

Open Minutes of Meeting of the Environment and Regeneration Committee (Open) held in the Council Chamber - Strabane Council Offices on Wednesday 7 February 2018 at 4.00 pm

Present:- Members of Committee – Councillor Dobbins (in the Chair), Aldermen Hussey, Ramsey and Warke, Councillors Campbell, Duffy, Hassan, Hastings, C Kelly, R McHugh, Reilly and Tierney.

Non-Member of the Committee – Alderman Devenney and Councillor McKeever.

In Attendance:- Director of Environment and Regeneration (Mrs K Phillips), Head of Environment (Mr C Canning), Regeneration Manager (Mr T Monaghan) and Committee Services Assistant (Ms N Meehan).

ER27/17 Notice and Summons of Meeting

The Director of Environment and Regeneration read the Notice and Summons for the Meeting.

ER28/17 Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Councillor D Kelly.

ER29/17 Declarations of Members' Interests

Councillor Hastings declared an interest in Item 4 as a Member of the NWRWMG.

ER30/17 Deputation - To receive Mr Owen Lyttle, DAERA (NIEA) to give a presentation on the Zero Waste Circular Economy Strategy (GAP Study) - copy attached.

The Chairperson welcomed Mr Owen Lyttle, Head of Waste Policy DAERA (NIEA) to give a presentation on the Zero Waste Circular Economy Strategy (GAP Study) highlighting the following areas:

Key Strategic Challenges

- Landfill capacity
- Possible capacity issue arising through 2020s
- Dependent on delivery of other residual waste infrastructure

BREXIT

- RDF export – increasing costs due to currency exchange rate changes
- Will recycle quality be an issue for importing to EU? Especially in relation to recycle from co-mingled sources

Global Issues

China recycle import restrictions – the need to find alternative markets and improve the quality of recycles.

Waste Crime

Risks arising from these challenges can be mitigated by

- Increasing waste prevention, reuse and recycling – reduce amount of waste for landfill
- Increasing the quality of recycling – better quality = higher value: less likely to be illegally dumped; increased supply of materials to the local economy; and more likely to have broader market access
- Local integrated waste infrastructure, including residual waste infrastructure – makes Northern Ireland more resilient to volatility in global commodity markets and external actor policies

Policy Context

Circular Economy Package Proposals

Draft Programme for Government

What have been the key EU targets?

Reduce the amount of biodegradable municipal waste (BMW) going to landfill to 35% of that produced in 1995 by 2020

50% household waste recycling by 2010

How have we done? Household Waste Recycling 2005/06 – 2016/17

Key Study Conclusions

HHWRC Improvement Scenarios

Derry city and Strabane District Council Level

Northern Ireland Level

Performance results by scenario

Modelled scenarios

NI Recycling Gap Study

Summary of project to review collection options to meet 50% recycling target by 2020

Waste Compositional Analysis

Chairperson's Business

ER31/17 Best Wishes

The Chairperson referred to the fact that this was Councillor's Hassan's last Meeting of the Committee as he would be resigning from Council in the coming weeks. She commended Councillor Hassan on his contribution to Council during his lengthy service and wished him well in his retirement.

The Director of Environment and Regeneration extended Council's best wishes for a speedy recovery to Noel Baird the Council Refuse Collector who had been attacked by a dog whilst carrying out his duties. She advised that the Chief Executive, the Head of Environment and herself, had visited Mr Baird and he was recovering.

ER32/17 Winter Gritting Programme

The Director of Environment and Regeneration referred to Members' previous request that Council write to the Permanent Secretary seeking

an urgent meeting with officials from the Department for Infrastructure (Roads) regarding the criteria and procedures applied with regard to gritting and the supply of salt boxes. She stated that Members would be aware that a meeting had been arranged with the local office however, a response had subsequently been received from the Permanent Secretary stating that he would be more than happy to arrange for the Director of Network John Irvine to meet with Council. She stated that Mr Irvine had indicated that he would be happy to meet with Council locally, or if preferred, Members could meet with him in Belfast.

It was subsequently agreed that Mr Irvine be invited to meet with Members in the City at his earliest convenience and Members be advised accordingly.

ER33/17 MUGA Pitch - Eglinton

Alderman Devenney raised the issue of a potential MUGA Pitch for Eglinton.

The Director of Environment subsequently advised that this was a matter for the Health and Communities Directorate and suggested that he raise the matter at the Monthly Meeting of that Committee scheduled for the following afternoon. However, she undertook to advise the Director of Health and Communities accordingly.

ER34/17 Lisahally Cattle market

Councillor Hastings advised that a member of the Rural Partnership had met with a representative from the Ulster Farmers' Union in relation to a study carried out on the Cattle Market at Lisahally.

The Director of Environment and Regeneration undertook to prepare a report thereon for submission to the March Meeting of the Committee.

ER35/17 Confirmation of the Open Minutes of the Environment and Regeneration Committee held on Wednesday 17 January 2018

Minutes of the Environment and Regeneration Committee held on 6 December 2017 (ER1/18-ER19/18) were confirmed and signed by the Chairperson as correct.

ER36/17 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

ER37/17 Circular Economy/Zero Waste Strategy Implementation

The Head of Environment presented the above report a copy of which had previously been circulated. She advised that the purpose of the report was to update Members on proposals to take forward the Circular Economy/Zero Waste Strategy recently adopted by Council.

In response to a query from Councillor Tierney, the Head of Environment confirmed that he had hoped to consider the wider stakeholder forum in the first instance and within this forum to look at the issue of governance and how this could be taken forward.

Councillor Tierney referred to the excellent work being carried on this issue at local schools and as such felt it would be important to invite schools representatives onto the forum.

Councillor Duffy welcomed the report and progress made to date in relation to the adoption of a zero waste strategy. She suggested that the recommendation contained in the report resembled a proposal put forward by her at the previous Committee Meeting. She welcomed suggested representation from schools onto the forum. She referred to the role of the Youth Council and the lessons to be learnt from young people in terms of working towards the adoption of a zero waste strategy. She stated that consideration could be given to extending membership, in due course, if required.

The Head of Environment said a number of organisation would be considered for inclusion on this forum in order to determine the most appropriate.

Subsequently the Committee

Recommended that authority be granted for the setting up of a Steering Group to progress the implementation of the Circular Economy/Zero Waste Strategy.

ER38/17 Sustainable NI

The Director of Environment and Regeneration presented the above report a copy of which had previously been circulated to Members. She advised that the purpose of the report was to seek approval in relation to continued support for Sustainable NI.

The Committee

Recommended that Members endorse the annual work plan and approve annual financial support for Sustainable NI for 2018/19 to the value of £5,000.

ER39/17 **SNPN - Development of 16 New Dwellings at Fir Road, Ballyarnett, Derry**

The Director of Environment and Regeneration presented the above report a copy of which had previously been circulated. She advised that the purpose of the report was to seek Members' approval for the naming of a new housing development containing 16 new dwellings at Fir Road, Ballyarnett, Derry by McGettigan Homes Limited, 10-12 Bridge Street, Strabane.

Councillor Hassan suggested that as there was already a development in the surrounding area named 'Mansfield Grove' the proposed development be named 'Grove Manor'.

The Committee

Recommended that the development of 16 new dwellings at Fir Road, Ballyarnett be named 'Grove Manor' – Nos 1-16.

ER40/17 **DAERA Consultation - Working with Communities: Implementing Geological Disposal**

The Head of Environment presented the above report a copy of which had previously been circulated. He advised that the purpose of the report was to seek Members comments with regard to a consultation exercise being undertaken by DAERA entitled Working with Communities: Implementing Geological Disposal.

Members noted the information contained in the report.

ER41/17 **Applications Processed under Building Regulations (NI)**

The Director of Environment and Regeneration presented the above report a copy of which had previously been circulated. She advised that the purpose of the report was to advise Members of Applications

processed under Building Regulations (NI) between 1 December 2017 and 31 December 2017.

Members noted the content of the report.

The Meeting terminated at 5.10 pm

The meeting ended at Time Not Specified

The Meeting went into Confidential Business

Signed: _____
(Chairperson)

Date: _____