

Derry City and Strabane District Council

**Minutes of Meeting of the Environment and Regeneration Committee (Open)
held in the Guildhall, Derry on Wednesday 14 March 2018 at 4.00 pm**

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

Non-Member of the Committee – Councillor P Kelly.

**In Attendance:- Director of Environment and Regeneration (Mrs K Phillips),
Head of Development and Building Control (Mr F Morrison), Regeneration
Manager (Mr T Monaghan) and Committee Services Assistant (Mrs J Short).**

ER44/18 Notice and Summons of Meeting

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

ER45/18 Apology

An apology for absence was received from Councillor C Kelly.

ER46/18 Declarations of Members' Interests

Councillor Hastings declared an interest with waste management discussions due to his membership on the North West Waste Management Group and Enact.

ER47/18 Deputation - To receive Gary McCollum from RecyCo Limited to discuss Current Recycling Services Provided to Council

The Committee received a presentation from Mr McCollum, RecyCo Ltd, a copy of which had been previously circulated to Members. He proceeded to outline to Members the Company profile, service overview, impact of the China Import Ban. He concluded the presentation with the following summary:

- Not the time for considering change

- Improvements in quality can be achieved by the current comingled system – no need for radical change
- Good communications are key – Councils need to invest more in Recycling Campaigns, Householder education – evidence of payback
- More focus required by Councils on reducing contamination rates – identify areas where contamination is prevalent
- Contamination is a people issue – revolving around; understanding, motivation and perceptions
- Private sector currently bearing most of the risk – significant investment – short term contracts

The Chair invited Members to comment or seek points of clarification if they so wished.

Councillor Duffy welcomed the presentation and supported the promotion of waste control and job creation. She however expressed disagreement with the statement that comingled dry recycling outperformed separate collections. She referred to Council's adoption of the Zero Waste Strategy, which suggested that source separation could demonstrate best value for money in the long term.

Councillor Reilly reiterated the previous speaker's comments in relation to support of the Zero Waste Strategy. He added that this was a prime opportunity for Council to review the treatment of waste in making it as resourceful as possible. The previous comments were supported by other Members.

Mr McCollum left the meeting at this stage.

Chairperson's Business

ER48/18 Welcome to Councillor McCauley

The Chair welcomed Councillor McCauley to his first meeting of the Environment and Regeneration Committee. She wished him well in his new role as replacement to Councillor Hassan, who had recently resigned from Council.

ER49/18 Proposal for the Development of a Regional Crematorium

Members noted that the above item would be discussed in open business later in the meeting.

ER50/18 Decentralisation of DARD Headquarters to Ballykelly

Councillor Reilly referred to the decentralisation of DARD Headquarters to Ballykelly and asked that clarity be sought from the Permanent Secretary from DAERA in relation to the transfer of jobs to the new site and if these were existing or new posts.

ER51/18 Dfi Consultation- Rossville Street Area Resident's Parking Scheme

The Director of Environment and Regeneration informed Members that a formal consultation exercise in relation to the above parking scheme, had been received and an email was forwarded to all Members earlier that day, as the closing date for a response was 10 April 2018. Members agreed that any comments should be sent to the Director of Environment & Regeneration for collation ahead of this date.

ER52/18 Confirmation of the Open Minutes of the Environment and Regeneration Committee held on Wednesday 7 February 2018

Minutes of the Environment and Regeneration Committee held on 7 February 2018 (ER27/18-ER40/18) were confirmed and signed by the Chairperson.

Matters Arising

ER53/18 Lisahally cattle Market

Councillor Hastings referred to the above item and said that he was content to wait for an update report to be presented at the May Committee Meeting.

ER54/18 Roll-Out of Brown Bin Scheme

Councillor P Kelly referred to the roll-out of the Brown Bin Scheme and queried the anticipated delivery time to residents in the rural areas.

The Director of Environment and Regeneration undertook to arrange for the Head of Environment to present a report thereon for submission at the April Committee Meeting.

ER55/18 Zero Waste Strategy

The Director of Environment and Regeneration agreed to present a synopsis of the implementation of the Zero Waste Strategy Policy at a future Committee meeting.

Alderman Warke left the meeting.

ER56/18 Proposal for the development of a Regional Crematorium

The Director of Environment and Regeneration presented the above report, details of which had been previously circulated to Members. The purpose of the report was to seek approval to enter into discussions with the appropriate Officers within the adjoining District Councils of Fermanagh and Omagh, Mid Ulster District Council, Causeway Coast and Glens, and Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon with a view to developing a Strategic Outline Case (SOC) and Outline Business Case (OBC) in relation to the possible provision of Crematorium Services for the 5 Councils.

The Committee

Recommended that Members approve entering into formal discussions at Officer level with the above mentioned neighbouring Councils, with a view to producing a Strategic Outline Case for consideration and developing the Terms of Reference for an Outline Business Case and seeking quotations/tenders for the production of same. A further report will be brought to Committee.

ER57/18 Emergreen Project: ERDF Northern Periphery and Artic Programme

The Director of Environment and Regeneration presented the above report, details of which had been previously circulated to Members. The purpose of the report was to seek Members approval with regard to a funding application for a project under European Regional Development (ERDF) – Northern periphery and Arctic Programme.

The Committee

Recommended that Members approve participation in the above project and should the application be successful, an allocation of match funding of €68,152.00 would be made by DCSDC.

ER58/18 Street Naming and Property Numbering - Development of 8 New Dwellings at Braehead Road, Derry

The Head of Capital Development and Building Control presented the above report, details of which had been previously circulated to Members. The purpose of the report was to gain Members consent to name a new development of eight dwellings at a site on Braehead Road, Nixon's Corner, Derry.

The Committee

Recommended that Members approve the Developer's first name preference, namely, Nixon's Court.

ER59/18 Update - Refuse Collection/Cleaning of Rural Roads

The Head of Environment presented the above report, details of which had been previously circulated to Members. The purpose of the report was to update Members on recent service disruptions with regard to refuse collection services and to advise on progress on litter clearing of rural roads.

The Director of Environment and Regeneration in response to a query raised by Councillor Tierney in relation to the delay in collection of bulky waste, advised that the bulky waste vehicles were off road during the recent adverse weather conditions, however the vehicles had resumed normal service provision and any backlog was cleared. She asked Members to forward any concerns to the Head of Environment who would address any issues accordingly.

The Director of Environment and Regeneration in response to comments agreed to present an update report at a future Meeting regarding the change in Health and Safety legislation that impacted service provision by litter pickers on rural roads.

She also agreed for a report to be presented in relation to unadopted developments and proposed action in terms of seeking an adoption on a phased basis from the Developer.

The Committee

**Recommended the Members note the content of
the above report.**

ER60/18 Safety Signage at Foyle College, Limavady Road

The Director of Environment and Regeneration to update Members on safety measures installed in the vicinity of the new Foyle College, Limavady Road, Derry.

Alderman M Hamilton welcomed the report and requested safety signage to be erected at Lisnavar Court and Lisnamon Court, near Altnagelvin . Councillor Reilly supported the request.

The Committee

**Recommended that Members note the content of the
report.**

ER61/18 DfI Proposed No Waiting Restriction at Water Wall, Strabane

The Director of Environment and Regeneration presented the above report, details of which had been previously circulated to Members. The purpose of the report was to advise Members of a letter received dated 14 February 2018 from Transport NI, Network Development Section regarding a DfI proposal to introduce a no waiting at anytime restriction on Water Wall, Strabane.

Councillor P Kelly asked for a request to be made to Transport NI to consult with the businesses affected by the above proposal.

The Committee

**Recommended that Members note the content of the
report.**

ER62/18 Proposed Taxi Rank

The Director of Environment and Regeneration presented the above report, details of which had been previously circulated to Members. The purpose of the report was to advise Members of correspondence received from Transport NI dated 28th February 2018, regarding proposed taxi ranks at Waterloo Place and Strand Road, Derry.

The Committee

Recommended that Members note the content of the report.

ER63/18 Applications Processed under Building Regulations (NI)

The Head of Capital Development and Building Control presented the above report, details of which had been previously circulated to Members. The purpose of the report was to advise Members of applications processed under Building Regulations (NI) between 1 January and 31 January 2018.

The Committee

Recommended that Members note the applications processed under the Building Regulations (NI) between 1 January 2018 and 31 January 2018.

The meeting ended at Time Not Specified

The Meeting went into Confidential Business

**Signed: _____
(Chairperson)**

Date: _____