

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

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<b>13</b>	Notice of Motion Proposed Councillor McMullan, seconded by Councillor Chivers, (referred from Council Meeting held 2 June 2020)  <b>Coastal Erosion</b>	<b>Support Notice of Motion</b>
<b>14</b>	Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor McCaw, seconded by Councillor Mulholland, (referred from Council Meeting held 4 August 2020)  <b>Litter Strategy for the Borough</b>	<b>Support the Notice of Motion</b>
<b>15.</b>	Correspondence	<b>None</b>
	<b>15.1</b> DAERA - The Clean Neighbours & Environmental Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 - The Environmental Offences (Fixed Penalties) (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulation (Northern Ireland) 2012	<b>Note Head of Built Environment to enquire when consultation to take place</b>
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<b>16.</b>	Any Other Relevant Business (notified in accordance with Standing Order 12 (o))	
	<b>16.1 Alderman Finlay</b> Litter picking on road verges	<b>Information</b>
	<b>16.2 Alderman Finlay</b> Public toilets not open on bank holiday in Portrush.	<b>Information</b>
	<b>16.3 Alderman Finlay</b> Riverside Park, Ballymoney	<b>Site Meeting to be held</b>
	<b>16.4 Councillor Wilson</b> Fixed penalty notices for dog fouling and littering	<b>Council to write to DAERA to request Fixed Penalty be increased from £80 to £250 and Devolving Powers for setting Fixed Penalty rate to Councils</b>

	<b>16.5 Councillor Wilson</b> Recycling Centres booking system/Covid-19 restrictions	<i>Report on usage, feedback, complaints, compliments etc. to be presented to September Committee Meeting</i>
	<b>16.6 Alderman Fielding</b> To review the present arrangements for visiting household recycling centres	<i>Review current booking system – report to be presented at September Committee Meeting</i>
	<b>16.7 Alderman Baird</b> Recycling System	<i>Dealt with in 16.5 and 16.6</i>
	<b>16.8 Alderman Baird</b> Ballintoy Harbour – Illegal Trading	<i>Write to Dept. Infrastructure to look at infrastructure problem; lobby Central Government and Stormont re investment and invite to attend Council to discuss and write to National Trust to ask them to consider the re-opening of Carrick-a-Rede car park</i>
	<b>IN COMMITTEE (ITEMS 17 TO 23 INCL)</b>	
<b>17.</b>	Street Trading	<i>Refuse Mobile Street Trading Licence – invite applicant to address Council</i>
<b>18.</b>	Procurement of 9 no. 26 tonne GVW Refuse Collection Vehicles	<i>Approve and report on maintenance 6 months after delivery of new vehicles</i>
<b>19.</b>	Upgrade of Car Parks Phase 4	<i>Grant and appoint Northstone Ltd for tender sum of £57,263.44</i>

<b>20.</b>	Knock Road Depot	<b><i>Accept lowest tender of £65,578 and award to JS Dunlop</i></b>
<b>21.</b>	Drumaduff Landfill Site – Fencing Contract	<b><i>Approve quotation by NK fencing – authorise spend of £14,425</i></b>
<b>22.</b>	Cromie Institute Update	<b><i>Withdrawn from Agenda To be presented to September ES Committee Meeting</i></b>
<b>23.</b>	Provision of Waste Water Services for the Collection, Disposal and Treatment of Hazardous Paints/Varnishes, Non-Hazardous Paints, Vegetable Oil, Engine Oil and Other Oils that include: Oily Rags, Oil Filters and Used Engine Oil Containers	<b><i>Approve and award tender to Enva</i></b>

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE  
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL  
CHAMBER, CIVIC HEADQUARTERS  
AND VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE  
ON TUESDAY 11 AUGUST 2020 AT 7:00PM**

- In the Chair:** Alderman McQuillan (C)
- Members Present:** Alderman Boyle (R), Fielding (C), Finlay (C), and Robinson (R)  
Councillors Bateson(R), Beattie (R), Chivers (R), Holmes (C), Hunter (R), MA McKillop (R), McLaughlin (R), McLean (C), Wallace (C) and Wilson (R)
- Non Committee Members Present:** Councillor McMullan (R) (Item 13)  
Councillor McCaw (C) (Item 14)  
Alderman Baird (R) (Items 16.7 and 16.8)
- Officers Present:** A McPeake, Director of Environmental Services (C)  
B Edgar, Head of Health & Built Environment (R)  
A Mullan, Head of Operations (R)  
G Doyle, Head of Estates (R)  
J Richardson, Head of Capital Works, Energy & Infrastructure (R)  
D Allen, Committee & Member Services Officer (C)
- In Attendance:** Press (R) (1 No)

**Key:**

C = Chamber    R = Remote

**1. APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies recorded.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest recorded.

**3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD TUESDAY 9 JUNE 2020**

The Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday 9 June 2020 were confirmed as

a correct record.

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

Information report previously circulated.

The undernoted application for renewal of an Amusement Permit was received, acknowledged and processed during the report period.

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

The information report was **NOTED**.

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

Information report previously circulated.

The undernoted applications for an Entertainments Licence have been received, acknowledged and processed during the report period.

<b>Unique Reference Number:</b>	<b>Name of Premises</b>
EL361	Benedy Community Outreach and Social Centre
EL133	Potters Snooker Club
EL380	Old Church Centre
EL316	Foyle View Bar

The information report was **NOTED**.

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

Information report previously circulated.

The undernoted applications were issued under Delegated Authority during the last report period:

Unique Reference No	Name of Premises	Type of Registration
MA002	Mussenden Temple	Variation
TMA 002/2020	59a Drumavoley Rd, Ballycastle	Temporary Approval
TMA 003/2020	83 Whitepark Rd, Ballycastle	Temporary Approval

The information report was **NOTED**.

## 7. PETROLEUM SPIRIT LICENCE RENEWALS PETROLEUM (REGULATION) ACTS 1929 AND 1937

Information report previously circulated.

The undernoted applications for renewal of petroleum spirit licence have been received acknowledged and processed during the report period.

<u>Licence No:</u>	<u>Name of Premises</u>
PL019	Supervalu Portstewart
PL035	Milltown Service Station
PL018	Ivan Wilson Filling Station
PL030	Wild Geese Parachute Centre
PL065	Ulster Gliding Club Ltd
PL001	Ballyness Service Station
PL027	PSNI Coleraine
PL006	Larkhill Service Station
PL066	Solo Express
PL011	Somerset Service Station
PL061	Greenbank Service Station
PL057	Roebank Service Station
PL013	Costcutter & Go Filling Station
PL007	Exorna Filling Station

The information report was **NOTED**.

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

Information report previously circulated.

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

Unique Reference Number	Applicant	Type of Licence	Commodity	Location
MST 017	Colin Kennedy	Mobile	Ice Cream	Borough of Causeway Coast & Glens
SST 001	Ivan Dobbin	Stationary	Hot Food	Car Park at Shops, Daneshill Road, Ballysally, Coleraine
MST 014	Lee Gibson	Mobile	Ice Cream	Borough of Causeway Coast & Glens
SST 006	Malachy Sweeney	Stationary	Hot Food	Layby at Dunhill Road, Macosquin, Coleraine
MST 009	Harry Douthart	Mobile	Ice Cream	Borough of Causeway Coast & Glens
MST 006	Tracy Clifford	Mobile	Ice Cream	Borough of Causeway Coast & Glens
SST 005	Tracy Clifford	Stationary	Hot Food	Lansdowne Road, Portrush.

The information report was **NOTED**.

## 9. **CONFIRMATION OF FUNDING FROM THE PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY FOR THE DELIVERY OF SERVICES 2020-2021**

The Head of Health and Built Environment presented Members with an information report (previously circulated), confirming the level of funding from the Public Health Agency to continue to deliver the Energy Efficiency Advice Service and the Home Safety/Accident Prevention.

The Public Health Agency (Northern Office) have confirmed in correspondence dated 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020 the level of funding to ensure the continuation of existing contracts until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 in respect of the following services:-

Accident Prevention £64,508.00

Energy Efficiency Advice £49,159.00

This represents a 2.0% increase on the previous year's funding.

A delivery work plan including key performance indicators has been agreed for each of the service areas with the funders. For Accident Prevention, this includes the provision of home safety advice, the supply and delivery of equipment, support to Hazard House educational facility, and the delivery of



home safety initiatives as per the Regional Home Accident Prevention Strategy.

With respect to Energy Efficiency, this includes advice and support including signposting to grant providers, addressing fuel poverty and energy efficiency, supporting fuel stamp schemes, oil buying clubs, distribution of keep warm packs, delivering initiatives such as Energy Detectives, Slow and Sew Energy Efficient programmes.

These and all other terms and conditions of the contracts remain unchanged from the previous year.

In response to a query from Alderman Robinson the Head of Health and Built Environment informed Members that at the beginning of Covid-19 the 2 Efficiency staff had been redeployed to Operations for a short period of time. Both Efficiency staff have now resumed their previous roles; there has been no reduction of staff on the Energy Efficiency Advice Services.

The information report was **NOTED**.

#### **10. UPDATE ON COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME MARCH-MAY 2020**

Information report previously circulated.

The Head of Built & Environment presented Members with a report providing an update on the placement provided to the Commonwealth Scholarship Programme and student Gomezgani Nyasulu (Gome) who spent time with the section between February and June 2020.

Gome, an Environmental Health Officer from Zomba in Malawi has recently returned home after spending three months on work placement with Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council. He arrived in the area at the beginning of March, just weeks before coronavirus restrictions came into force.

The placement aimed to provide a valuable insight into all aspects of Environmental Health along with Building Control and Waste Management which Gome has responsibility for in his role with Zomba City Council. Whilst the overall principles of Environmental Health are the same all over the world, the issues affecting us in Northern Ireland along with the way we work are very different to those faced by Gome on a daily basis.

The placement began with Council's Food team, where he accompanied officers to a variety of different establishments including cafés, fish and chip shops, primary school kitchens, a wholesaler and a manufacturer of

charcuterie, where he got to sample some of the produce. He found this very interesting and informative and was impressed with the standards in the premises and the way in which officers carried out their work. In particular he was surprised at how much detailed paperwork both the inspecting officers and the food business operators have to complete and how we focused in depth on all areas of food hygiene and standards, not just on how clean the building was.

Part of Gome's programme was to report back on a weekly basis to his management team in Zomba sharing his experiences and how the learning outcomes could be developed and applied on his return to work. As well as the practical aspect of shadowing the officers, Gome also carried out a review of the various policies, procedures and codes of practice used by the food team on a local and national level. Through this, he identified many areas where similar documents would be beneficial. In particular he was impressed with the Food Hygiene Rating Scheme and thought this would be very influential in driving forward standards for businesses in Zomba.

As lockdown took effect, the Environmental Health Team moved to working from home as per Government advice, re-configuring service delivery to virtual inspections, and embracing tele and video conferencing following a pre-prepared Business Continuity plan. As a result, Gome's training plan had to be tailored to meet new ways of working and to experience Council's response to the worldwide pandemic on a local level. His focus switched from routine to crisis response and how emergency response and business continuity is critical to ensure service delivery. He was able to gain invaluable experience in the identification of critical services and how they were adjusted to accommodate government guidance and social distancing to help contain and control the spread of the virus throughout the population.

On the ground he was given the opportunity to participate first hand at a household recycling centre re-introducing a managed safe and legitimate way for the disposal of multiple waste streams. This was all during a backdrop of Gome, as a first time visitor to the country being 1000's of miles from home and the anxiety of not knowing when he might be able to return to his family due to the cessation of global air travel.

Through the Commonwealth scholarship programme which funded his placement and travel he eventually returned safely home in mid-June. He is currently contemplating a return trip in 2021 with the hope of a more/new normal experience next time around. Should he wish to do so, the section would welcome his return so that he may complete the scheduled programme that had been prepared.

Alderman Boyle thanked the Environmental Health Team for supporting Gomezgani Nyasuli (Gome) in the Scholarship Programme.

The Head of Health and Built Environment informed Members that he had received an email that Gome was putting his skills into practice in a new rice production and milling factory.

The information report was **NOTED**.

#### **11. UPDATE ON REPORT OF HEALTH & BUILT ENVIRONMENT ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WORK DURING 1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY – 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2020**

Information report previously circulated.

The Head of Health and Built Environment presented Members with a report, previously circulated, providing them with an update of the work undertaken by the Health & Built Environment Enforcement Officers prior to and during the Coronavirus restrictions following a request received via the Police and Community Safety Partnership.

The Enforcement Team for Causeway Cost and Glens Borough Council is responsible for a wide range of statutory functions including enforcing legislation in relation to dog control, litter and fly tipping, and abandoned motor vehicles.

Although the team had to work from home for a significant period during the recent pandemic restrictions, a substantive service was still provided during this time and all complaints and requests for service were investigated and appropriate action taken. A recovery plan has been devised for the section together with updated risk assessment and visit/inspection protocols with a view to re-introducing all services by the end of August 2020.

The following is a summary of the work carried out by the Enforcement team for that period.

	1 <sup>st</sup> January-31 <sup>st</sup> March 2020 (Q4)	1 <sup>st</sup> April-30 <sup>th</sup> June 2020 (Q1)	Total
<b>Litter &amp; Fly-Tipping</b>			
Complaints Fly-tipping	<b>72</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>203</b>
Complaints Litter	<b>19</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>40</b>
Patrols	<b>91</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>243</b>
Fixed Penalties	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>
Article 20 Notices	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>
Prosecutions Instigated	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>

<b>Dog Control</b>			
Complaints	<b>463</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>802</b>
Attacks on persons	<b>16</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>34</b>
Attacks on other dogs	<b>6</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>28</b>
Attacks on Livestock	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>
Stray Dogs	<b>102</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>156</b>
Stray dogs Impounded	<b>44</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>64</b>
Unlicensed Dogs	<b>74</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>138</b>
Patrols	<b>366</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>459</b>
Fixed Penalties (Fouling)	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>
Fixed Penalties Unlicensed dogs	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>
Control Conditions issued	<b>17</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>26</b>
Prosecutions instigated attacking a person	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
Prosecutions instigated attacking another dog	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
Prosecutions instigated fouling	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Prosecutions instigated No Licence	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Abandoned Vehicles</b>			
Complaints	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>
Resolved	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>

Members are asked to note that the Licensing and Emergency Planning Manager post which was vacated in December 2019 has not been refilled and there remains one full time equivalent vacancy within the Enforcement Officer team.

The Head of Health and Built Environment clarified that all 8 Officers of the Enforcement Team are authorised to enforce the Bye-Laws, however only 2 were dedicated Litter Wardens. The low number of fixed penalties was a combination of reduced patrols in lockdown and the difficulty in identifying those committing the offences. Any information from members of the public would greatly increase the chance of offenders being caught.

Councillor Wilson raised concerns that although the current system had been in operation for 5 or 6 years now, he felt it was not working. More patrols are required, the time that patrols take place should be changed, the number of Officers who can enforce fixed penalties should be increased and PR needed to be improved.

The Director of Environmental Services stated that this was a problem throughout the whole of Northern Ireland and that numerous

campaigns had been issued throughout Northern Ireland to address this issue. The Head of Health and Built Environment informed Members that dog fouling was an issue spread throughout the whole of the Borough, with Coleraine and Limavady being the worst areas.

The information report was **NOTED**.

## **12. STREAMLINING OF PAVEMENT CAFÉ LICENSING PROCEDURE**

Information report, previously circulated.

The Head of Health and Built Environment presented Members with a report providing them with an update to the decision made to temporarily waive application fees with respect to the issue of Pavement Café Licences.

In order to assist the recovery of hospitality sector amid the current health pandemic, Council agreed by electronic vote on the 24<sup>th</sup> June to waive the fees levied for the issue of Pavement Café Licences for a period of 6 months ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

As a result a streamlined process was put in place for the issue of Pavement Café Licences working in conjunction with Planning Service, PSNI and the Department for Infrastructure. Those businesses that wish to sell or permit their patrons to consume alcohol within a pavement café area will also require their liquor licence to be amended for that purpose.

The intent would be to create additional outdoor space for use by customers in our towns and villages. Scale plans will still need to be scrutinised by DfI to make an informed judgement about separation distances from road junctions, street furniture etc. to ensure that there is adequate circulation space for all pedestrians. Social distancing requirements must also be met.

A revised application form flowchart and information pack has posted on Councils website and all business that had previously been identified as utilising additional outdoor space contacted.

At the time of report preparation a total of 11 enquiries had been received but only one valid application. Officers continue to work with applicants to ensure all necessary supporting documentation is provided to enable a determination to be made. Operators continue to trade whilst the application is considered.

Those traders who continue to offer outdoor seating spaces and have not submitted an application for Pavement Café Licence will be subject to

Councils graduated enforcement policy, a copy of which is also published on the website.

Alderman Boyle raised concerns that although there had been 11 enquires received only one application was valid. The Head of Health & Built Environment stated that Officers were working with applicants to encourage them to submit their applications with the necessary supporting documentation. Council will instigate its Enforcement Policy where applications have not been submitted.

The information report was **NOTED**.

\* **Councillor Holmes arrived at the meeting at 7.20pm during discussion of information items 4 to 12.**

**13. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED COUNCILLOR MCMULLAN, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR CHIVERS (REFERRED FROM COUNCIL MEETING HELD 2 JUNE 2020)**

***Coastal Erosion Motion***

*That this council recognizes the present and future dangers that coastal erosion will bring to our coast line. That this council also recognizes the impact that coastal erosion will have on our economy and the quality of life for our residents, and further recognizes the ongoing loss of land to the agricultural community due to coastal erosion. That this council now calls on the Department of Infrastructure and DAERA to look at setting up a Coastal Observatory in line with and under the same conditions as other jurisdictions.*

Councillor McMullan read out a statement.

*'I am asking Council tonight to support my call for the Departments of Infrastructure and DAERA to look at setting up a Coastal Observatory in line with and under the same conditions, as other jurisdictions.*

*Our Council has one of the longest coast lines, with this we are being affected more each year by coastal erosion, some of biggest tourist attractions are situated on our coast, such as golf, coastal walks and our wonderful award winning beaches. An example of this erosion is on the Cushendall beach, where a section of the sea defence wall collapsed, initial estimates of around £200,000 are being quoted to repair the damage.*

*This is money that Council are finding harder to budget for. Our Agricultural land has suffered over the years; we see in areas of Limavady over 100 acres of arable land being lost because of rising water levels.*

*Coastal erosion can, and does have, consequences for wildlife, making it hard for species to live and breed. Members we must act now, coastal erosion is something that Central Government must act on, it is too big for Council.*

*I thank council for the opportunity to bring this motion to the Committee please support.'*

Councillor McMullan informed Members that there would be no cost to Council to set up. It would be set up with the Environment Agency who would appoint Managers, through the Universities, to run it. Council would become members of the Observatory along with other Statutory Bodies.

Councillor Chivers read out a statement in support of the Motion.

*'I am happy to support Councillor McMullan's Motion and would like to speak on the impact that coastal erosion has on the agricultural sector.*

*Our coast runs from Greysteel to the Glens; coastal erosion has a detrimental impact on landowners' livelihoods, they have lost hundreds of acres to the sea with no compensation or defence. One farmer was reported to have lost 4 acres in 40years Losing £8000 a year and there are many other land owners in the same boat.*

*There are pumps in Shackleton, sea walls in Myroe, but nothing in Magilligan. Coastal erosion also has an impact on our habitats which also have to be protected.*

*I urge council to support the motion.'*

Councillor MA McKillop read out the following statement in support of the Motion.

*'The SDLP will be supporting this motion and I am grateful to colleagues for bringing it forward.*

*Coastal erosion is a real and mounting challenge. To tackle it requires strong and co-ordinated leadership. We need to urgently and strategically tackle Coastal erosion. It is a natural process that is going to continue but the challenge for everyone involved comes in managing that in a much more strategic way. We need to develop urgently a clear vision of how we wish our coastline to be shaped, now and well into the future.*

*We can no longer ignore or underestimate the impact that coastal erosion will have on those directly affected, especially those that live in areas such*

*as the Causeway Coast and Glens. Erosion poses a constant threat to our buildings, roads, railways and other infrastructure as well as recreational areas, such as golf courses.”*

*What we need is coordination between agencies and clear terms of responsibility, particularly between the Department for Infrastructure, DAERA and our local council areas, such as Causeway Coast and Glens. We need a fit-for-purpose policy to replace our discredited Bateman formula to protect our coast, one of our most valuable assets in terms of tourism, local recreation and the health and wellbeing of our communities.’*

Alderman Boyle and Councillor Beattie pledged their support for the Motion.

Alderman Robinson stated that there was no specific legislation for managing coastal erosion in Northern Ireland. Council should also write to the Department to ascertain if they intend to introduce some legislation on this.

Proposed by Councillor McMullan  
Seconded by Councillor Chivers

- that this council writes to the Department of Infrastructure and DAERA to look at setting up a Coastal Observatory in line with, and under the same conditions as, other jurisdictions. Council to also write to the Department to ascertain if legislation is intended to be introduced to manage coastal erosion in Northern Ireland.

The Chair put the Motion to the Committee to vote. 15 Members voted For, 0 Members voted Against and 0 Members Abstained.

The Chair declared the Motion **CARRIED**.

**14. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR MCCAWE,  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MULHOLLAND, (REFERRED FROM  
COUNCIL MEETING HELD 4 AUGUST 2020)**

*‘Council notes with concern the rise in the amount of litter in the Borough over the previous months, in particular the effect this has on the natural environment and on our reputation as a tourism destination. Therefore, Council tasks officers to develop a comprehensive Litter Strategy for the Borough, to incorporate a review of the litter infrastructure, lifting and disposal of waste, education and engagement with the community and local stakeholders. Council officers should use best practice from other Council areas across the UK and Ireland as a blueprint for this.’*



Councillor McCaw read out a prepared statement.

*'Thank you very much Chair and thank you for agreeing to hear this motion at the start of the meeting. I am pleased to be speaking on such an important and topical issue to the Environmental Services committee this evening. Members will perhaps have seen the photos shared in the last couple of days on social media of the litter in Portrush after the weekend. It is clear from this, and also from similar experiences across the Borough over the last number of weeks and months that litter is an issue that requires a rethink.*

*I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Mr McPeake, Mr Mullan and all of their team, as well as our Environmental Cleansers who are now a regular sight across the area. They have done a brilliant job in responding to the sudden increase in litter, particularly in coastal towns, which arose following the easing to travel restrictions. The aim of our motion this evening is to assist with the work of the Environmental Services team and to hopefully make their job slightly easier.*

*The first part of our motion this evening deals with the issue of our current infrastructure of bins in the area. If the motion is successful, we would conduct a review of where our bins are currently placed, the number of bins, collection times and also the types of bins deployed. For example, the blue "event bins" in Portrush have proven useful in dealing with increased volumes of visitors. Such a review would allow us to identify potential issues with our service and any areas where we can improve efficiency. Behaviour can be influenced by the way infrastructure such as litter bins are located, serviced and designed. We should also look to introduce "Recycling on the go" bins in areas of heavy footfall. One further area we should be looking at is the locations of dog fouling bins at beaches, as I think we are lacking slightly in capacity there.*

*The second, and more substantive, part of the motion deals with the issue of developing a strategy to deal with litter and to shape and change attitudes on it. It is clear from our experiences over the last while that attitudes to litter, among a small minority, are very uncaring and the some people don't think of the consequences of it. There have been a number of councils across the UK who have adopted litter strategies, for example in Perth and Kinross, Falkirk and Monmouthshire. There is also an inter-departmental Litter Strategy for England. Ards and North Down have called for a strategy from Stormont, however I feel that the main powers needed are actually at local council level.*

*These strategies, broadly speaking, deal with three pillars; infrastructure, enforcement and partnerships. The previous part of my speech dealt with infrastructure. Current approaches to enforcement should be reviewed in*

*order to identify any opportunities for trialling new approaches, for example through deployment of litter wardens.*

*Partnership working is a valuable tool for achieving more efficient use of resources. There are many organisations that have a vested interest in litter, such as Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful, local community groups, businesses, land managers such as Translink or the National Trust and enforcement agencies. Consultation with takeaway businesses, for example, on their own provision of bins outside their properties or on materials that are used in their packaging could be a way of reducing litter at peak times. Any strategy should identify ways of working with these organisations to reduce litter and change attitudes. An example of an inter-agency approach is the Clean Up Scotland campaign launched in the run-up to the Commonwealth Games in 2014.*

*The strategy must also have clear, measurable performance indicators so that we can identify whether it is having an impact and then make changes where necessary. The public must have confidence that this strategy will deliver a noticeable change for them. We have seen over the last number of weeks that we rely on the goodwill and co-operation of the community to help us in dealing with the issue of litter in order to protect our beautiful area and our reputation. People want to see us taking decisive action and our Council should be taking the lead.'*

- \* **Councillor Hunter left the meeting at 8.05pm due to internet connection issues.**

Councillor Mulholland read out a statement in support of the Motion.

*'Thank you Chair.*

*I am pleased to second the Motion calling for a litter strategy for Causeway Coast and Glens. As a Councillor for the Causeway DEA, I have been particularly affected and concerned with this issue over the last months. I agree that Council has done a great job in reacting so to the rise in litter since Easter and that a litter strategy would assist even further in dealing with the problem.*

*A litter strategy must be about changing perceptions and informing the public. Information is key to changing attitudes on litter. We must communicate with the public in terms of explaining why people should do the right thing with waste. We must educate the public, and in particular children and young people through schools and other organisations, to encourage long-term positive attitudes to waste and littering. Finally, we must also take a lead in local community action, helping people to take responsibility for their areas.*

*We have all seen the efforts being made by local people to assist in the cleaning up of their own areas. I would like to pay tribute to those who have worked hard to arrange litter picks, especially in the Causeway area, where they are still ongoing. It has been very encouraging to see the number of people turning out and giving their free time to help to tidy their area. I have taken part in recent litter picks in my own area, including one a few Saturdays ago where around twenty volunteers lifted 23 full bags of rubbish. This shows not only the unfortunate scale of the problem of litter in the area, but also the level of effort local people are prepared to make.*

*As a Council, it is our duty to assist these people who are taking ownership of the issue by providing them with the resources and support necessary to carry out litter picks and any other work they feel necessary to improve their local communities. Local groups should always feel that the Council is on their side and will support these initiatives.*

*Adopting a litter strategy would play a major role in beginning to change people's attitudes towards litter. We are very lucky to live in such a beautiful area and I know we are all keen to preserve it for future generations. We cannot afford to let this issue continue. The continued presence of photos on social media of litter in the area, particularly after summer weekends, has the potential to cause reputational damage to us as a tourism destination. We are not suggesting that a litter strategy will change this overnight, but we believe it will start the process of changing perceptions, bring communities together to tackle the issue and will allow us to get a better grip on the issue of litter.'*

The Director of Environmental Services highlighted the work that had taken place in addressing the ongoing litter problem 'Live Smart' and 'Litter Smart' initiatives. He also highlighted the work Environmental Services Officers had been doing in relation to recycling and litter education throughout the Borough.

Councillor McCaw felt that attitudes and education were a key part in addressing this problem.

Proposed by Councillor McCaw  
Seconded by Councillor Mulholland

- that Council tasks officers to develop a comprehensive Litter Strategy for the Borough, to incorporate a review of the litter infrastructure, lifting and disposal of waste, education and engagement with the community and local stakeholders. Council officers should use best practice from other Council areas across the UK and Ireland as a blueprint for this.

The Chair put the Motion to the Committee to vote. 14 Members voted For, 0 Members voted Against and 0 Members Abstained.

The Chair declared the Motion **CARRIED**.

\* **Councillor Mulholland left the meeting at 8.10pm.**

## **15. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Director of Environmental Services presented the correspondence report, previously circulated.

Correspondence was received from the following:

### **15.1 DAERA - The Clean Neighbours & Environmental Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 - The Environmental Offences (Fixed Penalties) (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulation (Northern Ireland) 2012**

Mr Edwin Poots MLA, Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs has issued a response dated 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2020 to Member's request for the Department to consider reviewing the prescribed range of fines for dog fouling offences.

Copy correspondence previously circulated.

The Head of Health & Built Environment informed Members that he would enquire on when the consultation would be taking place.

Members **NOTED** the correspondence.

### **15.2 Changing Places Toileting Provision**

As part of a campaign for greater changing places toileting provision across NI, a request has been received in correspondence dated 15 July 2020. It has been asked if Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council will make representation to the Department of Finance for any Barnett Formula consequentials arising from the £30 million UK Changing Places Funding Programme, to be ring fenced for the provision of changing places toilets in NI, and to seek a share of this funding for the provision of these facilities within the Council area?

Proposed by Alderman Robinson  
Seconded by Councillor McLean

- that Council make representation to the Department of Finance for any Barnett Formula consequentials arising from the £30 million UK

Changing Places Funding Programme, to be ring fenced for the provision of changing places toilets in NI, and to seek a share of this funding for the provision of these facilities within the Council area.

The Chair put the Motion to the Committee to vote. 14 Members voted For, 0 Members voted Against and 0 Members Abstained.

The Chair declared the Motion **CARRIED**.

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

### **16.1 Alderman Finlay**

*Litter picking on road verges.*

This item had been discussed earlier in the meeting.

### **16.2 Alderman Finlay**

*Public toilets not open on bank holiday in Portrush.*

The Director of Environmental Services informed Members that there had been an issue in relation to staffing and toilet cleansing on this date and that this had now been resolved.

### **16.3 Alderman Finlay**

*Riverside Park, Ballymoney.*

Alderman Finlay stated that there was a huge amount of litter and dog foul on this site and that the 'Don't Mow Let It Grow' area was now just thistles.

Proposed by Alderman Finlay  
Seconded by Councillor McLean and

**AGREED** - that a Site Meeting at Riverside Park, Ballymoney takes place for Members in order for them to make a decision.

Alderman Boyle felt that due to Covid-19 restrictions it would be more appropriate to hold a Special Council Meeting.

The Director of Environmental Services informed Members that a site specific Risk Assessment would have to be carried out before a Site Visit could take place.

### **16.4 Councillor Wilson**

*Fixed Penalty notices for dog fouling and littering.*

Councillor Wilson stated that there had already been a lengthy discussion on the problem of dog fouling and littering earlier in the meeting.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson  
Seconded by Councillor McLaughlin and

**AGREED** - that this Council writes at the earliest opportunity to the Minister for Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA), to request the maximum amount payable under a Fixed Penalty Notice in respect of littering and dog fouling offences be increased from the current limit of £80 to £250.

and

**AGREED** - an enforcement in relation to littering and dog fouling offences, with a view to further proposals which may assist in achieving a 'polluter pays' principle for the Borough, including but not limited to the possibility of requesting devolving powers for setting Fixed Penalty rates to Councils.

The Chair put the Motion to the Committee to vote. 13 Members voted For, 0 Members voted Against and 1 Member Abstained.

The Chair declared the Motion **CARRIED**.

## **16.5 Councillor Wilson**

*Recycling Centres booking system/Covid-19 restrictions.*

Councillor Wilson queried that now lockdown restrictions had been eased and the backlog reduced, could Council go back to the pre lockdown system in Recycling Centres.

The Director of Environmental Services stated that he had severe reservations at this stage, due to queuing and Health and Safety issues and that the current on-line system was working well.

A Risk Assessment has been carried out which suggests that the current on-line system continues. The system is an innovative way of dealing with members of the public and provides Council with feedback on the type of materials and waste that is disposed of.

The Director of Environmental Services informed Members that he would bring back a report on usage, feedback, complaints, compliments etc. to the next Environmental Services Committee Meeting.

## 16.6 Alderman Fielding

*To review the present arrangements for visiting household recycling centres.*

Alderman Fielding stated that he felt that the booking system should be reviewed and a report be presented to Members on the benefits of the current booking system for recycling centres.

Councillor Bateson reminded Members that Covid-19 was still present and that the current booking system protected both staff and members of the public. He felt that extending opening hours in line with summer opening would be advantageous.

Some Members stated that members of the public had reported that they had not booked, and even though the recycling centres were quiet they had still not been allowed to enter.

The Director of Environmental Services informed Members that some sites such as Loughan Hill and Limavady were very busy. However, the sites should still be able to be booked the same day or the following day.

Proposed by Alderman Fielding  
Seconded by Alderman Finlay and

**AGREED** - that Council review the current booking system and a report be presented to Members at the next Environmental Services Committee Meeting.

- \* **Alderman Baird informed Councillor Holmes via mobile phone that she has had lost connection to the meeting during discussion of this item and could not reconnect.**

## 16.7 Alderman Baird

*The current system of making a reservation to bring rubbish to recycling was set up due to the Covid-19 restrictions. This system is creating difficulties for people who require assistance in moving materials, e.g. where the good will of a neighbour or friend is required to transport and/or move items for recycling. Please advise why it is necessary to continue with a booking system when Covid-19 restrictions have been eased in public places and when re-cycling can be open and available to all citizens.*

Councillor Baird had left the meeting due to connection issues so was unable to speak on this matter and the Chair informed her, via connection to Councillor Holmes mobile phone, that a decision to bring back a report

on the booking system had already been taken.

## **16.8 Alderman Baird**

### **Ballintoy Harbour – Illegal Trading**

*Alderman Baird stated that over the past month Ballintoy Harbour had been besieged by what appears to be illegal trading. This has greatly reduced the space available for visitors and turned a normally peaceful environment into a jamboree.*

*Up to six traders plying Water sports experiences and even selling/renting wet gear with a plethora of vans and trailers have taken over the area. Marquees have been erected and several are sleeping over in transit vans. The precious sensitive environment of the Harbour has been desecrated with the caves being used as toilets. Please advise what urgent action is being taken by Council to gain control of this situation which is having a negative impact on tourism in our area?*

The Director of Environmental Services informed Members that he had spoken to Alderman Baird earlier in the day in relation to this. He stated that there was an onus for Council to put in some controls and management in place, this is difficult to enforce as Ballintoy Harbour is a public access location. Council would provide options in order to manage the situation, however, it may not be in place until 2021.

There would always be congestion at Ballintoy Harbour, especially in the warm weather. The access to the harbour was narrow and therefore problematic and that Council may look at possibly introducing a park & ride or park & stride transport system to relieve congestion. The congestion was not helped by the closure of the Carrick-a-Rede car park.

In response to a query from Councillor Baird the Director of Environmental Services informed Members that traders were not trading at the harbour but that the public had pre-booked with the businesses for activities to take place thereafter. There was an opportunity to work with the Countryside Management Team to look at water sport provision on Council property.

Councillor Wilson stated that there was an infrastructure problem especially at the Dark Hedges, Ballintoy Harbour, Cushendun and Cushendall.

Councillor Wilson suggested that Council develop a Policy which provided some kind of control of this and that Council could legally put out to tender. The Director of Environmental Services informed Members that there was a mechanism for this and he would be happy to look at options on the best way to proceed.



Proposed by Councillor Wilson  
Seconded by Councillor MA McKillop and

**AGREED** - that Council write to the Department of Infrastructure to look at the infrastructure problem within Northern Ireland; that Council lobby Central Government and Stormont for a sizeable investment to handle the tourism industry and that the relevant department attend Council to discuss.

Proposed by Councillor McQuillan  
Seconded by Councillor Bateson and

**AGREED** - that Council write to the National Trust to ask them to consider the re-opening of Carrick-a-Rede car park.

\* **Councillor McCaw left the meeting at 9.10pm.**

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

Proposed by Alderman Fielding  
Seconded by Councillor MA McKillop and

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

\* **Press left the meeting.**

### **17. STREET TRADING**

Confidential report, previously circulated.

The Head of Health and Built Environment presented Members with an application that had been received for Mobile Street Trading for Ice-cream, soft drinks crisps, confectionary.

The applicant was prosecuted by Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council on 6 October 2017 and 3 May 2019 in relation to unlicensed street trading.

The applicant submitted an application for a mobile street trading licence to Council on 2 July 2018 to which Council did not grant a licence. The applicant appealed; the appeal was dismissed.

In accordance with Council policy, applicants are requested to produce a Basic Access (NI) Disclosure certificate as part of the application procedure.

The Basic Disclosure Certificate revealed two convictions.

Section 9 of the Street Trading Act (NI) 2001 provides **discretionary** grounds under which a district council may refuse to grant an application for a street trading licence. As a discretionary matter the legislation provides a right of appeal against a refusal on any of these grounds.

Council's Street Trading Policy confirms these discretionary grounds and repeats Section 9(1)(c) of The Street Trading Act (NI) 2001, these grounds may be:

*“that the applicant is on account of misconduct or some other reason relating to trading activities, unsuitable to hold a street trading licence”*

Should Council propose to refuse to grant a licence on any grounds it is obliged to give advance notice of its intention to do so.

The Committee needs to consider whether these convictions represent relevant convictions or not.

Notification of Council's intention to refuse a licence must be made in writing to the applicant. The notification shall state:

- (a) The grounds in which the proposed refusal, grant, revocation or variation would be based; and
- (b) That representation relating to the proposal may be made in writing to Council within such period not being less than 21 days from the date of the notice as may be specified in the notice.

Council shall not proceed to consider any of the grounds for refusal until after the expiry date specified in the notice given for receipt of written representations. Council will consider all written representations received within the allocated period.

The Council shall give notice in writing to the applicant or licence holders of its decision and of:

- (i) The ground for that decision.
- (ii) The right of appeal against that decision.

It is considered that there are two options available to the Committee.

- (a) If the Committee is of the mind to approve this application, no further action is necessary, a full report will be taken to Council and the applicant will be issued with this street trading licence to trade accordingly.

- (b) The Committee may recommend to Council that it should refuse the application.

Should the Committee and Council decide to endorse option (b) it must write to the applicant to advise that Council proposes to refuse the application for a street trading licence.

The applicant may lodge in writing an appeal to this proposal within 21 days of the decision. Where no representation is lodged the decision of the Committee and Council is implemented with respect to this matter however where representations are made these will be heard by full Council at its next available meeting.

**It is recommended** that Council consider the refusal of a mobile street trading licence to the applicant and offer the applicant the opportunity to address Council at the next available meeting.

The Head of Health and Built Environment clarified that it was standard practice for Council to conduct an Access NI check.

Proposed by Councillor McLean  
Seconded by Councillor Wilson

– to recommend that Council consider the refusal of a mobile street trading licence to the applicant and offer the applicant the opportunity to address Council at the next available meeting.

The Chair put the Motion to the Committee to vote. 12 Members voted For, 0 Members voted Against and 1 Member Abstained.

The Chair declared the Motion **CARRIED**.

## **18. PROCUREMENT OF 9 NO 26 TONNE GVW REFUSE COLLECTION VEHICLES**

Confidential report, previously circulated.

The Head of Operations presented Members with a reports seeking to procure 26 tonne Gross Vehicles Weight (GVW) refuse collection vehicles.

The vehicles sought will replace refuse collection vehicles currently on long term hire and will be used to collect domestic residual waste and mixed dry recyclables.

Council tendered for refuse collection vehicles in May 2020 and received submissions from five bidders. All submissions were compliant.

**It is recommended** that the Environmental Services Committee recommends to Council the procurement of 9 no. Mercedes Benz Econic 2630L chassis fitted with Farid-Hillend T1PT body and Zoeller Delta bin lift refuse collection vehicles. Vehicles to be supplied by Castlereagh Motors, off Beechill Road, Newtownbreda, Belfast, BT8 4RH at a total cost of £1,501,290.

In response to a query by Councillor Wilson in relation to maintenance of the vehicles the Head of Operations stated that all new vehicles came with a 3 year warranty.

The Head of Operations confirmed that there was a 6-12 month lead time on the delivery of the new vehicles.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson  
Seconded by Councillor Wallace and

**AGREED** – to recommend to Council the procurement of 9 no. Mercedes Benz Econic 2630L chassis fitted with Farid-Hillend T1PT body and Zoeller Delta bin lift refuse collection vehicles. Vehicles to be supplied by Castlereagh Motors, off Beechill Road, Newtownbreda, Belfast, BT8 4RH at a total cost of £1,501,290.

**AGREED** - that a report be presented to Members on the maintenance of the vehicles, detailing any problems, 6 months after the delivery of the new vehicles.

The Director of Environmental Services clarified that the new vehicles had additional safety features and that daily safety inspections and 6 week checks would be conducted mainly in house if resources were available.

#### **19. UPGRADE OF CAR PARKS PHASE 4. APPOINTMENT OF A CONTRACTOR AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE WORKS**

Confidential report, previously circulated.

The Head of Capital Works, Energy and Infrastructure presented Members with a report requesting permission to progress this project to Stage 3 of the Capital Programme Management System (Appointment of a Contractor and Construction of the Works).

In April 2016 Members were presented with a condition report relating to off-street car parks as transferred from TNI and an associated 4 year planned maintenance schedule.

Subsequently upgrade works have been successfully completed to;

**Phase 1** of the maintenance schedule which included Abbey Street and The Mall carparks, Coleraine 2016/17.

**Phase 2** of the maintenance schedule which included Railway Road Upper and Lower, Long Commons Coleraine and Harbour Car Park Ballintoy 2017/18.

**Phase 3** of the maintenance schedule which included Dunluce Avenue car park Portrush 2018/19.

**Phase 4** is now necessary within 2020 and the following carparks have been prioritised - which consist of a combination of full / partial surface repairs and urgent H&S alterations.

- Church Street Car Park, Ballymoney.
- East Strand Car Park, Port.

The Head of Capital Works, Energy and Infrastructure took Members through Phase 4 and scope of the works, maintenance and Health and safety.

A two stage (PPQ / ITT) tender process was carried out in late January early February 2020 for Church Street car park, Ballymoney and East Strand car park, Portrush as detailed in the attached Tender Report (Appendix 5, previously attached), which incorporated a quality and price evaluation methodology.

**It is recommended** that the Members grant permission to progress to stage 3 of the Capital Programme Management System and appoint Northstone Ltd to carry out the works for the submitted tendered sum of £57,362.44.

Proposed by Councillor McLean  
Seconded by Alderman Finlay and

**AGREED** – to recommend that Members grant permission to progress to stage 3 of the Capital Programme Management System and appoint Northstone Ltd to carry out the works for the submitted tendered sum of £57,362.44.

## 20. KNOCK ROAD DEPOT PROJECT

Confidential report, previously circulated.

The Director of Environmental Services presented Members with a report updating them on the current status of project delivery and request that Council accept the lowest tender for the delivery of the essential works to the Knock Road Depot Project.

In June 2019 Council approved the progression of this project to Stage 3 of the Capital Programme Management System (Construction) for the refurbishment of the Knock Road Depot and Gate Lodge, Ballymoney and subsequently Louerne Construction were appointed as main contractor to carry out the works.

Works commenced as planned with the Phase 1 Gate Lodge refurbishment, however after a period of time the Contractor was showing signs of non-performance and subsequently Councils contract with the Main Contractor Louerne Construction was terminated on 4<sup>th</sup> March, due to the substantial failure of their obligations.

In May 2020 Council received notification that Louerne Construction had entered voluntary liquidation.

The works completed to date by the Main Contractor prior to termination relate only to the Phase 1 Gate Lodge refurbishment, however these were only partially complete and the building now requires immediate urgent essential waterproofing works (roof and windows etc.) and other elements of the building fabric to protect against further deterioration.

The Capital Works team were tasked to carry out a procurement process for the Phase 1 essential works and the associated tender report is attached at Appendix 1, previously circulated.

The Capital Works team are progressing the tender documents for the rest of the original project. A report will follow in due course.

The Director of Environmental Services informed Members that there was an error in the report recommendation, this should read '*lowest tender of £65,578.00*'.

**It is recommended** that Council consider the above and accept the lowest tender of £65,578.00 and award the Phase 1 essential works to the Gate Lodge to JS Dunlop.

In response to a query from Alderman Robinson the Director of Environmental Services clarified that due to the size and scale of the project it was not possible to carry this work out in-house. He also confirmed that the old Porta cabin would be removed and a temporary cabin erected.

Proposed by Councillor Wallace  
Seconded by Alderman Finlay

- to recommend that Council consider the above and accept the lowest tender of £65,578.00 and award the Phase 1 essential works to the Gate Lodge to JS Dunlop.

#### Amendment

Councillor Holmes proposed an amendment:

- that in light of the use of modular units for office, changing and eating facilities within Council and private sector companies that Council look at the option of using modular units on the Knock Rd depot to speed up the replacement process.

There was no seconder for Councillor Holmes' Amendment.

The Chair put the substantive Motion to the Committee to vote. 12 Members voted For, 0 Members voted Against and 0 Members Abstained.

- \* **Councillor Wilson left during the discussion of this item and therefore did not take part in the vote.**

The Chair declared the Motion **CARRIED**.

## **21. DRUMADUFF LANDFILL SITE – FENCING**

Confidential report, previously circulated.

The Director of Environmental Services presented Members with a report requesting spend authorisation and subsequent permission to proceed with a fencing project at Councils Drumaduff landfill site (Drumaduff Road, Limavady).

Drumaduff Landfill Site was originally operated by Limavady Borough Council until its closure in circa 2003 when it ceased accepting waste.

An issue with fly tipping exists on the site, which has been a persistent problem for some years. Large sections of the existing fence line along the Councils boundary is mostly missing, with the remaining in poor condition.

A number of photos have been included within this tender report showing the issues noted.

By the closing date 4 No. quotations had been received.

**It is recommended** that Members approve the quotation by NK fencing and authorise spend of £14,425.00.

Council Chivers stated that the problem of fly tipping caused a serious problem for nearby residents.

In response to Alderman Robinsons' query on alternative fencing, the Director of Environmental Services stated that the site was in a remote location and covered a significant distance; the proposed fence would be the most secure way of closing off access to the site.

Proposed by Councillor Chivers  
Seconded by Councillor McLaughlin and

**AGREED** – to recommend that Council approve the quotation by NK fencing and authorise spend of £14,425.00.

## **22. CROMIE INSTITUTE – UPDATE**

The Director of Environmental Services informed Members that this item had been withdrawn from the agenda and would be presented at the September Environmental Services Committee Meeting.

## **23. PROVISION OF WASTER SERVICES FOR THE COLLECTION, DISPOSAL AND TREATMENT OF HAZARDOUS PAINTS/VARNISHES, NON-HAZARDOUS PAINTS, VEGETABLE OIL, ENGINE OIL AND OTHER OILS THAT INCLUDE: OILY RAGS, OIL FILTERS AND USED ENGINE OIL CONTAINERS**

Confidential report, previously circulated, presented by the Director of Environmental Services,

The recommendation is based on the results of the tender evaluation carried out on the responses to the invitation to tender for the provision of waste services for the collection, disposal and treatment of hazardous paints/varnishes, non-hazardous paints, vegetable oil, engine oil and other oils that include: oily rags, oil filters and used engine oil containers.

Invitation to tender issued by North West Region Waste Management Group (NWRWMG).



The purpose of the procurement was to ensure that suitably qualified providers were invited to tender to meet the requirements of the NWRWMG and its constituent councils.

1.5NWRWMG tender evaluation report, dated June 2020, is included in appendix 1 (previously circulated).

Tender for the provision of waste services for the collection, disposal and treatment of hazardous paints/varnishes, non-hazardous paints, vegetable oil, engine oil and other oils that include: oily rags, oil filters and used engine oil containers was advertised in accordance with the EU Open Procedure in the Official Journal of the European Union. In accordance with local guidance, it was also advertised in the Belfast Telegraph, Newsletter and the Irish News.

Three tender responses were received by 12:00 noon on 13 March 2020.

Further to its meeting on 24 June 2020, the Joint Committee of the NWRWMG has recommended that Council consider the selection of Enva in respect of the above tender.

**It is recommended** that the Environmental Services Committee approves the recommendation made by the Joint Committee of the NWRWMG and awards the tender to Enva.

Proposed by Councillor Wallace  
Seconded by Councillor McLean and

**AGREED** – to recommend that Council approves the recommendation made by the Joint Committee of the NWRWMG and awards the tender to Enva.

#### **MOTION TO PROCEED ‘IN PUBLIC’**

Proposed by Alderman Finlay  
Seconded by Councillor MA McKillop and

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

There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at **10.00pm**.

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Chair