

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY 10 JUNE 2025**

Table of Recommendations

No	Item	<i>Summary of key Recommendations</i>	<i>Estimated Timescale for completion</i>
1.	Apologies	<i>None</i>	<i>N/A</i>
2.	Declarations of Interest	<i>None</i>	<i>N/A</i>
3.	Minutes of previous meeting held Tuesday 13 th May 2025	<i>Confirmed as a correct record</i>	<i>N/A</i>
4.	Street Trading Report	<p><i>To recommend to Council to grant a temporary street trading licence subject to compliance with any recommendations of the Council's Licensing Section and the feedback from The Open Traffic and Transport Team.</i></p> <p><i>To recommend to Council to grant a temporary street trading licence subject to compliance with any recommendations of the Council's Licensing Section.</i></p>	
5.	Approval of premises as a Venue for Civil Marriage	<i>Noted</i>	
6.	Approval of premises as a Venue for Civil Partnership	<i>Noted</i>	

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7.	Cinema Licence Renewals	<i>Noted</i>	
8.	Entertainment Licence Renewals	<i>Noted</i>	
9.	Licences Issued under Delegated Authority	<i>Noted</i>	<i>N/A</i>
10.	Petroleum Spirit Licence Renewals	<i>Noted</i>	
11.	Matters for Reporting to Partnership Panel	<i>Noted</i>	<i>N/A</i>
12.	Consultations	<i>Noted</i>	
13.	Correspondence	<i>Noted</i>	
14.	Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Chivers, seconded by Councillor McGurk (Abbrev. <i>Toilet facilities at Magilligan Point</i>)	<i>To recommend to Council that the licence agreement with the ferry company at Magilligan be amended to allow them to manage the toilet facility in the terminal building for the summer season, with the situation to be reviewed at the end of the season.</i>	
	<i>'IN COMMITTEE' (Items 15 - 19)</i>		
15.	Application for a Dog Breeding Establishment	<i>To recommend to Council to grant a Dog Breeding Establishment Licence.</i>	
16.	Emergency Control Centre – Riada House, Ballymoney	<i>To recommend that Council approve the relocation of the Multi-Agency Emergency Control Centre from the</i>	<i>October 2025</i>

No	Item	Summary of key Recommendations	Estimated Timescale for completion
		<p><i>Large Committee room in Cloonavin to the Council Chamber in Riada House.</i></p> <p><i>To further recommend that Council approve the procurement of the necessary equipment to suitably equip the Emergency Control Centre including ICT upgrade at an estimated cost of £15,000 and the purchase and installation of a backup power generator at Riada house at an estimated cost of £23,811.00 plus VAT plus 10% installation costs.</i></p>	
17.	Festive Light Upgrades and Repairs 2025	<p><i>To recommend to Council to carry out substantive refurbishment of existing motifs in Ballycastle and Bushmills, as well as the replacement of various fixtures and fittings being repaired and renovated across the remaining settlements across the Borough at a total cost of £92,222.24 as per quotations attached in Appendix B. Procurement to be carried out using the Direct Award Contract method with Festive Lighting Company Ltd.</i></p>	
18.	Capping of Craighulliar Landfill Site	<p><i>To recommend that Council grants permission to appoint</i></p>	September 2026

No	Item	Summary of key Recommendations	Estimated Timescale for completion
		Taggarts to oversee capping of infilled cells at Craigahulliar Landfill Site.	
19.	Street Trading Licence Renewals	Noted	N/A
20.	Any Other Relevant Business (notified in Accordance with Standing Order 12(o))		
20.1	Accessible Public Toilets (Councillor Stirling)	Information	
20.2	Adequate Bin Provision (Alderman Hunter)	Information	
20.3	Cliff Path, Cushendall (Councillor MA McKillop)	Information	
20.4	Trading Site at Waterfoot (Councillor MA McKillop)	Information	

**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 10 JUNE 2025 AT 7.00 PM**

In the Chair: Alderman S McKillop (C)

Members Present: Alderman Fielding (C), Hunter (C)
Councillors C Archibald (C), Bateson (R), Callaghan (C),
Chivers (R), Holmes (R), Huggins (R), Kane (C), Jonathan
McAuley (C), MA McKillop (C), Mairs (C), Stirling (C)

Officers Present: A McPeake, Director of Environmental Services (C)
S McAfee, Head of Health and Built Environment (R)
A Hamilton, Democratic and Central Services Manager (R)
U Harper, Committee and Member Services Officer (C)

In Attendance: L Boyd, ICT Officer (C)
R Finlay, ICT Officer (C)

Press: (2 no.) (R)
Public: (1 no.) (R)

Key: (C) Attended in the Chamber
(R) Attended Remotely

The Chair advised Committee of its obligations and protocol whilst the meeting was being audio recorded.

The Director of Environmental Services undertook a roll call.

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD TUESDAY 13 MAY 2025

Summary, previously circulated.

Proposed by Councillor Callaghan
Seconded by Alderman Hunter and

AGREED – The Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held Tuesday 13 May 2025 were confirmed as a correct record.

4. STREET TRADING REPORT

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

GRANT OF A STREET TRADING LICENCE

Ref: TST 007/2025

Application: Grant of a Temporary Street Trading Licence to trade in Portrush due to a band parade.

The applicant has identified the following positions (in order of preference for trading.

- 1) Beside the War Memorial
- 2) Traffic island at the end of Main Street, near the Methodist Church
- 3) At the entrance to the Methodist Church
- 4) Outside 25 Eglinton Street.
- 5) The top of Kerr Street

Days and times on which it is applied to trade:

Saturday 19th July 2025 18:00hrs to 23:00hrs

Description of goods to be sold: Flags, toys, toy drums, T-shirts, hats and other red, white and blue novelty goods.

PSNI: No objections

Recommendation

Grant of a temporary street trading licence subject to compliance with any recommendations of the Council's Licensing Section.

The Director of Environmental Services stated that this licence relates to a band parade in Portrush on 19th July, which coincides with the second last day of The Open Championship. He advised that Council has a preference for locations 4 and 5, but they are awaiting feedback from The Open's Traffic and Transport Team and suggested that any decision be pending their feedback.

Proposed by Councillor Callaghan
Seconded by Alderman Hunter and

AGREED – to recommend to Council to grant a temporary street trading licence subject to compliance with any recommendations of the Council's Licensing Section and the feedback from The Open Traffic and Transport Team.

GRANT OF A STREET TRADING LICENCE

Ref: TST 008/2025

Application: Grant of a Temporary Street Trading Licence to trade in Ballymoney due to a band parade. The applicant has identified the following positions (in order of preference for trading)

1. Outside 11 High Street
2. Outside 13 High Street

Days and times on which it is applied to trade:

Saturday 26th July 2025 18:00hrs to 00:00hr

Description of goods to be sold: Flags, toys, toy drums, T-shirts, hats and other red, white and blue novelty goods.

PSNI: No objections

Recommendation

Grant of a temporary street trading licence subject to compliance with any recommendations of the Council's Licensing Section.

Councillor Kane stated that he had been contacted with concerns about trading around War Memorials, and asked for sensitivity to be shown regarding such sites when identifying trading locations.

Proposed by Councillor Callaghan

Seconded by Councillor Kane and

AGREED – to recommend to Council to grant a temporary street trading licence subject to compliance with any recommendations of the Council's Licensing Section.

5. APPROVAL OF PREMISES AS A VENUE FOR CIVIL MARRIAGE

For information report, previously circulated, was presented as read by the Chair.

MARRIAGE REGULATIONS (NI) 2003

THE MARRIAGE (NI) ORDER 2003

Approval of premises as a venue for Civil Marriage.

The undernoted application for renewal as an approved place for Civil Marriage was received, acknowledged and processed during the report period.

<u>Unique Reference Number</u>	<u>Premises Name</u>	<u>Approval Type</u>
MA001	The Lodge Hotel	Civil Marriage Place Approval

Committee NOTED the report.

6. APPROVAL OF PREMISES AS A VENUE FOR CIVIL PARTNERSHIP

For information report, previously circulated, was presented as read by the Chair.

THE CIVIL PARTNERSHIP REGULATION (NI) 2005

THE CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004

Approval of premises as a venue for Civil Partnership.

The undernoted application for renewal as an approved place for Civil Partnership was received, acknowledged and processed during the report period.

<u>Unique Reference Number</u>	<u>Premises Name</u>	<u>Approval Type</u>
CP001	The Lodge Hotel	Civil Partnership Place Approval

Committee NOTED the report.

7. CINEMA LICENCE RENEWALS

For information report, previously circulated, was presented as read by the Chair.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) (NI) ORDER 1985

CINEMAS (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1991

The undernoted application for a cinema licence has been received, acknowledged and processed during the report period.

<u>Unique Reference Number:</u>	<u>Name of Premises</u>
CL002	Kiwi's Brew Bar Cinema

Committee NOTED the report.

8. ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE RENEWALS

For information report, previously circulated, was presented as read by the Chair.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) (NI) ORDER 1985

ENTERTAINMENT LICENCES

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

<u>Unique Reference Number</u>	<u>Name of Premises</u>
EL097	Ramore Restaurant
EL323	Largy Community Hall
EL179	Route 26 Limited Trading as Limepark - Gallery
EL433	Route 26 Limited Trading as Limepark - Barn
EL341	Owens' Bar
EL328	Gortnaghey Community Centre
EL014	Boveedy Community Hall
EL085	Quays Bar
EL171	Mossie Presbyterian Church Hall
EL028	Coleraine Rugby, Football, Cricket and Hockey Club
EL324	The Drummond Hotel
EL090	Mussenden Temple

Committee NOTED the report.

9. LICENCES ISSUED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

For information report, previously circulated, was presented as read by the Chair.

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

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (NI) Order 1985

Articles 13 & 14, Practice of Acupuncture/Business of Cosmetic Piercing/Tattooing/Semi-Permanent Skin-Colouring/Electrolysis

<u>Unique Reference Number:</u>	<u>Name of Premises</u>	<u>Type of Registration</u>
T/06/2025	Studio 16 @ NW200 Paddock	Tattooing (Temporary)
SP/01/2025	Death or Glory Tattoo Parlour (Inc. Alchemy Skinworks)	Semi-Permanent Skin Colouring
CP/02/2025	Death or Glory Tattoo Parlour (Inc. Alchemy Skinworks)	Cosmetic Piercing

The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (NI) Order 1985

Reference No	Premises:	Licence
EL437	Portrush Adelphi Hotel	Grant of an indoor Entertainment Licence Days and times on which it is applied to provide entertainment: Monday to Sunday 11:00hrs to 01:00 hrs
EL440	Yarn Ballycastle	Grant of an indoor Entertainment Licence Days and times on which it is applied to provide entertainment: Monday to Wednesday 13:00hrs to 23:00hrs Thursday 13:00hrs to 00:00hrs Friday to Saturday 13:00hrs to 01:00hrs Sunday 13:00hrs to 23:00hrs

Delegated authority was used to issue licences for the above applicants due to time constraints and to enable the premises to provide entertainment.

Decisions to grant or vary entertainment licences will continue to be brought before Council with delegated authority used only in exceptional circumstances.

STREET TRADING (NI) ACT 2001

Unique Reference No	Street Trading License	Location
TST 002/2025	Temporary Street Trading	Glenvale Crescent, Portrush
TST 003/2025	Temporary Street Trading	Glenvale Crescent, Portrush
TST 004/2025	Temporary Street Trading	Mill Road, Portstewart
TST 005/2025	Temporary Street Trading	Mill Road, Portstewart
TST 006/2025	Temporary Street Trading	The Promenade, Castlerock

Committee NOTED the report.

10. PETROLEUM SPIRIT LICENCE RENEWALS

For information report, previously circulated, was presented as read by the Chair.

PETROLEUM (REGULATION) ACTS 1929 AND 1937

PETROLEUM SPIRIT LICENCES

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>
PL028	Eurospar Hillcrest
PL016	Asda Stores Ltd
PL057	Roebank Service Station
PL061	Greenbank Service Station
PL023	Portrush Filling Station
PL004	Spar Castlerock Road
PL003	Bush Filling Station
PL013	Nisa & Nicholl Filling Station
PL018	Ivan Wilson Filling Station
PL017	Sainsburys Filling Station
PL012	Spar Millburn
PL007	Exorna Filling Station

Committee NOTED the report.

11. MATTERS FOR REPORTING TO PARTNERSHIP PANEL

There were no matters to report to the Partnership Panel.

12. CONSULTATIONS

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

Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs - Public Consultation on Proposed New Rules for Selling and Supplying Puppies and Kittens

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs has launched its public consultation on proposed new rules for selling and supplying puppies and kittens in Northern Ireland.

The consultation will run from 2 June to 25 August 2025.

[Consultations | Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs](#)

The Director of Environmental Services advised that the Environmental Health Group is proposing to draft a response. He advised that, due to the consultation closing on 25 August, the response would need to be submitted before the next Committee meeting. He advised that the response would be brought to the September Environmental Services Committee meeting and any changes could be submitted subsequently.

Councillor Callaghan stated that he is content with the proposed approach. He asked that Council involves the Environmental Services Team, who are involved in animal welfare and dealt with the issue of the sale of puppies at the Lammas Fair last year.

The Committee NOTED the report.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items of correspondence.

14. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR CHIVERS, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MCGURK

That this Council recognises the importance of adequate toilet and amenity facilities at Magilligan Point for both the recreational users of the beach and the many tourists and travellers availing of the ferry service.

The Council notes with concern that these facilities have been closed for some time, to the detriment of the visitor experience and local amenity value of this popular coastal location.

Accordingly, this Council calls on officers to bring a paper to the Environmental Services Committee outlining options for the re-establishment of toilet and amenity facilities at Magilligan Point.

This paper should explore a range of potential models, including both seasonal and year-round provision, and should assess operational, financial and logistical considerations relevant to each.

The paper should be brought forward in a timely manner to enable Council to consider and make decisions such that, should Council agree to proceed, facilities can be re-opened ahead of the 2026 tourist season.

The Director of Environmental Services advised that Council staff have undertaken some upgrades to the toilet facility in the terminal building, with a view to the ferry company taking charge of the opening and closing and cleaning of the facility while their service is operating. He stated that the licence agreement with the ferry company would be amended to allow them to undertake that governance. He suggested that this approach could be taken for the summer and reviewed at the end of the season.

Councillor Chivers stated that the Notice of Motion came about following complaints from the Point Bar and beachgoers. She stated that the ferry company is keen to take on responsibility for managing the facility.

Councillor Chivers proposed that the licence agreement with the ferry company at Magilligan be amended to allow them to manage the toilet facility for the summer season, with the situation to be reviewed at the end of the season.

Alderman Hunter seconded the proposal and noted that the toilets have been a bone of contention.

Proposed by Councillor Chivers
Seconded by Alderman Hunter and

AGREED – to recommend to Council that the licence agreement with the ferry company at Magilligan be amended to allow them to manage the toilet facility in the terminal building for the summer season, with the situation to be reviewed at the end of the season.

MOTION TO PROCEED ‘IN COMMITTEE’

Proposed by Councillor McAuley
Seconded by Councillor Mairs and

AGREED – to recommend that Council move ‘*In Committee*’.

* **Press and Public left the meeting at 7.15pm.**

The information contained in the following item is restricted in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014.

15. APPLICATION FOR A DOG BREEDING ESTABLISHMENT

Confidential report, by virtue of paragraph 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland), previously circulated, was presented by the Director of Environmental Services.

WELFARE OF ANIMALS (DOG BREEDING ESTABLISHMENTS AND MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) REGULATIONS (NI) 2013

GRANT OF A DOG BREEDING ESTABLISHMENT LICENCE

Licence No: BE/002/25

Application: Grant of a breeding Licence for 10 breeding bitches over 6 months old to be kept under licence

Recommendation

The premises have been inspected and found to comply with the relevant conditions of the abovementioned legislation therefore it is recommended to grant a Dog Breeding Establishment Licence.

Proposed by Councillor MA McKillop
Seconded by Councillor C Archibald and

AGREED – to recommend to Council to grant a Dog Breeding Establishment Licence.

16. EMERGENCY CONTROL CENTRE – RIADA HOUSE, BALLYMONEY

Confidential report, by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland), previously circulated, was presented by the Director of Environmental Services.

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval for the proposed relocation and enhancement of the Multi-Agency Emergency Control Centre, including the procurement and associated expenditure on equipment including a backup power generator.

Recommendations

It is recommended that Council approve the relocation of the Multi-Agency Emergency Control Centre from the Large Committee room in Cloonavin to the Council Chamber in Riada House.

It is further recommended that Council approve the procurement of the necessary equipment to suitably equip the Emergency Control Centre including ICT upgrade at an estimated cost of £15,000 and the purchase and installation

of a backup power generator at Riada house at an estimated cost of £23,811.00 plus VAT plus 10% installation costs.

The Committee discussed the issue, and the Director of Environmental Services advised that while a Multi-Agency Emergency Control Centre is not a statutory requirement for Councils, several Councils have one, and this Borough has been identified as a key area to have one given the number of events held here. He further advised that the location of Riada House allows for good transport networks and that the PSNI Silver Command Centre is located at Ballymoney, making Riada House a preferable location.

The Committee noted that there would be a wider benefit from the purchase of a backup power generator and the ICT upgrade, as it would also enhance business continuity.

Proposed by Councillor Stirling
Seconded by Councillor Kane and

AGREED – to recommend that Council approve the relocation of the Multi-Agency Emergency Control Centre from The Large Committee room in Cloonavin to The Council Chamber in Riada House;
To further recommend that Council approve the procurement of the necessary equipment to suitably equip the Emergency Control Centre including ICT upgrade at an estimated cost of £15,000 and the purchase and installation of a backup power generator at Riada house at an estimated cost of £23,811.00 plus VAT plus 10% installation costs.

17. FESTIVE LIGHT UPGRADES AND REPAIRS 2025

Confidential report, by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland), previously circulated, was presented by the Director of Environmental Services.

Purpose of Report

In May 2022, Council agreed to upgrade Festive Lighting and associated infrastructure provisions on a three year program in eleven particular settlements across the Borough. This commenced with substantive works being completed on systems in Coleraine and Portrush in time for Christmas 2022.

Despite the fragility of Festive Lighting features, and the extreme weather conditions the features can be subjected to, Officers managed to extend the life of a number of systems in other settlements for longer than anticipated through repairing existing motifs and features and associated infrastructure. It is now

necessary to consider substantive works to older systems in Ballycastle and Bushmills in conjunction with provision of spares and repairs to existing systems in the other nine settlements in preparation for Christmas 2025.

Option

Carry out substantive refurbishment of existing motifs in Ballycastle and Bushmills, as well as the replacement of various fixtures and fittings being repaired and renovated across the remaining settlements across the Borough at a total cost of £92,222.24 as per quotations attached in Appendix B. Procurement to be carried out using the Direct Award Contract method with Festive Lighting Company Ltd.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Environmental Services Committee recommends to Council the Option at 4.1. of the Committee report, to carry out substantive refurbishment of existing motifs in Ballycastle and Bushmills, as well as the replacement of various fixtures and fittings being repaired and renovated across the remaining settlements across the Borough at a total cost of £92,222.24 as per quotations attached in Appendix B. Procurement to be carried out using the Direct Award Contract method with Festive Lighting Company Ltd.

The Director of Environmental Services advised that it is hoped to include the lighting of a couple of trees at the Diamond as part of the Bushmills proposal. The Chair noted the difficulty regarding the power supply for this and requested that she be advised of a solution.

Alderman Hunter stated that it will be good to get the lights installed at the trees at the Diamond and asked whether lights can be provided further up the town as well.

In response to Alderman Fielding, the Director of Environmental Services advised that a paper regarding artificial Christmas trees and associated costs would be brought back to the September Committee meeting.

Proposed by Councillor MA McKillop
Seconded by Councillor Stirling and

AGREED – to recommend to Council to carry out substantive refurbishment of existing motifs in Ballycastle and Bushmills, as well as the replacement of various fixtures and fittings being repaired and renovated across the remaining settlements across the Borough at a total cost of £92,222.24 as per quotations attached in Appendix B. Procurement to be carried out using the Direct Award Contract method with Festive Lighting Company Ltd.

18. CAPPING OF CRAIGAHULLIAR LANDFILL SITE

Confidential report, by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland), previously circulated, was presented by the Director of Environmental Services.

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to ask Members to grant permission to appoint a contractor to oversee the capping of Craigahulliar Landfill Site.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Committee grants permission to appoint Taggarts to oversee capping of infilled cells at Craigahulliar Landfill Site.

In response to Alderman Fielding, the Director of Environmental Services advised that he would check the situation with the lighting at the site.

In response to Councillor Kane, the Director of Environmental Services advised that he would check what was discussed regarding future uses of the capped site and that a paper would be brought back to Committee.

Proposed by Alderman Fielding
Seconded by Councillor Kane and

AGREED – to recommend that Council grants permission to appoint Taggarts to oversee capping of infilled cells at Craigahulliar Landfill Site.

19. STREET TRADING LICENCE RENEWALS

Confidential report, by virtue of paragraph 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland), previously circulated, was presented by the Director of Environmental Services.

STREET TRADING (NI) ACT 2001

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

<u>Unique Reference Number</u>	<u>Type of Licence</u>	<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Location</u>
TSTM 002/2025 – TSTM 085/2025	Temporary	Various Stalls	The Diamond, Coleraine
SST 007	Stationary	Hot food, minerals, tea and coffee	Shop car park, Harpurs Hill
MST 004	Mobile	Ice Cream, Minerals and Confectionary.	Borough of Causeway Coast and Glens.
MST 009	Mobile	Ice Cream, Minerals and Confectionary.	Borough of Causeway Coast and Glens.
SST 003	Stationary	Ice Cream, confectionary, cold drinks, hot drinks, flour based goods and traybakes.	Area adjacent to public toilets at The Promenade, Castlerock
SST 006	Stationary	Hot food, and minerals	Dunhill Road Lay-By, Macosquin
SST 009	Stationary	Hot food, cold drinks, tea and coffee	Lay-by Newbridge Road
MST 012	Mobile	Ice Cream and Confectionary	Borough of Causeway Coast and Glens.
MST 003	Mobile	Ice cream, confectionary and minerals	Borough of Causeway Coast and Glens

Committee NOTED the report.

MOTION TO PROCEED ‘IN PUBLIC’

Proposed by Councillor Kane

Seconded by Councillor MA McKillop and

AGREED – to recommend that Committee move ‘*In Public*’.

20. ANY OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS (NOTIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 12 (0))

20.1 Accessible Public Toilets (Councillor Stirling)

How many Accessible Public Toilets are there in the Borough? Can council identify how many of those are Stoma Friendly?

The Director of Environmental Services advised that there are 47 disabled toilets compliant with the Disability Discrimination Act and four Changing Places facilities in the Borough. He advised that the four Changing Places facilities are stoma friendly. He advised that the majority of disabled toilets are not stoma friendly as they have some but not all of the necessary requirements, and advised that a paper will be brought in September detailing the costs for making the disabled toilets stoma friendly.

Councillor Stirling stated that the Department for Communities has an Access and Inclusion Fund that might cover the costs of the upgrades, and asked that this be looked into and included as part of the paper.

20.2 Adequate Bin Provision (Alderman Hunter)

As we move into the summer months, can we be ensuring adequate bins are in place within our known problem areas within towns/villages, as well as the high visitor hotspots within the Borough? Could the Director bring back actions from the earlier Litter Strategy report on our hotspot areas for added bins, with a move for a potential standalone paper on new recycling bins.

The Director of Environmental Services advised that Council installs additional bins in tourist towns from Easter each year and that no particular issues have been identified this year. He advised that he could bring a paper to Committee regarding standalone recycling bins, but noted that there are problems with contamination and collection.

Alderman Hunter advised that she had some complaints about litter following car shows, band parades and the Red Sails festival, for example. She noted that an action from the Litter Strategy was to use a variety of bins tailored to different assortments of waste. She asked that Council monitor the litter waste over the coming summer months and produce a paper reporting on it, with a view to introducing initiatives to make it easier for people to recycle plastic and glass bottles and cans when they are out and about. She noted the incoming Deposit Recycling Scheme from Westminster, which is to be rolled out by DAERA, to reduce plastic bottle and can waste. She stated that Council needs to be doing more to increase the recycling rate, and she detailed some potential specifications for new bins that could help to achieve that.

Councillor Kane stated his support for Alderman Hunter. He noted the great work done by the LIFE Raft project at the Ferry slipway in Ballycastle to

eradicate waste and pests on Rathlin Island. He requested an update on the development of more secure bins that prevent seagulls retrieving waste.

The Director of Environmental Services advised that the bins are still being designed and that it is planned to fund it via a joint application with LIFE Raft and RSPB as a biosecurity initiative for Rathlin Island, with the potential for it to be rolled out more widely subsequently.

Councillor MA McKillop expressed her support for Alderman Hunter and cited the example of initiatives in the Isle of Man. She also stated that there should be facilities to allow for the safe disposal of disposable BBQs to prevent fires.

The Chair noted the importance of changing the culture around littering, and suggested that Council consider providing a branded item that allows people to retain their litter until they find a suitable point for disposal.

The Director of Environmental Services stated that he would bring a paper back on the matters raised.

20.3 Cliff Path, Cushendall (Councillor MA McKillop)

After the recent fire on the Cliff Path in Cushendall will we be able to temporarily fix it before the GOAT race in August?

The Director of Environmental Services advised that engineers had recently inspected the path and that, unfortunately, it will not reopen before the Glens of Antrim Triathlon due to the extent of the damage to the path and two bridges. He stated that there is a project underway to repair the path and bridges through PeacePlus and that it is hoped to have the path reopened by next summer, but this cannot be guaranteed. In response to Councillor MA McKillop, he stated that the triathlon organisers have been informed of the status of the path, and that PR can be issued to update the public on the status of the path.

20.4 Trading Site at Waterfoot (Councillor MA McKillop)

Could the director give me an update with regard to the new trading site at Waterfoot in reference to the ongoing issues with electric.

The Director of Environmental Services advised that the trading site was awarded on the basis of no electrical supply being available, but work is ongoing to assess options to provide electricity to the site.

A discussion ensued in which some Councillors expressed concern that an issue may arise in respect of the site having been auctioned on the basis of no

electrical supply being available, and that other sites without power may ask to get a mains connection. The Director of Environmental Services advised that the power provided at this site will be charged for. He further advised that it is better for the environment to have an electrical supply due to the noise and emissions from a generator, so the aspiration is to have a mains connection at all trading sites if possible.

This being all the business, the Chair thanked Elected Members for their attendance. The meeting closed at 8.17pm.

Chair