

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY 12 JANUARY 2021**

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4.	Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor MA McKillop seconded by Councillor Beattie, referred from 5 January 2021 Council Meeting	
	<i>That this council acknowledges the amount of dog fouling across the borough and pledges to sign up for the Green Dog Walkers Scheme to encourage all dog walkers to clean up after their pets.</i>	Support the Notice of Motion
	4.1 Any Other Relevant Business (notified in accordance with Standing Order 12 (o)) (i) Dog foul (Alderman Finlay)	Information
	4.2 Green Dog Walkers - Responsible Dog Ownership	Information
5.	Entertainments Licensing Report	that Council Grant an Entertainment Licence subject to compliance with any recommendations of the Councils licensing department.
6.	Response to FSA Consultation: Review of the Food Law Code of Practice, Food Law Practice Guidance, and implementation of the Competency Framework	adopt and confirm the response prepared to the FSA Consultation of the Food Law Code of Practice, Food Law Practice Guidance and implementation of the Competency Framework paper at

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		Appendix 1 to this report.
7.	Extension of PHA Contract, AP/N/03 Accident Prevention and IFH/N/03, Energy Efficiency Advice Service	that Council accept the contract extension and that the Head of Health & Built Environment reply in writing to the PHA.
8.	Affordable Warmth Service Level Agreement 2020-2021	that Council accept the Service Level Agreement offered for the remainder of the current financial year and that approval be given to the Head of Health & Built Environment to sign and return to the DfC.
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19.	Disposal of Surplus Assets – Redundant Glenariff Forest Toilet	<i>that Council approve that the ‘asset’ is surplus to requirements and pass the matter to the Land and Property Sub Committee to follow through with the decision Moyle District Council took in 2014.</i>
20.	Council Strategic Waste Management Arrangements: Update	<i>that Council note the contents of this report, to endorse the actions of Officers to date and to receive future reports in due course; and that Council move to the next stage of the process and if felt appropriate agree to SIB carrying out an Economical Appraisal at a cost of £3,600 per Council subject to agreement by all 11 Councils.</i>
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**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 12 JANUARY 2021 AT 7:00PM**

In the Chair: Councillor McQuillan (C)

Members Present: Alderman Boyle (R), Fielding (C), Finlay (R), and Robinson (R); Councillors Bateson (R), Beattie (R), Chivers (R), Holmes (R), Hunter (R), McGlinchey (R), MA McKillop (R), McLaughlin (R), McLean (C), Wallace (R), Wilson (R)

Non Committee Members Present Alderman Duddy (R)

Officers Present: A McPeake, Director of Environmental Services (C)
B Edgar, Head of Health & Built Environment (R)
S Duggan, Civic Support & Committee & Member Services Officer (C)

A Lennox, ICT Mobile Operations Officer (C)
C Thompson, ICT Officer (C)

In Attendance: Press (2 No.) (R)

Key:

C = Chamber **R** = Remote

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies recorded.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD TUESDAY 8 DECEMBER 2020

Summary, previously circulated.

The Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held Tuesday 8 December 2020 were confirmed as a correct record.

It was AGREED – To Change the Order of Business, to receive the Notice of Motion, Green Dog Walkers, Responsible Dog Ownership Item and AORB from Alderman Finlay re dog fouling together; and next in the Order of Business for the evening.

**4. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR MA MCKILLOP
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BEATTIE, REFERRED FROM 5
JANUARY 2021 COUNCIL MEETING**

That this council acknowledges the amount of dog fouling across the borough and pledges to sign up for the green dog walkers scheme to encourage all dog walkers to clean up after their pets.

Councillor MA McKillop proposed the Notice of Motion and read a statement to Committee:

"I would like to thank the Director for making sure the report was here tonight alongside the motion.

Dog fouling has become an increasing problem and at times controversial issue across all of the CCAG Borough.

It's one of the biggest complaints from the general public and from responsible dog walkers.

There is an increase in walkers due to the pandemic and walking has been a lifeline to all residents and we are so lucky to live in such a beautiful area but unfortunately this has led to an increase in dog fouling.

Dog faeces is a health risk especially to children and that is why I brought this motion here this evening after a mother rang me after her young child fell into dogs dirt while going for a walk around one of our beaches.

The Green Dog Walkers scheme is one initiative to try and encourage all dog owners to pick up after their pets by signing up to this scheme. You will receive a green dog colour which if you see it you automatically know they are responsible dog Walker and carry extra doggy bags and lift up after their dogs.

The aim is to encourage others to do the same to support the scheme is to sign a pledge to become a valued member and help to clean up our communities across all our borough.

Councillor Beattie seconded the Notice of Motion and read from a prepared statement:

"I am very happy to second this motion.

As my colleague has pointed out dog fouling is a significant and challenging issue for all elected representatives in Causeway Coast and Glens. However, it is not only our borough that is affected. It is a problem in almost every street, village and town across Northern Ireland and beyond. I know some local councils, such as Fermanagh & Omagh District Council and Mid & East Antrim Council have already introduced the Green Dog Walkers Scheme to try to tackle dog fouling and tomorrow

Mid Ulster Council are holding a special meeting to discuss this issue alone.

Up until now fines haven't worked. I think that most of the public understand that these irresponsible dog owners who don't clean up after their pets have to be caught in the act. It is impossible for the dog warden to be there to witness these events as it is such a widespread problem. Therefore, there is an onus on the public to report these people or challenge them which for various reasons people feel unable to do.

I feel the Green Dog Walkers Scheme is a more positive and proactive approach. It is a UK wide community based campaign aimed at changing attitudes which is vitally important if we are to really tackle this issue.

Council that have introduced the scheme have seen positive results. For example, Mid and East Antrim Council introduced the scheme in 2018 and saw a reduction in dog fouling complaints from the previous 2 years. In the UK, Northumberland council saw dog fouling complaints drop by 28% in the 3 years that followed the introduction of the scheme.

What we have been doing up until now hasn't been much of a deterrent. We have received a report from Council confirming that it would cost £4000 to roll out this scheme, which is very little in comparison to the cost of the problems we would be addressing. I think it's time we tried something different to tackle this blight on our communities and I think the Green Dog Walkers Scheme is a good place to start".

The Chair invited Alderman Finlay to speak on his Item of Any Other Relevant Business regarding dog fouling.

4.1 Any Other Relevant Business (Notified In Accordance With Standing Order 12 (O))

4.1 (i) Dog Foul (Alderman Finlay)

What are we doing to catch the owners of these dogs?

Alderman Finlay stated dog fouling was rife, Council did not appear to be doing anything about it, he requested statistics on fines issued.

The Director of Environmental Services outlined Council's proactive and reactive daily patrols to detect offenders and responded to 300 issues last year, each generated a separate assessment of the area and referral for cleaning. Problem areas merit patrols whilst fixed penalty notices and education and awareness were considered key to reiterate dog foul is socially unacceptable, along with PR regarding dog ownership and the responsibility to clean up.

The Head of Health and Built Environment clarified in 2019/20 there were 12 fixed penalty notices issued and advised of a recent successful prosecution in relation to the Dog Fouling and Lands Order 2018.

The Head of Health and Built Environment advised the Green Dog Walkers Scheme had already been budgeted for at £4,000 and was within the Business Plan. He outlined detail of the Scheme.

Committee concurred on the daily issue of dog fouling raised by constituents; the biggest problem catching offenders and the low fine rate and explored patrolling outside core working hours.

In response to Alderman Robinson, the Director of Environmental Services agreed to assess bin provision on Benone Beach.

It was AGREED – to support the Notice of Motion (Item 4).

4.2 Green Dog Walkers - Responsible Dog Ownership

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

The purpose of this report is to provide members with information regarding the adoption of the Green Dog Walker Scheme which helps promote responsible dog ownership.

Background

Under the Dogs (Northern Ireland) Order 1983 and subsequent relevant legislation Council is responsible for enforcing a range of dog control regulations including dogs straying, fouling and dog attacks on persons or other animals.

Part of any enforcement strategy and compliance building is education and support for dog owners to be responsible for their pets.

The Enforcement section (Litter and Dog Control) of the Environmental Health department will soon launch its Green Dog Walkers Scheme.

This is a nationwide programme designed to encourage responsible dog ownership and help reduce the incidence of dog fouling. Many Councils throughout the UK have signed up to and implemented this scheme.

Members of the public will be able to sign up for free where they will be given practical help to be responsible dog owners including branded dog leads, dog collars and poo bags.

It aims to promote the messages that dog foul should be lifted and properly disposed of and that everyone should have proper control of their dogs at all times.

Members will also be encouraged to be ambassadors by promoting the initiative and distributing bags to other dog owners that don't have any when they are out and about with their dogs.

A launch is anticipated in January 2021 with associated PR activity and development of a page on the Councils website where the public can sign up.

It is recommended that the Environmental Services Committee notes the report.

5. ENTERTAINMENTS LICENSING REPORT

Report, previously circulated.

Entertainment Licence - Grant of Indoor Entertainment Licence

Licence No: EL 404

Premises: The Bethany Community Centre, 115 Irish Green Street, Limavady

Application: Grant of Indoor Entertainment Licence

Days and times on which it is applied to provide entertainment:

Monday – Friday: 10:00hrs to 22:00hrs

Saturday – Sunday : 10.00hrs to 23:00 hrs

Representations: None received

PSNI and NIFRS: No objections

Recommendation

Grant of an Entertainment Licence subject to compliance with any recommendations of the Councils licensing department.

Proposed by Alderman Finlay

Seconded by Alderman Boyle and

AGREED – to recommend that Council Grant an Entertainment Licence subject to compliance with any recommendations of the Councils licensing department.

6. RESPONSE TO FSA CONSULTATION: REVIEW OF THE FOOD LAW CODE OF PRACTICE, FOOD LAW PRACTICE GUIDANCE, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMPETENCY FRAMEWORK

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

The purpose of this report is to provide members with a response for consideration to the Food Safety Agency's Consultation of the Food Law Code of Practice, Food Law Practice Guidance and implementation of the Competency Framework for Northern Ireland.

Background

The Food Standards Agency Northern Ireland issued the above consultation on the 13th November 2020 with a response date of 13th December 2020. Despite representation regarding the short consultation period, an extension to the submission date was refused.

The consultation has been prepared in coordination with England. The changes to the England Code, and the Practice Guidance are subject to a separate but similar consultation.

The Code sets out instructions and criteria to which Councils in Northern Ireland must have regard for when discharging their duties in relation to the delivery of official food control activities. The FSA is required to consult on amendments to the Code prior to implementation. The Code requires regular review and revision to ensure that it reflects current priorities, policy, and legislative requirements so that DC delivery of food control activities remain effective, consistent, and proportionate.

The consultation document may be found at the link circulated.

Main Proposals of Consultation

The modernisation of the baseline knowledge, skills, and experience requirements to enable a wider cohort of Council professionals to undertake official food controls and other official activities, which the current Code restricts,

Replacing existing competency requirements with the Competency Framework, which defines competency by activity rather than by role,

Introducing a provision to enable the FSA to be more responsive in issuing instructions, whereby Councils may legitimately depart from the Code, in limited circumstances

Updating the Code to reflect the Official Control Regulation (EU) 2017/625, and EU exit implications, where the negotiated position is known,

Simplification, clarification and alignment of the Code and the Practice Guidance with those of England to promote consistency in the interpretation and implementation of food control activities. This includes the removal and relocation of sections of the Code to the Practice Guidance; and

Inclusion of other minor amendments to keep pace with current practices.

Response to consultation Document

EHNI have drafted a reply to the consultation document which has been used to prepare a response on behalf of Council. This may be found at Appendix 1 to this report and summarised below.

Concerns are raised regarding the necessity to apply the proposed competency framework retrospectively to officers who are fully compliant under the current code. It is also considered that the current detail provided in the proposed Competency Framework will not facilitate consistency without significant training and further supporting guidance.

There should be an exemption for those who are currently fully compliant under the current code and a fast track option for those who are already working towards competency.

The proposed Competency Framework will be prohibitive to Councils building resilience into the Environmental Health Service by hindering or restricting the movement of officers into the Food Control function from other core functions when the need to redeploy resources arises.

The proposed Competency framework is too detailed and prescriptive. The level of detail lends itself to the requirement for regular updating as new and emerging activities and processes emerge. There are concerns that the prescriptive detail of the Specialist and High-Risk Activities could leave the competency status of Food officers open to legal challenge. A more generic non-exhaustive listing of activities would reduce the burden of completion and recognise the wider skills of Environmental Health Officers. This would also mitigate against legal challenge of an officer's competency.

The preparation time and resource requirements have been grossly underestimated by the FSA. The implementation of the proposed Competency framework will be a significant cost and burden to Council.

It is recommended that the Environmental Services Committee recommends to Council the adoption and confirmation of the response prepared to the FSA Consultation of the Food Law Code of Practice, Food Law Practice Guidance and implementation of the Competency Framework paper at Appendix 1 to this report (circulated).

Proposed by Alderman Finlay
Seconded by Councillor MA McKillop and

AGREED – to recommend that Council adopt and confirm the response prepared to the FSA Consultation of the Food Law Code of Practice, Food Law Practice Guidance and implementation of the Competency Framework paper at Appendix 1 to this report.

* **Councillor McGlinchey joined the meeting remotely at 7.39PM.**

7. EXTENSION OF PHA CONTRACT, AP/N/03 ACCIDENT PREVENTION AND IFH/N/03, ENERGY EFFICIENCY ADVICE SERVICE

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

The purpose of this report is to advise members of correspondence received from the Public Health Agency (PHA) of their intention to continue funding the above service post 31st March 2021.

Background

The PHA have provided Council with funding for the delivery of the Home Safety and Energy Efficiency Advice Services. This funding has been in place since 2007.

Correspondence dated 18th December 2020 has indicated that the agency intends to extend the existing contracts for the above services for a further 12 month period, subject to satisfactory performance.

The PHA seeks written confirmation that Council are content to continue to provide these services by 29th January 2021.

It is recommended that the Environmental Services Committee recommends to Council that the contract extension be accepted and that the Head of Health & Built Environment reply in writing to the PHA.

Proposed by Councillor MA McKillop
Seconded by Alderman Fielding and

AGREED – to recommend that Council accept the contract extension and that the Head of Health & Built Environment reply in writing to the PHA.

8. AFFORDABLE WARMTH SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT 2020-2021

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

The purpose of this report is to update members in respect of correspondence received from the Department for Communities (DfC)

and the issue of a Service Level Agreement for the remaining 3 months of the current financial year.

Background

The DfC issued correspondence to all Councils on the 22nd December 2020 (see Appendix 1 (circulated) to this report) following an email issued on the 11th December 2020 requesting that Councils reduce the number of monthly referrals from the 44 previously requested to 32 for the remainder of the current financial year (4 months).

Members will recall from previous reports ES200908 item 6 and ES201013 item 9 that it was agreed that an additional resource would be recruited to assist in making 36 referrals to the scheme to maximize opportunity for eligible persons within the Borough.

Having recruited an additional member of staff it is disappointing that the number of referrals has now been reduced a short time later.

The DfC have indicated that the reduction in referral numbers is based on both budgetary obligations and the commitment to managing applicants' expectations. Making a referral to NIHE provides the householder with an anticipation that their application will be processed as soon as possible and when this is not the case the householder is understandably disappointed and the reputation of the scheme and its delivery partners is also impacted.

In addition to the correspondence received, a Service Level Agreement (SLA) has also been provided (see Appendix 2 (circulated) to this report) with the maximum number of referrals per month capped at 32 for the remainder of the current financial year. A request has been made to accept, sign and return by 15th January 2021.

The correspondence suggests that the number of referrals per month required in 2021-2022 will reduce to 30, which will have a direct affect on the resources engaged in the delivery of the service based on current levels of funding.

Officers will continue to engage and work in partnership with DfC and NIHE to agree a revised SLA for 2021-2022 to ensure stability in the delivery of this programme and that minimises any financial risk to Council.

It is recommended that Council accept the Service Level Agreement offered for the remainder of the current financial year and that approval be given to the Head of Health & Built Environment to sign and return to the DfC.

Proposed by Councillor Hunter
Seconded by Alderman Boyle and

AGREED – to recommend that Council accept the Service Level Agreement offered for the remainder of the current financial year and that approval be given to the Head of Health & Built Environment to sign and return to the DfC.

The Chair advised of the following Information Items.

9. ENTERTAINMENTS LICENCE RENEWALS

Report, previously circulated.

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.

Unique Reference Number Name of Premises

EL070 The Old Point Inn

EL019 The Bridge Bar

10. PETROLEUM SPIRIT LICENCE RENEWALS

Report, previously circulated.

Petroleum (Regulation) Acts 1929 and 1937 - Petroleum Spirit Licences

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

<u>Licence No:</u>	<u>Name of Premises</u>
PL054	Bradleys Filling Station
PL047	Nicholl Fuel Oils Service Station
PL044	Spar Stranocum
PL040	CB Fuels Ltd

11. SOCIETY LOTTERY REGISTRATION

Report, previously circulated.

The Betting, Gaming, Lotteries And Amusements (Ni) Order 1985 - Registration Of A Society

The undernoted applications for society lottery registrations have been received, acknowledged and processed during the report period.

<u>Registration No:</u>	<u>Name of Society</u>
SL035	Focus on Family
SL018	County Londonderry Horse Breeding Society
SL031	The Triciafest Society

12. STREET TRADING LICENCE RENEWALS

Report, previously circulated.

Street Trading (NI) Act 2001

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

<u>Unique Reference Number</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Type of Licence</u>	<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Location</u>
SST 011	Garth William Reid	Stationary	Fresh Fish	Between 28-38 Catherine Street, Limavady

13. STREET TRADING LICENCE INFORMATION

Report, previously circulated.

Following a member request received at the previous Environmental Services committee ES201208, this report provides information with respect to both Street and Concessionary Trading within the Borough.

Background

The Street Trading Act (NI) 2001 applies to any person selling, exposing or offering to supply a service in a street or public place whether from a stationary position.

Councils website provides detailed information for those considering or seeking to apply for a Street Trading Licence, (applications may be made online) with a separate page dedicated to traders wishing to attend the Lammas fair <https://www.causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk/live/health-and-built-environment/licensing/street-trading>

There are three main categories of Street Trading Licence:

- Stationary trader. There are currently 13 stationary traders.
- Mobile trader. There are currently 15 mobile traders.
- Temporary trader (applicant is restricted to 5 temporary licences per year and trading cannot be granted for a period exceeding seven days). There are currently no temporary licenses issued.

Licence Fees: A separate fee is charged for each type of licence. Concessionary Pitches are offered at auction for a period of three years and will be detailed later.

Licence Type	Fee
Stationary Street Trading Licence	£290
Mobile Street Trading Licence	£390
Temporary Street Trading	£100
Variation of Street Trading Licence	£45

Street trading licenses are issued and managed by Council's Licensing Team within the Health and Built Environment Department.

There are several designated Street Trading Areas for Stationary Traders. Designations had been made by legacy Councils and were circulated within the information report.

- Castlerock
- Coleraine
- Limavady
- Portrush

The following streets are designated for stationary street trading for the Monday and Tuesday of the Lammas Fair in Ballycastle:

1. Leyland Road
2. Castle Street
3. Market Street
4. The Diamond
5. Ann Street
6. Quay Road
7. Beechwood Avenue

There is a total of 177 pitches available.

Concessionary trading licenses are issued and managed by Council's Infrastructure Department. These are located within/on Council property for which the Infrastructure section has managerial responsibility. Traders take part in a public auction for the right to sell ice cream, and other concessions at the following locations for a period of three years. The next auction is due shortly with concessions valid from the commencement of the incoming financial year.

Council property currently accommodating concessionary trading pitches was circulated within the report.

14. THE SHOPS (SUNDAY TRADING ETC) (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1997. TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF SUNDAY TRADING HOURS

Report, previously circulated.

The purpose of this report is to update members in respect of a further relaxation of Sunday trading hours for large shops in order to facilitate key workers, the vulnerable and elderly and assist operators with social distancing requirements.

Background

The Shops (Sunday Trading etc) (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 permits larger shops (floor area > 280m²) to trade only between the hours of 1300-1800hrs on a Sunday.

Due to ongoing Covid-19 crisis, a decision has been taken to continue to relax the trading hours for these premises for an additional 3 hours between 1000hrs to 1300hrs every Sunday during the calendar month of January 2021.

In line with restrictions only outlets that sell essential goods will be able to remain open during the period of restriction.

Such stores will be able to trade from 1000hrs to 1800hrs on a Sunday during January 2021. The choice to trade during this extended period will be a matter for individual operators.

From Sunday 7th February, trading hours will revert to that previously agreed, 1200hrs-1800hrs until further notice. Normal Easter Sunday restrictions will however remain in place.

These arrangements are in line with other NI Councils, will be continuously reviewed and will revert to those within the Order as soon as circumstances permit or directed by Government.

It is recommended that the report be noted.

Councillor McLean advised he was not keen on Sunday Opening, however, he understood the benefit to key workers, vulnerable and elderly. Councillor McLean advised of a banner advertisement at a local supermarket which appeared to advertise earlier opening, generally.

Councillor Holmes considered a great disadvantage to small retailers, businesses would not survive.

The Director of Environmental Services clarified the decision was a local Council co-ordinated approach, authorised by Senior Management, considered a flexibility in the relaxation of enforcement during a pandemic.

The Head of Health and Built Environment advised the issue may be considered by Council, should restrictions continue.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

Report, previously circulated, presented by the Director of Environmental Services to present correspondence for Members consideration.

The following correspondence has been received:

15 (i) Department for Infrastructure, DfI – Rivers Coleraine, (dated 1st December 2020)

Re. Information on Rubbish/Debris along Bann River at Christie Park Path Coleraine

DfI – Rivers Coleraine has issued a response to Director of Environmental Services' email dated 16th November 2020 regarding the above.

DfI Rivers have no remit regarding rubbish along a watercourse which is not causing a blockage or drainage impediment. The section of watercourse you refer to is undesignated as per the Drainage (NI) Order 1973 and therefore the drainage and maintenance responsibility is that of the Riparian/landowner.

It is recommended that the Environmental Services Committee consider the correspondence.

Alderman Fielding pressed establishing ownership of the lands, in order to have the debris lifted.

The Director of Environmental Services advised he was following up.

The Chair suggested exploring with Council's Harbour Commissioners nominees.

16. CONSULTATIONS

Report, previously circulated.

(i) **Department Of Agriculture, Environment And Rural Affairs** (correspondence dated 8th December 2020)

Launch of Discussion Document on a Northern Ireland Climate Change Bill

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) is seeking the views of individuals, organisations and business across society in order to understand public views as to what a Northern Ireland Climate Change Bill should like.

The Discussion Document sets out options, with analysis and questions for your response. The full lengthy Discussion Document and Easy Ready versions are available at the DAERA Consultation webpage.

The Consultation will be open from Tuesday 8th December 2020 until Monday 1st February 2021.

(ii) **Department Of Agriculture, Environment And Rural Affairs,** (correspondence dated 10th December 2020)

Launch of Discussion Document on Environmental Plans, Principles and Governance in Northern Ireland

The consultation 'Environmental Plans, Principles and Governance for Northern Ireland' is now open

17. CONFERENCES

There were no conferences.

18. MATTERS FOR REPORTING TO PARTNERSHIP PANEL

There were no matters for reporting to the Partnership Panel.

MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN COMMITTEE'

Proposed by Councillor McLean
Seconded by Alderman Fielding and

AGREED – that Committee move '*In Committee*'.

* **Press were disconnected from the meeting at 8.03PM.**

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

19. DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS ASSETS – REDUNDANT GLENARIFF FOREST TOILET

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

The purpose of this report is to inform Members of the current status of the disused toilet block adjacent to Laragh Lodge, near Glenarriffe Forest Park and to request its disposal.

Further detail was provided within the confidential report.

It is recommended that Members ES Committee approve that the 'asset' is surplus to requirements and pass to the Land & Property Sub-Committee to complete the disposal process.

Proposed by Councillor Holmes
Seconded by Councillor MA McKillop and

AGREED – to recommend that Council approve that the 'asset' is surplus to requirements and pass the matter to the Land and Property Sub Committee to follow through with the decision Moyle District Council took in 2014.

20. COUNCIL STRATEGIC WASTE MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS: UPDATE

Confidential report, previously circulated, presented by the Director of Environmental Services, to update Members on the progress being made in relation to Joint Working between Councils in relation to Waste Management and to seek permission to move to the next stage of the process.

Further detail was provided within the report.

It is recommended that Members are requested to note the contents of this report, to endorse the actions of Officers to date and to receive future reports in due course.

It is also recommended that Members are requested to consider moving to the next stage of the process and if felt appropriate agree to SIB carrying out an Economical Appraisal at a cost of £3,600 per Council subject to agreement by all 11 Councils.

Proposed by Alderman Boyle
Seconded by Alderman Finlay and

AGREED – to recommend that Council note the contents of this report, to endorse the actions of Officers to date and to receive future reports in due course; and

to recommend that Council move to the next stage of the process and if felt appropriate agree to SIB carrying out an Economical Appraisal at a cost of £3,600 per Council subject to agreement by all 11 Councils.

21. PERIOD 8 ES MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS

Confidential report, previously circulated, presented by the Director of Environmental Services to provide Members with information on the current financial position of Environmental Services Directorate at the end of Period 8.

The Director of Environmental Services advised questions may be put forward to the Finance Committee for Thursday evening's meeting.

MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN PUBLIC'

Proposed by Councillor McLean
Seconded by Councillor MA McKillop and

AGREED – to recommend that Council move *'In Public'*.

There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 8.22PM.

Chair