

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2020**

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3.	Minutes of Meeting held Tuesday 13 October 2020	<b>Confirmed</b>
4.	Presentation – Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful ‘Livehere Love Here’ Campaign	<b>Defer consideration for one month in order that a report is brought back on a Council led proposal; the two options to be on the table for consideration</b>
5.	Notice of Motion Proposed by Councillor McCaw, Seconded By Alderman Hillis (Referred From Council Meeting Tuesday 3 November 2020)	<b>Notice of Motion Lost</b>
6.	Funding Offer From Secretary Of State For Business, Energy And Industrial Strategy (“Beis”) To Build Capacity And Capability For Market Surveillance In Northern Ireland 2020/21	<b>Accept the grant offer and authorise the Director of Environmental Services to sign the Grant Funding Agreement;</b>

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		<b><i>exercise has taken place</i></b>
<b>19.</b>	Consultations	<b><i>Nil</i></b>
<b>20.</b>	Conferences - Northern Ireland Environment 2020 Online Forum	<b><i>Members wishing to attend should contact Democratic Services</i></b>
<b>21.</b>	Matters For Reporting To Partnership Panel	<b><i>Nil</i></b>
	<b><i>IN COMMITTEE (Items 21-22 inclusive)</i></b>	
<b>22.</b>	Route Optimisation Update	<b><i>Information</i></b>
<b>23.</b>	Period 6 ES Management Accounts	<b><i>Information</i></b>
<b>24.</b>	Any Other Relevant Business (Notified In Accordance With Standing Order 12 (O))	
	<b>24 (i)</b> Cottage Wood and Cushendall Beach Car Park	<b><i>Director of Environmental Services advised works would be progressed</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 10 NOVEMBER 2020 AT 7:00PM**

- In the Chair:** Alderman McQuillan (C)
- Members Present:** Alderman Boyle (C), Alderman Fielding (C), and Robinson (C); Councillors Bateson (R), Beattie (R), Chivers (R), Holmes (C), Hunter (R), MA McKillop (R) McLaughlin (R), McLean (C), Wallace (R) and Wilson (C)
- Non Committee Members Present** Alderman Duddy (C), Hillis (R); Councillors McCaw (R) McCandless (C) and Scott (R)
- 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)  
T Vauls, Car Parks Manager (R)  
S Duggan, Civic Support & Committee & Member Services Officer (C)
- J Winfield, ICT Operations Manager (R)  
A Lennox, ICT Mobile Operations Officer (C)  
C Thompson, ICT Officer (R)  
C Ballentine, ICT Officer (C)
- In Attendance:** Dr Ian Humphries, CEO, Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful (R)  
Public (2 No.) (R)  
Press (4 No.) (R)

**Key:**

**C** = Chamber     **R** = Remote

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were recorded for Alderman Finlay.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest recorded.

### **3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER 2020**

**AGREED** – The Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee Meeting held Tuesday 13 October 2020 were confirmed as a correct record.

### **4. PRESENTATION – KEEP NORTHERN IRELAND BEAUTIFUL 'LIVEHERE LOVE HERE' CAMPAIGN**

Presentation previously circulated.

The Chair invited Dr. Ian Humphries, 'Live Here Love Here', CEO, to present to Committee.

Dr Humphries presented on civic leadership, empowering local people and protecting the environment, to create a prosperous society.

The following was presented via Powerpoint:

- Live Here Love Here is designed to tackle environmental issues by encouraging volunteers to take practical action in their local communities;
- Live Here Love Here's success is through Partnership;
- When COVID-19 struck, Live Her Love Here adapted. The BIG Spring Clean became the Not So BIG Spring Clean, encouraging individuals to still get outside and 'do one small thing' for the environment;
- 130,128 volunteers did clean-ups in 2019, they collected 44,820 bags of litter;
- £5,750 of financial support given to 23 Adopt A Spot groups in CC&G area;
- Since 2014 over £1million has been allocated across N Ireland;
- In 2020 Adapted to online New COVID-19 criteria 386 funding requests over £1,258,200 requested 153 Projects funded;
- Since 2014 through the Small Grants Scheme, 53 funding requests, 13 projects funded, £168,787 requested and £19,252 awarded by partners;
- CC&G has benefitted through the Small Grants Scheme this Year 22 applications received, 2 Projects funded £72,792 amount ;
- In a pre-project survey the top reasons to get involved were
  - o 1. To improve the local environment
  - o 2. Opportunity to get involved with the community
  - o 3. To be involved in an interesting project
  - o 4. For the health benefits
  - o 5. To do something positive in response to COVID-1;
- In CC&G 24 Food For Thought packages delivered, 27 applications received from CC&G allocated growing packs £1,603, value of packs;

- The Health and Wellbeing Survey results were set out;
- Detail of the Media Campaign and promotional advertising added value illustrated;
- Live Here Love Here provides excellent value for money in a spend to save programme that will cost ratepayers just £21,000 per annum with half of that immediately going back to community groups in the area through the Small Grants Scheme;
- The added value is clear across volunteering, advertising and grants; As a Strategic Partner you will have a seat on the Steering Group (meeting three times per year) and a place on the Small Grants Scheme judging panel

A question and answer session took place between Committee and Dr Humphries.

The Chair thanked Dr Humphries for his attendance and he left the meeting.

Councillor McLean queried whether, setting aside a budget, Council could deliver its own local programme.

The Director of Environmental Services advised Council did have the mechanism to set up its own grant schemes; there were staff within the Resource section delivering the Live Smart Campaign in-house.

Proposed by Councillor McLean  
Seconded by Councillor Hunter and

**AGREED** – to recommend that Council defer consideration for one month in order that a report is brought back on a Council led proposal; the two options to be on the table for consideration.

- \* **Dr I Humphries left the meeting at 7.25PM.**
- \* **Councillor Bateson joined the meeting at 7.05pm.**
- \* **Councillor Holmes arrived at the meeting at 7.13pm.**
- \* **Head of Estates joined the meeting at 7.15pm.**
- \* **Head of Operations joined the meeting at 7.15pm.**
- \* **Councillor McCaw joined the meeting at 7.31pm.**

**AGREED** – To Change The Order of Business.

**5. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR MCCAW,  
SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HILLIS (REFERRED FROM COUNCIL  
MEETING TUESDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2020)**

*'That Council implement a parking scheme to allow all permanent residents of Causeway Street, Craig Vara and Hamilton Place in Portrush, who have had no access to off-street parking, to park free of charge at East Strand Car Park. This was a prerequisite to the introduction of parking charges in this car park. Furthermore, Council will also introduce free parking passes for parents dropping off children at Saint Patrick's Primary School.'*

Councillor McCaw spoke in support of his Notice of Motion, he stated in January parking charges had been agreed for Dunluce Avenue on the condition a Scheme would be developed for users of the Medical Centre Portrush served by Dunluce Avenue Car Park and residents using East Strand Car Park at the time.

Councillor McCaw advised the Scheme Council had now introduced applied to a small number of houses on Causeway Street, in areas where there were Air B&B's, not permanent residents. Councillor McCaw described Causeway Street as a spur off the Town Centre, where residents do not have on-street Parking and requested the criteria introduced by Council be applied to these residents; he estimated 15-20 spaces out of 650 were required within the East Strand Car Park; and an allocation at the school of one hour each side of pick up and drop off.

Alderman Hillis seconding the Notice of Motion, stated his support. He stated the core of the Notice of Motion followed promises made by Officers at the time the decision was made; that residents would be accommodated by passes. Alderman Hillis stated the situation at the Medical Centre had only been partially resolved.

The Director of Environmental Services clarified the Council decision had been followed through. The implementation of the car parking charges had taken place in July, delayed due to Covid and a review would be brought back in one-years time. The Director of Environmental Services advised of a pilot scheme in East Strand Car Park and Townhead Street Car Park and there may be an impact in financial terms.

Councillor Wilson expressed sympathy to the motion and concern for an extra level of bureaucracy and administration.

Councillor Beattie understood and sympathised with the Motion, she advised there were a number of towns and villages across the Borough where residents do not have off-street parking, and ratepayers should be treated equally.

Councillor Bateson expressed sympathy and understanding for the Notice of Motion whilst the application of decisions Council wide.

Alderman Fielding referred to the meeting on 12 February which stated exemptions, he advised a precedent had been set with the issuing of permits for Townhead Street, Ballymoney

The Director of Environmental Services clarified the distance based criteria applied to Causeway Street was the same as Townhead Street, however, as Causeway Street was longer, not all premises met the distance criteria.

The Chair questioned whether Councillor McCaw was content to defer consideration until a report was brought back. Councillor McCaw clarified he wished to vote on the Notice of Motion. He clarified the geography of Portrush was different and needed to be taken into consideration, whilst welcoming the report to be brought back.

The Chair put the Notice of Motion to the Committee to vote.  
2 Members voted For; 8 Members voted Against; 4 Members Abstained.  
The Chair declared the Notice of Motion lost.

## **6. FUNDING OFFER FROM SECRETARY OF STATE FOR BUSINESS, ENERGY AND INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY (“BEIS”) TO BUILD CAPACITY AND CAPABILITY FOR MARKET SURVEILLANCE IN NORTHERN IRELAND 2020/21**

Report, previously circulated, presented by the Head of Health and Built Environment, to provide members with information following the receipt of an offer of funding from the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy ("BEIS"). The letter of offer dated 23rd October 2020 is contained in Annex 1 of the Grant Funding Agreement was circulated.

The purpose of the grant is to support Council in building capacity and capability for market surveillance via recruitment of additional dedicated resource. This is part of a UK wide approach to ensure only safe and compliant, non-food, consumer goods enter the UK market and to meet the provisions of the EU Withdrawal Agreement and Northern Ireland Protocol (NIP).

### **Background**

The Office for Product Safety and Standards (OPSS) is the national regulator for product safety. It was established to lead and co-ordinate the UK product safety system to deliver improved protections for consumers and better support for industry across the UK. If the grant offer is accepted, the Project will be monitored by OPSS on behalf of BEIS.



OPSS already provides a package of support to Northern Ireland Councils, including a programme of training to increase competency of frontline officers, funding to enable EHNI to access testing for products manufactured or imported by Northern Ireland businesses and provision for additional screen-testing equipment.

As the end of the transition period approaches and implementation of the NIP progresses, OPSS has developed an additional support package that will enable all NI councils to complete their preparations and operationalise the Northern Ireland Protocol. This will ensure the UK has a co-ordinated and cohesive approach to market surveillance that recognises the particular requirements in Northern Ireland.

The Grant is being offered to all 11 councils in Northern Ireland to establish a flexible resource with the capacity and capability to:

- Undertake risk-based market surveillance interventions on goods before they are released for free circulation and subsequently, throughout the supply chain;
- Manage and act on intelligence to drive a risk-based approach;
- Provide advice and support to local businesses to meet their obligations under product safety legislation for importing and exporting goods;
- Co-operate and coordinate market surveillance activity across NI to ensure compliance with EU regulatory requirements; *and*
- Monitor and report on interventions.

The range of funded activities will include:

- Providing advice and guidance to NI manufacturers and importers about placing goods on NI and GB market, with a particular focus on those businesses that are currently distributors and will become importers following the end of transition;
- Implementing co-ordinated business support programmes e.g. linking to economic development work if appropriate;
- Sampling products from NI manufacturers and importers for safety testing and effectively following up non-compliance detected;
- Participating in market surveillance projects;
- Identifying locations in the District Council area where goods are released from customs control into free circulation :
  - putting in place arrangements to inspect goods for regulatory compliance at these locations, and;
  - informing OPSS of capacity to make inspections at these locations, should OPSS' risk profiling activity identify relevant consignments being released from customs control at this location (posing a high risk to consumers).
- Establishing processes and procedures to respond to referrals from OPSS border profiling system, including undertaking physical checks at points of entry where risk to consumers is high;

- Working with OPSS to develop operational arrangements with other border control and market surveillance authorities at ports e.g. Border Force NI, HSENI and TSSNI to act on Third Country imports and, if necessary, GB goods;
- Working with OPSS on developing product safety intelligence-gathering and prioritisation within NI;
- Building relationships with Competition & Consumer Protection Commission in the Republic of Ireland; *and*
- Undertake any other associated market surveillance activities to support any agreed UK/EU reporting requirements.

Funding will be paid in arrears on receipt of a record of work conducted (reporting requirements to be confirmed).

**It is recommended** that the Committee accept the grant offer and authorise the Director of Environmental Services to sign the Grant Funding Agreement for and on behalf of Council. It is also recommended that 2 no. additional District Environmental Health Officers (temporary for 5 months) be recruited with immediate effect.

Proposed by Councillor MA McKillop  
Seconded by Councillor McLean and

**AGREED** – to recommend that Council accept the grant offer and authorise the Director of Environmental Services to sign the Grant Funding Agreement for and on behalf of Council. It is also recommended that 2 no. additional District Environmental Health Officers (temporary for 5 months) be recruited with immediate effect.

## **7. GRANT OF APPROVAL OF A PREMISES AS A VENUE FOR CIVIL MARRIAGE AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP**

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

### **THE MARRIAGE (NI) ORDER 2003 AND THE CIVIL PARTNERSHIP REGULATIONS (NI) 2005**

#### **APPROVAL OF A PLACE AS A VENUE FOR CIVIL MARRIAGE AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP**

<b>Reference Number:</b>	MA 036 / CP 036
<b>Premises:</b>	Rathlin Manor House

**Application:** Application has been received for the approval of a venue for Civil Marriage and Civil Partnership.

**Representations:** No Objections Received

**PSNI and NIFRS:** No Objections Received

**It is recommended** that the premises be granted Approval for Civil Marriage and Civil Partnership subject to compliance with any recommendations of the Councils licensing section.

Proposed by Councillor Hunter  
Seconded by Councillor MA McKillop and

**AGREED** – to recommend that Council grant the premises Approval for Civil Marriage and Civil Partnership subject to compliance with any recommendations of the Councils licensing section.

## 8. ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING

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

### ENTERTAINMENTS LICENCE GRANT OF ANNUAL INDOOR ENTERTAINMENTS LICENCE

**Licence No:** EL 400

**Premises:** Rathlin Manor House, Church Bay, Rathlin Island, Ballycastle

**Application:** Grant of annual indoor entertainments licence for Dancing, Singing, Music or any other entertainment of a like kind, theatrical performance

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

Monday – Sunday 12.30hrs to 23:30hrs

Sunday – 12.30hrs to 00:00hrs

**Representations:** No Objections Received

**PSNI and NIFRS:** No Objections Received

### Recommendation

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

Proposed by Councillor MA McKillop  
Seconded by Councillor Hunter and

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

## 9. REQUEST FOR MUSLIM BURIAL SPACE

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

Council have been approached by representatives from the Muslim community asking if Council would provide a section of a cemetery, preferably in the 'Triangle' area, to accommodate Muslim burials.

### **Background**

An Imam (Muslim religious leader) and other leaders approached Council to highlight the growing Muslim population in the Causeway Coast area and the lack of burial space for the Muslim community. Their current concerns are being enhanced by the growing numbers of Muslim in the area. They are asking if a section of a Council cemetery could be made available to them for burials. As part of their traditions the deceased is laid to rest with the coffin orientated in a south-west/north-east alignment. Site meetings confirmed that Coleraine Cemetery was currently orientated in a manner that met their needs and a section could be easily be set aside to accommodate them.

Given their small but growing population in the Borough it is feasible to set aside a section of Coleraine Cemetery which would meet their need for the next 20 years + (8 to 10 burials per year). The attached plan below shows how Council could facilitate their request.

**It is recommended** that the Environmental Services Committee recommend that Council provide a section of Coleraine Cemetery to accommodate Muslim faith burials.

In response to Councillor Wilson the Director if Environmental Services agreed to bring an overview of Council's capacity at burial sites.

Proposed by Alderman Boyle  
Seconded by Councillor Bateson and

**AGREED** – to recommend that Council provide a section of Coleraine Cemetery to accommodate Muslim faith burials.

The Chair advised the following Items were for information (Items 9–14 & 16)

## 10. APPROVAL OF PREMISES AS A VENUE FOR CIVIL MARRIAGE

Report, previously circulated.

### MARRIAGE REGULATIONS (NI) 2003

#### THE MARRIAGE (NI) ORDER 2003

Approval of premises as a venue for Civil Marriage.

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

<u>Unique Reference Number</u>	<u>Premises Name</u>	<u>Approval Type</u>
TMA 002/2019	70 Lisnagat Road, Liscolman, Ballymoney	Temporary Civil Marriage Place Approval
MA013	Marine Hotel	Renewal

## 11. APPROVAL OF PREMISES AS A VENUE FOR CIVIL PARTNERSHIP

Report, previously circulated.

### 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>
CP013	Marine Hotel	Renewal

## 12. ENTERTAINMENTS LICENCE RENEWALS

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) (NI) ORDER  
1985  
ENTERTAINMENT LICENCES**

Report, previously circulated.

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>
EL268	Roseyards Presbyterian Church Hall
EL028	Coleraine Rugby, Football and Cricket Club
EL323	Largy Community Hall

**13. LICENCES ISSUED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

Report, previously circulated.

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

**STREET TRADING (NI) ACT 2001**

<b>Unique Reference No</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Street Trading Licence</b>	<b>Location</b>
SST 014	Ms Jennifer McIlreavy	Stationary Street Trading	Bishops Gate lay-by, Musseden Road, Castlerock
SST 015	Mr Niall Mullan	Stationary Street Trading	Main Street, Dungiven

**14. PETROLEUM SPIRIT LICENCE RENEWALS**

**PETROLEUM (REGULATION) ACTS 1929 AND 1937**

**PETROLEUM SPIRIT LICENCES**

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>

PL039	McCool's Supervalu
PL010	Route Services

## 15. STREET TRADING LICENCE RENEWALS

### STREET TRADING (NI) ACT 2001

Report, previously circulated.

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>
MST 002	Stephen Laverty	Mobile	Hot Food & Drinks	Borough of Causeway Coast & Glens

## 16. CHEESECAKE SURVEY

Report, previously circulated, to advise members of the publication of a report by the Food Standards Agency which details the results of a cheesecake nutritional survey that Council's Environmental Health Department participated in.

### Background

Obesity is one of the most important public health challenges currently facing Northern Ireland, with 62% of adults and 27% of children aged 2-15 classified as overweight or obese. Research shows the NI population is eating too much sugar, saturated fat and salt and not enough fruit, vegetables and wholegrain foods.

Research commissioned by the FSA in 2018 reported that 71% of NI consumers eat out at least once a month, meaning these businesses now have a greater part to play in helping to make the healthier choice easier.

Public Health England (PHE) identified 'puddings' such as cheesecake, pies, tarts, crumbles, gateaux etc. as one of the top ten sources of sugar in the UK diet, and have therefore included this category in its reduction and reformulation programme. Cheesecake was recognised as a food of 'particular relevance' to the NI population as it is a popular option on

dessert menus, with many restaurants and hotels offering it as a hand-made dessert.

The survey was commissioned by the FSA and district councils as part of the Eating Well Choosing Better Programme.

### **Approach**

Between July and September 2019, the 11 district councils in NI sampled a minimum of three cheesecakes sold in restaurants and hotels in each Council area. A total of 47 samples were collected. Samples of each cheesecake portion were sent for nutritional analysis.

### **Report Findings**

- The average portion of cheesecake weighed 145g
- The largest portion of cheesecake weighed 273.9g
- As portion size increased so did energy, sugar, fat, saturated fat and salt content
- The average portion of cheesecake provided 534kcal
- The portion with the highest amount of energy provided 972kcal – this is almost half an adults daily recommended energy intake
- The highest amount of sugar in one portion was 68.0g – this is the equivalent of almost 14 teaspoons of sugar
- The highest amount of fat in one portion was 72.8g – this is almost all the adult fat recommendation no more than 35% of daily energy intake.

The full results of the survey are outlined in the Nutritional Content of Cheesecake Report available at the web addresses supplied.

**It is recommended** that the report be noted.

**AGREED** – to recommend that Council note the report.

## **17. BIO-DIVERSITY WITHIN COUNCIL - UPDATE**

Report, previously circulated.

Further to the information item to committee (Sept 2020) Members requested more information on the selected wildflower sites and how they complement traditional bedding plant sites.

### **Background**

Following the successful introduction of a number of wildflower sites two years ago a number of other sites were identified for 2020 as being appropriate for this type of management. Not only do wildflower sites save money over traditional bedding plant presentations but they go



some way to saving our endangered insect wildlife. This approach has proved successful in the eyes of the public who have contacted Council to express their approval (appendix circulated).

Some additional sites have now been identified for 2021. Members should note that the following criteria is used when deciding which sites may be appropriate for wildflower planting

1. Safety Concerns – some beds located on roundabouts/roadside verges need regular attention (weeding/watering) throughout the summer when planted with bedding plants. Significantly less attention is needed when planted with wildflowers thus reducing the number of visits, risk to staff and labour cost.
2. Lack of any previous planting regime - many sites are not new but are additional and chosen for their suitability for wildflowers.
3. Sites which previously had shrubs/bushes which have become overgrown/unkempt and attract litter and vermin.

The emphasis will be to continue to offer a variety of floral presentations picking the most appropriate location for either bedding or wildflowers. The following table shows the ratio of wildflower to 'traditional' bedding plant sites proposed for 2021. These numbers may vary slightly in future years depending on the success at each location but it is anticipated that we will continue to bring a blend of presentations to suit all tastes and encourage our pollinators.

	Bedding	Wildflowers
Ballymoney/Moyle Area	20	5
Coleraine Area	34	17
Limavady Area	15	4
Total	69	26

## 18. CORRESPONDENCE

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

The following correspondence had been received:

### **Re-Gen Waste Ltd (dated 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020)**

#### **Summary**

Re-Gen Waste Ltd are an integrated Recycling and Waste Management Company, and in that time, they have developed one of Europe's most advanced MRF (materials recovery facility) installations. The Newry-based factory handles mixed waste processing with best in class technologies in place to ensure European standards of recycling are not only met, but regularly exceeded.

This Waste to Energy facility is ideally located to serve the needs of customers and councils across the UK and Ireland, to help them meet their recycling needs and achieve waste to landfill targets. Re-Gen Waste now operates their Newry-based factory 24 hours a day to process over 1.5 million tonnes of waste. Company operations include waste to energy (WTE), mixed dry recycling (MDR) processing, multiple solid waste (MSW) processing and engineering.

Re-Gen would like to make an annual presentation to the committee to offer advice on how to increase Council's recycling rates and discuss the very latest technologies. They can demonstrate that the systems they currently use with blue bin waste is best value and best for recycling rates. It is also the most convenient for the householder and puts the onus on the recycler to separate the material and not the householder who pays for the service. They also believe that with specific tweaks to the waste streams and system they can make it the best by far of all other recycling methods. Re-Gen's aim is to get the best recycling rates for all local government councils and not simply those that they are in partnership with already.

Re-Gen would like to present to the committee membership and Council Officers to share their expertise in the Waste Industry and the knowledge and understanding Re-Gen have gained over the last 15 years. Re-Gen believes this is a critical and costly area of Council spend and one they feel should be discussed and more openly explained to the ratepayer.

### **Council Current Position**

Members will be aware that ReGen Waste Ltd has a current extension to the Mixed Dry Recyclables (Blue Bin) Contract. It is extended for a one year period from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020. Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council through the North West Regional Waste Management Group (NWRWVG) are due to issue tender documents shortly for our Residual Contract (Black Bin Waste). Following discussions with the Clerk of the NWRWVG it was suggested that it would not be advisable to hold a separate presentation with one of the likely bidders in this tender exercise at this time. It was suggested that it would be better to invite them to present to the Technical Advisors Group (TAG) where Senior Waste officers of all the Councils could attend.

**It is recommended** that the Environmental Services Committee note the correspondence and refuse the offer of the presentation until after the tender exercise has taken place.

**AGREED** – to recommend that Council note the correspondence and refuse the offer of the presentation until after the tender exercise has taken place.

## **19. CONSULTATIONS**

There were no consultation documents.

## **20. CONFERENCES**

The Director of Environmental Services advised Committee of the following online conference that had been received, and was not on the Agenda, due to the imminent timescale:

Northern Ireland Environment 2020 Online Forum, theme 'new deal, new decade', Delegate fee £175 + VAT @ 20% = £210 on Wednesday 23 November 2020.

Members wishing to attend should contact Democratic Services.

\* **Alderman Boyle left the meeting at 8.14PM.**

## **21. 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 Councillor Holmes and

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

\* **Press left the meeting at 8.15pm.**

## **22. ROUTE OPTIMISATION UPDATE**

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

This report provided an update on the current status of the Route Optimisation project.

### **Background**

Council agreed to use Webaspx optimisation software to conduct a review of domestic kerbside refuse collection routes.

The aim of the project was to balance workloads, optimise routes, design more efficient rounds and minimise costs.

The outcome of the project has seen the merging of all legacy council areas with no internal boundaries impacting on refuse collection routes, all residual waste and recycling waste to be collected on the same alternate weeks and collections to take place Monday to Friday across the Borough.

### **Current Status**

The Route Optimisation project is a six stage process. The project has now progressed to stage six – Implementation.

Stage six is divided into two parts. Firstly, staff consultation on operational runs which have been devised and secondly, implementation of agreed collection routes.

Part one of stage six is currently being conducted.

It is envisaged that the new refuse collection routes will commence in quarter two of 2021.

Expected Outcome was detailed within the report, circulated.

The monetary savings associated with the new routes outcomes were detailed within a table, circulated.

Upon completion of the current stage a further update report will be brought to Council.

Councillor Holmes congratulated the Officers.

The Chair, Councillor McQuillan congratulated the Officers.

## **23. PERIOD 6 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 6.

### **MOTION TO PROCEED ‘IN PUBLIC’**

Proposed by Councillor Wilson

Seconded by Councillor McLean and

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

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

The Director of Environmental Services advised the Item submitted by Councillor Mulholland had been withdrawn and would be presented as AORB to Leisure and Development Committee.

**24 (i) Cottage Wood and Cushendall Beach Car Park (Councillor MA McKillop)**

Councillor MA McKillop submitted the following matters and outlined the issues:

*“Could we review the maintenance at Cottage Wood in Cushendall? and ;  
2 Pot Holes at Cushendall beach carpark”.*

The Director of Environmental Services advised the essential health and safety works at Cottage Wood would be prioritised in the near future.

There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 8.30 PM

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Chair