

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2024**

Table of Recommendations

No	Item	Summary of key Recommendations
1.	Apologies	<i>Alderman Hunter Councillor C Archibald, McQuillan, Mairs</i>
2.	Declarations of Interest	<i>None</i>
3.	Minutes of previous meeting held Tuesday 11 June 2024	<i>Confirmed as a correct record</i>
4.	Consultation on Policy Proposals to Underpin a New Public Health Bill	<i>To recommend to Council that the decision to approve the response to the consultation is deferred to the Council Meeting on 1 October 2024 so all Elected Members can review the response and make a decision</i>
5.	Update to Enforcement Section of Council's Litter Strategy 2022 to 2026	<i>To recommend that Council defer approval of the updated Enforcement Section of Council's Litter Strategy for one month to consider what additional key performance indicators and additional actions can be added to the Strategy and then be brought back to the Environmental Services Committee in October</i>

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		2024 with the updates for approval
6.	Review of Building Control Non-Statutory Fees and Proposed Increase	To recommend that Council increase in the Non-Statutory Charges as detailed in Table 1 with effect from 1st October 2024.
7.	Small Business Research Initiative (Phase 2) – Role of persuasive technologies in increasing recycling	To recommend that Council note the opportunity to participate in the Small Business Research Initiative (Phase 2) involving the role of persuasive technologies in increasing recycling.
8.	Cinema Licence Renewals	Noted
9.	Entertainment Licence Renewals	Noted
10.	Licences & Registrations Issued Under Delegated Authority	Noted
11.	Petroleum Spirit Licence Renewals	Noted
12.	Update on use of new provisions to deal with illegal deposition of waste (fly tipping)	To recommend that Council note the content of this report
13.	Period 3 ES Management Accounts and Financial Positions 2024/25	To recommend that Council note the paper
14.	Drinking Water Quality Report for Northern Ireland 2023	To recommend that Council note the report.
15.	Review of Waste Management in Northern Ireland (NI Audit Office)	To recommend that Council note the Northern Ireland Audit Office Review of Waste Management in Northern Ireland.
16.	Matters for Reporting to Partnership Panel	Nil

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17.	Consultations	<i>Nil</i>
18.	Correspondence	<i>To recommend that Council note the correspondence</i>
	<i>'IN COMMITTEE' (Items 19 – 25 inclusive)</i>	
19.	Houses in Multiple Occupancy Review of Licence Scheme Charges and Proposed Increase in Licence fee from 1st October 2024	<p><i>to recommend to Council</i></p> <p><i>(i) the increase of the HMO licence application fee to £45, the maximum permissible under the 2019 Regulations.</i></p> <p><i>(ii) the increase costs of varying an HMO licence as follows –</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>Licence variations</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;"><i>Item Cost</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>Addition of a new managing agent. £225</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>Addition of a new occupant £225 for each new occupant</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>+ £100 inspection fee (per visit)</i></p> <p><i>(iii) that the Council notes that the Chair of SOLACE will write to the DfC Permanent Secretary regarding the risk being carried by Councils and the need to bring forward legislation on this matter within the current mandate.</i></p>
20.	Options to Increase Enforcement Capacity for Environmental Crime	<i>To recommend that Council authorise a procurement process but do not authorise the appointment of a private contractor, that it comes back to the Environmental Services Committee to scrutinise</i>

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		<p>and to ensure Committee are happy with what is in the contract. The information to include background checks on the private contractors and there should be a good balance between enforcement on Council land and private land. Any tender specification and subsequent contract includes enforcement in all areas of the Borough and all types of litter enforcement to which the Litter (NI) Order 1994 applies, including land in private ownership.</p>
21.	Local Air Quality Management Grant 24-25	<p>To recommend that Council authorise commencement of the necessary procurement processes, including approval to tender, for air quality equipment and services as per the grant award as well as for temporary air quality monitors should further grant funding be made available later in 2024-25.</p>
22.	Annual Procurement of Plants	<p>To recommend that Council approve the annual procurement of plants to be planted by Council across Causeway Coast and Glens Borough using the publicly advertised tender process on councils tendering platform.</p>
23.	Festive Light Upgrades and Repairs	<p>To recommend to Council Option 4.2 -</p>

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		<p>Carry out substantive refurbishment of existing motifs in Ballymoney and procurement of new motifs for Kilrea for Christmas 2024 at a total cost of £60,081.20, use any salvageable fixtures and fittings from these locations to augment displays elsewhere and recover some monies through disposal of the remaining existing fixtures and fittings through auction, in conjunction with repairs to existing systems in the nine remaining settlements at a total cost of £63,959.04.</p> <p>Procurement to be carried out using the Direct Award Contract method with Festive Lighting Company Ltd and that the Director of Environmental Services provides a timeline of events so Members can be confident all is in place on time for the Christmas lights switch on</p>
24.	Street Trading Licence Renewals	Noted
25.	Legal Advice on Powers to Rename Roads	To recommend that Council consider the above information.
26.	Any Other Relevant Business (notified in accordance with Standing Order 12 (0))	
26.1	Bylaws in Waterfoot Carpark (Councillor MA McKillop)	Information¹

¹ Ref CM 241001 The Chief Executive advised that AORBs are not an alternative route for bringing a motion to Council and suggested that there should be an amendment to the Minutes clarifying that a report will be brought back to Committee.

No	Item	Summary of key Recommendations
26.2	Dalriada Pier (Councillor MA McKillop)	<i>Information</i>
26.3	Portstewart Harbour (Alderman Fielding)	<i>Information</i>
26.4	Dog Fouling Signs (Alderman Fielding)	<i>Information</i>

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF
THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC HEADQUARTERS AND VIA VIDEO
CONFERENCE
ON TUESDAY 11 JUNE 2024 AT 7.00 PM**

In the Chair: Councillor Jonathan McAuley (C)

Members Present: Alderman Fielding (C), John McAuley (C), S McKillop (C);
Councillors Bateson (R), Callaghan (C), Chivers (R), Kane
(C), McCully (C), MA McKillop (R), Wilson (R)

Officers Present: A McPeake, Director of Environmental Services (C)
S McAfee, Head of Health and Built Environment (C)
J Keen, Committee and Member Services Officer (C)

In Attendance: K Bloomfield, Belfast City Council (Item 19) (R)

A Lennox, ICT Operations Officer (C)
M Kennedy, ICT Officer (C)

Press (3 no.) (R), Public (1 no.) (R)

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

Substitutions: Councillor McCully substituted for Councillor Mairs

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

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Alderman Hunter, Councillor C Archibald, McQuillan, Mairs

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD TUESDAY 11 JUNE 2024**

Summary, previously circulated.

Proposed by Councillor Kane
Seconded by Councillor Stirling and

AGREED – The Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held Tuesday 11 June 2024 were confirmed as a correct record.

4. **CONSULTATION ON POLICY PROPOSALS TO UNDERPIN A NEW PUBLIC HEALTH BILL**

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

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to provide a Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council response to the consultation.

Background

The Department of Health (DoH) has launched a consultation on the policy proposals which have been drafted to inform the development of a new Public Health Bill for Northern Ireland.

This is the second consultation on public health legislation in Northern Ireland. The first was undertaken in September 2015 as part of a review of existing public health law, the Public Health Act (Northern Ireland) 1967. The results of this review were published in March 2016. It found the 1967 Act to be in need of reform and recommended it be replaced with a new Public Health Bill.

This second consultation seeks views on specific policy proposals, which have been drafted to underpin a new health protection legislative framework for Northern Ireland. These are based on the recommendations of the Review of the 1967 Act and on lessons learned from recent threats to public health security.

DoH have stated that the overarching objective of the new Bill is to modernise the outdated existing public health legislation to enable Northern Ireland to better manage risks to public health in the future.

The aim and objectives of a draft Bill will be:

- to update outdated public health legislation to make it fit for purpose in order to better manage 21st century public health emergencies;
- to align with UK jurisdictions, where appropriate, and to better comply with IHR 2005, Human Rights and Data Protection legislation; and
- to widen the scope of current public health legislation to create permanent powers to enable Northern Ireland to respond to public health scenarios on an 'all-hazards' basis.

The consultation document can be found at:

<https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/consultations/policy-proposals-inform-development-new-public-health-bill-northern-ireland>

Attached as Appendix 1 (circulated) is a suggested response to the consultation. The closing date for submission of responses is 27th September 2024.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Council approves the response.

Alderman McAuley stated that the report provided is a considerable document and because it relates to public health Alderman McAuley proposed that the response is deferred to the Full Council Meeting on 1 October 2024 so that it is reviewed by all Elected Members rather than Members of a small committee.

The Director of Environmental Services stated that the role of the committee is to make a recommendation for the Full Council to ratify and that the Department of Health will be advised that the response to the consultation will be subject to ratification.

In response, Alderman McAuley queried whether the process was being followed, by submitting the response prior to the Council Meeting.

The Director of Environmental Services confirmed the response would be submitted with the caveat that it is ratified at the Full Council meeting on 1 October 2024. The Director of Environmental Services further confirmed that a holding response could be issued, and the full response could be submitted after the Council Meeting.

Proposed by Alderman McAuley

Seconded by Councillor Stirling

– to recommend to Council that the decision to approve the response to the consultation is deferred to the Council Meeting on 1 October 2024 so all Elected Members can review the response and make a decision

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Bateson

Seconded by Councillor Chivers

- To recommend that Council approve the response.

The Chair put the Amendment to the Committee to vote.

5 Members voted For, 7 Members voted Against, 0 Members Abstained.

The Chair declared the Amendment lost.

The Chair put the Proposal to the Committee to vote.

7 Members vote For, 5 members voted Against, 0 Members Abstained.

The Char declared the Proposal carried.

AGREED - to recommend to Council that the decision to approve the response to the consultation is deferred to the Council Meeting on 1 October 2024 so all Elected Members can review the response and make a decision.

5. UPDATE TO ENFORCEMENT SECTION OF COUNCIL'S LITTER STRATEGY 2022 TO 2026

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

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to seek approval for an update to the Enforcement Section of Council's Litter Strategy, aimed at improving enforcement outcomes.

Background

Council's Litter Strategy, entitled 'Towards a LitterSmart Borough', covers the period 2022 to 2026. This is an Inter-Departmental plan to improve the condition of the Borough in terms of unsightly incidents of litter, dog fouling and fly-tipping. Part of the strategy relates to enforcement actions which are the responsibility of the Enforcement Team which consists of 8 FTE Environmental Wardens, 1 Senior Environmental Health Officer and 1 Environmental Health Manager.

Enforcement Strategy

To fulfil the commitments outlined in the Litter Strategy regarding enforcement, an updated Litter Enforcement Strategy has been developed with key actions and targets to be achieved during the remainder of the strategy period. The updated enforcement strategy is attached as Appendix A.

To achieve commitments, two significant new pieces of work have been included within this strategy. They are

- (a) The introduction of Key Performance Indicators (KPI) for the service of Fixed Penalty Notices. Targets have been set for each Environmental Warden to proactively serve 2 Fixed Penalty Notices per month for litter offences and 1 Fixed Penalty Notice per month for dog fouling. If these targets are achieved it will result in annual totals of 192 Fixed Penalty Notices for litter and 92 Fixed Penalty Notices for dog fouling
- (b) The introduction of the use of the Waste and Contaminated Land (Northern Ireland) Order 1997. This legislation allows Council to more effectively deal with the ongoing issue of fly tipping throughout the Borough. The penalties for such offences are far greater than the current penalties under the Litter (Northern Ireland) Order.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Committee recommends to Council approval of the updated Enforcement Section of Council's Litter Strategy, with effect from the from the 1st October 2024.

During discussion consideration was given to the Key Performance Indicators – whether they were challenging enough, what they are based on and what additional Key Performance Indicators could be included. Consideration was given to using fines as a deterrent for dog fouling and littering, improving PR around promoting positive behaviours towards dog fouling and littering, the times and places where the Environmental Wardens patrol and increasing their visibility and how Council support community groups who are involved with litter picking.

In response to questions, the Director of Environmental Services advised that the Key Performance Indicators set out in the report are a considerable improvement, the Environmental Wardens have a range of duties, and the Key Performance Indicators are a realistic target for year 1. The Director of Environmental Services acknowledged dog fouling and littering occurs outside the working hours of the Environmental Wardens and that budget had been set aside to allow for overtime to accommodate further patrols. The Director of Environmental Services noted comments regarding PR and communications and confirmed they will be taken back to the relevant team so that this can be enhanced. The Director of Environmental Services confirmed there are 8 full time Environmental Wardens employed by Council. The Director of Environmental Services advised the use of CCTV is being explored.

Proposed by Councillor MA McKillop

Seconded by Councillor Bateson

- To recommend that Council approve the updated Enforcement Section of Council's Litter Strategy, with effect from the from the 1st October 2024.

Councillor Kane stated that concerns expressed during debate need to be addressed.

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Kane

Seconded by Councillor McCully

- To recommend that Council defer approval of the updated Enforcement Section of Council's Litter Strategy for one month to consider what additional key performance indicators and additional actions can be added to the Strategy and then be brought back to the Environmental Services Committee in October 2024 with the updates for approval

Councillor MA McKillop and Councillor Bateson withdrew their proposal.

AGREED - To recommend that Council defer approval of the updated Enforcement Section of Council's Litter Strategy for one month to consider what additional key performance indicators and additional actions can be added to the Strategy and then be brought back to the Environmental Services Committee in October 2024 with the updates for approval

6. REVIEW OF BUILDING CONTROL NON-STATUTORY FEES AND PROPOSED INCREASE

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

Purpose of Report

To consider a request to increase fees for Building Control Non-Statutory Services.

Background

The Building (Prescribed Fees) Regulations (NI) 1997 and The Building (Prescribed Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (NI) 2013 & 2022 authorise district councils to charge fees for certain prescribed functions and establish the level of fees that may be charged.

Non-statutory fees are charged for Building Control Services that are not specified or set under any specific fees legislation. These charges are required to be advertised as part of the Councils Publication Scheme and are available on the Council website.

The non statutory fee schedule may be reviewed by Council at any time to reflect changes in Building Control service delivery. The current non-statutory charges have not been reviewed since their introduction on the 1st April 2020.

Fee increases are necessary to ensure that the Council can maintain adequate resources within the Building Control Department and allow for the prompt, efficient and professional delivery of services to a range of customers.

Table 1 below (circulated) indicates the current charges alongside the proposed new fee for administering and producing the requested information. The increase in the standard fee from £30 to £50 reflects a review of the cost of the service, includes simple inflationary adjustments and account of the rise in staff costs since April 2020.

It is proposed to introduce the new charges as from **1st October 2024**.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Environmental Services Committee recommends to Council the increase in the Non-Statutory Charges as detailed in Table 1 with effect from 1st October 2024.

In response to questions, the Director of Environmental Services advised that there is a group of senior officers from within Building Control (BCNI) across Northern Ireland that assess non-statutory building control costs and this is the first opportunity to present the increased fees to Elected Members. The Director of Environmental Services advised there is a small income from non-statutory fees in comparison to the statutory fee income, these will increase by approximately £5,000 which is a significant amount for recovery.

Proposed by Alderman S McKillop
Seconded by Councillor Kane and

AGREED – to recommend that Council increase in the Non-Statutory Charges as detailed in Table 1 with effect from 1st October 2024.

7. SMALL BUSINESS RESEARCH INITIATIVE (PHASE 2) – ROLE OF PERSUASIVE TECHNOLOGIES IN INCREASING RECYCLING

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

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to advise on participation in the Small Business Research Initiative (Phase 2) involving the role of persuasive technologies in increasing recycling.

Background

Local councils in Northern Ireland are responsible for the collection of more than one million tonnes of household waste and recycling annually. The total cost of council waste management contracts is more than £80m per year.

With the publication of DAERA's new Waste Management Strategy, a key focus will be to outline how the current recycling targets, to recycle 65% of municipal waste and the requirement to recycle at least 70% of overall waste by 2030, can be achieved.

In recent years, compounded by Covid-19 and the cost-of-living crisis, there has been some stagnation affecting sustained positive behavioural change. Recycling behaviour shows considerable regional and demographic variations.

A step change in household recycling activity is needed to:

- Increase the quantity of recycled household waste.
- Improve the quality of recycling by reducing the contamination and incorrect disposal of non-recyclable items.

Persuasive technologies and recycling

To achieve the step change needed in recycling rates, more sophisticated behavioural change interventions will be needed.

Persuasive technologies, designed to change attitudes and behaviours through persuasion and social influence, have the potential to provide such a step change.

Funding and Support

NILGA previously secured £125,000 in funding for a Small Business Research Initiative (Phase 1) to test the use of persuasive technology in increasing recycling rates and improving the quality of recycling materials. Fermanagh & Omagh DC provided the testbed for this phase of the project.

The Department of the Economy has now made a further £220,000 of funding available for Phase 2. Subject to approval, Phase 2 will see the project extended to another two other local authorities, including Causeway Coast and Glens BC. The focus in Causeway Coast and Glens will be on the feasibility of the approach of persuasive technology in a tourist area.

**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>
EL241	The Bush Tavern
EL007	Golf Links Hotel
EL246	Lissanoure Castle Ltd Concourse Centre
EL245	Lissanoure Castle Ltd and Public House
EL223	Ballymoney United Football Social and Recreation Club
EL108	The Sandpiper Restaurant, Ibis Coleraine
EL339	Crossview Inn
EL421	Moyarget Protestant Hall
EL040	Flowerfield Arts Centre
EL256	Ballymoney Town Hall
EL077	Portrush Town Hall
EL029	Coleraine Town Hall
EL370	LCDI
EL373	Limavady Masonic Hall
EL271	Bushvale Presbyterian Church Hall
EL403	Finvoy YFC
EL302	Cushendall Sailing & Boating Club
CIRCUS 001	Tom Duffy's Circus
EL262	Lavin Orange Hall
EL254	The Village Inn
EL381	Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre
EL422	LIR: Native Seafood
EL058	Kilrea Orange Hall
EL185	Halo Niteclub & Bar
EL055	Kilrea Town Hall
EL365	O'Brien's Foreglen GAC

<u>Unique Reference Number</u>	<u>Name of Premises</u>
EL319	The Dolphin Bar & Restaurant
EL327	Roe Valley Leisure Centre
EL318	Chasers
EL012	Bertha's Bar
EL069	Offshore Bar
EL129	The Tides
EL403	Finvoy YFC
EL423	The Scenic Inn (Shirley Summer Sesh)
EL025	Coleraine Leisure Centre
EL356	St. Finlough's Parochial Centre
EL383	Banagher Community Sports Pavillion
EL003	Aghadowey Presbyterian Church Hall
EL222	Ballymoney Rugby Football Club
EL263	Topp Orange Hall
EL415	Moycraig YFC - Marquee in Grounds of Armoy Rugby Football Club
EL275	Loughgiel Millennium Centre
EL408	Ballymully Cottage Farm (Family Big Top)
EL364	Stendhal Festival (Ballymully Cottage Farm)
EL391	The Salthouse Hotel
EL052	Inn on the Coast
EL176	Marine Hotel
EL154	Billy Church Hall
EL348	Coach House Brasserie
EL135	The Bush House
EL324	The Drummond Hotel
EL337	Sperrin View Bar
EL005	Anchor Bar Complex
EL269	Dervock Presbyterian Church Hall
EL160	Ballinlea Orange Hall
EL400	Rathlin Manor House

EL345	Drummond Cricket Club
EL351	Limavady Cricket & Rugby Football Club
EL165	Carey Parochial Hall
EL074	Portballintrae Village Hall
EL062	Manor House and Golf Club
EL023	Coleraine FC Social Club
EL080	Portstewart Arms
EL412	The Station
EL332	St Peter's Hall
EL342	Limavady United Football & Athletic Club
EL413	Elephant Rock Hotel
EL255	Trinity Presbyterian Church Hall
EL071	Peter Thompson Hall
EL259	Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre
EL081	Portstewart Football & Community Club
EL008	Bayview Hotel
EL213	Royal British Legion Club Ballymoney Ltd
EL072	Kiwis Brew Bar/Playhouse

Committee NOTED the report.

10. LICENCES & REGISTRATIONS 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>Reference Number:</u>	<u>Name of Premises</u>	<u>Type of Registration</u>

AP/03/2024	Celi Aesthetics, Railway Road, Coleraine	Acupuncture
T/04/2024	North Coast Ink, Kingsgate Street, Coleraine	Tattooing

Street Trading (NI) Act 2001

Unique Reference No	Street Trading License	Location
SST 022/2024	Stationary Street trading	Catherine Street ,Limavady
SST 023/2024	Stationary Street trading	Bishops Gate lay-by, on east side of A2, Mussenden Rd, Castlerock
TSTM 077/2024	Heart of The Glens Festival	Bridge Street and Mill Street, Cushendall
TST 007/2024	Temporary Street Trading	Dunluce Avenue, Portrush

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

Reference No	Premises:	Licence
EL432	House Of McDonnell Castle Street, Ballycastle	Grant of an indoor Entertainment Licence Days and times on which it is applied to provide entertainment: Friday: 20:00hrs to 00:00hrs Saturday: 20:00hrs to 00:00hrs Sunday: 20:00hrs to 00:00hrs
EL016	Bushfoot Golf Club Bushfoot Road, Portballintrae	Grant of an indoor Entertainment Licence Days and times on which it is applied to provide entertainment: Monday to Sunday 12:00hrs to 01:00hrs
EL030	Coleraine West Community Centre The Rope Walk Coleraine	Grant of an indoor Entertainment Licence Days and times on which it is applied to provide entertainment: Monday to Sunday 10:00hrs to 01:00hrs

EL011	Ballysally Community Centre Ballysally Road Coleraine	Grant of an indoor Entertainment Licence Days and times on which it is applied to provide Monday to Sunday 10:00hrs to 01:00hrs
EL066	Millburn Community Centre Linden Ave Coleraine	Grant of an indoor Entertainment Licence Days and times on which it is applied to provide entertainment: Monday to Sunday 10:00hrs to 01:00hrs
EL306	The Armada Hillside Road Armoy	Grant of an indoor entertainment licence Days and times on which it is applied to provide entertainment: Monday to Thursday 11:30hrs to 23:30hrs Friday to Saturday 11:30 to 01:00hrs Sunday 11:30hrs to 23:00hrs
EL 434	Ballyness Resort, Legavallon Road Dungiven	Grant of an indoor entertainment licence Days and times on which it is applied to provide entertainment: Monday to Saturday 12:00hrs to 01:00hrs Sunday 12:00hrs to 00:00hrs

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.

The Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997

<u>Reference Number</u>	<u>Special Event on Road</u>	<u>Prohibition/restriction of use of public roads</u>
EH829611	The Heart of The Glens Festival	Application to hold a Special Event on 6 th 9 th 10 th 11 th August 2024

EH829834	Lammas Fair	Application to hold a Special Private Event on 25 th , 26 th and 27 th August 2024.
EH830447	Murlough Road, Ballycastle	Application to hold a Special Private Event on 3 rd September 2024.

The Petroleum (Consolidation) Act (Northern Ireland) 1929

Reference No	Premises:	Licence
PL072	Frosses Road Service Station Frosses Road	Grant of a petroleum licence
PL041	Golden Plough, Drones Road, Ballymoney	Grant of a petroleum licence

The Licensing of Pavement Cafés Act (Northern Ireland) 2014

Reference No	Premises:	Licence
PC30	Arrosto Cafe 17 Eglinton Street, Portrush	Grant of a pavement café licence Days and times applied for to operate a pavement café: Monday to Sunday 09:00hrs to 16:30hrs
PC33	The Station 16C Eglinton Street, Portrush	Grant of a pavement café licence Days and times applied for to operate a pavement café: Monday to Sunday 11:00hrs to 23:30hrs
PC34	Anne's Hot Bread Shop 5-6 Castlecroft, Ballymoney	Grant of a pavement café licence Days and times applied for to operate a pavement café: Monday to Saturday 08:30hrs to 16:00hrs
PC32	Follow Coast 31 Main Street, Portrush	Grant of a pavement café licence Days and times applied for to operate a pavement café:

		Monday to Sunday 09:00hrs to 17:00hrs
PC29	Kiwis Brew Bar/Playhouse47- 51 Main Street, Portrush	Grant of a pavement café licence Days and times applied for to operate a pavement café: Monday to Saturday 10:30hrs to 23:30hrs Sunday 12:30hrs to 23:30hrs

The Marriage (NI) Order 2003 And The Civil Partnership Regulations (NI) 2005

Reference No	Premises:	Licence
MA020	Lissanoure Castle, Knockahollet Road, Loughguile	Grant of a Civil Marriage Licence

Committee NOTED the report.

11. 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>
PL035	Spar Milltown
PL012	Spar Millburn
PL023	Portrush Filling Station
PL018	Ivan Wilson Filling Station
PL020	Strand Service Station
PL069	Derrychrier Services Ltd
PL066	Solo Express
PL054	Bradleys Filling Station
PL011	Centra Store (Somerset Service Station)
PL046	Dervock Centra

PL071	Nicholls Auto 365 (Ballymoney)
PL052	Eurospar Dungiven Limited

Committee NOTED the report.

12. UPDATE ON USE OF NEW PROVISIONS TO DEAL WITH ILLEGAL DEPOSITION OF WASTE (FLY TIPPING)

For information report, previously circulated, was presented as read by the Director of Environmental Services.

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to update members on use of new powers provided by the Waste and Contaminated Land (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 to deal with the illegal deposition of waste (fly tipping).

Background

Further to ES240514 and CM240604 Council authorised the use of new powers to enforce two important offences in relation to fly tipping under the Waste and Contaminated Land Order (Northern Ireland) 1997 Order. Previously fly tipping matters were dealt with under the Litter (Northern Ireland) Order 1994.

The offence under Article 4 of the 1994 Order is commonly referred to as fly-tipping. Any person who commits an offence under Article 4 is liable to a Fixed Penalty Notice of £400 with an early payment rate of £300

Article 5 of the 1997 Order imposes a “duty of care” on any person who imports, produces, collects, carries, treats, or disposes of controlled waste or, as a broker or dealer has control of such waste, shall take all such measures applicable to them in that capacity as are reasonable in the circumstances to prevent any contravention by any other person of Article 4 of the Order.

Any person who fails without reasonable excuse to comply with this duty shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to a Fixed Penalty of £300 with an early payment rate of £200.

Outcomes

Since the introduction of the new powers in June 2024:

- 4 Fixed Penalty Notices at £400 have been served on individuals identified as having committed the offence under Article 4 of Fly tipping

- 2 Fixed Penalty Notices at £300 have been served on individuals identified as having committed an offence under Article 5 of failing to comply with a duty of care with regard to household rubbish. 1 of these Fixed Penalty Notices has been paid to date.

It is Council policy to instigate legal proceedings when any Fixed Penalty Notice goes unpaid.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Committee note the content of this report

In response to questions, the Director of Environmental Services advised the fines detailed at 3.1 in the report have not been paid but are still within the timeframe for payment. The Director of Environmental Services confirmed that once payment is made that PR can be completed as a deterrent for fly tipping.

AGREED – to recommend that Council note the content of this report.

13. PERIOD 3 ES MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL POSITIONS 2024/25

For information report, previously circulated, was presented as read by the Director of Environmental Services.

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report to provide Members with information on the current financial position of Environmental Services Directorate at the end of Period 3.

Background

Council has approved the annual budget for Environmental Service and delegated authority to officers to utilise this budget in the provision of services to the rate payers. ES budget for 2024/25 is **£ 30,851,687.59**. This is based on expenditure budget of **£36,559,317.45** and income budget of **£5,707,629.86**

The Environmental Services position at Period 3 shows a **£330,940.69 adverse variance**. This includes predicted increases in employee costs based on the proposed National Pay Award.

The main costs and income attributing to the ES P3 position are summarised as follows as variances against budget (table circulated).

- Employee costs are £119k adverse
- Premises costs are £50k positive
- Transport Costs are £13k positive
- Supplies and Services are £59k adverse

- Contract Payments are £83k positive
- Income is £331k adverse – Car Parks (-£243k), Landfill (-£176k)

Estates.

Table (circulated) detailed expenditure and income.

£48k adverse mainly due to Employee costs and Income is adverse by £25k.

Health and Built Environment.

Table (circulated) detailed expenditure and income.

£138k positive. Employee costs are £42k positive. Fee Income is favourable by £153k including £83k from Building Control.

Infrastructure.

Table (circulated) detailed expenditure and income.

£207k adverse mainly due to income loss of car park income of £243k. Employee costs are £12k favourable.

Operations.

Table (circulated) detailed expenditure and income.

£228k adverse variance in Period 3. Employee costs are positive £119k. A breakdown of the Variances are as follows

Table (circulated) detailed function, variance and comments.

ES Business Support.

£2.5k positive - on target

ES Centrally Managed.

£3k positive variance – on target

In-year Savings

Officers have and will continue to manage and scrutinise the budget to identify opportunities for reducing expenditure and increasing income in order to get back on budget. However at Period 3, mainly due to loss of income from car parks and 3rd party waste, ES financial position has an adverse variance of **£339,321.00.**

Summary of Capital Expenditure – P3 (April – June 2024)

Month/Year	Agenda Item No.	Fleet/Project	Amount
April 2024	6	Operations Fleet, Plant and Equipment Renewal 2024-25	c.£1,555,750
April 2024	17	Harbours & Marinas Capital Infrastructure works to “Old Slipway, Portrush Harbour” Consideration to Progression to Stage 3 – Construction Phase	Option 1, “the required works”:- <i>Most Economically advageous tenderer:- £68,700.00 + VAT</i> <i>Contingency Sum of 15%, (£10,305.00) being applied, with a resultant capital project delivery sum of £79,005.00</i>
April 2024	19	(To note) Cost of Purchasing Pay & Display Machines	£79,500.00
May 2024	7	Purchase of Operations Replacement Vehicle	£19,275
June 2024	21	Estates Fleet Renewal 2024/2025	£ 447,300
Total			£2,180,830

Recommendation

Members are requested to note the paper.

In response to questions regarding feedback from the consultation on the carparking fees in Ballycastle, the Director of Environmental Services advised the consultation will be issued in the next 10 days. The Director of Environmental Services advised the delay was due to issues raised by the Equality Officer and the car park team. The Director of Environmental Services apologised for the delay in issuing the consultation and advised it will be

advertised through social media, the Council's website and emails to community groups.

AGREED – to recommend that Council note the paper.

14. DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR NORTHERN IRELAND 2023

For information report, previously circulated, was presented as read by the Director of Environmental Services.

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to advise members of the 2023 Drinking Water Quality Report for the Council area provided by Northern Ireland Water (NI Water).

Background

NI Water have provided Council with the 2021 Drinking Water Quality Report for the Council area and is attached as Appendix 1.

The report provides information on water quality at Council level which is based on the percentage compliance from monitoring at customer taps (including supply points) over the water supply zones in the Borough.

Overall public drinking water quality remains high with 99.8% compliance reported.

The report details Capital Work Programmes affecting the council area which directly related to water quality during the reporting period.

The reports states NI Water have identified the need to deliver a significant volume of water mains rehabilitation and other works across its ageing network. The works are said to be necessary to ensure the efficient and cost-effective operation of its water supply system in the immediate future and longer term as well as ensuring adequate levels of water quality and customer supply. To achieve this goal, NI Water has implemented a Water mains Rehabilitation Framework, within which it undertakes work on a Northern Ireland wide basis as identified by the zonal study programme of work.

The report details 'Water Quality Events' that occurred during 2023 along with the actions taken in response. The report also provides commentary on each of the water supply zones within the Borough.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the report be noted.

AGREED – to recommend that Council note the report.

15. REVIEW OF WASTE MANAGEMENT IN NORTHERN IRELAND (NI AUDIT OFFICE)

For information report, previously circulated, was presented as read by the Director of Environmental Services.

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to present the Northern Ireland Audit Office Review of Waste Management in Northern Ireland.

The Review of Waste Management in Northern Ireland, published 5th July 2024, is included in appendix a (circulated).

Information

The Review of Waste Management in Northern Ireland provides a factual overview of the waste management infrastructure and regulatory framework, as well as a summary of previous and future waste targets.

The review also aims to provide a fact-based analysis of waste management in Northern Ireland, offering recommendations to assist in the movement towards creating a circular economy that maximises resource efficiency and minimises waste generation.

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs is responsible for making legislation and implementing policy. Local councils have operational responsibility for the collection and processing of municipal waste.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Environmental Services Committee note the Northern Ireland Audit Office Review of Waste Management in Northern Ireland.

AGREED – to recommend that Council note the Northern Ireland Audit Office Review of Waste Management in Northern Ireland.

16. MATTERS FOR REPORTING TO PARTNERSHIP PANEL

There were no matters for reporting to the Partnership Panel.

17. CONSULTATIONS

There were no consultations.

18. CORRESPONDENCE

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

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to present correspondence for Members' consideration.

The following correspondence has been received:

2.1 Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA), dated 4th June 2024

Summary

Re. Pet Abduction Act 2024

Correspondence from DAERA dated 4th June 2024 advising that the Pet Abduction Act 2024, which was given Royal Assent on 24 May 2024, creates specific offences for the abduction of dogs and cats in Northern Ireland and England.

Recommendation

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

AGREED – to recommend that Council consider the correspondence.

2.2 Ards and North Down Borough Council, dated 18th June 2024

Summary

Re. Request to DAERA for introduction of enforcement powers

Correspondence from Ards and North Down Borough Council dated 18th June 2024, asking Council to consider supporting their request made to DAERA to introduce enforcement powers to deal with instances of bins being left on streets for prolonged periods.

Recommendation

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

AGREED – to recommend that Council consider the correspondence.

2.3 Department for Infrastructure, dated 1st July 2024

Summary

Re. Rivers Six Year Strategy, 2021-2027

Correspondence from Department for Infrastructure dated 1st July 2024, outlining the Rivers Six Year Strategy 2021-2027, which has been developed by the Rivers Senior Management Team to assess the challenges faced and outline what is needed to stabilise and enhance service delivery with regards to flood risk management responsibilities.

Recommendation

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

AGREED – to recommend that Council note the correspondence.

MOTION TO PROCEED ‘IN COMMITTEE’

Proposed by Councillor Callaghan

Seconded by Councillor McCully and

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

*** Press and Public left the meeting at 8:13pm**

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.

19. HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPANCY REVIEW OF LICENCE SCHEME CHARGES AND PROPOSED INCREASE IN LICENCE FEE FROM 1ST OCTOBER 2024

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

Confidential by virtue of paragraph(s) 3 & 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014.

Purpose of Report

To consider a request to increase the fee charged to licence a House in Multiple Occupation (HMO) and the fee to vary an HMO licence in accordance with the Houses in Multiple Occupation Act (Northern Ireland) 2016

Recommendation(s)

It is recommended that the Environmental Services Committee recommends to Council –

- (i) the increase of the HMO licence application fee to £45, the maximum permissible under the 2019 Regulations.
- (ii) the increase costs of varying an HMO licence as follows –

Licence variations	
Item	Cost
Addition of a new managing agent.	£225
Addition of a new occupant	£225 for each new occupant + £100 inspection fee (per visit)

- (iii) that the Council notes that the Chair of SOLACE will write to the DfC Permanent Secretary regarding the risk being carried by Councils and the need to bring forward legislation on this matter within the current mandate.

There were no questions for the Officer.

Proposed by Councillor Callaghan
 Seconded by Councillor McCully and

AGREED – to recommend to Council

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need to bring forward legislation on this matter within the current mandate.

20. OPTIONS TO INCREASE ENFORCEMENT CAPACITY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME

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

Confidential by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014.

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to consider options to enhance enforcement of dog fouling, littering and fly-tipping and seek approval to undertake a procurement exercise to appoint an external service provider to supplement enforcement capacity across the Borough.

Options to Increase Enforcement Capacity

Option 1 Use of Agency Staff

The use of 2 additional full time agency staff.

There is a risk that this option could result in a cost to the Council if the minimum number of paid FPNs is not met.

Option 2 Use of a Private Contractor

Use of an external private contractor would enhance capacity and assist service delivery alongside the internal Enforcement team and would not be intended as a replacement service. Councils Enforcement Officers are still expected to fulfil their duties including serving Fixed Penalty Notices for environmental crime.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Environmental Services Committee recommend option 2 to Council, namely:

1. Authorise commencement of a procurement process, including approval to tender, to appoint a private contractor to provide enforcement services across the Borough on a 12-month pilot basis with the possibility of extension
- and
2. That any tender specification and subsequent contract includes enforcement in all areas of the Borough to which the Litter (NI) Order 1994 applies, including land in private ownership.

Alderman McAuley stated support is required to assist with the clamp down on environmental crime and reflected on Council's previous experience of using a

private contractor. Alderman McAuley considered that due diligence is required when engaging with a private contractor to ensure positive outcomes. Alderman McAuley made a proposal to authorise a procurement process but do not authorise the appointment of a private contractor, that it comes back the the Environmental Services Committee to scrutinise and to ensure Committee are happy with what is in the contract. The information is to include background checks on the private contractors and there should be a good balance between enforcement on Council land and private land.

Alderman S McKillop stated she felt enforcement had its limitations and spoke in favour of the model of having street wardens as there would probably be better outcomes from having more street wardens. Alderman S McKillop referred to the pilots completed in Kilrea and Ballymoney. Town Wardens create a visual appearance and create a pride of place where people want to see their village looking well. Alderman S McKillop stated street wardens a positive deterrent and create positivity around keeping our streets clean. Alderman S McKillop requested feedback on the pilots.

The Director of Environmental Services stated the town wardens have shown to provide positive feedback and advised Committee of proposals for the provision of town wardens going forward. The Director of Environmental Services stated a combination of town wardens and enforcement work well.

Councillor Bateson spoke in support off additional resources and bringing more information regarding the private contractors to the Environmental Services Committee to make a decision.

Councillor Kane stated both options provided in the recommendation have merits. Councillor Kane requested that the following is added to the proposal: *That any tender specification and subsequent contract includes enforcement in all areas of the Borough and all types of litter enforcement to which the Litter (NI) Order 1994 applies, including land in private ownership*

The proposer was in agreement to add the additional information to the proposal

Proposed by Alderman McAuley
Seconded by Councillor Bateson and

AGREED - To recommend that Council authorise a procurement process but do not authorise the appointment of a private contractor, that it comes back the the Environmental Services Committee to scrutinise and to ensure Committee are happy with what is in the contract. The information is to include background checks on the private contractors and there should be a good balance between

enforcement on Council land and private land. Any tender specification and subsequent contract includes enforcement in all areas of the Borough and all types of litter enforcement to which the Litter (NI) Order 1994 applies, including land in private ownership.

21. LOCAL AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT GRANT 24-25

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

Confidential by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014.

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to inform members of a Local Air Quality Management grant offered by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (DAERA) up to the value of £60,500 and to seek approval to undertake a procurement exercise for air quality monitoring equipment and services.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Council authorise commencement of the necessary procurement processes, including approval to tender, for air quality equipment and services as per the grant award as well as for temporary air quality monitors should further grant funding be made available later in 2024-25.

There were no questions for the Officer.

Proposed by Councillor McCully
Seconded by Councillor Stirling and

AGREED – to recommend that Council authorise commencement of the necessary procurement processes, including approval to tender, for air quality equipment and services as per the grant award as well as for temporary air quality monitors should further grant funding be made available later in 2024-25.

22. ANNUAL PROCUREMENT OF PLANTS

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

Confidential by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014

Purpose of Report

To request Council approval for the annual procurement of plants to include Plugs for hanging baskets, Summer Plants, Winter Plants and Cyclamen.

Recommendation(s)

It is recommended that the Environmental Services Committee recommends to Council the annual procurement of plants to be planted by Council across Causeway Coast and Glens Borough using the publicly advertised tender process on councils tendering platform.

In response to questions, the Director of Environmental Services advised there will be report on community planting brought to the Environmental Services Committee in two months' time and that some plants are grown from bulbs and some are brought on in polytunnels. The Director of Environmental Services confirmed the cost detailed in the report is for plants across the whole Borough.

Proposed by Alderman McAuley
Seconded by Councillor Callaghan and

AGREED – to recommend that Council approve the annual procurement of plants to be planted by Council across Causeway Coast and Glens Borough using the publicly advertised tender process on councils tendering platform.

23. FESTIVE LIGHT UPGRADES AND REPAIRS

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

Confidential by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014.

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 Ballymoney and

Kilrea in conjunction with provision of spares and repairs to existing systems in the other nine settlements in preparation for Christmas 2024.

Options

- 4.1 Repair all existing lighting and continue to maintain this year in all eleven settlements. This will result in disproportionate costs of spares and create gaps in existing displays and increased public dissatisfaction.
- 4.2 Carry out substantive refurbishment of existing motifs in Ballymoney and procurement of new motifs for Kilrea for Christmas 2024 at a total cost of £ 60,081.20, use any salvageable fixtures and fittings from these locations to augment displays elsewhere and recover some monies through disposal of the remaining existing fixtures and fittings through auction, in conjunction with repairs to existing systems in the nine remaining settlements at a total cost of £63,959.04. Procurement to be carried out using the Direct Award Contract method with Festive Lighting Company Ltd.

Recommendation(s)

It is recommended that the Environmental Services Committee recommends to Council Option 4.2.

In response to questions, the Director of Environmental Services confirmed that the lights will be replaced like for like and that there is a warranty on repairs. In response to questions regarding the timeline for repairs being completed, the Director of Environmental Services confirmed that it is achievable for the repairs to be completed in time for the Christmas Light's switch on.

Proposed by Councillor Kane
Seconded by Alderman McAuley and

AGREED – to recommend to Council Option 4.2 - Carry out substantive refurbishment of existing motifs in Ballymoney and procurement of new motifs for Kilrea for Christmas 2024 at a total cost of £60,081.20, use any salvageable fixtures and fittings from these locations to augment displays elsewhere and recover some monies through disposal of the remaining existing fixtures and fittings through auction, in conjunction with repairs to existing systems in the nine remaining settlements at a total cost of £63,959.04. Procurement to be carried out using the Direct Award Contract method with Festive Lighting Company Ltd and that the Director of Environmental Services provides a timeline of events so Members can be confident all is in place on time for the Christmas lights switch on

24. STREET TRADING LICENCE RENEWALS

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

Confidential by virtue of paragraph(s) 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014.

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>
MST 014	Mobile	Ice cream, confectionery and minerals	Borough of Causeway Coast & Glens
SST 021	Stationary	Hot and cold food and drinks	Daneshill Road, Coleraine

Committee NOTED the report.

25. LEGAL ADVICE ON POWERS TO RENAME ROADS

For information report, previously circulated, was presented as read by the Director of Environmental Services.

Confidential by virtue of paragraph 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014.

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to advise members of legal advice in relation to powers to rename roads and the impact on a previous Council decision to approve a request to change the name of Hillside Road, Garvagh to Chapel Lane, Garvagh.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Committee Members consider the above information.

In response to questions about how streets have been renamed by Councils in the past, the Director of Environmental Services advised that no street names

were changed since 2015 during Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council. He was not aware of how this was done in the legacy Councils.

AGREED – to recommend that Council consider the above information.

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

26.1 Bylaws in Waterfoot Carpark (Councillor MA McKillop)

What measures was used this year to address the on going problem with no bylaws in Waterfoot car park and how are we as a council going to address it in the future. Can a paper be brought back to this committee?

The Director of Environmental Services advised of actions being taken by Council to address the ongoing problem in Waterfoot carpark including having a meeting with the legal team to discuss options and to liaise with the tourism team regarding the possibility of developing a campsite.

Ref CM 241001² A report will be brought back to Committee.

26.2 Dalriada Pier (Councillor MA McKillop)

Can I get a update on the steps at Dalriada Pier which is a Health and Safety risk to all users?

The Director of Environmental Services advised new handrails will be installed at the steps by the end of the month.

26.3 Portstewart Harbour (Alderman Fielding)

Can members be updated on assessment of damage to the wall of Portstewart Harbour

The Director of Environmental Services advised the area with the missing concrete has been closed off, the area is being investigated and once more information has been received, it will be provided to Elected Members.

26.4 Dog Fouling Signs (Alderman Fielding)

² Ref CM 241001 The Chief Executive advised that AORBs are not an alternative route for bringing a motion to Council and suggested that there should be an amendment to the Minutes clarifying that a report will be brought back to Committee.

What plans are there to update the no dog fouling signs to reflect increase in fines to maximum of £200, which was passed in March 2023?

The Director of Environmental Services advised new signs have been purchased and staff are in the process of erecting them.

MOTION TO PROCEED ‘IN PUBLIC’

Proposed by Councillor Callaghan

Seconded by Alderman S McKillop and

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

This being all the business, the Chair thanked Elected Members for their attendance. The meeting closed at 8:58pm

Chair