

ARC21 JOINT COMMITTEE
Meeting No 043
Hosted by Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council
MINUTES
Thursday 15 August 2019

Members Present:

Councillor A Bennington	Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council
Alderman R Gibson (<i>Chair</i>)	Ards and North Down Borough Council
Alderman A Carson	Ards and North Down Borough Council
Councillor G Walker	Ards and North Down Borough Council
Councillor JJ Magee	Belfast City Council
Alderman D Drysdale	Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council
Councillor S Lee	Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council
Councillor M Burnside	Mid and East Antrim Borough Council
Councillor H Harvey	Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
Councillor H McKee	Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

Members' Apologies:

Councillor N Kelly	Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council
Councillor T McGrann	Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council
Councillor N Verner	Belfast City Council
Councillor F Ferguson	Belfast City Council
Councillor M Gregg	Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council
Councillor I Friary	Mid and East Antrim Borough Council
Councillor M Armstrong	Mid and East Antrim Borough Council
Councillor W Clarke (<i>Deputy Chair</i>)	Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

Officers Present:

G Craig (<i>Secretary</i>)	arc21
H Campbell	arc21
J Green	arc21
M Lavery	Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council
T Walker	Belfast City Council
H Moore	Lisburn and Castlereagh Borough Council
W Muldrew	Lisburn and Castlereagh Borough Council
S Holgate	Mid and East Antrim Borough Council
J McBride	Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

Officers' Apologies:

R Burnett	arc21
K Boal	arc21
G Girvan	Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council
D Lindsay	Ards and North Down Borough Council
N Grimshaw	Belfast City Council
P Thompson	Mid and East Antrim Borough Council
R Moore	Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

The Chair welcomed Councillors Alison Bennington and Muriel Burnside to their first Joint Committee meeting.

Item 1 - Conflicts of Interest Statement

The Chair read out the Conflicts of Interest Statement. There were no conflicts noted.

Action: Noted

Item 2 - Apologies

Apologies were noted.

Action: Noted

Item 3 - Minutes

The minutes of the Joint Committee meeting 042 held on 27 June 2019 were agreed.

Action: Agreed

Item 4 - Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

Action: Noted

The Chair advised Members that the meeting would now go In Committee, which was proposed and seconded accordingly.

In Committee

Matters of a confidential and commercially sensitive nature were discussed under these agenda items.

Following discussion on the commercially sensitive matters, the Chair advised Members that the briefing would now return to the main agenda but whilst 'in committee' there were four matters discussed as follows:

Item 5 - Minutes of Joint Committee Meeting 042 held on 27 June 2019 'in committee'

Action: Agreed

Item 6 - Matters Arising

Action: Noted

Item 7 - Residual Waste Treatment Project

Action: Agreed

Item 8 - Commercially Sensitive Procurement and Contracts Issues plus Tender Report for the Contract for the Receipt, Storage and Transfer of Mixed Dry Recyclable Material

Action: Agreed

Out of Committee

The Chair advised Members that the meeting would now return to the main agenda, which was agreed.

Item 9 - Contracts and Performance Update

Mr Craig presented a report to advise Members on the prevailing monthly situation pertinent to the operational performance of the service and supply contracts.

A summary of the key discussions is replicated as follows:

- *Organic waste tonnages for the first quarter are on a par when compared with the same quarter last year. Indications are that tonnages for July will be higher.*
- *The overall tonnage for the MRF tonnage has increased slightly when compared with the first quarter last year.*

Mr Craig also made reference to the unsuitable materials received by contractors including medical equipment with needles boxes and a Taser, which were recovered from deliveries.

Following discussion Members agreed to note the report.

Action: Noted

Item 10 - Audit Committee 2018-19 Annual Report

Mr Craig provided Members with the Annual Report of the Audit Committee for the year to March 2019 setting out the key issues considered and discussed by the Audit Committee during that period.

Following discussion Members agreed to note the report.

Action: Noted

Item 11 - NILAS 18/19

Mr Craig presented a report to advise the Joint Committee on the position regarding Council landfill allowances for 2018/19 year.

A copy of the draft reconciliation letter from NIEA, covering the 2018/19 position, was attached to the report for information.

Mr Craig reported that all arc21 Councils appear to have met their target this year and accordingly there is no immediate requirement to initiate the Transfer protocol. He informed Members that the next step for the NIEA was to finalise the data and then arc21 would receive confirmation of the final reconciled position, and would inform the Joint Committee accordingly.

Following discussion Members agreed to note the report.

Action: Noted

Item 12 - CIWM NI Conference

Mr Craig presented a report to advise the Joint Committee on the forthcoming major CIWM NI conference entitled "The Future for Plastics" organised for 24 October 2019 in the Titanic Centre Belfast.

Mr Craig recommended that the Joint Committee approve the attendance of the Chair at the conference, or nominate a substitute in the event that the Chair is unable to attend.

Following discussion Members agreed to approve the recommendation.

Action: Agreed

Item 13 - Nuclear Free Local Authorities

Mr Green presented the Nuclear Free Local Authorities (NFLA) network policy briefing entitled *Ireland and Climate Change – isn't it time for a local response?* He noted that this had been received by one of the Members who had asked for it to be circulated to the Committee for information.

He noted that the report had been published on 5th/6th August 2019 by the *All Ireland Sustainable Energy Forum* as part of its launch and the new forum is part of the Nuclear Free Local Authorities (NFLA) network.

This report has been developed by the NFLA for Irish Councils, environmental NGOs and the Irish Government and provides an analysis of the state of the climate change on the island of Ireland and the scale of the challenge. It also advocates that Local Government is given a far greater role in delivering policies, strategies and projects that can help the island mitigate the worst effects of climate change by reaching 'zero carbon' emissions over the next couple of decades.

In the context of Dublin City Council, and areas of interest for arc21, the report mentions the low grade heat being taken from the Poolbeg Waste-to-Energy Plant and delivered through insulated pipes to the buildings connected to the system, replacing fossil fuel heating systems and therefore reducing air pollution and GHG emissions. It also mentions the efforts to convert the Council fleet to low emission vehicles noting that transport accounts for 12% of DCC's overall energy use. (Members were asked to note that the collection of municipal waste in ROI is carried out by merchants, not Councils, so the comparable percentage of NI Councils fleets will be different.)

The Member concerned thanked Mr Green for circulating the information and presenting a complex issue in such a practical manner.

Following discussion Members agreed to note the report.

Action: Noted

Item 14 - AOB

There was no further business discussed.

Item 15 - Next Meeting

The Chair advised that the next scheduled meeting of the Joint Committee was due to be held on Thursday 26 September at 10.30am and hosted by Newry, Mourne and Down District Council.

Action: Noted

Date: 26-9-19

Chairman: Robert Gibson

