

ARC21 JOINT COMMITTEE
Meeting No 038
Hosted by Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
MINUTES
Thursday 28 February 2019

Members Present:

Alderman A Carson	Ards and North Down Borough Council
Alderman R Gibson (<i>Deputy Chair</i>)	Ards and North Down Borough Council
Alderman J Tinsley	Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council
Councillor R Wilson	Mid and East Antrim Borough Council
Councillor D O'Loan (<i>Chair</i>)	Mid and East Antrim Borough Council
Councillor G Craig	Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
Councillor D Curran	Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

Members' Apologies:

Councillor N Kelly	Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council
Councillor M Magill	Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council
Councillor S Ross	Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council
Councillor A Cathcart	Ards and North Down Borough Council
Councillor G Milne	Belfast City Council
Councillor J Bunting	Belfast City Council
Councillor M Collins	Belfast City Council
Councillor O Gawith	Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council
Councillor L Poots	Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council
Councillor B Adger	Mid and East Antrim Borough Council
Councillor W Clarke	Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

Officers Present:

R Burnett	arc21
G Craig (<i>Secretary</i>)	arc21
H Campbell	arc21
K Boal	arc21
B Murray	Belfast City Council
D Carey	Mid and East Antrim Borough Council
R Moore	Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

Officers' Apologies:

J Green	arc21
G Girvan	Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council
D Lindsay	Ards and North Down Borough Council
N Grimshaw	Belfast City Council
H Moore	Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council
P Thompson	Mid and East Antrim Borough Council

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 037 held on 31 January 2019 were agreed.

Action: Agreed

Item 4 - Matters Arising

Page 7 - Risk Management Assurance: Mr Craig advised the meeting that as suggested he had raised Members' concerns at the recent Audit Committee in relation to the level of independent assessment of risk management. He reported that the general views of the Audit Committee was that in the current environment the risk assurances provided were adequate, but should a significant risk issue arise arc21 would, in any case, not hesitate to take the appropriate action necessary to manage that risk including engaging with an external advisor should it be deemed necessary.

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 six matters discussed as follows:

Item 5 - Minutes of Joint Committee Meeting 037 held on 31 January 2019 'in committee'
Action: Agreed

Item 6 - Matters Arising
Action: Noted

Item 7 - Senior Management Interim Arrangements
Action: Agreed

Item 8 - MRF Contracts
Action: Agreed

Item 9 - Extension to the Contract for the Loading, Haulage and Transfer of Residual Municipal, Co-mingled Dry Recyclable, Organic, Street Sweeping and Bulky Wastes – Lots 1 and 2 **Action: Agreed**

Item 10 - Bring Sites Tender Report **Action: Agreed**

Out of Committee

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

Item 11 - Contracts and Performance Update

Ms Boal presented a report to advise the 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 delivered in January 2019 increased by 16% in comparison to January 2018.*
- *Two rejected loads delivered into Organics delivery sites in January 2019.*
- *Tonnages delivered to the MRF were slightly higher than those delivered in January 2018.*
- *Bring Tonnage increased by 8.4% in comparison to January 2018 to give a contract high of 1,129 tonnes for combined glass, cans, textiles and paper collections.*

Following discussion the Joint Committee agreed to note the report.

Action: Noted

Karen Smyth, Head of Policy & Governance, Northern Ireland Local Government Association, joined the meeting for the presentation at Item 12.

Item 12 - Important Packaging Consultations

Mr Burnett presented a PowerPoint presentation to advise Members on 4 consultations recently issued by Defra and the Treasury which included the following:

1. Reforming the UK Packaging Producer Responsibility Scheme (PPRS)
2. Introducing a Deposit Return Scheme in England, Wales and Northern Ireland (DRS)
3. Consistency in Household and Business Recycling Collections in England (CHBRC)
4. Plastic Packaging Tax (PPT)

He reported that numbers 1, 2, & 4 related to NI and No 3 related to England only, however they were all cross-referenced and therefore it was important to consider them all in the responses.

He advised Members that a multi sector conference entitled, '**Unpacking the Extended Producer Responsibility and Deposit Return Consultations**', was being organised on Tuesday 12 March at Belfast Metropolitan College, Titanic Campus, Belfast, in conjunction with CIWM, DAERA plus others, and encouraged all to attend.

Ms Smyth thanked the Committee for allowing her to join the meeting and advised that she would be working closely with all Councils in relation to developing a corporate NILGA response.

Action: Noted

Item 13 - AOB

There was no other business discussed.

Action: Noted

Item 14 - Next Meeting

The Chair advised that the next scheduled meeting of the Joint Committee was due to be held on Thursday 28 March 2019 at 10.30am and hosted by Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council. It was noted that there may however be difficulties with Member's attendance at the March and April meetings due to the forthcoming local elections but that the meetings would remain on the scheduled dates until advised otherwise.

Action: Noted

Date: 28.03.2019

Chairman: Declan O'Leary