

**ARC21 JOINT COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting No 045**  
**Hosted by Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council**  
**MINUTES**  
**Thursday 31 October 2019**

**Members Present:**

Alderman R Gibson ( <i>Chair</i> )	Ards and North Down Borough Council
Alderman A Carson	Ards and North Down Borough Council
Councillor M Gregg	Lisburn & Castlereagh 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 McKee	Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

**Members' Apologies:**

Councillor N Kelly	Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council
Councillor A Bennington	Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council
Councillor T McGrann	Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council
Councillor G Walker	Ards and North Down Borough Council
Councillor F Ferguson	Belfast City Council
Councillor JJ Magee	Belfast 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:**

T Walker	arc21
G Craig ( <i>Secretary</i> )	arc21
J Green	arc21
K Boal	arc21
M Laverty	Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council
D Lindsay	Ards and North Down Borough Council
B Murray	Belfast City Council
H Moore	Lisburn and Castlereagh Borough Council
R Moore	Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

**Officers' Apologies:**

G Girvan	Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council
N Grimshaw	Belfast City Council
P Thompson	Mid and East Antrim Borough Council
H Campbell	arc21

**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 044 held on 26 September 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 044 held on 26 September 2019 'in committee'** **Action: Agreed**

**Item 6 - Matters Arising** **Action: Noted**

**Item 7 - Residual Waste Treatment Project** **Action: Noted**

**Item 8 - Commercially Sensitive Procurement and Contracts Issues** **Action: Noted**

## **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**

Ms Boal 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:

*In September 2019 the Organic Waste tonnage was up by 9.5% on same month in the previous year, with a significant increase in Type 1 material.*

*The MRF Lot 1 Contract awarded to Bryson Recycling commenced on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019.*

*There were fire incidents at McQuillans MRF and Bryson MRF with the likely cause due to presence of lithium batteries arising from arc21 material.*

*In September rejected loads were received at Bryson Recycling and NWP.*

Following discussion the Joint Committee agreed to note the report.

**Action: Noted**

### **Item 10 - DAERA Science Strategy Framework Document Consultation**

Mr Walker presented the Joint Committee with the response to the DAERA Science Strategy: Framework Consultation for consideration and approval.

He reported that the consultation for the DAERA Science Strategy Framework Consultation was issued on 27 August 2019 and stakeholders were asked to submit their responses by 22 October 2019. The deadline was subsequently extended to Friday 25 October.

A response had been submitted by the deadline and the Joint Committee was asked to consider and provide retrospective approval accordingly.

Following discussion the Joint Committee agreed to endorse the response.

**Action: Agreed**

Mr Walker also reported that DAERA and other Government Departments both here and in London are increasingly seeking views and responses on a number of significant waste policy matters and other consultations, for example on:

1. An Environmental Strategy (DAERA);
2. A Waste Plan (DAERA);
3. An Innovation Strategy (DAERA);
4. Extended Producer Responsibility (DEFRA);
5. WEEE (DEFRA); and
6. Deposit Return Scheme (DEFRA).

He advised that these were either underway or due within the next six months, are increasingly being considered at a regional level and may well be explored further by arc21 and the other five Councils as part of a piece of work taking into account how greater collaboration can be delivered across Northern Ireland.

**Action: Noted**



### **Item 11 - Waste Management Plan for Northern Ireland Consultation**

Mr Walker informed Members that the Department had published a consultation document on the new Waste Management Plan and that correspondence had also been received from John Mills in this regard requesting the steps and timeline councils would take to refresh their own Waste Management Plans.

He informed Members that both these issues were being considered on an 11 Council basis with responses having been issued through the Chair of the temporary Waste Forum, Mr Andrew Cassells. Councils are now taking a common paper through their governance arrangements.

### **Item 12 - Corporate Plan 2020-2024**

Mr Craig provided a report to inform the Joint Committee of the proposed development of a new Corporate Plan that will set out the strategic objectives of the organisation from April 2020 following the expiry of the current plan in March 2020.

He explained that a new Corporate Plan, setting out the strategic direction for the Joint Committee beyond March 2020 is now required to be developed in order to continue supporting the needs of Constituent Councils and, given the lead in time involved in developing a new longer-term plan, it is proposed that the process commence as soon as possible.

It was recommended that the Joint Committee approve the commencement of the development of a new Corporate Plan that will become effective from April 2020.

It was also recommended that the next Corporate Plan be for a four-year period from April 2020 to March 2024. He noted that the current Council term ended in 2023 but proposed that a new Joint Committee would need time to prepare for the development of the subsequent Plan.

Following discussion the Joint Committee agreed to approve the recommendations.

**Action: Agreed**

### **Item 13 - Education Vehicle 2018-2019**

Mr Walker provided a report to the Joint Committee with a synopsis on the utilisation of the education vehicle during the last financial year.

This included types and locations of visits including: Schools - 79%; Summer Schemes - 6%; Community, evening and Weekend Events - 14%; Shopping Centres - 1%.

He reported that the Education Vehicle continues to be well received but, as it is now due for replacement, discussions are ongoing with the Steering Group to consider how to optimise the use of both this resource and its staff member, to support Constituent Councils' promotion of education activities.

Following discussion the Joint Committee agreed to note the report.

**Action: Noted**



#### **Item 14 - CIWM Trustee Application**

Mr Craig presented a report to inform the Joint Committee of the application of Tim Walker, Acting Chief Executive, as Trustee to the Chartered Institution of Wastes Management (CIWM).

He reported that the Chartered Institution of Wastes Management is a professional body for the waste management industry in the United Kingdom and other countries.

The Institution is governed by a Board of Trustees and our Acting Chief Executive, Mr Tim Walker, has been invited to attend the next General Council meeting to be held on 13 November 2019 at which the New Trustee Board Members will be approved.

Trustee Board Members are nominated to serve for a three-year term and this prestigious appointment could provide representation on the national stage for arc21.

Mr Craig informed Members that the nomination as a Trustee was a very prestigious position enabling arc21 to have representation on a highly influential professional body at a time when significant changes in waste policy are taking place.

He recommended that the Joint Committee note the report and approve the attendance by Mr Walker at relevant CIWM meetings should he be successfully appointed.

Following discussion the Joint Committee agreed to approve the recommendation.

**Action: Agreed**

#### **Item 15 - Schedule of Meetings 2020**

Mr Craig presented the Joint Committee with the proposed schedule of meetings to be held in 2020 for consideration and approval as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Host</b>
Thursday 30 January	Mid and East Antrim Borough Council
Thursday 27 February	Belfast City Council
Thursday 26 March	Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council
Thursday 30 April	Mid and East Antrim Borough Council
Thursday 28 May	Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
Thursday 25 June	Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council
Thursday 30 July	Ards and North Down Borough Council
Thursday 27 August	Belfast City Council
Thursday 24 September	Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council
Thursday 29 October	Mid and East Antrim Borough Council
Tuesday 1 December	Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

Following discussion the Joint Committee approved the schedule of meetings for the 2020 year.

**Action: Agreed**

**Item 16 - AOB**

Mr Craig asked Members to note that a new representative from Newry Mourne and Down District Council, Councillor Katherine Owen, had been appointed to replace Councillor Harvey.

**Action: Noted**

**Item 17 - Next Meeting**

The Chair advised that the next scheduled meeting of the Joint Committee was due to be held on Thursday 5 December at 10.30am and hosted by Ards and North Down Borough Council.

**Action: Noted**

Date: 30-1-2020

Chairman:

R. Gibson