

ARC21 JOINT COMMITTEE
Meeting No 047
Hosted by Belfast City Council
MINUTES
Thursday 27 February 2020

Members Present:

Alderman R Gibson (*Chair*)
Councillor JJ Magee
Councillor S Lee
Councillor M Burnside
Councillor H McKee
Councillor K Owen

Ards & North Down Borough Council
Belfast City Council
Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council
Mid & East Antrim Borough Council
Newry, Mourne & Down District Council
Newry, Mourne & Down District Council

Members' Apologies:

Councillor A Bennington
Councillor N Kelly
Councillor T McGrann
Alderman A Carson
Councillor G Walker
Councillor P McReynolds
Councillor F Ferguson
Councillor M Gregg
Alderman D Drysdale
Councillor I Friary
Alderman R Cherry
Councillor W Clarke (*Deputy Chair*)

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Belfast City Council
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Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council
Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council
Mid & East Antrim Borough Council
Mid & East Antrim Borough Council
Newry, Mourne & Down District Council

Officers Present:

T Walker
G Craig (*Secretary*)
H Campbell
J Green
K Boal
J McConnell
H Moore
P Thompson
R Moore

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Officers' Apologies:

G Girvan
D Lindsay
N Grimshaw

Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council
Ards & North Down Borough Council
Belfast City Council

Mr Craig informed the Committee of the evacuation procedures in the event of the alarm sounding and asked for all mobile phones to be placed on "*silent*" mode or switched off.

The Chair welcomed all Members and Officers to Malone House and thanked Belfast City Council for hosting the meeting.

He reported that Alderman Carson was unable to attend the meeting as he was in hospital and wished him good health and a speedy recovery. Members requested that a letter of good wishes be sent from the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Action: The Chair

He also advised of the appointment of two new Members, Councillor Peter McReynolds, Belfast City Council, who replaces Councillor Nichola Verner, and Alderman Robin Cherry, Mid & East Antrim Borough Council, who replaces Councillor Matthew Armstrong, and welcomed them to the Joint Committee.

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 – Presentation by Dorothy McKee on the arc21 Draft Corporate Plan 2020-2024

The Chair welcomed Dorothy McKee to the meeting.

Ms McKee provided a PowerPoint presentation in relation to the draft arc21 Corporate Plan for 2020-2024. This included a brief overview of the process of preparing the new Corporate Plan, the key focus, background to its development, the suggested Vision and Mission, the Values, Strategic Objectives, and next steps.

She advised that the consultation process would finish on Friday 28 February and thanked all Members and Officers who had provided comments to date. She advised that the comments would be taken into consideration in preparation for the next planning day arranged on Friday 6 March for staff, and representatives from the Joint Committee and Steering Group.

An invite was extended to all Members should they wish to attend and any Members wishing to do so were asked to register their interest with heather.campbell@arc21.org.uk.

The Chair thanked Ms McKee for her presentation and the work on the Corporate Plan to date.

Action: Noted

Item 4 - Minutes

The minutes of the Joint Committee meeting 046 held on 30 January 2020 were agreed.

Action: Agreed

Item 5 - Matters Arising

Page 5 - Ms Boal advised that she was in the process of arranging a site visit to Bryson Recycling for Members to see the sorting of the blue bin waste, and then to Huhtamaki to see one of the end destinations for paper. She advised Members that she would forward proposed dates for these site visits in due course and that further site visits would be planned later in the year.

Action: Ms Boal

Page 6 - Mr Walker advised that he had been invited to present to the Environment Committee on behalf of CIWM in relation to the Environment Bill later that day and was also making enquiries as to making a presentation to the Committee on behalf of arc21 as suggested.

Action: Noted

Page 6 - Mr Walker informed Members that work was ongoing in relation to a collaborative single WMP for the region with all of the 11 Councils and that governance arrangements were still to be considered for such an arrangement. He advised that he would bring regular updates to the Joint Committee if and when there were suitable developments to present.

Action: Noted

Page 8 - Mr Walker advised that he had contacted the relevant Directors at each of the arc21 Councils in relation to their Local Development Plans and had received a number of responses along with meeting requests.

Action: Noted

Page 8 - Deposit Returns Schemes Meeting Group - Mr Walker advised that he had attended the first meeting of this group in London and that there were a number of things developing in relation to this. He reported that a consultation would be coming out later in the year and that he would keep Members updated accordingly.

Action: Mr Walker

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 meeting would now return to the main agenda but whilst "*in committee*" there were four matters discussed as follows:

Item 6 - Minutes of Joint Committee Meeting 046 held on 30 January 2020 'in committee'	Action: Agreed
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Item 7 - Matters Arising	Action: Noted
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Item 8 - Residual Waste Treatment Project	Action: Noted
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Item 9 - Commercially Sensitive Procurement and Contracts Issues	Action: Agreed
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OUT OF COMMITTEE

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

Item 10 - 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. This included the following contracts: Organic Waste; MRF; Landfill; Bring Sites; Street Sweepings; Haulage for Ards and North Down Borough Council and Mid & East Antrim Borough Council; Receipt, Storage and Transfer of Mixed Dry Recyclables for Newry, Mourne & Down District Council; Supplies; and WEEE Compliance Scheme, along with an update on compliance with NILAS.

Following discussion the Joint Committee agreed to note the report.

Action: Noted

Item 11 - Annual Report for the Year to March 2019

Mr Craig presented the arc21 Annual Report for the year to March 2019 reflecting the progress made in the first year of the current two year Corporate Plan.

He reported that overall the year had been a particularly challenging one for the organisation but that substantial progress had been made with the majority of targeted outcomes being achieved, providing a solid basis to take forward.

Following discussion the Joint Committee agreed to note the report.

Action: Noted

Item 12 - AOB

Scenario Planning Workshop - further to the ongoing work in relation to the development of a WMP, Mr Walker informed Members of a Scenario Workshop which was being planned by arc21 to look at further waste management options and possibilities to consider mapping out radically different futures. Further updates will be given accordingly.

Action: Mr Walker

Attendance of Members - concerns were raised by Members regarding the issue of attendance at the monthly meetings and the recent difficulties with meetings being inquorate and the inability to approve decisions. It was agreed that the Chief Executive review this matter and report back accordingly.

Action: Mr Walker

Item 13 - Next Meeting

The Chair advised that the next scheduled meeting of the Joint Committee was due to be held on Thursday 26 March at 10.30am and hosted by Mid & East Antrim Borough Council in the Braid Centre, 1-29 Bridge Street, Ballymena BT43 5EJ.

Action: Noted

Date: 30 July 2020

Deputy Chairman: *Councillor Willie Clarke*