

ARC21 JOINT COMMITTEE
Meeting No 054
MINUTES
Thursday 25 February 2021

Members Present:

Councillor M Goodman
Councillor A Bennington
Councillor R Kinnear
Alderman R Gibson (*Chair*)
Councillor M Gregg
Alderman D Drysdale
Councillor S Lee
Councillor D Reid
Councillor H McKee

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

Members' Apologies:

Alderman A Carson
Councillor Gavin Walker
Councillor F Ferguson
Councillor P McReynolds
Councillor JJ Magee
Alderman R Cherry
Councillor I Friary
Councillor W Clarke (*Deputy Chair*)
Councillor K Owen

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Mid & East Antrim Borough Council
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Newry, Mourne & Down District Council
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Officers Present:

T Walker
G Craig (*Secretary*)
J Green
K Boal
M Lavery
B Murray
H Moore
P Thompson
J McBride

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G Girvan
D Lindsay
S Toland
J McConnell
H Campbell

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The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and in particular the two new Members from Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council, Councillors Bennington and Kinnear, who had replaced Councillors Kelly and McGrann.

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 of Joint Committee Meeting 053 held on 28 January 2021

The minutes of the Joint Committee meeting 053 held on 28 January 2021 were agreed.

Action: Agreed

Item 4 - Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Action: Noted

Item 5 - Contracts and Operations Briefing Report

Ms Boal presented an overview to the Joint Committee of the arc21 contracts and supplies orders.

She reported that there had been no issues with regard to service continuity with limited impacts from COVID-19. In terms of supplies Ms Boal confirmed that deliveries had been arriving as planned but in relation to goods from GB supplementary declaration forms are now required to be completed for each consignment received.

Following discussion the Joint Committee thanked Ms Boal for her report and commended her and her team for ensuring business-as-usual was maintained during the current emergency situation and agreed to note the report.

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

Item 6 - Minutes of Joint Committee Meeting 053 held on 28 January 2021 ‘in committee’

Action: Agreed

Item 7 - Matters Arising

Action: Noted

Item 8 - Council Covid-19 Funding Support

Action: Noted

Item 9 - Commercially Sensitive Procurement and Contract Issues

Action: Noted

Item 10 - Residual Waste Treatment Project

Action: Noted

The Chair advised members that the meeting would now come out of the “in committee” process and return to the main agenda, which was agreed.

Action: Agreed

OUT OF COMMITTEE

Item 11 - Customer Survey

Ms Boal informed Members that the annual Customer Survey had been issued recently to Members and Council Officers and asked that Members take the opportunity to response to the survey by the deadline of 5 March which was important to enable arc21 to identify, in particular, areas for improvement in the future.

Action: Noted

Item 12 - AOB

Members raised the following issues:

DFE Green Recovery Funding Package - It was noted that Minister Dodds had issued a report setting out a £20m funding package programme earmarked for green recovery projects which highlighted the importance of the green economy.

Action: Noted

GVA of the RWTP – The issue of the value of the Residual Waste Treatment Project in terms of the local economy was discussed. Members were referred to two key reports in this regard from Grant Thornton and Oxford Economics on the Becon Website. Mr Craig is to circulate the links to these economic reports to Members.

Action: Mr Craig

Item 13 - Next Meeting

The Chair advised that the next scheduled meeting of the Joint Committee is due to be held on Thursday 25 March 2021 at 10 30am.

Action: Noted

Robert Gibson

Date: 25 March 2021

Chairman: