

NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ref: SE/2024

**Minutes of Sustainability & Environment Committee Meeting held on
Wednesday 23 October 2024 at 6.00pm in Council Chamber, Monaghan Row, Newry**

Chair: Councillor G Kearns

In attendance in Chamber: Councillor P Campbell Councillor Enright
Councillor J Jackson Councillor M Larkin
Councillor O Magennis Councillor D Taylor
Councillor H Young

In attendance via Teams Councillor J Brennan Councillor V Harte
Councillor M Ruane

Officials in Chamber: Mrs S Murphy, Director Sustainability and Environment
Mr C Sage, Assistant Director Sustainability
Mrs S Trainor, Assistant Director Environment
Ms S Taggart, Democratic Services Manager (acting)
Mrs N Stranney, Democratic Services Officer

SE/121/2024: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON’S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Andrews, Feehan and Reilly.

The Chairperson expressed condolences on behalf of Council to the family of Joe Corr, attendant at the Household Recycling Centre in Ballynahinch, who had passed away recently.

The Chairperson advised that an invitation had been extended to Members of the Sustainability & Environment Committee from Habitat Restore Newry for a business breakfast on Friday 25th October 2024.

SE/122/2024: DECLARATIONS OF “CONFLICTS OF INTEREST”

There were no declarations of interest.

**SE/123/2024: ACTION SHEET: SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18 September 2024**

Read: Action Sheet of the Sustainability and Environment Committee Meeting held on 18 September 2024. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Magennis, seconded by Councillor Jackson, it was agreed to note the Action Sheet of the Sustainability and Environment Committee Meeting held on 18 September 2024.**

ITEMS RESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 6 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NI) 2014

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Enright, seconded by Councillor Campbell, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on the following matters, which related to exempt information by virtue of para. 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local / Government (Northern Ireland) 2014 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information)

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Enright, seconded by Councillor Jackson, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

The Chairperson advised the following had been agreed whilst in closed session:

FOR DECISION

SE/124/2024: PUBLIC CONVENIENCE PROJECT – DUNDRUM TOILETS

Read: Report dated 23 October 2024 from Mr C Sage, Assistant Director: Sustainability, regarding Public Convenience Project **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Young, seconded by Councillor Jackson, it was agreed to approve the recommendations contained within the officer's report.

SE/125/2024: FLEET OPERATOR'S LICENCE – FLEET MANAGEMENT ACTION PLAN UPDATE

Read: Report dated 23 October 2024 from Mr C Sage, Assistant Director: Sustainability, regarding the Fleet Operator's Licence **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Enright, seconded by Councillor Magennis it was agreed to approve the revised fleet Operator License Action Plan update October 2024.

SE/126/2024: BUSINESS CASE FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF LITTER BINS

Read: Report dated 23 October 2024 from Mrs S Trainor, Assistant Director: Environment, regarding a business case for the procurement of litter bins. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Enright, seconded by Councillor Larkin, it was agreed to approve the business cases as outlined within the officer's report.

SE/127/2024: ACTION SHEET FROM THE SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT WORKING GROUP – 18 SEPTEMBER 2024

Read: Action Sheet of the Sustainability and Environment working group held on 18 September 2024. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Young, seconded by Councillor Taylor, it was agreed to note the Action Sheet of the Sustainability and Environment Working Group held on 18 September 2024.

FOR NOTING - ITEMS RESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 6 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NI) 2014

SE/128/2024: ARC21 JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING IN COMMITTEE MINUTES OF 29 AUGUST 2024 and ARC21 JOINT COMMITTEE MEMBERS' MONTHLY BULLETIN HELD ON 26 SEPTEMBER 2024

Read: Arc21 Joint Committee "in committee" minutes of meeting held 29 August 2024 and to note the Arc21 Joint Committee Members' bulletin held on 26 September 2024. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Kearns, it was agreed to note the Arc21 Joint Committee "In Committee" minutes of meeting held 29 August 2024 and to note the Arc21 Joint Committee Members' bulletin held on 26 September 2024.

FOR NOTING

SE/129/2024: ARC21 JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF 29 AUGUST 2024

Read: Arc21 Joint Committee Meeting Committee Minutes of 29 August 2024. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Young, seconded by Councillor Jackson, to note the minutes of the Arc21 Joint Committee meeting of 29 August 2024.

SE/130/2024: PROPOSED DISPOSAL AND ABANDONMENT OF LAND AT 18 CHURCH STREET, JONESBOROUGH

Read: Correspondence received from the Department for Infrastructure regarding disposal and abandonment of land at 18 Church Street, Jonesborough. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Young, seconded by Councillor Jackson, to note the proposed abandonment of land at 18 Church Street, Jonesborough.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 6.31pm.

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 4th November 2024.

Signed: Councillor Geraldine Kearns
Chairperson

Signed: Mrs Sinead Murphy
Director of Sustainability & Environment