

March 18th, 2025

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend the Sustainability & Environment Committee meeting to be held on Wednesday, 19th March 2025 at 6:15 pm in Council Chamber, O'Hagan House, Monaghan Row.

Committee Membership 2024-2025

Councillor G Kearns **Chairperson**

Councillor C Enright **Deputy Chairperson**

Councillor T Andrews

Councillor J Brennan

Councillor P Campbell

Councillor K Feehan

Councillor D Finn

Councillor V Harte

Councillor J Jackson

Councillor M Larkin

Councillor O Magennis

Councillor H Reilly

Councillor M Ruane

Councillor D Taylor

Councillor H Young

Agenda

1.0 Apologies and Chairperson's Remarks

2.0 Declarations of Interest

3.0 Action Sheet of the Sustainability and Environment Committee meeting held on 19 February 2025

For Approval

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For Discussion/Decision

4.0 Officer Report on Notice of Motion - Street Lighting

For Decision

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5.0 Sustainability Charges for Financial Year 2025/2026

For Decision

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6.0 Home to Hospital Update

For Decision

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7.0 Response to Department of Health Consultation on Hospitals – Creating a Network for Better Outcomes

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Items deemed to be exempt under paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014

8.0 Business Cases for monitoring and line rental of Council Public Space CCTV

For Decision

This item is deemed to be exempt under paragraph 3 of Part 1 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 - information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

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| <p>Appendix 1 SE Committee Report - Business Cases for line rental and monitoring of Council Public Space CCTV 19.03.25.pdf</p> | <p>Not included</p> |
| <p>Appendix 1 Business Case CCTV DAC BT Redcare April 2025.pdf</p> | <p>Not included</p> |
| <p>Appendix 2 - Business Case CCTV Monitoring April 2025.pdf</p> | <p>Not included</p> |

FOR NOTING Items deemed to be exempt under Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014

9.0 Arc21 Joint Committee Members' Monthly Bulletin held on 30 January 2025 and Members Bulletin of 27 February 2025

For Information

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| <p>(c)JC094-27Feb25-Item5-JC InCommMinutes-30Jan25.F.pdf</p> | <p>Not included</p> |
| <p>JC094-27Feb25-JC MembersBulletin.F.pdf</p> | <p>Not included</p> |

10.0 Minutes of Cleansing & Refuse Task Group 19 February 2025

For Information

This item is deemed to be exempt under paragraph 3 of Part 1 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 - information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

📄 *Action Sheet arising from the Cleansing and Refuse Task Group held on Wednesday 19 Feb 2025.pdf*

Not included

For Noting

11.0 Arc 21 Joint Committee meeting held on 30 January 2025

For Information

📄 *(b)JC094-27Feb25-Item3-JC Minutes-30Jan25.F.pdf*

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Invitees

Cllr Terry Andrews
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Cllr Callum Bowsie
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Fionnuala Branagh
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Cllr Jim Brennan
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Lorraine/Emma Burns/McParland
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Cllr Pete Byrne
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Mr Gerard Byrne
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Cllr Philip Campbell
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Cllr William Clarke
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Cllr Laura Devlin
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Ms Louise Dillon
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Cllr Cadogan Enright
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Cllr Killian Feehan
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Cllr Doire Finn
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Cllr Aoife Finnegan
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Ms Joanne Fleming
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Cllr Conor Galbraith
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Cllr Mark Gibbons
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Cllr Oonagh Hanlon
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Cllr Glyn Hanna
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Cllr Valerie Harte
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Cllr Roisin Howell
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Cllr Tierna Howie
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Ms Catherine Hughes
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Cllr Jonathan Jackson
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Cllr Geraldine Kearns
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Miss Veronica Keegan
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Mrs Josephine Kelly
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Mrs Sheila Kieran
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Cllr Cathal King
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Cllr Mickey Larkin
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Cllr David Lee-Surginor
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Cllr Alan Lewis
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Cllr Oonagh Magennis
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Mr Conor Mallon
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Cllr Aidan Mathers
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Cllr Declan McAteer
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Cllr Leeanne McEvoy
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Cllr Andrew McMurray
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Maureen/Joanne Morgan/Johnston
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Cllr Declan Murphy
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Sinead Murphy
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Cllr Kate Murphy
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Cllr Selina Murphy
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Cllr Siobhan O'Hare
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Mr Andy Patterson
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Cllr Áine Quinn
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Cllr Henry Reilly
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Cllr Michael Rice
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Cllr Michael Ruane
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Mr Conor Sage
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Cllr Gareth Sharvin
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Donna Starkey
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Nicola Stranney
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Sarah Taggart
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Cllr David Taylor
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Cllr Jarlath Tinnelly
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Ms Sinead Trainor
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Cllr Jill Truesdale
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Mrs Marie Ward
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Cllr Helena Young
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SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE**HISTORIC ACTIONS TRACKING SHEET**

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING 26 JANUARY 2022					
Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
NS/004/2022	Trade Waste and Caravan Refuse Collection Services	<p>Agreed to approve the report and recommendations:-</p> <p>1. Alternate Weekly Commercial Waste Collection Service</p> <p>Commercial refuse customers (shops and businesses) to be contacted and advised of the proposed move to an alternate weekly collection cycle of residual and dry recyclable waste, where this is achievable.</p> <p>Commercial customers, (not including Caravan Operators) to be provided with appropriate bins to facilitate this change, so there is no cost burden to customers as a result of this change.</p>	S Trainor	In progress	N

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING 21 APRIL 2022					
Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
NS/052/2022	Compost Week 2022	<p>Note and approve the additional activities in 2.2 to highlight and promote the importance of recycling food waste.</p> <p>Note and approve the launch of an application process, with set criteria, to establish demand for deploying brown bins to residents of high rise buildings who were not previously provided with these.</p>	S Trainor	In progress	N
NS/057/2022	Various issues concerning the Events Space Kilkeel	Approve the Officers recommendation that the legal position of the Council regarding its maintenance of the events space, Kilkeel, is reviewed with a separate report to be provided to the Council once this has been considered further.	C Sage	In progress	N

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING					
22 JUNE 2022					
Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
NS/091/2022	Enforcement Improvement Plan Update	Agreed to note the content of this update report and to agree review of key actions from the Enforcement Improvement Plan to be incorporated into a timebound programme of work for 2022/23 and annually thereafter. Test case footpaths – small footpath leading to WIN – officers to examine this area for dog fouling.	S Trainor	In progress	N

SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING					
18 OCTOBER 2022					
Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
SE/143/2022	Notice of Motion – revenue from EV Charging Infrastructure	Agreed to endorse the recommendation made at the Strategic Finance Working Group Meeting of 16 June 2022 as set out in Section 2.2 of the report and that officers consider the most appropriate way forward in relation to identifying appropriate spaces that may be suitable for the proposal as outlined in the Notice of Motion	C Sage	In progress	N

SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 17 OCTOBER 2023					
Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
SE/105/2023	Notice of Motion – Clean Indoor Air	It was agreed to adopt the Notice of Motion subject to including that before proceeding with any works, that officers obtain costings for air filtration systems in Downshire Civic Centre and the new civic centre in Newry and report same back to the Sustainable and Environment Committee for consideration in due course.	C Sage	In Progress	N
SE/107/2023	Notice of Motion – Animal Welfare	It was agreed to remove the final sentence of the notice of motion. It was agreed to defer a decision on the Notice of Motion until the outcome of the legal process was known.	S Trainor	On hold pending legal process	N

SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 22 NOVEMBER 2023					
Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
SE/125/2023	Report on Notice of Motion in relation to Livestock worrying	It was agreed that a meeting be organised with relevant partners to discuss a way forward to produce a publicity campaign highlighting the importance of ensuring dogs are kept under control in the Mourne Mountains.	S Trainor	In Progress	N
SE/128/2023	Upgrade to Town Centre CCTV and Council Facilities CCTV	It was agreed that members note the content of the report, and a business case be developed and brought to the committee with a number of options for a way forward for the proposed development of a new suite of digital CCTV systems for the Council's facilities.	C Sage	Update provided on Town Centre CCTV at September S&E Committee Capital Proposal has been approved by SMT. Full business case in progress	N N

SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 24 JANUARY 2024					
Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
SE/004/2024	Report on Notice of Motion – Flood Defences	The following was agreed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Further investigate the possibility of a Shared Island application to assist with flood defences - Write to DFI Rivers and request a river maintenance schedule. 	S Murphy	In Progress	N
SE/005/2024	Report on Notice of Motion – Flood Preparedness	The following was agreed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Liaise with local DEA forums to discuss and plan the set-up of Community Resilience Groups - Investigate the facilitation of sandbag availability and management through these Community Resilience Groups - Look into sharing information the website from the Regional Community Resilience Group 	S Murphy	Complete In Progress In Progress	N

SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 21 FEBRUARY 2024					
Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
SE/018/2024	Report on Notice of Motion – Climate Change	<p>It was agreed that this Council acknowledges the work done to date to help address the climate emergency; reaffirms previous motions regarding the degenerating global situation; and again, reiterates that the crisis is the biggest threat posed to our constituents, our district, and our planet.</p> <p>Further acknowledges, however, that recent data collated by Climate Emergency UK ranks NMDDC 8th out of the 11 Councils within NI; and thus, pledges to include ambitious targets in the forthcoming Sustainability and Climate Strategies and Action Plans to expedite implementation.</p> <p>It was also agreed that a benchmark report would be brought back to Committee regarding Council actions and progress to mitigating climate change impact.</p>	C Sage	In progress	<p>N</p> <p>N</p>

SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 20 MARCH 2024					
Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
SE/036/2024	Former landfill site review – Aughnagun and Drumanakelly	<p>It was agreed that officers develop a Business Case for the installation of Solar Panels at the former landfill site Aughnagun for further consideration.</p> <p>It was agreed that Council further explore the benefits of installing reed beds at both sites in order to make the sites self-sustaining in terms of the management of the leachate generated on site.</p>	S Murphy S Murphy	In Progress	N

SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 23 APRIL 2024					
Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
SE/046/2024	Notice of Motion – Newry Market	<p>Officers continue their commitment to revitalise the market through engagement with traders, the business community and other potential stakeholders.</p> <p>It was also agreed that Officers reach out to other local councils with successful markets and explore additional uses to encourage footfall, including with arts and community groups</p> <p>It was further agreed that a report be brought back to committee in 6 months to provide detail of any progress made.</p>	C Sage C Sage C Sage	<p>A focussed social media campaign has been completed.</p> <p>Council Officers met with Belfast City Council colleagues to review St George’s market.</p>	N

SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING					
22 MAY 2024					
Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
SE/058/2024	Report on Treatment of Invasive Species on Council Estate	it was agreed to note the content of the report and approve the use of herbicides containing glyphosate for controlling invasive species at Albert Basin outside of the current allocation for normal weed control and the development of an Invasive Species Management Plan for the Council Estate.	C Sage	In Progress	N

SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING					
19 JUNE 2024					
Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
SE/079/2024	Business case for EV Charging infrastructure	It was agreed to approve the business case recommendation for the installation of 2 double electric chargers at each site as detailed within the officer's report.	C Sage	Procurement exercise underway	N

SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 21 AUGUST 2024					
Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
SE/091/2024	Notice of Motion – Dog Fouling	<p>it was agreed to note the report and approve the following: The development of an online reporting form for Residents and Elected Members to report dog fouling issues to the Council while exploring alternative digital options for reporting dog fouling and other complaints to the department; and</p> <p>A mapping exercise to be undertaken by Officers of identified hotspots or problem areas against litter bin provision data to determine if additional litter bins can be provided to assist with the disposal of dog fouling.</p>	S Trainor	In progress	N
SE/093/2024	Proposed Installation of Height Restricting Barriers at Council Car Parks	it was agreed to approve the proposal to reinstate height restricting barriers at the Square, Warrenpoint and installation of temporary height restricting barriers at Castle Park, Newcastle for the duration of the Amgen Irish Open.	C Sage	Installation of barriers completed at Newcastle. Temporary barriers in situ at Warrenpoint. Permanent installation to be completed by end April 25	N

SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 23 OCTOBER 2024					
Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
SE/124/2024	Public Convenience Project – Dundrum Toilets	<p>it was agreed to approve the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council proceeds with the refurbishment of the Dundrum Public Conveniences using the funding available through UKSPF • The contract variation to include the refurbishment of the Dundrum Public Conveniences • The procurement of the refurbishment of the Dundrum Public Conveniences in line with recommendations of the Business Case in Appendix 1 • Any additional costs required beyond the allocated funding for the project should be sourced from the Newcastle Public Convenience Capital budget 	C Sage	Contract variations completed and instructions issued for the new facility at Dundrum. Works to be completed by end of March 25.	N

SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 20 NOVEMBER 2024					
Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
SE/133/2024	Action Sheet item: NS/091/2022	it was agreed to submit a league table of other Councils' enforcement practices to the Strategic Finance Working Group	S Murphy	To refer through SFWG	N
SE/137/2024	Business Case for the Removal of Newcastle Sandbar	it was agreed to note the contents of the report and associated business case and to approve the preferred option of the business case, to progress a tender for the sand bar removal at Newcastle Harbour for a 3-year period from 2025 – 2027 in accordance with the Marine Construction License	C Sage	Marine license application in progress. Procurement for new contract in progress.	N
SE/138/2024	Repair of Corry's Corner, Drumaness Bus Shelter and Adoption by Translink	it was agreed to adopt the bus shelter at Corry's Corner, and to consider future proposals from Translink regarding the adoption of bus shelters	C Sage	In progress	N
SE/139/2024	Business Case for Deep Cleaning Services	it was agreed to commence the procurement of contract for the provision of deep cleaning of public realm and other areas within the district for a period of up to three years	S Trainor	In progress	N

SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 18 DECEMBER 2024					
Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
SE/150/2024	NOM – Vaping	it was agreed that the Council recognised the 2024 Northern Ireland Audit Office report on tackling the public health impacts of smoking and vaping that showed an increase in 11-16 year olds vaping; that Council is concerned that children vaping in schools is detrimental to a child's health and educational outcomes; agrees that greater awareness must be raised with children in schools about the risks of vaping; acknowledges that teachers and school staff must have the support and resources they require to raise awareness and inform children on the risks of vaping; agree to write to both the Minister of Education and Health urging them to bring forward a plan to end vaping in school grounds, to reduce the number of young people vaping and to eradicate the sale of vapes to children. It was also agreed to write to all Councils in the North asking them for support in tackling this issue.	S Murphy	In progress	N
SE/151/2024	NOM – Newry Canal	it was agreed to request support from support from Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council to write to the Minister for Infrastructure and the Minister	S Murphy	In progress	N

		of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs for the urgent establishment of a multi- agency Newry Canal regeneration taskforce to work in partnership to deliver on the potential of inland waterways across both Council areas.			
SE/154/2024	Business case for arboricultural assessment and tree surgery	it was agreed to note the contents of the report and approve the business case to progress with a tender for two separate contractors as detailed within the officer's report	C Sage	Procurement in progress	N
SE/155/2024	Business case for mechanical building services contract	It was agreed to approve the recommendations within the officer's report	C Sage	Procurement in progress	N
SE/156/2024	Personal Protective Equipment	it was agreed to approve the recommendation to proceed with option 5 as detailed within the officer's report	C Sage	Procurement in progress	N
SE/157/2024	LANTRA national highway sector scheme training business case	it was agreed to approve the business case to procure a suitably qualified trainer to deliver essential LANTRA National Highway Sector Scheme Training for staff within the Sustainable and Environment Directorate	S Trainor	Procurement in progress	N
SE/158/2024	Business case for replacement of skips and containers at HRCs	It was agreed to approve the recommendations within the officer's report	S Trainor	Procurement in progress	N
SE/159/2024	Economic appraisal – liquid fuel requirements	It was agreed to approve the recommendations within the officer's report	C Sage	Procurement in progress	N
SE/160/2024	Harbour Surveys	It was agreed to approve the recommendations within the officer's report	C Sage	Procurement options being reviewed	N

SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 29 JANUARY 2025					
Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
SE/005/2025	Business Case – Cameras in Council Vehicles	It was agreed to approve the business case to procure recordable camera systems for Council fleet as outlined in Appendix 1 of the Officer's Report.	C Sage	Procurement in progress	N
SE/006/2025	Business Case – Energy Contracts	It was agreed to proceed with a joint procurement exercise with other NI Councils for electricity and natural gas contracts commencing in May 2025	C Sage	Procurement in progress	N
SE/007/2025	Feminine Hygiene Corporate Contract	It was agreed to approve the extension of the Feminine Hygiene Services Corporate Contract as detailed in the Officer's Report	C Sage	Contract instruction to be issued	N
SE/008/2025	Residual Waste Contracts	It was agreed to approve the procurement and appointment of an Economist to develop an Economic appraisal for a residual waste contract.	S Murphy	Procurement in progress	N
SE/009/2025	Mixed dry recyclables contract	It was agreed to approve the following: -the extension of the contract for the receipt and processing of mixed dry recyclables with the organisation named in the officer's report -the extension of the current haulage contract with the organisation named in the officer's report Both extended from 1 April – 30 September 2025, subject to approval from arc21 Joint Committee.	S Trainor	Procurement in progress	N

SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 19 FEBRUARY 2025					
Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
SE/016/2025	Action sheet of meeting held 29/01/2025	It was agreed to note the action sheet	S Murphy	Noted	Y
SE/017/2025	NOM – Sharing financial info with other councils regarding climate change	It was agreed to note the following: -Councils governance arrangements in relation to Sustainability & Climate Change -Council's participation in forums to enable sharing of information and best practice -Council's participation in regional procurement programmes to maximise return	S Murphy	Noted	Y
SE/018/2025	NOM – Vital Role of trees	It was agreed to note the following: -Council continues to implement actions within the Biodiversity Strategy and Tree Strategy -Council continue to work with local community groups, businesses and new stakeholders on creations of new woodlands across the District -Council continues to raise awareness of Sustainability and Biodiversity issues at Council events and workshops.	C Sage	Noted	N
		It was also agreed that Council write to the Minister for Agriculture to highlight the damage as a result of storm Éowyn and to request if any support was to be put in place to mitigate the loss of fallen trees.	C Sage	In progress	N

		Council will also write to other Councils request support in this regard.	C Sage	In progress	N
SE/019/2025	Revision of Sustainability charges for financial year 2025/26	It was agreed to approve the proposed waste management services scale of charges 25/26 as set out in the officer's report	S Trainor	Approved	Y
SE/020/2025	Application for bus shelter at Hilltown Road, Newry	It was agreed to the installation of a new bus shelter at Hilltown Road, Newry as per the recommendations stated in Appendix 1 of the officer's Report	C Sage	In Progress	N
		It was also agreed that Council consider the repair of the bus shelter requested by Cllr Feehan, with a response to be provided to the Member.	G Kane	In Progress	N
SE/021/2025	DFI Consultation on active travel	It was agreed to approve the submission of the consultation response on behalf of NMDDC to DfI on the proposed Active Travel Delivery Plan for NI as outlined at Appendix 1 of the Officer's Report	C Sage	Complete	Y
SE/022/2025	On Street Residential Charge Point (ORCS) Scheme update	It was agreed to continue to proceed with the ORCS EV charger project following successful appointment of a Charge Point operator	C Sage	In Progress	N
SE/023/2025	Refuse Collection and HRC arrangements for Public Holidays 2025/26	It was agreed to approve the alternative Refuse Collection Services and opening arrangements for HRCs on public holidays applying to the 2025/26 financial calendar	S Trainor	Approved	Y
SE/024/2025	Waste Contracts	It was agreed to approve the DACs as detailed at Appendix 1 of the Officer's Report	S Trainor	In Progress	Y
SE/025/2025	Business Case for the procurement of Public Analyst Services	It was agreed to approve the business case to procure a Public Analyst for a period of three years starting from the 1 April 2025	S Trainor	In Progress	Y

SE/026/2025	Business Case for Solar Powered Bins	It was agreed to approve the business case to procure solar powered compacting litter bins for the expansion across main towns and villages throughout the district	S Trainor	In Progress	Y
SE/027/2025	ARC21 JC Meeting IN Committee Minutes of 3 Dec 2024 Members Monthly Bulletin of 30 January 2025	It was agreed to note the minutes	S Murphy	Noted	Y
SE/028/2025	Minutes of S&E Working Group of 18 December 2024	It was agreed to note the minutes	S Murphy	Noted	Y
SE/029/2025	NI Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste Management Stats July – Sept 24 publication	It was agreed to note the publication	S Murphy	Noted	Y
SE/030/2025	ARC21 Joint Committee meeting minutes of meeting held 3 December 2024	It was agreed to note the minutes	S Murphy	Noted	Y

Report to:	Sustainability and Environment Committee
Date of Meeting:	19 March 2025
Subject:	Notice of Motion – Street Lighting
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Sinead Murphy, Director: Sustainability and Environment
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Conor Sage, Assistant Director: Sustainability

For decision	X	For noting only
1.0	Purpose and Background	
1.1	The purpose of this report is to facilitate discussion on the Notice of Motion received from Councillor Finn as deferred from the Council Meeting of 3 rd of February 2025, in accordance with standing order 16.1.16, Street Lighting.	
1.2	<p>The following Motion was received from Councillor Finn:</p> <p><i>“NMDDC notes with concern areas which are lacking or have no street lighting, particularly in light of the issue of women’s safety and will in conjunction with the Department of infrastructure undertake a scoping exercise to identify areas which could avail of additional street lighting across the District”</i></p> <p>The Motion was seconded by Councillor Devlin.</p>	
2.0	Key Issues	
2.1	In Northern Ireland, the statutory responsibility for street lighting falls under the Department for Infrastructure (DFI). Specifically, DFI Roads is responsible for the provision, maintenance and operation of street lighting on public roads.	
2.2	It is understood that DFI Roads have specific criteria that are considered regarding the location and design of street lighting schemes, this would include consideration of energy efficiency and environmental impacts.	
3.0	Recommendations	
3.1	<p>Members are asked to note the report and approve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officers to write to Department of Infrastructure (DFI) Roads to advise of concerns in relation to areas that have little or no street lighting and request that a scoping exercise is undertaken to identify areas that could avail of additional street lighting across the district. 	
4.0	Resource implications	
4.1	No additional resources associated with this report.	
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)	

5.1	<p>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes <i>n/a</i> <input type="checkbox"/></p>
5.2	<p>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, please complete the following: The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/> The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/></p>
5.3	<p>Proposal initiating consultation Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consultation period will be 12 weeks <input type="checkbox"/> Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Rationale:</i> <i>n/a</i></p>
6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)
6.1	<p>Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, please complete the following: Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/></p>
7.0	Appendices
	None
8.0	Background Documents
	None

Report to:	Sustainability & Environment Committee
Date of Meeting:	19 th March 2025
Subject:	Sustainability – Facility Charges 2025/26
Reporting Officer:	Conor Sage, Assistant Director Sustainability
Contact Officer:	Gail Kane, Head of Facilities Management

Confirm how this Report should be treated by placing an x in either: -

For decision	For noting only	X
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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p>The purpose of this report is to update the S&E Committee in relation to the charges applied by the Sustainability section for services within their remit.</p> <p>This report presents the annual review of the scale of charges for 2025/26, which are proposed to remain the same as financial year 2024/25. This charging structure will take effect from 1st April 2025 until 31st March 2026.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>Burial Charges</p> <p>The Facilities Management section currently manages five Municipal Cemeteries within the District. They are: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monkshill, Newry • Warrenpoint • Kilbroney, Rostrevor • Struell, Downpatrick • Lough Inch, Ballynahinch <p>Council are obliged to apply charges for burials, purchase of graves, and erection of headstones within these five cemeteries. Charges for these services are reviewed annually, and it is proposed to not increase the current charges for the 2025/26 financial year.</p> <p>The full details of the pricing structure for 2025/26 is detailed in Appendix 1.</p>
2.2	<p>Market Charges</p> <p>There are currently five markets managed by the Council within the District. They are: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newry • Kilkeel • Crossmaglen • Castlewellan • Downpatrick

	The charges for these markets are reviewed on an annual basis. The full details of the proposed pricing structure for 2025/26 is detailed within Appendix 2 attached. As with burial charges, it is not proposed to increase market charges for 2025/26.
2.3	<p>Newcastle Harbour Mooring Fees</p> <p>The mooring fees for Newcastle Harbour are reviewed on an annual basis. The full details of the proposed pricing structure for 2025/26 is detailed within Appendix 3 attached. As with burial and market charges, it is not proposed to increase mooring fees for 2025/26.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<p>Members are asked to consider the report and note the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Councils pricing structure for burial charges in 25/26 • The Councils pricing structure for market charges in 25/26 • The Councils pricing structure for Newcastle Harbour mooring fees in 25/26
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	Officer time to ensure all relevant stakeholders are advised of charges.
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
5.2	<p><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/></p>
6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)
6.1	Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service

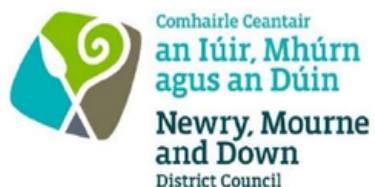
	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
7.0	Appendices
	<p>Appendix 1: Burial/Cemetery Charges 2025/26 Appendix 2: Market Charges 2025/26 Appendix 3: Newcastle Harbour Mooring Fees 2025/26</p>
8.0	Background Documents
8.1	None

APPENDIX 1 - CEMETERY CHARGES 2025/2026

Type of Facility/Activity	Details	Charges (£)
		2025/26
Private Grave	Resident	£319
	Non-Resident	£633
First Opening	Resident	£264
	Non-Resident	£756
Second Opening	Resident	£264
	Non-Resident	£759
Burial of Cremated Remains/Burials	Resident	£66
Under Headstones	Non-Resident	£127
Transfer Burial Rights	Resident	£50
	Non-Resident	£121
Duplicate Grant Per Plot	Resident	£50
	Non-Resident	£121
Exhumations	Resident	£506
	Non-Resident	£506
Additional charge for burials after 3.00pm week days	Resident	£66
	Non-Resident	£66
Search fees (Deeds not produced)	Resident	£0
	Non-Resident	£0
Approval for Erection of Headstone	Resident	£66
	Non-Resident	£66
Burials of Under 18's		£0

APPENDIX 2 - Market Services

Type of Facility/Activity	Charges £ or €
	2025/26
Newry Market Stall	£29.00
Newry Market outside Pitch	£25.00
Crossmaglen Market Stall	£18.00/€24.00
Kilkeel Market Stall	£22.00
Castlewellan monthly Market Stall	£20.00 per day (pay on day) £12.00 per day if pay yearly in advance
Castlewellan Fair Market Stall – 6.5m x 6m	£20.00
Castlewellan Fair Market Stall – 9m x 6m	£30.00
Downpatrick Market	£20.00 per day (pay on day) £12.00 per day if pay yearly in advance



2025 NEWCASTLE HARBOUR MOORING PRICES

Non – Commercial Boats

Feet	Metres		2025 Prices
5 feet	1.524		£19.00
6 feet	1.8288		£23.00
7 feet	2.1336		£25.00
8 feet	2.4384		£28.00
9 feet	2.7432		£30.00
10 feet	3.048		£36.00
11 feet	3.3528		£38.00
12 feet	3.6576		£44.00
13 feet	3.9624		£46.00
14 feet	4.2672		£49.00
15 feet	4.572		£52.00
16 feet	4.8768		£56.00
17 feet	5.1816		£60.00
18 feet	5.4864		£64.00
19 feet	5.7912		£66.00
20 feet	6.096		£73.00
21 feet	6.4008		£75.00
22 feet	6.7056		£78.00
23 feet	7.0104		£82.00
24 feet	7.3152		£85.00
25 feet	7.62		£87.00
26 feet	7.9248		£90.00
27 feet	8.2296		£95.00
28 feet	8.5344		£100.00
29 feet	8.8392		£101.00
30 feet	9.144		£105.00
31 feet	9.4488		£110.00
32 feet	9.7536		£114.00
33 feet	10.058		£117.00
34 feet	10.363		£120.00
35 feet	10.668		£123.00

Commercial Boats

Feet	Metres		2025 Prices
16 feet	4.8768		£76.00
30 feet	9.144		£76.00
31 feet	9.4488		£76.00
32 feet	9.7536		£76.00
33 feet	10.058		£87.00
34 feet	10.363		£87.00
35 feet	10.668		£87.00
36 feet	10.973		£87.00
37 feet	11.278		£99.00
38 feet	11.582		£99.00
39 feet	11.887		£99.00
40 feet	12.192		£110.00

NB: Please note that the length of the boat in feet will be rounded.

Report to:	Sustainability & Environment Committee
Date of Meeting:	19 March 2025
Subject:	Home to Hospital Update
Reporting Officer	Sinead Trainor, Assistant Director: Environment
Contact Officer	James Campbell, Head of Environmental Health (Residential)

For decision	X	For noting only	
1.0	Purpose and Background		
1.1	The purpose of this report is to seek member approval to provide continued funding from 01 April 2025 to 31 March 2026 to support the Home to Hospital Volunteer Driver Schemes in Slieve Gullion and The Mournes District Electorate Area's (DEA's) and that Expressions of Interest are sought from suitable Community and Voluntary sector organisations to administer the scheme from 01 April 2025.		
2.0	Key issues		
2.1	<p>It is acknowledged that there is a major difficulty for people from the more rural areas to access hospital appointments in Craigavon, Belfast and beyond. This causes problems for our increasingly older population.</p> <p>The Council has facilitated a Volunteer Driver Home to Hospital scheme for the last number of years within both Slieve Gullion and The Mournes DEAs, which are the most affected by their rural nature and distance. This scheme has proved to be successful enabling the local people to receive help with transport to hospital appointments. Home to hospital users have reported feeling safe and somewhat more able for their journey knowing they will be picked up from their home, taken to their appointment and left back to their door.</p> <p>Officers see the great benefit in continuing to provide funding for this scheme, to meet the needs of the population in South Armagh and the Mournes.</p>		
2.2	In the Mournes, from April 2024 to February 2025, there were 266 registered users and 368 trips undertaken to medical facilities and in Slieve Gullion, from April 2024 to February 2025, there were 45 registered users and 175 trips undertaken to medical facilities.		
2.3	Another welcome outcome of the hospital to home scheme is the added benefit this service has in not only taking residents to hospital appointments but linking them with additional supports, such as Home Safety, NIFRS and into social groups and activities.		
3.0	Recommendations		
3.1	<p>Members are requested to note the report and approve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> continued funding for The Mournes and Slieve Gullion Home to Hospital Volunteer driver schemes from 01 April 2025 to 31 March 2026 Council to seek Expressions of Interest from suitable Community and Voluntary sector organisations to administer the Schemes, subject to funding being identified. 		

4.0	Resource implications
4.1	The scheme's potential cost to Council is in the region of £35,000 for 2025/26.
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
5.2	<p><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/></p>
5.3	<p><i>Proposal initiating consultation</i></p> <p>Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be 12 weeks <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>Rationale:</i></p>
6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)
6.1	<p>Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/></p>
7.0	Appendices
7.1	None
8.0	Background Documents
8.1	None

Report to:	Sustainability & Environment Committee
Date of Meeting:	19 March 2025
Subject:	Response to Department of Health Consultation on Hospitals – Creating a Network for Better Outcomes
Reporting Officer	Sinead Trainor, Assistant Director: Environment
Contact Officer	Sinead Trainor, Assistant Director: Environment

For decision	x	For noting only	
1.0			Purpose and Background
1.1			The purpose this report is to seek Member approval of the response to the consultation entitled Hospitals – Creating a Network for Better Outcomes by the Department of Health.
2.0			Key issues
2.1			The consultation document is to support widespread engagement with communities, clinicians, and society as a whole on why we need to reconfigure our Hospitals; how we will manage our hospital system as an integrated network; what pathways there are for citizens to access hospital services and how they can travel there; where those services are and will be delivered; and when future service reviews will take place to inform future reconfiguration. This will become the basis and strategic context for current and future service reconfigurations.
2.2			The consultation document is one important piece of the puzzle. It is recognised that we need improvements across population health, social care, primary and community care and mental health, alongside a well-functioning hospital network. In order to reform our health and social care system, improve population health and put our entire system on a sustainable footing; it will take sustained effort, funding and a collaborative cross-Executive approach.
2.3			The Consultation closed on 28 February 2025. Due to the consultation deadline a draft response has been submitted pending Council approval. The Consultation response is attached as Appendix 1 for Members' consideration.
3.0			Recommendations
3.1			Members are asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve the consultation response in Appendix 1 entitled Hospitals – Creating a Network for Better Outcomes by The Department of Health
4.0			Resource implications
4.1			No additional resources associated with this report.
5.0			Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1			<i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i>

	<p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
5.2	<p><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></p> <p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation only - Department of Health have carried out an Equality Assessment.</p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation – <input type="checkbox"/></p>
5.3	<p><i>Proposal initiating consultation</i></p> <p>Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be 12 weeks <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>Rationale:</i></p> <p>Consultation only by Department of Health.</p>
6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)
6.1	<p>Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service</p> <p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation only - Department of Health have carried out a Rural Needs Impact Assessment</p>
7.0	Appendices
7.1	Appendix 1 – Consultation response entitled Hospitals – Creating a Network for Better Outcomes by The Department of Health

8.0	Background Documents
8.1	Hospitals - Creating a Network for Better Outcomes - Public Consultation The Northern Ireland Executive

Hospitals – Creating a Network for Better Outcomes

Consultation Questionnaire

Personal details		
Q1	Name:	Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
Q2	Email address:	
Q3	<p>Are you responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation, please highlight the most relevant option:</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member of the general public <input type="checkbox"/> Service user <input type="checkbox"/> Family carer <input type="checkbox"/> Social care worker <input type="checkbox"/> Social worker <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary & Community sector <input type="checkbox"/> Health & Social Care Trust <input type="checkbox"/> HSC organisation <input type="checkbox"/> Local or district council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other public organisation <input type="checkbox"/> Independent social care provider <input type="checkbox"/> Trade union <input type="checkbox"/> Regulatory authority <input type="checkbox"/> Professional body <input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy organisation <input type="checkbox"/> Academic body <input type="checkbox"/> Another NICS Department <input type="checkbox"/> Arms Length Body <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> 	

Q4	If you selected 'Other' Please specify the name of the Organisation, Voluntary & Community sector, Private Company or Public Body:
	Newry Mourne and Down District Council

Questions	
Q5	<p>To what extent do you agree or disagree with the explanation within the framework of why we need to change how our hospitals function?</p> <p>Strongly Agree <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Agree <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Neither Agree nor Disagree <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Disagree <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Strongly Disagree <input type="checkbox"/></p>
Q6	<p>To what extent do you agree or disagree with the description of the type of Northern Ireland hospitals as presented in the framework that build towards a Hospital Network? These are: Local Hospitals, Area Hospitals, General Hospitals and Regional Centres.</p> <p><i>Note: The detailed description each type of hospital is on page 4 of the consultation document.</i></p> <p>Strongly Agree <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Agree <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Neither Agree nor Disagree <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Disagree <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Strongly Disagree <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
Q7	<p>To what extent do you agree or disagree with the 'core services' identified for the different types of hospitals, especially for the area hospitals and three general hospitals?</p> <p><i>Note: These appear on; local hospitals (pages 30-31), general hospitals (page 32) area hospitals (pages 35-41), special regional services (pages 42-45) of the main consultation document.</i></p>

	<p>Strongly Agree <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Agree <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Neither Agree nor Disagree <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Disagree <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Strongly Disagree <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
Q8	<p>To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposed list of actions identified in the framework are the correct ones to create a more sustainable hospital network in Northern Ireland?</p> <p><i>Note: A summary of the proposed actions is on page 55 & 56 of the main consultation document.</i></p>
	<p>Strongly Agree <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Agree <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Neither Agree nor Disagree <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Disagree <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Strongly Disagree <input type="checkbox"/></p>
Q9	<p>Taking into account the proposals set out in the framework and the answers you have provided above; do you think there is anything we have missed?</p>
	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Not sure <input type="checkbox"/></p>
	<p>If your answer is Yes, please provide further detail and explanation below:</p> <p>The Council welcomes the framework’s stated objective of providing equal access to health care, resulting in reductions in health inequalities.</p> <p>Given the framework’s commitment to reducing health inequalities, the Council believe the Department should recognise the clear requirement for an area hospital in Newry to cater for a wide geographic area, a dense population and pronounced medical needs.</p> <p>Newry Mourne & Down local government district is the 3rd largest council population in NI with a population of 182,634 including 45,193 children aged under 18 (NISRA 2022). The GP Federations in Newry & District has the 2nd highest number of patients (161,308) registered with GPs in NI. (Source: DOH 2023/24).</p>

	<p>Our District exhibits high levels of multiple deprivation, with 23 of our SOAs ranked within the top 25% most deprived in NI, of which 5 are in the top 10% (NISRA 2017). Many of the SOAs experiencing high levels of deprivation are within the Newry City and Sieve Gullion District Electoral Areas that are immediately served by the Daisy Hill Hospital. Within the Access to Services domain, which measures the extent to which people have poor physical and online access to key services, 35 of our SOAs are within the 25% most deprived, with 12 of these ranking in the top 10%.</p> <p>These higher levels of deprivation within the district create a higher demand for accessible and appropriate health services. The district has a standardised admission rate for emergency admissions over the 2022/23 period of 8,651 per 100,000, compared with an NI average of 7,651 per 100,000 (DoH 2024). This is the second highest of all Local Government Districts. Emergency admissions rates have been consistently higher than the NI average over recent years and these rates increase significantly to 9,849 per 100,000 (2022/23) in our most deprived areas.</p> <p>As well as high level of emergency admissions NMDDC had the highest admission rates for circulatory causes and third highest for both respiratory conditions and alcohol related causes in the 2020/21-2022/23 reporting period (DoH 2024).</p> <p>Given the evident need to retain and enhance the health services provided at Daisy Hill Hospital this Council objects to any downgrade of the hospital and believe that it should be designated an Area Hospital in order to provide vital health services where they are needed the most. These services should include a 24/7 Emergency Department, a 24/7 emergency surgery and anaesthetic rota and theatre, and be supported by a critical care unit. Failure to provide these will reduce access to much needed services and increase health inequality across the region by removing services from some of the most deprived areas.</p> <p>In order to promote and enhance the viability of Daisy Hill Hospital we call on the Department of Health to engage with the Irish Government to identify mechanisms for establishing Daisy Hill as a cross-border Area Hospital</p>										
<p>Q10</p>	<p>To what extent to do you agree or disagree that the proposed list of actions in the framework will improve the experience and outcomes for service users in Northern Ireland?</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Strongly Agree</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Agree</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Neither Agree nor Disagree</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Disagree</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Strongly Disagree</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table>	Strongly Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither Agree nor Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly Disagree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<p>Q11</p>	<p>To what extent do you agree or disagree that the framework explains how reconfiguration decisions are taken?</p> <p>Strongly Agree <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Agree <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Neither Agree nor Disagree <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Disagree <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Strongly Disagree <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Q12</p>	<p>To what extent do you agree or disagree that the framework explains how you will be engaged as part of the decision making process?</p> <p>Strongly Agree <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Agree <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Neither Agree nor Disagree <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Disagree <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Strongly Disagree <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Please explain the reason for your answer and provide any additional comments below</p> <p>While the Council welcomes the involvement of service recipients and their carers in the consultation and engagement around reform, the framework does not clearly outline how broader community stakeholders are to be engaged in the decision-making process. It is essential that there is meaningful engagement with these stakeholder groups throughout the reform process, including local elected representatives, community representatives, voluntary sector organisations, public bodies and the wider public. Local Community Planning structure could be utilised to assist with engaging these stakeholder groups.</p>
<p>Q13</p>	<p>Taking into account the answers you have provided; if you have any further comments on any aspect of this framework or the proposed actions please include below.</p> <p>At a Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council held on 3 February 2025, the following Notice of Motion was agreed:</p> <p>“That this Council notes the Department of Health’s ongoing consultation on the hospital reconfiguration framework; expresses its dissatisfaction that the Department has failed to schedule a public meeting in Newry as part of their consultation exercise; registers its concern at the proposed designation of Daisy Hill Hospital as a General Hospital.</p>

This Council calls on the Department of Health to schedule a public meeting in Newry on the hospital reconfiguration framework before the February 28th deadline; commits to submitting a consultation response that supports the designation of Daisy Hill as an Area Hospital and further calls for the Department of Health to engage with the Irish Government to identify mechanisms for establishing Daisy Hill as a cross-border Area Hospital”.

The Council welcomes the commitment to work across NI Executive Departments to consider travel support for service users. The Council would ask that vital role of community transport providers is reflected in these considerations, including ensuring that these services have appropriate and sustainable funding in place.

Residents within the more rural areas of the Newry Mourne and Down District Council area often have trouble in accessing hospital appointments in Craigavon, Belfast and beyond. This is a particular issue for the Councils’ increasingly older population and to try and assist, Council through financial assistance has facilitated a volunteer driver home to hospital scheme. Without this scheme it is likely that many missed appointments would occur. The designation of Daisy Hill as an Area Hospital would enable improved attendance at appointments and reduce the number of missed appointments within the hospital system.

Equality and Rural Needs Assessments

Q14 a) Do you agree or disagree with the Draft Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA)?

Fully Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mostly Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Neither Agree nor Disagree	X
Mostly Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fully Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please provide comments below:

Q15	b) Do you agree or disagree with the Draft Rural Needs Impact Assessment?	
	Fully Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Mostly Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Neither Agree nor Disagree <input type="checkbox"/> Mostly Disagree <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fully Disagree <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Please provide comments below:	
	<p>The location of the 5 proposed 'Area Hospitals' with 24/7 Level 1 emergency departments (Altnagelvin, Antrim, Craigavon, Belfast Hospitals Campus and Ulster Hospital) are concentrated within a 30-minute drive time from Belfast, and in Derry. This will result in only the population in these urban areas having timely access to 24/7 Level 1 Consultant Led inpatient emergency care treatment.</p> <p>The Rural Needs Impact Assessment does not sufficiently address how this inequality would be addressed. The nature of the requirement for emergency treatment provision is fundamentally different from non-emergency provision, this should be reflected within the RNIA.</p>	

Thank you for your comments.

Section 75 Equality Questions (optional)

If you are responding as an individual, do you wish to respond to questions on what Section 75 categories describes you best (this is not compulsory).

Note: Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 ([‘the Act’](#)) requires the Department, in carrying out its functions, powers and duties, to have due regard to the need to promote equality of opportunity:

- between persons of different religious belief, political opinion, racial group, age, marital status or sexual orientation
- between men and women generally
- between persons with a disability and persons without
- between persons with dependents and persons without

1. Religious belief

- Buddhist Catholic Hindu Jewish Muslim No religious belief
 Protestant Sikh Other Prefer not to say

2. Political Opinion

- Nationalist generally Unionist generally Other Prefer not to say

3. Racial group

- Black Chinese Indian Pakistani Mixed ethnic background
 Polish Roma Travellers White Other Prefer not to say

4. Gender

- Male Female Transgender Transsexual Other Prefer not to say

5. Marital status

- Civil partnership Co-habiting Divorced Married Separated
 Single Widowed Other Prefer not to say

6. Age bracket

- Under 18 18-65 66-74 75 and over Prefer not to say

7. Persons with disabilities as defined by the Disability Discrimination Act 1995.

- Yes No Other Prefer not to say

8. Dependants

- Care of a child with a disability Care of an adult with a disability Care of a dependant older person Not applicable Prefer not to say

9. Sexual orientation

- Bisexual Heterosexual Gay or Lesbian Other Prefer not to say

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We are encouraging organisations and institutions to respond but also people with lived experience and carers. We will process personal data provided in response to consultations for the purpose of informing the review. We will publish a summary of the consultation responses and, in some cases, the responses themselves but these will not contain any personal data. We will not publish the names or contact details of respondents but will include the names of organisations responding.

Lawful basis for processing

The lawful basis we are relying on to process your personal data is Article 6(1) (e) of the GDPR, which allows us to process personal data when this is necessary for the performance of our public tasks in our capacity as a Government Department. We will only process any special category personal data you provide, which reveals racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religious belief, health or sexual life/orientation when it is necessary for reasons of substantial public interest under Article 9(2)(g) of the GDPR, in the exercise of the function of the department, and to monitor equality.

How will your information be used and shared

We process the information internally for the above stated purpose. We don't intend to share your personal data with any third party. Any specific requests from a third party for us to share your personal data with them will be dealt with in accordance the provisions of the data protection laws.

How long will we keep your information

We will retain consultation response information until our work on the subject matter of the consultation is complete, and in line with the Department's approved Retention and Disposal Schedule Good Management, Good Records (GMGR).

What are your rights?

- You have the right to obtain confirmation that your data is being processed, and access to your personal data
- You are entitled to have personal data rectified if it is inaccurate or incomplete
- You have a right to have personal data erased and to prevent processing, in specific circumstances
- You have the right to 'block' or suppress processing of personal data, in specific circumstances
- You have the right to data portability, in specific circumstances
- You have the right to object to the processing, in specific circumstances
- You have rights in relation to automated decision making and profiling.

How to complain if you are not happy with how we process your personal information
If you wish to request access, object or raise a complaint about how we have handled your data, you can contact our Data Protection Officer using the details above. If you are not satisfied with our response or believe we are not processing your personal data in accordance with the law, you can complain to the Information

Commissioner at:
Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire SK9 5AF
casework@ico.org.uk

ITEM 3
ARC21 JOINT COMMITTEE
Meeting No 093
MINUTES
Thursday 30 January 2025
Using MS Teams

Members Present:

Councillor J Cochrane	Ards & North Down Borough Council
Councillor E Thompson	Ards & North Down Borough Council
Alderman S Skillen	Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council
Councillor A Givan	Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council
Councillor G McKeen (<i>Deputy Chair</i>)	Mid & East Antrim Borough Council
Alderman M Morrow	Mid & East Antrim Borough Council
Councillor K Murphy	Newry, Mourne & Down District Council
Councillor C Enright	Newry, Mourne & Down District Council

Members' Apologies:

Councillor M Goodman (<i>Chair</i>)	Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council
Councillor H Cushinan	Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council
Councillor R Lynch	Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council
Councillor C Blaney	Ards & North Down Borough Council
Councillor B Smyth	Belfast City Council
Councillor M Collins	Belfast City Council
Councillor E McDonough-Brown	Belfast City Council
Councillor P Kennedy	Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council
Councillor R Quigley	Mid & East Antrim Borough Council
Councillor T Andrews	Newry, Mourne & Down District Council

Officers Present:

T Walker	arc21
H Campbell	arc21
J Green	arc21
K Boal	arc21
B McKeown	arc21
M Laverty	Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council
D Lindsay, N Martin	Ards and North Down Borough Council
B Murray	Belfast City Council
N O'Malley	Mid & East Antrim Borough Council
C Hunter	Mid & East Antrim Borough Council
E Reilly	Newry, Mourne & Down District Council

Officers' Apologies:

S Leonard	Belfast City Council
R Harvey	Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council
S Murphy	Newry, Mourne & Down District Council

The Deputy Chair took the Chair for the meeting in Cllr Goodman's absence. He welcomed all to the meeting and noted the absence of the Chair was due to ill health. It was agreed to forward a letter with best wishes to the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Action: arc21

Item 1 - Conflicts of Interest Statement

The Chair read out the Conflicts of Interest Statement, and none were noted.

Action: Noted

Item 2 - Apologies

Apologies were noted.

Action: Noted

Item 3 - Minutes of Joint Committee Meeting 092 held on 3 December 2024

The Joint Committee approved the minutes. Proposed by Ald Morrow, seconded by Cllr Enright, and agreed by all.

Action: Agreed

Item 4 - Matters Arising

Any specific matters were actioned or discussed under the main agenda items.

Action: Noted

IN COMMITTEE

The Chair recommended that the meeting would now move "*in committee*" which was agreed. Proposed by Cllr Enright and seconded by Ald Morrow.

Matters of a confidential and commercially sensitive nature were discussed under these agenda items.

Following discussion on the commercially sensitive matters, the Chair recommended that the meeting would now return to the main agenda, which was approved, but whilst "*In Committee*" during this section of the meeting, there were four matters discussed.

Item 5 - Minutes of Joint Committee Meeting 092 held on 3 December 2024 'in committee' - approved

Item 6 - Matters Arising - noted

Item 7 - Residual Waste Treatment Project - approved

Item 8 - Commercially Sensitive Contract & Procurement Issues - approved

OUT OF COMMITTEE

Proposed by Ald Morrow and seconded by Cllr Enright.

Item 9 - Contracts & Operations Briefing ReportService Status

Ms Boal reported that all services were operational during the month of November and December 2024, and there were no requests from contractors to put any contingency arrangements in place.

She noted that a new contract commenced for the treatment of the residual HWRC Waste from Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council from 1 November 2024 and the information was encapsulated in the report presented in terms of the operational performance in tonnages.

She noted that arrangements were made with all of the contractors required to receive waste for pull back collection days over the Christmas period, and all seemed to work well.

Due to the impact of storm Éowyn, she noted that arc21 contractors did not receive waste on 24 January 2025. A number of councils rescheduled collections, and arc21 liaised with contractors to ensure facilities were open to receive waste over the weekend where required. She noted that there was some contingency arrangements to accommodate the closure of the Keady site which had suffered damage and closure.

Ms Boal referred to the recent fire at the RiverRidge facility at Craigmore and advised that only one council had been affected by this and as a consequence was currently using the contingency delivery point at Portadown. She noted that arc21 had been advised that there was no impact on the plant utilised for secondary processes undertaken at the Craigmore facility and referred to the fact that the operator anticipated it should be operational during the first week in March 2025.

Performance

The contractor performance was presented, which included details on the number of loads in each contract, site visits, overweight vehicles, use of contingency arrangements, turnaround, availability, maintenance of records and reporting and in most cases, she noted that the contractors provided sufficient reasons, and therefore no service credits were applied. However, service credits were applied to Bryson and IWS in November and again to Bryson in December for failing to meet their contracted turnaround limits.

Regarding the landfill contract, she reported that the overweight vehicles continue to be monitored and have stayed more or less the same for each month, and there had been a noticeable decrease on the Organics contract which was the lowest they have been since February 2024. She noted that council officers had been asked to monitor the situation.

She reported that there were only minor issues with Heatricks reporting in December that required a version 2 of their report due to incorrect data and no service credits were applied.

Ms Boal reported that the DPS contracts' turnaround times were reviewed for November and December and ReGen provided adequate reasons for both months and therefore no service credits were applied to them. Service credits were applied to RiverRidge for failing to meet their contracted turnaround limits in November. She advised that arc21 was still waiting on information from RiverRidge to confirm if service credits will be applied in December regarding their turnaround times.

She noted that in November and December, there were issues with RiverRidge not submitting certain reporting documentation for the monthly reports for the MEABC and ANBC contracts, and therefore service credits will be applied to them.

For the bring contracts In November and December, she reported that there were 17 (Nov) and 18 (Dec) requests for bring site rectifications (they did not have the specified capacity) across all contracts. These were communicated to the contractors, and the majority of these were serviced within the required 48 hours.

However, there were two occasions in November when two paper banks were not serviced by McQuillan Environmental within the required timeframe, and in December there was one occasion when ENVA failed to service a glass bring site within the required timeframe and therefore service credits were applied to both contractors. She noted that arc21 was still waiting on information from CTR to see if any service credits should be applied to them regarding rectification requests.

She noted that arc21 is keeping a watching brief on the textile contract and will be bringing a report to the March Committee in terms of the costs as there had been another downturn in terms of the index arc21 is currently using for payment, and the market does not show any signs of recovery at present.

Health & Safety

(i) Incidents

During November and December 2024, Ms Boal noted that there were four Health & Safety incidents reported to arc21 by contractors, which were generally due to driver error, and that arc21 continues to monitor and liaise with the relevant councils and contractors.

She advised that council officers continue to be asked to liaise with their H&S officers and operational managers, including those of external contractors, to ensure that all councils' operational teams have due regard to Health & Safety obligations and that they understand and abide by the site rules of each site.

(ii) Audits

In terms of audits, Ms Boal reported that the external Health & Safety consultant continues to undertake health and safety audits.

In November, there were audits conducted with RiverRidge at their Craigmore site and with McQuillan Environmental at their site in Antrim and included observing the collection of paper banks at a selected bring site.

In December, she noted that audits were completed with RiverRidge at their Mallusk site and with CTR at their Randalstown site. All reports have been shared with these contractors with some minor actions identified. She advised that arc21 was working closely with all contractors to complete these as soon as possible.

WEEE Collections

She reported that arc21 has become aware of some issues with the collection of Household WEEE, namely Display units (TV's and monitors) and Fridges and Freezers and arc21 is liaising with the respective service providers and councils to address the issues.

Rejected Loads

Ms Boal reported that there had been no rejected loads delivered into MRF facilities in November and December 2024, but two into the Organics delivery sites, both in November and December, and that officers continue to monitor the procedures to make sure vehicles for mixed use are properly emptied to avoid contamination.

She noted that in terms of the rejected loads from NWP which would traditionally have gone to landfill, that arc21 will be putting in place alternative arrangements from 1 February, and this will be done on a geographical basis in terms of which site is best to go to.

arc21 Contract Tonnages

A list of the contract tonnages for November and December 2024, compared to the same period last year, was presented and summarised as follows:

- MRF Lot 1 - a 11.2% decrease (Nov) and a 7.7% increase (Dec);
- MRF Lot 2 - a 7.1% decrease (Nov) and an 11.9% increase (Dec) for MDR material delivered to ReGen;
- Organics Contract - a 16.7% decrease for Type 1 material (Nov), and a 3.8% increase (Dec);
- for Type 2 material, a decrease of 2.6% (Nov), and a 6.7% increase (Dec); and
- Landfill Contract - a 7.2% decrease (Nov), and an 8% increase (Dec).

Supplies

The number of orders placed and delivered in November and December was presented and Ms Boal noted that there was one non-compliance in November due to the delivery arriving a day late.

She noted that council officers are informed on a monthly basis to place orders for supplies at the earliest opportunity as delays due to transportation and increased demand for certain categories of containers etc. may occur with the introduction of new policies, such as *Simpler Recycling* in England, which may affect delivery timescales.

Update On Correspondence Sent To NIEA Re Public Complaints

Ms Boal presented correspondence which had been sent by the Committee in 2024 along with the response received from NIEA in relation to an action raised at the Joint Committee meeting on 26 September 2024 on the process for dealing with odours. At the time of writing, she noted that this arose from the issues at Warrenpoint but there was a wider context regarding any site and the interface with environmental officers and councils in terms of getting the information and the speed operators themselves get the information to act in real time.

She reported that the response from NIEA had noted the concerns raised and the points Members had flagged, and suggested that the district council environmental health group might be the most appropriate forum to have the discussion. The letter proposed that the Committee consider if this was viable.

She advised that the correspondence noted that NIEA were developing a new incident management system which will streamline the process. She noted that she had been in contact with an officer from NIEA who had confirmed that the intention was for that system to go live and as an internal only system, with no interface with other bodies, but it may indeed streamline the current process and enable the NIEA to inform other authorities. She noted that she would let this bed in for a few months before picking this up with the NIEA again.

There was no further action arising from this.

Following discussion the Joint Committee noted the report.

Action: Noted

Item 10 - Waste Tonnage Trends

Ms Boal presented a report showing the tonnage comparisons for material processed through arc21 contracts. She advised that there were further tables included in the report with the most recent contracts for residual treatment now being included.

The report also included an analysis of current performance against future landfill and recycling targets using information from Waste Data Flow (2024/25 unvalidated).

She noted the following:

- landfill slightly up from previous December;
- Lot 2 contracts for ANBC and MEABC are reliant upon Full Circle Generation as the outlet for energy from waste, however an enforcement notice had been served in terms of ongoing issues in regard to dioxins, and we need to understand how they will deal with the waste from these two contracts;
- Type 1 organics - the lines are acquiescing around December in terms of tonnages collected, and follows through with Type 2;
- MRF Lot 1 - ahead of 23/24 year and at same point as 22/23 year;
- MRF Lot 2 - well above last three years in December;
- MRF combined running above last two years.

The other smaller contracts were also presented for information.

She reported that the second part of the report showed the analysis against future landfill and recycling targets.

She noted that for the percentage of waste to landfill would reduce given the award of the new contracts but that there would be differences between the solutions.

Following discussion the Joint Committee noted the report.

Action: Noted

Item 11 - Audit Committee Meeting - 12 November 2024 Report

Mr McKeown presented a report on the issues discussed with the Audit Committee at the meeting held on 12 November 2024.

He advised that this was the first re-convened Audit Committee meeting following the local government elections in 2023 and that the meeting included the election of Cllr Cadogan Enright as Chair, and Cllr Gregg McKeen as Deputy Chair.

He advised that the next meeting was scheduled for 11 March 2025.

Cllr Enright noted that, in terms of arc21s risk management process, he had asked for the risks to be collated into groups for deeper consideration at future Audit Committee meetings.

Following discussion, the Joint Committee noted the report.

Action: Noted

Item 12 - Consultation: Department for Communities Consultation Document "Consultation on draft statutory guidance for the implementation of the McCloud Remedy in the Local Government Pension Scheme (Northern Ireland)

Mr McKeown presented Members with a proposed response to the consultation for consideration prior to submission.

He noted that the consultation issued by DfC consisted of 3 questions and the proposed arc21 response generally agreed with the draft guidance, but asked the question regarding what safeguards are in place to ensure the average member is fully aware of the compensation process should they wish to make a claim, especially given the highly complex aspects of the McCloud Remedy.

Following discussion, the Joint Committee agreed to approve the response for submission by the deadline of 19 February 2025. Proposed by Cllr Thompson, seconded by Cllr Murphy, and agreed by all.

Action: Agreed

Item 13 - Annual arc21 Seminar

Mr Walker informed Members of the forthcoming annual arc21 seminar, scheduled to be held on Wednesday 12 March from 10am to 12noon. He noted that he had approached a number of speakers, and a programme was being finalised. He noted that a placeholder would be circulated in due course with registration and programme details to follow.

Action: Mr Walker

Item 14 - AOB

There was no further business discussed.

Item 15 - Next Meeting Thursday 27 February 2025 using MS Teams

Action: Noted

Date: _____

Chairman: _____