

Ballymoney Borough Council

**Health & Environmental Services Committee Meeting No 375 – 22nd November 2011
2011**

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BALLYMONEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of Health & Environmental Services Committee Meeting No 375, held in the McKinley Room, Riada House, Ballymoney on Tuesday 22nd November 2011 at 7.02 pm.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor E Robinson

PRESENT: **Aldermen**
F Campbell
C Cousley, MBE

Councillors
J Atkinson
W Blair
J Finlay
R Halliday
R McAfee
I Stevenson, Mayor

APOLOGIES: Alderman H Connolly
Councillor M Storey, MLA

IN ATTENDANCE: Director of Borough Services
Committee Clerk

375.1 MINUTES - Meeting No 374 – 25th October 2011

It was proposed by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Cousley and

AGREED:

to recommend that the minutes of Meeting Number 374 – 25th October 2011, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

375.2 VIDEO – The Future to Resource Management

The Chair introduced a short video “The Future of Waste Resource Management” which highlighted the various initiatives by the North West Region Waste Management Group.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

375.3 DISPOSAL OF WHEELED LOADING SHOVEL

It is understood that the Council's insurers have advised that the wheeled loading shovel recently damaged beyond repair by the fire at Crosstagherty has been valued by the loss adjuster at £36,000 less insurance excess of £1,000. It is also the case that the plant remains the Council's property to dispose of as it sees fit.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council –

1. Accept the insurers valuation of £35,000 in respect of the 'written off' CASE wheeled loading shovel; and
2. Dispose of the plant as scrap, retaining the machine bucket.

In response to Alderman Campbell, the Director of Borough Services was unable to provide a cost to lift the 'written off' CASE wheeled loading shovel and the value of its scrap metal. He advised relevant companies would be invited to consider the work involved and provide a cost to complete the necessary work. It was hoped the value from the metal will offset costs involved.

It was proposed by Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Alderman Campbell and **AGREED:**

to recommend that Council –

1. ***Accept the insurers valuation of £35,000 in respect of the 'written off' CASE wheeled loading shovel; and***
2. ***Dispose of the plant as scrap, retaining the machine bucket.***

375.4 ROAD FREIGHT OPERATOR LICENSING IN NORTHERN IRELAND

It is understood that the statutory requirements in respect of Goods Vehicle Operator Licences is changing and that Council will probably by 1st April 2012 have to employ a competent person in order to continue its current range of waste management services. Subject to identifying a person within the Council's employ who would be willing to undertake the necessary role, it is estimated that the licence and training costs would be circa. £1,500.

It is further understood that in the new provisions which the DoE will introduce all those, including local authorities, who use goods vehicles over 3.5 tonnes in connection with any trade or business will have to advertise its licence application to have an operating centre and satisfy the Department that its vehicles are fit and serviceable at all times. It is estimated that to meet the conditions of an operators licence an additional budgetary provision of circa. £20,000 will be required in 2012-2013.

The Director of Borough Services gave background into road freight operator licensing and its implications to Council. In response to Alderman Campbell, the Director of Borough Services advised as in any organization there is a risk that an employee with

specialized training and/or experience will leave that employment. Further decision making is required.

* Councillor Stevenson left the meeting at 7.19pm.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council note the changes which are understood likely to take effect on 1st April 2012 and their budget implications.

It was proposed by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Councillor Atkinson and
AGREED:

to recommend that Council note the changes which are understood likely to take effect on 1st April 2012 and their budget implications.

375.5 BLUE BIN CONTRACT

The Director advised that given information currently available that it may be of some advantage to Council to work with other local cluster Councils and utilize Coleraine Borough Council's procurement policy to progress an interim blue bin service for the three month period ending 31st March 2012. He further advised that to progress this matter it would be necessary to set aside the Council's own procurement policy. He also advised that it was hoped that the next North West Region Waste Management Group contract would commence on 1st April 2012.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council in this instance set aside its procurement policy and proceed with a joint procurement exercise for the processing of blue bin recyclates with other cluster Councils namely, Coleraine, Limavady and Moyle.

It was proposed by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Councillor Atkinson and
AGREED:

to recommend that Council in this instance set aside its procurement policy and proceed with a joint procurement exercise for the processing of blue bin recyclates with other named cluster Councils.

375.6 CLOSURE OF CROSSTAGHERTY LANDFILL SITE

The Director updated Members in respect of further correspondence, dated 16th November 2011, received by the Chief Executive from the Department of the Environment, regarding meeting landfill closure requirements, etc., which dealt with the following matters - compliance notices to issue shortly, Limavady's plan now approved, closure plan funding arrangements and future financial arrangements.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council note the correspondence received from the Department regarding landfill closure and that it continue to work with the other three authorities similarly affected in order to obtain a satisfactory resolution of the matter.

It was proposed by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Councillor Atkinson and
AGREED:

to recommend that Council note that correspondence received from the Department regarding landfill closure and that it continue to work with the other three Councils similarly affected.

In response to Councillor Finlay, the Director of Borough Services explained the reasons for not obtaining and storing soil at this time for use in the final capping layer at Crosstagherty.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

375.7 WATER (NI) ORDER 1999: EFFLUENT CONSENT APPLICATION

NIEA Water Management Unit has advised that it has received the undernoted application:-

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Location</u>
Roseyards Presbyterian Church	Roseyards Presbyterian Church, 114 Kirk Road, Stranocum, Ballymoney, BT53 8HN.

In that NIEA will set levels as to the quality of effluent to be discharged to a waterway via a subsurface irrigation system. ***IT IS RECOMMENDED*** that Council note the application.

It was proposed by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Councillor Atkinson and
AGREED:

to recommend that Council note the application.

375.8 LOCAL AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT PROGRESS REPORT 2011

Ballymoney Borough Council is under a statutory obligation to review and assess air quality from time to time. This is known as local air quality management (LAQM). A phased approach is used to review and assess air quality. This identifies any changes that have occurred since the previous round that may have an effect on air quality and which require a more detailed assessment.

A progress report has been completed for Ballymoney Borough Council and has been circulated electronically to members. The conclusion of this report was that no further detailed assessments are required for any pollutants and that monitoring of nitrogen dioxide should be continued.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council note the conclusion of the progress report.

It was proposed by Councillor Finlay, seconded by Councillor Halliday and
AGREED:

to recommend that Council note the conclusion of the progress report.

FOOD CONTROL

375.9 FOOD CONTROL - THE FOOD SAFETY (NI) ORDER 1991 (AS AMENDED) - FOOD COMPLAINTS

During the report period 1 formal food complaint investigation was completed.

Ref Number	Nature of Complaint	Outcome of investigation
FC/805/C/10/11	Foreign matter in Kellogg's Frosties Cereal	The public analyst opinion was that the foreign matter consisted of overheated (charred) cereal flakes and they would have proved harmless if they had been consumed.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that no further action be taken in relation to this complaint other than to advise the complainant, manufacturer and home authority in writing of the outcome of the investigation.

It was proposed by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor Atkinson and **AGREED:**

to recommend that no further action be taken in relation to this complaint other than to advise the complainant, manufacturer and home authority in writing of the outcome of the investigation.

HEALTH & SAFETY

375.10 PETROLEUM (REGULATION) ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1929 AND 1937 PETROLEUM SPIRIT LICENCE (RENEWAL)

Application has been received for the renewal of petroleum spirit licence as follows: -

Premises

Dervock Centra,
10 – 16 Carncullagh Road,
Dervock,
BALLYMONEY,
Co. Antrim, BT53 8BT.

Applicant

Mr. S. Sweeney

The renewal of the licence as detailed above is **RECOMMENDED** .

It was proposed by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Councillor Halliday and **AGREED:**

to recommend the renewal of the licence as detailed above

LICENSING

375.11 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1985 - LICENCE APPLICATIONS (FULL) (RENEWAL)

Premises

Applicant

The Imperial Bar,
58 Main Street,
BALLYMONEY, BT53 6AL.

Ms. Jacqueline Blair

Ballymoney United Football, Social
and Recreation Club,
35 Castle Street,
BALLYMONEY, BT53 6JT.

Mr. Gerry McAleese

The Anglers Rest,
139 Vow Road,
BALLYMONEY, BT53 7NU.

Mrs. Lorna Savoury

McLaughlin's Corner,
60 Bann Road,
Rasharkin,
BALLYMENA, BT44 8TE.

Mr. Sean McLaughlin

Ma Kelly,
19 Church Street,
BALLYMONEY, BT53 6HS.

Ms. Pauline Gallagher

Molly's Restaurant,
24 Main Street,
BALLYMONEY, BT53 6AL.

Mr. Samuel Mullan

The Hedges Leisure Complex,
141 Ballinlea Road,
Stranocum,
BALLYMONEY, BT53 8PX.

Mr. Ivan & Mrs. Alice McCook

Manor Hotel,
69 Main Street,
BALLYMONEY, BT53 6AN.

Mr. Danny Coulter

The Corner House Bar,
2 Culcrum Road,
Cloughmills,
BALLYMENA, BT44 9NH.

Mr. Anthony O'Hanlon

Provincial Towns Indoor Bowling
Club,
38 Ballybrakes Road,
BALLYMONEY, BT53 7PL.

Mr. Denis James Connelly

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the Borough Council renew the Indoor Entertainment's Licences as detailed above and in the cases of The Imperial Bar, Ballymoney United Football, Social and Recreation Club, The Anglers Rest, McLaughlin's Corner, Molly's Restaurant, The Hedges Leisure Complex, Manor Hotel and Provincial Towns Indoor Bowling Club subject to receipt of a satisfactory electrical test certificate. In addition to the Borough Council's "Conditions of Licence" adopted on 7th October 1985 the additional conditions detailed on the premise files also apply.

It was proposed by Councillor Atkinson, seconded by Councillor McAfee and
AGREED:

to recommend that the Borough Council renew the Indoor Entertainment's Licences as detailed above and in the cases of The Imperial Bar, Ballymoney United Football, Social and Recreation Club, The Anglers Rest, McLaughlin's Corner, Molly's Restaurant, The Hedges Leisure Complex, Manor Hotel and Provincial Towns Indoor Bowling Club subject to receipt of a satisfactory electrical test certificate . In addition to the Borough Council's "Conditions of Licence" adopted on 7th October 1985 the additional conditions detailed on the premise files also apply.

**375.12 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) (NORTHERN IRELAND)
ORDER 1985 - LICENCE APPLICATION (FOURTEEN UNSPECIFIED DAYS)
(RENEWAL)**

Premises

Applicant

Dunloy & Hannah McCracken
Memorial Hall,
12 Station Road,
Dunloy,
BALLYMENA, BT44 9AB.

Mrs. Anne Allen

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the Borough Council renew the Indoor Entertainment's Licence as detailed above. In addition to the Borough Council's "Conditions of Licence" adopted on 7th October 1985 the additional conditions detailed on the premises file also applies.

It was proposed by Councillor Finlay, seconded by Councillor Halliday and
AGREED:

to recommend that the Borough Council renew the Indoor Entertainment's Licence as detailed above. In addition to the Borough Council's "Conditions of Licence" adopted on 7th October 1985 the additional conditions detailed on the premises file also applies.

LICENSING

375.13 THE BUSINESS OF TATTOOING, EAR PIERCING AND ELECTROLYSIS – REGISTRATION OF PERSONS AND PREMISES – PART V PROVISIONS

Applicant

Mr. Glenn Cole
(Tattooing)

Premises

Cutting Ink,
5 Edward Street,
BALLYMONEY, BT53 6JE.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the above person and premises be registered.

It was proposed by Councillor Finlay, seconded by Councillor Atkinson and
AGREED:

to recommend that the above person and premises be registered.

375.14 THE HAIRDRESSERS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1939

Premises

Cutting Ink,
5 Edward Street,
BALLYMONEY, BT53 6JE.

Applicant

Ms. Catherine Young

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the above-named person and premises be registered
under The Hairdressers Act (Northern Ireland) 1939.

It was proposed by Councillor Finlay, seconded by Councillor Atkinson and
AGREED:

***to recommend that the above-named person and premises be registered
under The Hairdressers Act (Northern Ireland) 1939.***

375.15 STREET TRADING ACT (NI) 2011, MOBILE STREET TRADING LICENCE – RENEWAL

**Application for renewal of Mobile Street Trading Licence has been made as
follows:-**

Purpose

Hot Food Trailer

Applicant

Mr. Stephen Laverty,
9 Royal Terrace,
Balnamore,
BALLYMONEY, BT53 7QD.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the Mobile Street Trading Licence as applied for be
renewed.

It was proposed by Alderman Cousley, seconded by Councillor Blair and **AGREED:**

to recommend that the Mobile Street Trading Licence as applied for be renewed.

DOG CONTROL

375.16 DOGS (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1983 ARTICLE 29 – WORRYING OF LIVESTOCK

The Directorate is currently in receipt of a complaint made to the department on 22nd September 2011 by Mr xxxxx.

As a direct result of this complaint a full investigation was carried out by the Council's Environmental Warden.

Statements were recorded and the defendant has been interviewed regarding the matter.

The complainant describes having been travelling along the xxxxx Road on a cart pulled by a Gypsy Cob. The following is an excerpt of the complainant's statement:-

"I was travelling at a slow trot. Approximately 70 yards ahead of me I saw 8 or 10 Greyhound dogs on the road. I knew the dogs were xxxxx dogs. They were in the middle of the road just opposite xxxxx gate. They ran and jumped the gate back into xxxxx yard, that is the most of them. They jumped the gate as if there was no gate there. There was still two dogs on the right hand side of the road. The horse was watching the dogs on the right hand side. Suddenly to my left hand side two dogs came out of a field. The two dogs ran straight across the horse which caused the horse to bolt."

Mr. xxxxx describes these two dogs as blackish brown in colour. He then describes another two going by him in a flash.

"I was also conscious of a greyish brown coloured dog with a huge wound on his back sort of thing. He was continually running alongside the horse, I couldn't get him away."

Mr. xxxxx describes the horse and cart careering from one side of the road to the other followed the entire time by this greyish brown greyhound. The complainant finally lost control of the horse having been thrown out of the cart into the briars at the side of the road.

Mr. xxxxx received minor lacerations to his face, hands and arms. He suffered a bruised leg, sore neck and an injury to one of his fingers.

The Gypsy Cob received minor lacerations to its nose and around its mouth as a result of the incident.

This was indeed a very serious incident and could have had very serious consequences.

Due to the facts in this case ***IT IS RECOMMENDED*** that the keeper of the dogs be prosecuted under Article 29 of the Dogs (Northern Ireland) Order 1983.

Following discussion it was proposed by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Councillor Finlay and **AGREED**:

to recommend that the keeper of the dogs be prosecuted under Article 29 of the Dogs (Northern Ireland) Order 1983.

WELL BEING

375.17 TACKLING INEQUALITIES AND PROMOTING WELLBEING – “A GUIDE FOR POLITICAL REPRESENTATIVES”

The above Guide, which provides an overview of how council services impact on health and wellbeing has been published and highlights the unique contribution that elected representatives have in supporting the development of policies and actions that effectively improve living conditions and life opportunities in communities. The guide was developed by Belfast Healthy Cities with support from NILGA, district councils and others.

The Public Health Agency has written to request an opportunity to make a presentation to members.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Committee agree the Committee date(s) at which such presentation might be made.

It was proposed by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Councillor McAfee and **AGREED**:

to recommend that the Public Health Agency make a presentation to Committee as soon as arrangements for this can be made.

EMERGENCY PLANNING

375.18 EMERGENCY PLAN

Arising from a meeting of party leaders convened by the Chief Executive on 14th November it was apparent that there was no political backing for the provision of a paid out of hours service in respect of the implementation of the Council's Emergency Plan. That being the case the Council's Emergency Plan has been amended accordingly (as circulated to members).

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council approve the revised Emergency Plan.

Councillor Finlay advised that at the meeting referred to he had been speaking in a personal capacity and not on behalf of the group. The Director stated that he had tabled the report item in light of what he understood the outcome of the meeting to be. Councillor Finlay made it clear that all members ought to be given the opportunity to express their viewpoint as regards the manner in which the implementation of the Council's Emergency Plan out of normal working hours would be addressed. The Director suggested that he would withdraw his recommendation to enable the matter to be further considered by all members and that the issue could be finalized at the Committee's December meeting.

It was proposed by Councillor Finlay, seconded by Councillor Atkinson and **AGREED:**

to recommend that the issue be further considered by all members with the matter brought again to Committee in December.

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

375.19 MUNICIPAL WASTE RETURNS

<u>Waste Type</u>	<u>Oct 2010</u>	<u>Oct 2011</u>	<u>Apr 10 – Oct 10</u>	<u>Apr 11 – Oct 11</u>
Mixed Residual Waste (waste direct to landfill)	706.18t	789.76t +11.84%	5,407.96	5,290.92t -2.16%
Mixed Dry Recyclables (blue bin recycling)	128.72t	135.66t +5.39%	945.79t	984.81t +4.13%
Garden Waste (brown bin recycling)	136.60t	109.96t -19.50%	1,201.52t	1,199.78t -0.14%
Waste Recovery (segregated HRC waste)	63.82t	48.96t -23.28%	624.00t	477.26t -23.52%
Cardboard	5.69t	4.04t -29.00%	46.50t	41.89t -9.91%
Timber*	n/a	26.36t	n/a	207.50t

* Timber recycling commenced 1st November 2010.

The Chair asked that members note the figures above and highlighted the decrease in waste recovery and increase in timber recycling.

The Chair also highlighted an initiative by the Recycling Education Officer, asking for volunteers to take the challenge of trying to reduce a week's household waste to a small plastic carrier bag. The initiative was aimed at reducing black bin waste, change shopping habits and recycle more.

375.20 THE LANDFILL ALLOWANCES SCHEME (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2011

The above Regulations, which come into operation on 22nd November 2011, amend the Landfill Allowances Scheme (NI) Regulations 2004 by providing for the use of the term "local authority collected municipal waste".

It should be noted that the Landfill Directive (1999/31/EC) set challenging targets for Member States to reduce the amount of biodegradable municipal waste sent to landfill.

Defra, on behalf of the UK, was in discussion with the European Commission in relation to the approach to reporting against the Landfill Directive diversion targets. The Commission raised serious concerns about the manner in which the UK interpreted the definition of municipal waste in relation to these targets. As a result and in agreement with the Devolved Administrations, the UK's approach to meeting these targets was revised.

The revised interpretation, which brings the UK more closely into line with the approach understood to be taken by other Member States, means that much more commercial and industrial waste than previously falls within the scope of the term "municipal waste".

As municipal waste will now relate to the subset of waste that is relevant to the Landfill Directive targets it can no longer be used as the term to cover the subset of waste that is covered by the Northern Ireland Landfill Allowance Scheme (NILAS). An alternative term was required and it has been agreed that the subset of waste to which NILAS applies is referred to as "local authority collected municipal waste".

At the request of the Chair, the Director explained that Landfill Directive targets remain the same, it is only the definition which had changed. He further explained the fines involved if NILAS targets are not met and intimated that additional work was required in order that Council would meet its NILAS target in 2012-2013 and in subsequent years.

In response to Councillor McAfee, the Director agreed that it would be very worthwhile post April 2012 to again publicise what could and could not be put in a blue bin. There was agreement that it was important to get necessary messages across to those in the home wishing to do the right thing as regards segregating their waste at source. Suggestions were made as to the approaches that might be used.

375.21 UK RESIDUAL WASTE TABLE

'Resource', a waste related magazine and website has just published a residual waste performance table for 250 local authorities across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. The magazine and website are managed by 'Resource Media and Publishing' a highly regarded publishing and communications company with strong environmental principles. The information is extracted from Waste Data Flow and refers to the period April 2009 - March 2010.

Ballymoney is placed at no. 124 out of 250 local authorities and finished 8th in the Northern Ireland regional group with 300.7kg of residual waste per person per annum and 35% of household waste sent for reuse, recycling or composting. Magherafelt DC is the highest placed Northern Ireland local authority with figures of 252.6kg and 50%. The average figures for Northern Ireland are 316.70kg and 35.8%.

The table can be viewed in its entirety by using the following link:

http://www.resource.uk.com/article/Latest/Zero_Waste_Race_local_authority_residual_league_table

The public and media can often focus on recycling rates but in relation to NILAS and associated targets, residual waste levels are more important. In this regard, Ballymoney is better positioned than 18 other Northern Ireland Councils.

Ballymoney Borough Council position at 8th place is relatively good news and the Director of Borough Services highlighted the achievement obtained from budget available.

The Director asked members to note the achievement made to date as regards recycling performance within the Borough.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

375.22 POLLUTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL REGULATIONS (NI) 2003 REGISTER OF PUBLIC INFORMATION – O’KANE POULTRY – KILMOYLE POULTRY FARM

NIEA in correspondence dated 19th October 2011, have provided a copy of a PPC Permit Variation Application No. PO171/07A/V1 for inclusion in the public register.

BUILDING CONTROL

375.23 NORTHERN GROUP OF COUNCIL’S BUILDING CONTROL COMMITTEE: ANNUAL REPORT 2010-2011

The above document, received recently from the Group Chief Building Control Officer, Northern Group was circulated to members.

The Chair asked members to note that at item 2.3 (page 9) of the report the respective District Staff Complement working at each of the five constituent councils comprising Northern Group Building Control was detailed.

PLANNING

375.24 PLANNING LEGISLATION

Members are advised that DoE has made two orders which will come into operation on 1st December 2012 –

- (1) Planning (2011 Act) (Commencement No. 1) Order (NI) 2011 and
- (2) Planning (2011 Act) (Transitional Provisions) Order (NI) 2011.

The “Commencement Order” commences sections 247 and 248 of the 2011 Act. Section 247 details the Assembly controls which apply to regulations and orders under the 2011 Act and section 248 provides for a new 5 year time period for taking enforcement action.

The “Transitional Provisions Order” sets out how enforcement cases will be handled by the Department where enforcement action has been initiated under the Planning (NI) Order 1991 at the time the new period (5 years instead of 4 and 10 years) is introduced.

375.25 WIND TURBINE AT CROSSTAGHERTY PROPOSAL

The Director informed members of an approach made from a local architect, on behalf of a group of local businessmen, regarding the possibility of utilising land at Crosstagherty for a wind turbine to produce energy to supply to the grid. He referred to correspondence received which was not very specific, but simply sought Council sanction to permit enquiries and investigations to be made as regards the viability of wind energy generation at the site. In the ensuing discussion there was agreement that this could be something that Council could agree to in principle subject to receipt of a business case from the interested group.

It was proposed by Councillor Finlay, seconded by Councillor Atkinson and **AGREED:**

to recommend that the matter be discussed at December Committee in light of further information received

375.26 DIRECTORATE CAPITAL PROJECTS 2012-13

The Director of Borough Services presented the proposed Directorate capital projects 2012-2013. He explained the reason for the proposals, which in the main, related to the necessary replacement of very aged vehicles and resurfacing work which if not addressed would lead to greater future expense. He advised that as work was on-going regarding some of the matters, these cost estimates would be furnished to members when available. He drew attention to the options to be considered to improve the waste handling and transfer facility at Crosstagherty following the recent fire and advocated that action be taken so that the necessary space was created not only to deal with the present four waste streams but also allow for future need. He explained that when built the building was designed to handle two waste streams – mixed dry recyclates and waste being sent to landfill.

The Director also highlighted in particular the fact that the number of staff working in regulatory services [both building control and environmental health] was less than elsewhere within the cluster notwithstanding the services delivered and the additional services to be delivered from April 2012 given the extensive legislative changes which would take effect then. The Director dealt with member questions. It was agreed that a copy of the Director's presentation would be emailed to each member.

This being all the business the meeting closed at 8.49pm.