

You are hereby requested to attend a Meeting of Coleraine Borough Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Cloonavin on TUESDAY the 25th day of January, 2005 at **7.30 p.m.**

H. W. T. MOORE,
Town Clerk and Chief Executive.

Cloonavin,
66 Portstewart Road,
COLERAINE.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes (enclosed):
 - 1.1 Council Meeting – 21st December, 2004
2. Committee Reports (enclosed):
 - 2.1 Leisure and Environment Committee – 4th January, 2005
 - 2.2 Planning Committee – 11th January, 2005
 - (Item No. 1.0)** Portballintrae Waste Water Treatment - Copy letter dated 12th January, 2005 from the Chairman of Portballintrae Residents' Association (enclosed)
 - 2.3 North West '200' Sub-Committee - 18th January, 2005
 - 2.4 Policy and Development Committee - 18th January, 2005
3. Local Government (Miscellaneous) Provisions (N.I.) Order 1985 - Closing Order* - Leisure and Environment Committee - 7th December, 2004 (Item 9.2)

Legal Representatives and Interpreter will be in attendance to address Council.

4. Northern Ireland Federation of Housing Associations

Mr. Chris Williamson, Director of Northern Ireland Federation of Housing Associations (NIFHA), Ms. Bridie Doherty, Fold Housing Association and Mr. Chris Alexander, Triangle Housing Association will address Council on the contribution of housing associations in the area.

5. Correspondence, including inter alia:
 - (a) Copy letter dated 21st December, 2004 from the Private Secretary to John Spellar MP in response to Council's letter regarding Housing Association Rental/Purchase Schemes (enclosed)
 - (b) Copy letter dated 23rd December, 2004 from the Divisional Roads Manager in response to issues raised at the Council Meeting on 23rd November, 2004 (enclosed)
 - (c) Copy letter dated 14th January, 2005 from the Private Secretary to John Spellar MP in response to Council's letter regarding the provision of Social Housing in Northern Ireland (enclosed)

6. Documents for Sealing

Enclosed for Information:

- (1) Northern Ireland Priorities and Budget 2005-08
- (2) Minutes of the Northern Health and Social Services Council dated 1st December, 2004

*** Recommended for consideration "In Committee".**

To: Each Member of Council.

21st January, 2005.

COLERAINE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of proceedings of Coleraine Borough Council held in the Council Chamber, Cloonavin on Tuesday, 21st December, 2004 at 7.00 p.m.

Convened: As per Notice attached

Present: The Mayor, Councillor R. A. McPherson, in the Chair
The Deputy Mayor, Alderman W. J. McClure

Aldermen

P. E. A. Armitage (Mrs.)	W. T. Creelman
E. T. Black (Mrs.)	B. Leonard

Councillors

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)	E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)
J. M. Bradley	W. A. King
O. M. Church (Mrs.)	D. McClarty
J. J. Dallat	E. M. Mullan
T. J. Deans	(Items 2.2.1 – 17.1)
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)	R. D. Stewart
N. F. Hillis	W. J. Watt

Officers in Attendance:

Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services, Director of Environmental Health, Director of Leisure Services, Director of Technical Services, Head of Development Services, Head of Administrative Services, Finance Officer and Administrative Assistant

Apology: Councillor Barbour

1.0 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting of 23rd November, 2004 and the Special Meetings of 18th November, 2004, 6th December, 2004 and 7th December, 2004 were confirmed and signed.

Matters arising:

- 1.1 Council Meeting – 23rd November, 2004 – Notice of Motion Alderman Leonard referred to an offer made by the Northern Ireland Federation of Housing Associations to enter into discussions with district councils on key issues relating to social housing.

Noted.

2.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 2.1 Leisure and Environment Committee The Vice Chairman, Alderman Mrs. Black, moved the adoption of the Leisure and

Environment Committee Report; this was duly seconded by Councillor Stewart.

Matters arising:

2.1.1 Coleraine Showgrounds It was proposed by Councillor Watt, seconded by Councillor McClarty and agreed:

That Council's contribution to the Milk Cup Committee for 2006 and 2007 be based on the agreed contribution of £50,000 for the 2005 event plus inflation, provided that the Milk Cup Finals remain in Coleraine.

2.1.2 Closing Order It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Johnston, seconded by Alderman Mrs. Black and agreed:

That this item be considered "In Committee" at the end of the meeting.

The Committee Report was then adopted.

2.2 Planning Committee The Chairman, Councillor King, moved the adoption of the Planning Committee Report; this was duly seconded by Councillor Dallat.

Matters arising:

2.2.1 Application No. C/2004/0428/F
Mr. R. Sweeney and
Application No. C/2004/0427/F Read letter from the Divisional Planning Manager advising of Planning Service's position on these applications.

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive advised that the recommendation of BDP Planning on these applications was that, as the matters of objection previously raised by Roads Service and Planning Service had since been addressed, there was no further basis to oppose the applications.

There was strong criticism of the legislation which permitted the twin track approach used by the applicant and it was noted that in future, Planning Service would bring such twin track approaches to the attention of Council at the earliest opportunity.

Following discussion, Councillor Deans asked that his objection be recorded.

The Committee Report was then adopted.

3.0 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

The report of the Director of Corporate Services was considered (previously supplied).

Matters arising:

3.1 Capital Expenditure Programme
2005-2009

3.1.1 Kilrea Sports Hall

A proposal made by Alderman Leonard that capital funding for Kilrea Sports Hall be brought forward by one year to 2007/08 fell as it failed to find a seconder.

A subsequent proposal was then made by Councillor Dallat, seconded by Councillor Mullan and agreed:

That capital funding for Kilrea Sports Hall be brought forward from 2008/09 to 2005/06.

3.1.2 Portrush Town Hall

In response to a member's query, the Director of Leisure Services advised that any revised costings for the Portrush Town Hall project would be reported to Council for decision.

3.1.3 Craigahulliar Landfill Site

In response to a member's question, the Director of Technical Services advised that North West Waste Management Group was currently engaged in looking for a landfill site to service all Councils in the Group.

It was then agreed:

That the Capital Programme be adopted subject to the above amendment.

3.2 Cheque Signatories

Agreed:

That Mr. Kieran Doherty, Director of Environmental Health and Mr. Paul Snelling, Head of Administrative Services, be added to the list of authorized cheque signatories.

3.3 Checking of Accounts

Agreed:

That Councillors Ms. Alexander and Stewart inspect the monthly payments to creditors for the next three months.

3.4 Revision of Charges -
Landfill Site and Commercial
Waste

In response to a request from members, the Director of Corporate Services would review the charges proposed in this report (circulated) and re-present for consideration at the Leisure and Environment Committee on 4th January, 2005.

3.5 Matters for Information

3.5.1 Estimate of Rates 2005/2006 Members noted information on this topic, as contained in the report.

3.5.2 Accounts Committee noted that creditors' payments for November 2004, as per lists circulated, had been issued as follows:

Revenue A/C	-	£ 360,259.85
Capital A/C	-	£ 559,114.42
Petty Cash A/C	-	£ 54,724.06

3.5.3 Appointments The following appointments had been made in accordance with the Local Government Staff Commission's Code of Procedures on Recruitment and Selection.

Chief Executive's Department

Head of Administrative Services (replacement):
Mr. P. Snelling

Clerical Assistant (Job-share) (new post):
Miss C. Hunter

Environmental Health Department

District Environmental Health Officer
(replacement):
Miss P. McDonnell

Leisure Services Department

Part Time Cleaner/Attendant – Rugby Avenue
(replacement): Mr. J. R. McFaull

4.0 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT

The report of the Head of Development Services was considered (previously supplied).

Matters arising:

4.1 Zapcat Racing Consideration was given to a proposal to hold Rounds 5 and 6 of the National Zapcat Championships in Portrush on Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd July, 2005 as detailed in the report.

Agreed:

That Council support this event to the sum of £15,000, including in-kind assistance, subject to other appropriate funding being secured by the organisers.

- 4.2 British One Act Drama Finals Agreed:
- That Council contribute £1,500 towards the British One Act Drama Finals.
- 4.3 Matters for Information Members noted information on the following topics, as contained in the report.
- Draft New EU Rural Development Regulation 2007-2013
 - Northern Ireland Tourism Awards
 - 'Skills Strategy for Northern Ireland'
 - National Parks and other Protected Landscape Areas
- 4.4 Antrim Tourism Conference Members interested in attending this conference on 28th/29th January, 2005 were asked to contact the Head of Development Services for details and booking arrangements.
- 4.5 Councillors' Economic Development Away Day Members were asked to confirm their availability for this event.
- 4.6 Tourism Ireland Agreed:
- That representatives from Tourism Ireland be invited to address Council at an early date.

5.0 LAND AND PROPERTY

- 5.1 Car Parking
- The Head of Administrative Services updated Council on the current situation regarding car parking facilities at Cloonavin and the Marina and on action proposed to address the situation.
- Discussion ensued following which it was agreed:
- (i) That a barrier, which would be manned at peak periods, would be provided at the Marina car park.
 - (ii)
 - (iii) That the 'overflow' carpark at Cloonavin would be closed until 11.00am on weekdays.
- Alderman Leonard asked to be recorded as dissenting to the decisions on carparking.

6.0 REPORT OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDITOR FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2003

Consideration was given to the report of the Local Government Auditor (previously supplied) and the contents noted.

7.0 APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIVE TO LOWER BANN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure had invited Council to nominate a second member to sit on the newly formed Lower Bann Advisory Committee along with the existing member, Councillor Mrs. Church and it was proposed by Councillor Dallat and seconded by Councillor Ms. Alexander:

That Councillor Mullan be nominated.

It was further proposed by Councillor Deans and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Fielding:

That Councillor Stewart be nominated.

On being put to the meeting, Councillor Mullan received five votes and Councillor Stewart received ten votes and it was therefore agreed:

That Councillor Stewart be nominated to sit on the Lower Bann Advisory Committee.

8.0 NOTICE OF MOTION

The undernoted Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Dallat, seconded by Councillor Mullan and agreed unanimously:

“This Council calls on the Secretary of State to reinstate Executive Funds in the proposed Budget to ensure that money is available to support projects in the voluntary sector which are in urgent need of financial assistance.”

9.0 CONSULTATION LIST

The following consultation papers had been received and were available for members who wished to consider making a response:

- (i) Department of the Environment - Consultation on Seat Belt Wearing in Buses and Coaches

Comments due by: 7th January, 2005

- (ii) Northern Ireland Office - Proposal for a draft Firearms (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2005

Comments due by: 17th February, 2005

- (iii) Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister - Consultation

on a Draft Strategy for Children and Young People in Northern Ireland

Comments due by: 28th February, 2005

- (iv) Department for Regional Development - Reform of Water and Sewerage Services in Northern Ireland
 - (a) Integrated Impact Assessment : Policy Proposals Paper
 - (b) Part I : Integrated Impact Assessment - Overview
 - (c) Part II : Equality Impact Assessment
 - (d) Part III : A Partial Regulatory Impact Assessment

Comments due by: 4th March, 2005

**10.0 NILGA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
2005 - "LOCAL GOVERNMENT:
MAKING CHOICES" - RADISSON
SAS, ROEPARK, LIMAVADY
16TH/17TH FEBRUARY, 2005**

It was proposed by Councillor Mullan, seconded by Councillor Watt and agreed:

That Council's representatives on NILGA attend this conference.

Any member who was unable to attend was requested to advise the Town Clerk and Chief Executive.

**11.0 LETTER FROM MR. D. McCREEDY
PRIVATE SECRETARY TO IAN
PEARSON, M.P. REGARDING
INDUSTRIAL DERATING**

Read letter from Mr. McCreedy in response to Council's request for a meeting with Barry Gardiner M.P.

Noted.

**12.0 FEDERATION OF SMALL
BUSINESSES**

Agreed:

That a delegation from the Federation of Small Businesses be invited to address a future meeting of Council on general issues facing small businesses.

**13.0 GOVERNMENT PROPOSALS FOR
WATER AND SEWERAGE
SERVICES**

Read letter from Mr. Peter Barbour, Water Services Unit in response to Council's

letter to John Spellar, M.P. regarding Council's opposition to the Government's proposals for water and sewerage services.

Noted.

14.0 DOCUMENTS TABLED

- (i) Department for Regional Development – Annual Report on the Regional Development Strategy for Northern Ireland 2025.
- (ii) Community Relations Council – Annual Report: 2003-2004.
- (iii) Coleraine District Policing Partnership – Public Consultation Report on Policing in Coleraine for 2004.
- (iv) Coleraine District Policing Partnership – Report on the Public Meeting of 25th October, 2004.
- (v) Belfast City Council - Belfast Healthy Cities Annual Report 2003-2004.
- (vi) Northern Ireland Housing Executive – Home Energy Conservation Report 2004.
- (vii) EH&SSB - Report on: Equity in Health - Tackling Inequalities - Tools for Action.

15.0 LETTER OF THANKS

Read letter from the McIlrath family thanking Council for its expression of sympathy on the death of Mr. George McIlrath.

Noted.

16.0 DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING

Resolved:

That the following documents be sealed:

1. <u>Cemetery Titles</u>	Grant of Right of Burial – Deeds Register Nos. 3064 – 3069 (inclusive):
	Agherton 1
	Ballywillan 2
	Coleraine 3
	Kilrea -
	Portstewart -

LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

4th January, 2005.

Present: Councillor A. McQuillan, in the Chair
The Mayor, Councillor R. A. McPherson
The Deputy Mayor, Alderman W. J. McClure

Aldermen

E. T. Black (Mrs.) B. Leonard
W. T. Creelman

Councillors

C. S. Alexander (Ms.) E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)
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J. M. Bradley (Items 1.0 - 5.1)
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T. J. Deans R. D. Stewart
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.) W. J. Watt
N. F. Hillis
(Items 3.0 - 7.0)

Officers in Attendance:

Town Clerk and Chief Executive (Items 1.0 - 2.0), Director of Corporate Services (Items 1.0 - 3.2), Director of Leisure Services, Director of Technical Services, Director of Environmental Health, Principal Building Control Officer (Items 5.4 - 7.0), Leisure Services Officer (Facilities), Leisure Services Officer (Services) (Items 1.0 - 5.1), Head of Administrative Services and Administrative Assistant

Apologies: Alderman Mrs. Armitage and Councillor King

1.0 NEW YEAR

The Chairman extended best wishes for the New Year.

2.0 ASIAN TSUNAMI TRAGEDY

The Chairman referred to the recent Asian Tsunami Tragedy. Members stood in silent tribute to the victims.

The Mayor then outlined Council's response to the Asian Tragedy. Following consultation with the Town Clerk and Chief Executive it had been decided to establish a local appeal fund to help the victims of the tsunami in the Indian Ocean. All donations to the fund would be channelled directly to international aid agencies.

The Mayor thanked Council staff for their assistance in establishing the appeal fund and further advised that a Civic Act of Remembrance had been arranged for Wednesday, 5th

January, 2005 at 11.45 a.m. in conjunction with the national three minute silence of remembrance.

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive advised that donations to the fund could be made at Council's Civic Headquarters at Cloonavin and other locations.

The Chairman thanked the Mayor and Town Clerk and Chief Executive for their civic leadership. Members asked to be associated with the Mayor's remarks.

3.0 REVISION OF WASTE DISPOSAL CHARGES

The report of the Director of Corporate Services was considered (previously supplied).

Matters arising:

3.1 Waste Disposal Charges

Following discussion it was recommended that Council accept the following revised waste disposal charges:

Basic Charge - An increase from the current £32.00 to £36.00 per tonne (plus landfill tax) for the year commencing 1st April, 2005.

Landfill tax would rise from £15.00 to £18.00 per tonne from 1st April, 2005.

Council is also recommended to agree to an increase in the charge for commercial waste companies depositing waste from outside the Borough at Craighulliar and also for handling difficult waste from £44.00 to £50.00 per tonne (plus landfill tax).

3.2 Trade Waste Charges

Council is also recommended to accept the following revised trade waste charges for 2005/06 (commencing 1st April, 2005) which reflects the increased cost of the service:

	<u>Proposed</u>
	£
120L Bin	1.10
240L Bin	1.70
360L Bin	2.40
660L Bin	4.50
1100L Bin	8.00
Bags (each)	0.79
Tape (30m)	40.00

4.0 LEISURE SERVICES REPORT

The report of the Director of Leisure Services was considered (previously supplied).

Matters arising:

4.1 Tenders - Roundabout Sponsorship

- 4.1.1 Lodge Road Roundabout, Coleraine Tenders had been received, as listed, for the sponsorship of the roundabout at Lodge Road, Coleraine:

<u>Company</u>	£
McAfee Properties and Mortgages	3,621.00 pa
Daniel Henry Ltd.	3,120.00 pa
A. Hutchinson Ltd.	3,000.00 pa
Bishops Footwear	2,550.00 pa

Council is recommended to accept the highest bid received for sponsorship of the Lodge Road roundabout of £3,621.00 per annum from McAfee Properties and Mortgages.

- 4.1.2 Strand Road Roundabout, Coleraine Tenders had been received, as listed, for the sponsorship of the roundabout at Strand Road, Coleraine:

<u>Company</u>	£
Daniel Henry Ltd.	2,550.00 pa
McAfee Properties and Mortgages	2,521.00 pa
Nirvana Beauty and Day Spa ("In Kind")	26,000.00 pa

The Director of Leisure Services advised members that the tender from Nirvana Beauty and Day Spa ("In Kind") had been withdrawn today.

Council is, therefore, recommended to accept the highest remaining bid received for sponsorship of the Strand Road roundabout of £2,550.00 per annum from Daniel Henry Ltd.

4.2 The Art of Regeneration

Committee welcomed the news that Council's Arts Officer, Mr. M. Murchison in association with his counterpart in Ballymoney, had been successful in drawing down £168,450.00 from the Arts Council for Northern Ireland. These monies would be used to develop a project entitled "The Art of Regeneration". The four year project would involve six local community and voluntary organisations working alongside local artists as detailed in the report.

The Director of Leisure Services noted members' comments regarding the need for a proactive approach to ensure that access to such opportunities is taken up across the Borough.

4.3 Causeway Museum Service

Committee noted that the Causeway Museum Service had received an award of £150,500.00 from the Heritage Lottery Fund to employ a Community Outreach Officer for a period of three years. The funding represented a grant of 90% with the remaining costs being met by the four Councils which comprised the service.

The Director of Leisure Services noted members' comments regarding involving rural schools and community groups, with an even spread across the Borough.

4.4 The Northern Ireland Visual Arts Forum

Council is recommended to contribute £200.00 partnership funding to the Northern Ireland Visual Arts Forum.

4.5 For Information

The Director of Leisure Services provided information in his report on the following:

- (a) Portrush Town Hall - Restoration Contract
- (b) Ulster Orchestra - Viennese Concert - University of Ulster (Diamond) Saturday, 22nd January, 2005 at 7.30 p.m.

5.0 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT

The report of the Director of Environmental Health was considered (previously supplied)

Matters arising:

5.1 Environment and Heritage Service - Noise Complaint Statistics for Northern Ireland - 2003/04

Consideration was given to the Environment and Heritage Service's Noise Complaint Statistics for Northern Ireland 2003/04 as detailed in the report.

The Director of Environmental Health answered various members' questions during the ensuing discussion on this topic.

5.2 Department of Agriculture and Rural Development

Consideration was given to information, as detailed in the report, regarding the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development's consultation on Farm Waste Management Scheme (Northern Ireland) 2004.

Members noted that farmers wishing to apply

for grant-aid under this scheme must notify the Department by 1st March, 2005 of their intention to carry out works.

During the ensuing period of discussion members suggested that the proposed cut-off date of 1st March, 2005 should be more flexible. It was also suggested that Council, through its COLLAGE and LEADER contacts, should explore how the potential shortfall in grant-aid should be bridged.

5.3 Coleraine Home Accident Prevention (HAP) Committee 'Spot The Dangers' Poster

The Environmental Health Department in conjunction with Coleraine Home Accident (HAP) Committee were sponsoring a 'Spot the Dangers' competition.

Noted.

5.4 Bonfire Safety

Consideration was given to information, as detailed in the report, regarding Bonfire Safety. Committee noted that the local working group on bonfire safety in 2004 had developed a two-fold programme:

- (a) offering practical advice on the do's and don'ts of bonfires;
- (b) prizes funded by Coleraine Community Safety Partnership to those groups who adhered to the guidelines.

Council's continuing approach in encouraging safety and environmental care, with an emphasis on neighbourliness, was endorsed.

6.0 TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT

The report of the Director of Technical Services was considered (previously supplied).

Matters arising:

6.1 Northern Ireland Borough Cleanliness Survey

Council is recommended to participate in a pilot project during February/March 2005 to assist in the establishment of the format for a new Northern Ireland survey scheme.

Council is also recommended to contribute £1,000.00 towards the costs of the project.

6.2 Northern Ireland Waste Management Strategy - Event

Recommended:

That Councillors Bradley, Mrs. Church, McLaughlin and McQuillan, together with the Director of Technical Services and another officer, attend a follow-up event

entitled "Shaping The Strategy" at Ballymena on 21st January, 2005.

6.3 North West Region Waste Management Group (NWRWVG) - Staff Resources

It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Watt and recommended:

That Council contribute £15,715.00 per annum to the North West Region Waste Management Group towards the cost of financing additional staff resources, namely a Waste Management Officer and Co-Ordinator.

6.4 Entertainments Licences - Grant

Applications for the grant of Entertainments Licences had been received in respect of the following premises:

- (a) The Canning Arms, 95 Main Street, Garvagh
- (b) Exodus Nightbase, 36 Long Commons, Coleraine

Recommended:

That an Entertainments Licence be granted in each case.

6.5 Building Control

6.5.1 Approvals

Approval had been given for thirty-five applications.

6.5.2 Plans for Rejection Under Building Regulations

Consideration was given to thirteen applications, as detailed in the report, recommended for rejection under Building Regulations due to insufficient information having been submitted.

Following discussion it was agreed that this matter be deferred until the February meeting of Committee.

6.6 Blue/Brown Bins

The Director of Technical Services answered various members' queries regarding blue/brown bins.

7.0 CONSULTATION LIST

The following consultation paper had been received and was available for members who wished to consider making a response:

Northern Ireland Office - Criminal Justice Policy Division - "A Public Consultation on Road Traffic Provisions"

PLANNING COMMITTEE

11th January, 2005.

Present: Councillor W. A. King in the Chair
The Mayor, Councillor R. A. McPherson
The Deputy Mayor, Alderman W. J. McClure

Aldermen

P. E. A. Armitage (Mrs.)	W. T. Creelman
E. T. Black (Mrs.)	(Items 1.0 – 5.5)
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Councillors

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)	N. F. Hillis
(Items 1.0 – 3.6)	D. McClarty
D. D. Barbour	(Items 1.0 – 3.6)
(Items 1.0 – 3.22)	G. L. McLaughlin
J. M. Bradley	E. M. Mullan
J. J. Dallat	R. D. Stewart
T. J. Deans	W. J. Watt
(Items 1.0 – 5.6)	(Items 1.0 – 5.6)

Also in Attendance: Representatives from the Planning Service –
Ms. J. McMath and Mr. G. McGuinness

Officers in Attendance: Administrative Officer and Administrative Assistant

Apologies: Councillors Mrs. Church, Mrs. Fielding, Mrs. Johnston
and McQuillan

1.0 SEWERAGE SYSTEMS

Reference was made to pressures on Government to halt new housing developments across Northern Ireland following the European Commission branding inadequate sewerage systems as unlawful.

Following discussion it was proposed by Alderman Leonard, seconded by Councillor Ms. Alexander and unanimously agreed:

That Council write to Ms. Angela Smith, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, seeking clarification regarding the consequences of the current situation and what action the Department proposed to take to address the issue.

A copy of this letter would be forwarded to the Chief Executive of the Planning Service.

2.0 UKRANIAN WOMAN - SYMPATHY

Members expressed deepest sympathy to the Ukrainian woman who had suffered hypothermia and frostbite over the new year period.

They expressed concern at the circumstances leading to her condition and agreed that appropriate support network systems be investigated for migrant workers in the Borough.

3.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A list of fifty-one applications was considered (previously supplied).

Applications Deferred from Previous Meeting

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| 3.1 | <u>Application No. D1</u>
<u>C/2003/1079/F</u>
<u>Proposed 6 no. apartments at</u>
<u>87/89 Strand Road, Portstewart</u>
<u>for Mr. S. Forde</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.

It was proposed by Councillor Bradley, seconded by the Mayor and agreed:

That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate clarification from the Planning Service regarding the sewerage issue. |
| 3.2 | <u>Application No. D2</u>
<u>C/2003/1365/F</u>
<u>Proposed dwelling at 130 Carhill</u>
<u>Road, Swatragh for Mr. K. Neely</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.

It was agreed that the application be approved subject to the retention of all vegetation. |
| 3.3 | <u>Application No. D3</u>
<u>C/2004/0251/A</u>
<u>Hoarding/Directional Signage on</u>
<u>rear wall of 12 Waterside,</u>
<u>Coleraine (facing Strand Road,</u>
<u>occupied by Porterhouse) for</u>
<u>Mr. W. Wallace</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.

It was agreed that the application be approved.

Councillor Deans asked to be recorded as dissenting with the decision. |
| 3.4 | <u>Application No. D4</u>
<u>C/2004/0453/O</u>
<u>Dwelling house on lands west of</u>
<u>101 Grove Road (Chapel Lane),</u>
<u>Garvagh for Mr. P. Bradley</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate completion of the speed survey being carried out by Roads Service. |

NEW APPLICATIONS

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| 3.5 | <u>Application No. 1</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to |
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	<u>C/2002/0013/F</u> <u>New garage (retrospective application) at 82 Mettican Road, Garvagh for Mr. W. Smyth</u>	refuse. It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate the receipt of information from the applicant.
3.6	<u>Application No. 3</u> <u>C/2003/0835/F</u> <u>Amended design to previously approved apartments including a reduction from 32 to 30 units and amendments to site layout and elevations at former gas works, 115 Causeway Street, Portrush for Carn Properties</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve. It was agreed that the application be approved. Alderman Leonard asked to be recorded as dissenting with the decision.
3.7	<u>Application No. 6</u> <u>C/2004/0154/O</u> <u>Site for dwelling 290m south of 221 Windyhill Road, Coleraine for Mr. W. Millen</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse both applications. It was agreed that the applications be deferred for one month to facilitate Council site visits.
	<u>Application No. 7</u> <u>C/2004/0155/O</u> <u>Site for dwelling 220m south of 221 Windyhill Road, Coleraine for Mr. W. Millen</u>	
3.8	<u>Application No. 12</u> <u>C/2004/0705/O</u> <u>1 no. residential dwelling on lands adjoining 153 Cashel Road, Ringsend, Coleraine for Mrs. Healey</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse. It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
3.9	<u>Application No. 14</u> <u>C/2004/0721/O</u> <u>Proposed site for one and a half storey dwelling off Lisnamuck Road, Ballybritain Td (approx. 300m south-west of No. 23), Coleraine for Mr. S. McNeill</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse. It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
3.10	<u>Application No. 17</u> <u>C/2004/0732/O</u> <u>Site for dwelling incorporating renewable energy devices, installations, domestic double garage, waste water treatment, plant and reedbeds at Lisnagrot Road, Kilrea for Mr. J. Gillen</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse. It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
3.11	<u>Application No. 18</u> <u>C/2004/0734/O</u> <u>Site for single storey dwelling and</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

	<u>detached garage to rear of 11 Greenhill Road, Aghadowey for Mr. H. Gilmore</u>	It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
3.12	<u>Application No. 21 C/2004/0750/O Site for single storey dwelling and garage 100m south of 544 Glebe Road, Castlerock for Mr. T. McAleese</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse. It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
3.13	<u>Application No. 24 C/2004/0757/O Site for traditional rural dwelling south-west of No. 19 Carhill Road, Garvagh for Mr. and Mrs. A. McNeill</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse. It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
3.14	<u>Application No. 25 C/2004/0772/O Site for dwelling 30m south-east of Mullaghinch Road, Agivey Road junction, Coleraine for T. B. Nilson</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse. It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
3.15	<u>Application No. 26 C/2004/0789/O Erection of 1 no. private dwelling to the north-east of 23 Drumeil Road, Aghadowey for Mr. G. McAfee</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse. It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
3.16	<u>Application No. 28 C/2004/0848/F 4 no. proposed semi-detached dwellings and detached garages and 1 no. detached dwelling and garage adjacent to Aghadowey Health Centre for Mr. D. McNeill</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse. It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
3.17	<u>Application No. 30 C/2004/0870/O Dwelling at corner of Hillhead Road and Drumsaragh Road, Kilrea for Mrs. O'Neill</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse. It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
3.18	<u>Application No. 32 C/2004/0875/O Demolish existing stores and construct new dwelling at rear of 56 Causeway Street, Portrush for Mr. and Mrs. B. Marshall</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse. Mr. Marshall was not in attendance to address Committee. It was agreed that the application be

- refused.
- 3.19 Application No. 33
C/2004/0903/O
Proposed site for dwelling
approximately 40m north of
60 Temple Road, Garvagh for
Ms. T. Smyth
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
- 3.20 Application No. 34
C/2004/0906/O
Proposed site for retirement
dwelling approximately 50m
south-east of 58 Creamery Road,
Ballyrashane, Coleraine for
Mr. and Mrs. J. McCaughan
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
- 3.21 Application No. 38
C/2004/0928/O
Site for dwelling at Brockagh
Road, Garvagh for
Mr. D. B. O'Kane
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
- 3.22 Application No. 46
C/2004/1125/F
Store/garage at rear garden of
98 Ballyrashane Road, Coleraine
for Mr. A. McCreadie
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.

4.0 NON DETERMINATION APPEALS

Consideration was given to Non Determination Appeals in respect of the following planning applications. It was noted that the Planning Service opinion was to refuse each application.

- 4.1 C/2004/0368/LB
Demolition of existing building on
site adjacent to Comfort Hotel, 73
Main Street, Portrush
- Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor Mullan and seconded by Alderman Leonard:
- That Council support a refusal.
- On being put to the Meeting the proposal was lost, five members voting in favour and six members voting against.
- 4.2 C/2004/0370/F
Extension to existing hotel to
include conference rooms, kitchen
with associated storage and 15
no. bedrooms adjacent to Comfort
Hotel, Main Street, Portrush
- It was proposed by the Mayor and seconded by Councillor Watt:
- That Council support the application.
- On being put to the Meeting the proposal was carried, eight members voting in favour

and one member voting against.

4.3 C/2004/0378/LB
Demolition and replacement of
existing dwelling at 108 Strand
Road, Portstewart

It was agreed that Council support a refusal for each of the applications.

C/2004/0379/F
Erection of replacement dwelling
at 108 Strand Road, Portstewart

C/2004/0473/F
Erection of 20 no. apartments and
associated car parking and
garden at 49 – 53 Prospect Road,
Portstewart

C/2004/0857/O
Site for dwelling on a farm
(retirement) at Ballymagarry Farm,
Portrush

5.0 PLANNING ISSUES RAISED **BY MEMBERS**

5.1 Planning Applications

Members requested that information be provided on lists of planning applications in relation to the name of applicant as opposed to the agent.

5.2 Agherton Road/Agherton Lane,
Portstewart

Reported that the issue of enforcement was still being investigated.

5.3 Application No. C/1998/0409
11 Coolyvenny Road, Coleraine

An update was requested regarding this application.

5.4 Application No. C/2003/0374/F
11 St. Patrick's Avenue, Coleraine

An update on this application would be forwarded to Councillor McLaughlin.

5.5 Agherton Development,
Portstewart

An update on the enforcement issue was requested.

5.6 Site Notices

An update was requested on Department's consultation on publicising planning applications.

6.0 BALANCED COMMUNITIES IN COASTAL **SETTLEMENTS REVIEW GROUP - UPDATE**

Consideration was given to the Administrative Officer's Report on Balanced Communities in Coastal Settlements Review Group (previously supplied).

Following discussion it was agreed that the Report be deferred to the February Planning Committee meeting. It was further agreed that the meeting commence at 7.00 p.m. placing this Report first on the agenda.

7.0 PLANNING APPEALS COMMISSION
A RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT TO INCLUDE
A MIX OF DETACHED, SEMI-DETACHED AND
TERRACED DWELLINGS AND ALSO TO INCLUDE
ADDITIONAL AMENITY SPACE ADJACENT TO
AND TO THE REAR OF 10 BANN ROAD, KILREA
FOR O’KANE & DEVINE CONSTRUCTION

Read letter from the Planning Appeals Commission advising members that the Commission had considered the above appeal and had concluded that planning permission be granted.

Noted.

NORTH WEST '200' SUB-COMMITTEE

18th January, 2005.

Present: The Mayor, Councillor R. A. McPherson in the Chair

Alderman

P. E. A. Armitage (Mrs.)

Councillors

E. A. Johnston (Mrs.) R. D. Stewart
N. F. Hillis

**Representatives
from Coleraine
and District
Motor Club:**

Mr. J. Milligan, Race Secretary and Mr. M. Whyte,
Clerk of the Course

**Representatives
from P.S.N.I.:**

Inspector A. Lemon and Constable A. Watson

**Officers in
Attendance:**

Director of Environmental Health, Enforcement Officer
and Services Manager

Apology: Head of Development Services

1.0 CONGRATULATIONS

The Mayor congratulated Mr. M. Whyte on the launch of the 2005 North West '200' at the Waterfront Hall, Belfast under very difficult weather conditions.

2.0 MEETING - 5TH OCTOBER, 2004

It was noted that all matters arising from the above meeting were included on the present agenda.

3.0 ROAD CLOSURE ARRANGEMENTS

Mr. Whyte advised members that the road closing order had been applied for to facilitate practice nights and race day as follows:

Tuesday, 17th May, 2005 – 5.00 p.m. – 9.15 p.m.
Thursday, 19th May, 2005 – 5.00 p.m. – 9.15 p.m.
Saturday, 21st May, 2005 - 10.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.

It was noted that a third practice night would not be possible for the 2005 race.

Recommended that the following notification methods be used:

- (a) A leaflet drop to residents as soon as possible;
- (b) An article to be included in the Link magazine;
- (c) A more explicit advertisement to be placed in the newspapers closer to the date.

4.0 EVENT SECURITY

Reported that discussions were ongoing with a private firm regarding security in the pits/paddock area and also camp site management.

It was agreed that camping should be prevented on the coast side of the road. The issue of traffic management was raised and it was agreed that Inspector Lemon be involved in discussions with the Events Secretary.

5.0 RACE WEEK EVENTS

It was noted that the nominated charity for the 2005 race was the N.I. Cancer Fund for Children.

A provisional programme of events, organised in partnership with the Council and the Motor Club, was distributed. Discussion took place regarding the events and the various comments were noted.

Reference was made to the possibility of school children being permitted access to the pits area during Tuesday – Friday of race week. The Motor Club would support more involvement by schools.

6.0 CORPORATE HOSPITALITY

Reported that the Motor Club was in negotiations with the N.I. Events Company and the suppliers of the marquees regarding upgrading the standard of hospitality provided.

Noted.

7.0 LIQUOR LICENCES

Reference was made to the possibility of applications being received for liquor licences.

Inspector Lemon explained that if premises did not have a liquor licence an occasional licence must be obtained in order to sell liquor.

Following discussion it was recommended:

That the PSNI and Council consider making representation to the Court on applications for occasional licences by Snappers, McLaughlins and York Hotel regarding the consumption of alcohol in designated areas.

8.0 FLOODING - PITS AREA

Concern was expressed regarding recent flooding at the pits area.

Mr. Whyte advised that this problem would be addressed.

9.0 DISABLED PARKING

Reference was made to the need for disabled parking.

It was noted that this matter was being addressed by the Motor Club in conjunction with Mr. John Horner, a disabled former rider. The issue would be raised with the Events Secretary.

10.0 NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting would be held during April, 2005.

POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

18th January, 2005.

Present:

Councillor T. J. Deans, in the Chair

The Mayor, Councillor R. A. McPherson
(Item 1.0)

Aldermen

P. E. A. Armitage (Mrs.)
(Items 1.0 – 2.1.2)

E. T. Black (Mrs.)
(Items 1.0 – 5.0)

W. T. Creelman
(Items 1.0 – 2.3)

B. Leonard
(Items 1.0 – 2.5)

Councillors

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)
(Items 1.0 – 3.1.2)
J. M. Bradley
(Items 2.1 – 14.0)
O. M. Church (Mrs.)
J. J. Dallat
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)
N. F. Hillis
E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)
(Items 1.0 – 2.3)

W. A. King
D. McClarty
(Items 1.0 – 2.2)
G. L. McLaughlin
A. McQuillan
E. M. Mullan
(Items 2.1 – 14.0)
R. D. Stewart
W. J. Watt

Officers in Attendance:

Director of Corporate Services, Head of Development Services, Head of Administrative Services, Personnel Officer (Items 1.0 – 3.5), Finance Officer (Items 1.0 – 3.5), Community Development Officer (Items 1.0 – 2.6), Administrative Officer and Administrative Assistant

Apology: Councillor Barbour

1.0 MAYOR'S STATEMENT

The Mayor announced that the total raised to date by the Mayor's Asian Tragedy Appeal stood at £14,000 and that money was still being received.

The Mayor also advised members that, following the Planning Committee meeting on 11th January, 2005 he had agreed arrangements with Social Services to convey the good wishes of the Council and the people of the Borough to Oksana Sukhanov, the Ukrainian lady who lost her legs as a result of frostbite and was currently being cared for in the City Hospital, Belfast.

Members also noted that the Mayor of Ballymoney, Councillor Cecil Cousley, had launched an Appeal Fund and the Mayor encouraged everyone to offer that fund their fullest support.

2.0 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT

The Report of the Head of Development Services was considered (previously supplied).

Matters arising:

2.1 Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust

The Head of Development Services introduced Mr. Peter Harper who was in attendance to report on the work of the Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust.

Mr. Harper outlined the main initiatives undertaken by the Trust including:

- Sustainable Tourism Initiatives
- Funding Opportunities
- Current Initiatives
- Study trip to Brittany on 6th – 10th October, 2004
to look at National Parks

Discussion ensued during which Mr. Harper answered members' questions and noted comments.

The Chairman then thanked Mr. Harper for his informative presentation, following which he withdrew.

2.2 Speciality Market – Coleraine

Members noted that the feasibility study for this initiative had proved positive and a proposed funding package, involving a number of

development agencies, had now been drawn up. The venue originally proposed for the Speciality Market had, however, proved to be unavailable.

It was, therefore, recommended:

That Council approve:

- (i) The use of the old Pig Market area as a site for the Speciality Market.
- (ii) Funding of £15,000 over two years from Council's Economic Development budget for a person or organisation to manage the market.
- (iii) £30,000 funding from Council's Building Sustainable Prosperity budget towards the refrigeration/capital costs of the market, 50% of which could be claimed back in grant.

2.3 Coleraine Borough Chamber of Commerce and Industry Business Awards

Members noted information on the Coleraine Borough Chamber of Commerce and Industry's first Business Awards Project, as contained in the report and, following discussion it was recommended:

That Council contribute £5,000 towards the Business Awards.

It was further proposed by Councillor Dallat, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Johnston and recommended:

That Coleraine Chamber of Commerce and Industry be invited to address Council on the work of the Chamber.

2.4 Community Support Plan - Update for Information

Consideration was given to information on Coleraine Multi Cultural Forum, which had been set up to address the needs of ethnic minority groups and migrant workers residing and working within the Borough, as detailed in the report.

A full discussion ensued during which it was proposed by Alderman Leonard and seconded by Councillor Ms. Alexander:

That South Tryone Empowerment Programme (STEP) be invited to address Council on its work with ethnic minority groups and migrant workers.

It was then proposed, as an amendment, by Councillor McQuillan and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Fielding:

That Council officers research this issue and bring a recommendation to Council advising which organisations should be invited to address Council on this topic.

On being put to the meeting, the substantive proposal was lost and the amendment was carried with nine votes for and five votes against.

2.5 Matters for Information

Members noted information on the following topics, as contained in the report.

- (i) Skills Strategy for Northern Ireland
- (ii) Active Citizenship Programme
- (iii) Causeway Coast and Glens Tourism Masterplan and Portrush Regeneration Initiative.

3.0 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

The Report of the Director of Corporate Services was considered (previously supplied).

Matters arising:

3.1 Revised Equal Opportunities Policy

Council is recommended to adopt this policy.

3.2 Career Break Policy

Council is recommended to adopt this policy.

3.3 Estimate of Rates Update

Recommended:

That a Special Meeting of Council be held on Monday 7th February, 2005 to consider the estimates and strike a rate for the year ending 31st March, 2006.

3.4 Matters for Information

3.4.1 Accounts

Committee noted that creditors' payments for December 2004, as per lists circulated, had been issued as follows:

Revenue A/C	-	£ 361,143.34
Capital A/C	-	£ 439,923.18
Petty Cash A/C	-	£ 72,576.84

3.4.2 Pension Contributions

Members noted information on pension contributions, as detailed in the report.

3.4.3 Members' Expenses Claim

Members noted the statutory requirement that claims for attendance at approved duties, and related expenses, must be submitted within three months of the date of the duty.

3.4.4 Appointment of Recruitment Agency

Seven Recruitment Agencies had responded to Council's tender for recruitment of seasonal and temporary employees for 2005/06, of which three had been interviewed.

Recommended:

That Council accept the tender from Riada Recruitment.

3.4.5 New Appointment

The following appointment had been made in accordance with the Local Government Staff Commission's Code of Procedures on Recruitment and Selection.

Leisure Services Department

Community Sports Development Officer:

Mr. Stephen McCartney.

4.0 DEPARTMENT FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT - REFORM OF WATER AND SEWERAGE SERVICES IN NORTHERN IRELAND

- (a) Integrated Impact Assessment : Policy Proposals Paper**
- (b) Part I : Integrated Impact Assessment - Overview**
- (c) Part II : Equality Impact Assessment**
- (d) Part III : A Partial Regulatory Impact Assessment**

Committee noted the contents of the summary report on this topic (previously supplied) which would be considered further at the Policy and Development Committee on 15th February, 2005.

A half day public meeting on this topic would be held by Belfast City Council at Belfast City Hall on 2nd February, 2005. Any members interested in attending were asked to contact the Head of Administrative Services.

5.0 DEPARTMENT FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT - PROMOTING THE SOCIAL INCLUSION OF HOMELESS PEOPLE - EXECUTIVE

SUMMARY AND LIST OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Consideration was given to the Report of the PSI Working Group on Homelessness (previously supplied).

Members' comments on the document were noted by the Head of Administrative Services for inclusion in Council's response to the Report.

6.0 LAND AND PROPERTY

The Head of Administrative Services advised Committee that the original plans for access to the sewer at the Arcadia, Portrush for the new restaurant, had not proved possible to achieve as the existent sewer line had become disrupted.

A new proposal, which would involve crossing land owned by Council, had now been put forward, a map of which was viewed by members.

Recommended:

That Council approve the new proposal for access to the sewer at the Arcadia, subject to completion of wayleave, payment of Council's legal and valuation costs and agreement on reinstatement.

7.0 FUNDING OF THE EDUCATION AND LIBRARY BOARDS IN NORTHERN IRELAND

Read letter from NIPSA (previously supplied) asking that Council adopt a formal policy position opposing underfunding and service cuts and encouraging Council to lobby the Minister to publicise the policy position and assist public awareness.

Noted.

8.0 NORTHERN IRELAND EVENTS COMPANY

Read letter from B. Gardiner, M.P. (previously supplied) in response to Council's letter regarding funding of the Northern Ireland Events Company.

Noted.

**9.0 NORTH EASTERN EDUCATION
AND LIBRARY BOARD -
FINANCIAL SITUATION**

Read letter from Ballymena Borough Council asking for Council's support in lobbying the Minister to review the allocation of budgets to all Education and Library Boards.

Recommended:

That Council write to the Minister, as requested by Ballymena Borough Council.

**10.0 DRAFT INVESTMENT STRATEGY
FOR NORTHERN IRELAND -
CONSULTATION EVENT**

Members noted that a consultation event on the Draft Investment Strategy for Northern Ireland would take place on Monday 31st January, 2005 at the City Hotel, Londonderry, 12.30 pm – 4.30 pm.

Recommended:

That the Chairman of the Policy and Development Committee, Councillor Barbour, attend this event along with Councillor McLaughlin.

**11.0 NORTHERN IRELAND PRIORITIES
AND BUDGET 2005 – 08**

The final Priorities and Budget 2005-08 document had now been published. Copies of the report would be circulated to members when they became available.

**12.0 POST OFFICE - LAUREL HILL
BRANCH**

Read letter from the Post Office advising that Laurel Hill branch would move to 3-5 Greenmount Avenue, Coleraine on 27th January, 2005.

Noted.

13.0 COLERAINE HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

A request had been received from Coleraine Harbour Commissioners for Council to receive an “In Committee” presentation on the harbour Development Plan.

A proposal by Councillor Stewart that the presentation be heard at a meeting of the Policy and Development Committee, failed to find a seconder.

It was then proposed by Councillor Mullan, seconded by Councillor Dallat and recommended:

That a Special Meeting of Council be convened “In Committee” to hear the presentation by Coleraine Harbour Commissioners.

14.0 DOCUMENTS TABLED

- (i) NEELB – Corporate Plan 2002-2006 and Performance Indicators 1998/1999 –2002/2003.