

You are hereby requested to attend a Meeting of Coleraine Borough Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Cloonavin on TUESDAY the 28th day of October, 2003 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 – 23rd September, 2003
 - 1.2 Special Meeting – 14th October, 2003
2. Committee Reports (enclosed):
 - 2.1 Leisure and Environment Committee – 7th October, 2003
(Item No. 5.3.2) Entertainments Licence – Peninsula Hotel, Portrush
The applicant has the right to attend and address Council.
 - 2.2 Planning Committee – 14th October, 2003
 - 2.3 Policy and Development Committee – 21st October, 2003
(Item No. 1.1) Lands at West Bay, Dhu Varren, Portrush*
Mrs. A. Millar, Macaulay Wray, Solicitors, will be in attendance to advise and update Council on the valuation issue.
3. Implementing “Developing Better Services”
Dr. Carolyn Harper, Consultant (Public Health Medicine) and Mr. Ed McClean, Director of Strategic Planning, Northern Health and Social Services Board, will attend to make a presentation to Council.

4. Correspondence, including inter alia:
Northern Ireland Policing Board – News Release dated 21st October, 2003
5. Documents for Sealing

Enclosed for Information:

- (1) Minutes of the Northern Health and Social Services Council dated 3rd September, 2003
- (2) Northern Ireland Local Government Association
 - (a) Annual Report 2003
 - (b) NILGA News – Issue Four

*** Recommended for consideration “In Committee”.**

To: Each Member of Council.

24th October, 2003.

COLERAINE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of proceedings of Coleraine Borough Council held in the Council Chamber, Cloonavin on Tuesday, 23rd September, 2003 at 7.30 p.m.

Convened: As per Notice attached

Present: The Mayor, Councillor R. D. Stewart, in the Chair

Aldermen

W. T. Creelman W. J. McClure
B. Leonard

Councillors

C. S. Alexander (Ms.) E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)
(Items 1.0 - 4.0) D. McClarty
O. M. Church (Mrs.) G. L. McLaughlin
J. J. Dallat R. A. McPherson
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.) A. McQuillan
N. F. Hillis W. J. Watt

Officers in Attendance:

Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services, Director of Leisure Services, Director of Technical Services, Acting Director of Environmental Health, Principal Administrative Officer and Administrative Assistant

Apologies: The Deputy Mayor,
Alderman Mrs. Black, Councillors Deans and King

1.0 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting of 26th August, 2003 were confirmed and signed.

2.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 2.1 Special Meeting of Planning Committee The Chairman, Councillor Watt, moved the adoption of the Report of the Special Meeting of the Planning Committee; this was duly seconded by Alderman McClure and agreed.
- 2.2 Leisure and Environment Committee In the absence of the Chairman and the Vice Chairman, Councillor McPherson moved the adoption of the Leisure and Environment Committee Report; this was duly seconded by Alderman Creelman.

Matters arising:

- 2.2.1 Anderson Park - Phase III Consideration was given to the Consultants' Tender Report for Phase III Environmental

Improvements - Anderson Park, Coleraine
(circulated to each member).

Mr. M. Scullion, WH Stephens and Mr. P. Westbury, Mouncey Westbury Associates were in attendance and presented the Report to Council. Six tenders had been received as follows:

1.	W. & H. Alexander (Civil Engineering) Ltd.	£306,933.68
2.	Newtownstewart Construction Co. Ltd.	£314,000.00
3.	Crawford Contracts	£319,850.00
4.	Whitemountain Quarries Ltd.	£326,500.00
5.	J. Graham (Dromore) Ltd.	£347,000.00
6.	R. J. Maxwell & Sons Ltd.	£358,353.00

A proposed Bill of Reductions had been identified amounting to £42,200.42 and agreed with the lowest tenderer.

The revised tender figure of £264,733.26 which included £21,577.76 for work to the Lodge Burn Drainage Improvements (nett figure of £243,155.50) was in line with the Estimate of Cost of £235,000.00 when adjusted for increase in costs since February, 2003.

Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor McClarty, seconded by Councillor Dallat and agreed:

That Council accept the lowest tender from W. & H. Alexander (Civil Engineering) Ltd. as recommended by the Consultants.

The Committee Report was, therefore, adopted subject to this amendment.

- 2.3 Planning Committee The Chairman, Councillor Watt, moved the adoption of the Planning Committee Report; this was duly seconded by Councillor McQuillan and agreed.
- 2.4 Special Meeting - Planning Committee The Chairman, Councillor Watt, moved the adoption of the Report of the Special Meeting of the Planning Committee; this was duly seconded by Councillor Ms. Alexander and agreed.
- 2.5 Policy and Development Committee The Chairman, Councillor Mrs. Johnston, moved the adoption of the Policy and Development Committee Report; this was duly seconded by Councillor Watt and agreed.

3.0 POLICE OMBUDSMAN FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

The Mayor welcomed Mrs. Nuala O'Loan, Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland and representatives who were in attendance to give a short presentation on the work of her office.

Mrs. O'Loan gave a brief synopsis of the work carried out by her office after which members raised a variety of questions which were responded to by the representatives.

The Mayor thanked the representatives for attending after which they withdrew.

4.0 PORTSTEWART COMMUNITY VISION AND CAUSEWAY COAST COMMUNITIES CONSORTIUM - APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

Consideration was given to letter dated 17th September, 2003 from Portstewart Community Vision and Causeway Coast Communities Consortium regarding an application for funding and administrative support for organising and facilitation of a Conference on 'Planning on the North Coast and Sustainable Communities' in November, 2003 and production of Conference Report by Community Technical Aid (previously supplied). The organisation of such a conference was costed at approximately £6,000.

Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor Watt and seconded by Alderman McClure:

That Portstewart Community Vision and Causeway Coast Communities Consortium be invited to join with Council in discussions with the key stakeholders and thus adding weight to our case by going in on a united front.

As an amendment it was proposed by Alderman Leonard and seconded by Councillor Ms. Alexander:

That Council grant the application for funding as requested.

On a request for a recorded vote the amendment was put to the meeting and members voted thus:

For: The Mayor
Alderman Leonard
Councillors Ms. Alexander, Dallat, Hillis and McLaughlin (6)

Against: Aldermen Creelman and McClure
Councillors Mrs. Church, Mrs. Fielding, Mrs. Johnston,
McClarty, McPherson, McQuillan and Watt (9)

The amendment was lost, six members voting in favour and nine members voting against.

The substantive motion was then put to the meeting and was carried, ten members voting in favour and three members voting against.

5.0 NORTH COAST WASTEWATER TREATMENT WORKS

Read letter of reply from the Acting Chief Executive, Water Service regarding

incorporating tertiary treatment facilities in the design of the North Coast Wastewater Treatment Works (previously supplied).

It was estimated that the cost of providing tertiary treatment would be an additional £2 million and the additional annual power and maintenance costs would be substantial. Given the scale of investment needed to bring the water and sewerage infrastructure up to the required standards it would simply not be defensible to spend an additional £2 million on treating wastewater to standards higher than those set by the regulatory authorities.

6.0 NORTHERN IRELAND POLICING BOARD

Read letter from the Northern Ireland Policing Board advising members that the 2nd Annual Report would be published on 30th September, 2003.

To coincide with the launch of the Report the Board would be holding two public meetings as follows and invited members to attend:

Tuesday, 30th September, 2003
Wednesday, 1st October, 2003

Tower Hotel, Londonderry at 7.30 p.m.
Wellington Park Hotel, Belfast at
7.30 p.m.

7.0 DOCUMENTS TABLED

- (a) Postwatch - Annual Report 2002-2003;
- (b) Office of the Commissioner for Public Appointments for Northern Ireland - Commissioner for Public Appointments for Northern Ireland - Eighth Report 2002-2003;
- (c) Northern Ireland Housing Executive - Annual Report 2002-2003 and Housing Agenda.

8.0 TENDERS - FLOODLIGHT MULTI-PURPOSE SPORTS ARENA, BALLYSALLY

Consideration was given to the Director of Leisure Services' Report on Tenders - Floodlight Multi-Purpose Sports Arena at Ballysally (circulated to each member).

Nine tenders had been received as follows:

1.	Boyd Landscapes, Ballyclare	£153,800.00
2.	Crawford Contracts Ltd., Ballymena	£159,652.00
3.	Ashleigh (N.I.) Ltd., Ballynahinch	£177,075.00
4.	JPM Contracts, Dungiven	£179,700.00
5.	C. A. Haffey & Son Ltd., Portadown	£185,000.00
6.	J. G. Duff, Carryduff	£203,399.00
7.	R. J. Maxwell & Son Ltd., Coleraine	£207,314.88
8.	Stewart & McConnell Ltd., Londonderry	£220,535.00
9.	Mullen & Rushe Ltd., Dungiven	£276,000.00

The pre-tender estimate for the scheme was £123,000.00. The consultants, R. Robinson & Sons, had met with the lowest tenderer and agreed a bill of reductions resulting in savings of £30,030.00 reducing the lowest tender to £123,770.00

It was proposed by Councillor Watt, seconded by Alderman Creelman and agreed:

That Council accept the lowest tender from Boyd Landscapes, Ballyclare, in the sum of £123,770.00, as recommended by the Consultants.

9.0 DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING

Resolved:

That the following documents be sealed:

1. Lease and Counterpart Council to Portrush Bowling Club re: Portrush Bowling Club Rooms at Portrush Recreation Grounds.
2. Deed and Counterpart Council to The National Trust Lands at Downhill.
3. Grant of Easement and Right of Way in triplicate Council and Mr. and Mrs. H. Gregg, 79 Ballyreagh Road, Portstewart.
4. Wayleave in triplicate Council and Belinda Moody 25 Cappagh Grove, Portstewart Sewer pipes (storm and foul).
5. Cemetery Titles Grant of Right of Burial - Deeds Register Nos. 2922 - 2928 inclusive:

Agherton	1
Ballywillan	2
Coleraine	-
Kilrea	-
Portstewart	4

Advance Deeds
Register Nos. 0060 - 0062 inclusive:

Agherton	-
Ballywillan	-
Coleraine	1
Portstewart	2

SPECIAL MEETING

14th October, 2003.

Convened: In accordance with Standing Order 1.3(2) following the receipt of a requisition signed by Councillor D. McClarty, Councillor J. J. Dallat, Councillor E. M. Mullan, Councillor D. D. Barbour and Councillor N. F. Hillis

Present: The Mayor, Councillor R. D. Stewart, in the Chair
The Deputy Mayor, Councillor E. M. Mullan

Aldermen

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

Councillors

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)	N. F. Hillis
D. D. Barbour	E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)
O. M. Church (Mrs.)	W. A. King
J. J. Dallat	D. McClarty
T. J. Deans	G. L. McLaughlin
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)	A. McQuillan

Officers in

Attendance: Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Principal Administrative Officer, Administrative Officer and Administrative Assistant

Apologies: Councillors Bradley, McPherson and Watt

The undernoted Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor McClarty and seconded by Councillor Ms. Alexander:

"That Council rescind its decision of 23rd September, 2003 not to offer grant aid to Portstewart Community Vision and Causeway Coast Communities Consortium to fund a conference on "Planning on the North Coast and Sustainable Communities" and now agree to offer such grant aid of up to £6,000 towards the organisation of the conference."

Councillor McClarty spoke on the Motion and asked members for support.

A period of discussion ensued.

On being put to the Meeting the Motion was lost, nine members voting in favour and nine members voting against.

LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

7th October, 2003.

Present: Councillor T. J. Deans, in the Chair

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor E. M. Mullan

Aldermen

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

B. Leonard
W. J. McClure

Councillors

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)
D. D. Barbour
O. M. Church (Mrs.)
J. J. Dallat
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)
N. F. Hillis
E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)

W. A. King
D. McClarty
G. L. McLaughlin
(Items 3.0 – 13.0)
R. A. McPherson
A. McQuillan

Officers in Attendance:

Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Director of Technical Services, Director of Leisure Services, Acting Director of Environmental Health, Principal Building Control Officer (Items 1.0 – 6.0), Leisure Services Officers, Technical and Waste Management Officer and Administrative Assistant

Apologies: The Mayor, Alderman Mrs. Armitage and Councillor Watt

1.0 CHAIRMAN'S CONGRATULATIONS

The Chairman extended congratulations to the employees of Council's Parks Department and Harpur's Hill Primary School for their contribution to the Borough's recent success in securing the Silver Award in the Britain in Bloom competition.

2.0 NORTHERN GROUP OF COUNCILS' BUILDING CONTROL COMMITTEE CHIEF BUILDING CONTROL OFFICER'S ANNUAL REPORT 2002/2003

The Chairman welcomed Mr. R. White, Chief Building Control Officer, who was in attendance to present his report for 2002/2003.

Mr. White thanked both the Chairman and the Deputy Mayor for their work on the Northern Group of Councils Building Control Committee. He then presented his report and elaborated on various issues relating to the work carried out during the year.

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

3.0 OWEN ROE GAC, COLERAINE

The Chairman welcomed Messrs. B. McLernon, P. McTaggart and K. Mullan from Owen Roe GAC who were in attendance to address Committee on their proposals for the provision of a Gaelic Games playing facility.

The representatives outlined the current lack of GAA facilities in the Borough, their proposals for developing a facility and the estimated costs of the project.

Following the presentation it was proposed by Alderman Leonard and seconded by Councillor Dallat:

That Council approve a grant of £180,000 to Owen Roe GAC, as requested.

Discussion ensued during which the representatives answered members' questions and the Town Clerk and Chief Executive clarified the regulatory position regarding funding for such schemes. It was then proposed as an amendment by Alderman Mrs. Black and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Johnston:

That Council contribute £120,000 to Owen Roe GAC.

On being put to the Meeting, the amendment was carried by seven votes to four and it was therefore recommended:

That Council approve a grant of £120,000 to the Owen Roe GAC Development Project.

4.0 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT

The Report of the Acting Director of Environmental Health was considered (previously supplied).

Matters arising:

4.1 Legal Proceedings -
The Pollution Control and
Local Government (NI) Order
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It was proposed by Councillor McClarty, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Johnston and agreed:

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

4.2 Changes to Northern Ireland
Gambling Law - Draft Betting
and Gaming (NI) Order 2003

Members noted information on the draft Order, as contained in the report.

4.3 Proposed Amendments to Bye-
Laws Regulating the
Consumption of Intoxicating
Liquor in Public Places

Consideration was given to the proposed amendments, as detailed in the report.

During the discussion which ensued, members expressed their concerns regarding the suggested amendments.

It was proposed by Councillor Ms. Alexander, seconded by Councillor Hillis and recommended:

That Council support the introduction of the

new offence of refusing to dispose of an open container when requested, and make representation to the Department for Social Development to lobby for:

- (a) introduction of powers similar to those contained in The Licensing Act 2003 (applicable in England and Wales) to permit the seizure of all containers; and
- (b) the introduction of primary legislation similar to the Criminal Justice Act in England and Wales to permit the introduction of Fixed Penalty fines for offences under Council Bye-laws.

4.4 European Week for Safety and Health at Work

Reported that the theme for this year's European Week for Safety and Health at Work would be promotion of activities to reduce the risks of working with dangerous substances.

5.0 TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT

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

Matters arising:

5.1 North West Regional Waste Management Group

Members noted information, as contained in the report, on the last meeting of the North West Waste Management Group on 25th September, 2003.

Recommended:

- (i) That Kirk McClure Morton, the Group's consultants, be invited to address a Special Meeting of Council.
- (ii) That Council approve the procedure adopted by the Group to engage Kirk McClure Morton.

5.1.1 Illegal Dumping at Craigmore Road, Garvagh

Members noted that a decision on this case had not yet been issued and it was proposed by Alderman Leonard, seconded by Councillor McPherson and recommended:

That if a decision on this case is not forthcoming, Council write to the Department to express concern regarding the delay.

- 5.2 Biodiversity Officer Council is recommended to approve the formalisation of arrangements with the Ulster Wildlife Trust, as detailed in the report, for the employment of an officer to compile a Biodiversity Action Plan and Action Programme for the area.
- 5.3 Entertainments Licences
- 5.3.1 The Londonderry Hotel, 39-41 Main Street, Portrush No problems had been experienced regarding the Londonderry Hotel and it was, therefore, recommended:
- That amplified music be permitted, within the conditions of the licence approved in May 2003, for the remainder of its term.
- 5.3.2 Peninsula Hotel, 15-19 Eglinton Street, Portrush An application for renewal of an existing licence had been received from Mr. R. J. Gray to include opening hours on Saturday/Sunday from 11.30 pm to 2.00 am.
- In light of the objection and the voluntary agreement permitting licensing hours with pubs and hotels being to 1.30 a.m. on Sunday mornings it was noted that this application would be deferred to the Council Meeting on 28th October, 2003 when the applicant would be given an opportunity of addressing Council.
- 5.4 Building Control
- 5.4.1 Applications Approval had been given for fifty-seven applications.
- 5.5 For Information Members noted information, as contained in the report, on the following topics:
- (i) Recycling
 - (ii) Waste Management Grant Scheme 2003/04
 - (iii) Coleraine Town Centre Environmental Campaign - A member's query was noted by the Director of Technical Services
 - (iv) Eco Schools
 - (v) Civic Amenity Areas

6.0 LEISURE SERVICES REPORT

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

Matters arising:

- 6.1 Skateboarding Consideration was given to information on the Skateboard Park, as contained in the report.
- Following the ensuing discussion, it was recommended:
- That Council approve a capital grant of £150,000 to the Triangle Skatepark Company Ltd. and agree to lease the land at Metropole Park, Portrush to the Company, for a period of twenty-five years.
- 6.2 Focus on Family The Focus on Family Caring Centre in Ballysally, Coleraine in partnership with Conservation Volunteers, had received an offer of grant from Peace II monies to refurbish a derelict strip of land at Glenburn Crescent in Ballysally.
- This piece of land had now been offered to Council by the Housing Executive and it was recommended:
- That Council agree to accept ownership of the derelict strip of land at Glenburn Crescent, Ballysally, Coleraine .
- 6.3 Surfing Tender Members noted the successful completion of the twelve-week surfing scheme which had taken place at East and West Strand, Portrush and it was recommended:
- That Council now invite tenders for a surfing scheme operation to run for a three year period commencing 1st March, 2004.
- 6.4 Portrush Recreation Grounds Council is recommended to approve construction of a new exit at Portrush Recreation Grounds.
- 6.5 Lower Bann Cycleway Report Consideration was given to this report and the contents noted.
- 6.6 Request for Financial Assistance Council is recommended to contribute £500 to Coleraine and District Badminton League to assist with costs incurred in hosting a “Triangular International Tournament” between Ireland, Scotland and Wales in Coleraine Leisure Centre on 10th December, 2003.
- 6.7 For Information Members noted information, as contained in the report, on the following topics:

- Causeway Museum Service
- Coleraine Twinning Association
- Christmas Lights Switch-On

6.7.1 New Pavilion and Soccer Pitch at The Crescent, Coleraine

Members noted that the proposed date for the official opening of this facility would be Saturday 1st November, 2003.

7.0 PUBLIC TELEPHONE KIOSK - CASTLEROCK

Read letter from BT in response to Council's letter of 28th August, 2003 advising that they would be willing to investigate the possibility of installing a kiosk at a location acceptable to both themselves and residents.

8.0 PROVINCE-WIDE CUSTOMER/RESIDENTS' SATISFACTION SURVEY

A copy of the draft questionnaire for this survey was tabled and it was noted that the survey would commence on 13th October, 2003 and last for approximately two months.

During the discussion which ensued the Town Clerk and Chief Executive noted members' concerns regarding the content of the survey.

9.0 CONSULTATION PAPERS

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

- (i) The Electoral Commission – European Parliamentary and Local Elections 2004 : the location of electoral pilot schemes

Comments due by: 12th November, 2003

- (ii) Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety - Proposal for a Draft Primary Medical Services (Northern Ireland) Order in Council

Comments due by: 14th November, 2003

- (iii) Homefirst Community Trust – Childhood Injury Prevention Strategy and Action Plan 2004 - 2009

Comments due by: 19th December, 2003

10.0 ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AT THE GRANDSTAND AT RUGBY AVENUE PLAYING FIELDS

In response to a member's question, the Director of Leisure Services reported that alteration of the grandstand at this facility was included in Council's Capital Programme for 2004/2005.

11.0 PORTRUSH TOWN HALL

In response to a request from a member, the Director of Leisure Services agreed to provide an update on the progress of work at Portrush Town Hall to the next meeting of Committee on 4th November, 2003.

12.0 DUMPING AT CIVIC AMENITY SITES

In response to queries from members, the Director of Technical Services confirmed that there had been no further incidents of dumping at civic amenity sites by contractors from outside the Borough.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

14th October, 2003.

Present: Councillor A. McQuillan in the Chair
The Mayor, Councillor R. D. Stewart
The Deputy Mayor, Councillor E. M. Mullan

Aldermen

P. E. A. Armitage (Mrs.)	W. T. Creelman
E. T. Black (Mrs.)	B. Leonard
(Items 1.0 - 4.1)	W. J. McClure

Councillors

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)	E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)
D. D. Barbour	N. F. Hillis
(Items 1.0 - 4.2)	E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)
J. M. Bradley	W. A. King
(Items 2.8 - 9.0)	(Items 1.0 - 4.2)
O. M. Church (Mrs.)	D. McClarty
J. J. Dallat	(Items 1.0 - 8.0)
T. J. Deans	G. L. McLaughlin

Also in Attendance: Representatives from the Planning Service -
Mr. P. Duffy and Mr. D. McAllister

Officers in Attendance: Principal Administrative Officer, Administrative
Officer and Administrative Assistant

Apologies: Councillors McPherson and Watt

1.0 BEST WISHES

The Vice Chairman extended best wishes to Councillor Watt for a speedy recovery from his illness.

2.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A list of one hundred and fifteen applications was considered (previously supplied).

Applications Deferred from Previous Meeting

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| 2.1 | <u>Application No. D1</u>
<u>C/2002/0768/O</u>
<u>Site for 8 no. semi-detached</u>
<u>holiday cottages at rear of No. 27</u>
<u>Ballyhome Road, Portrush for</u>
<u>Mr. R. Dorrans</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

It was agreed that the application be refused. |
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- 2.2 Application No. D2
C/2003/0074/O
Joinery workshop at 118 Cloyfin
Road, Coleraine for Mr. R.
Hemphill
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor Dallat, seconded by Councillor Ms. Alexander and agreed:
- That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate the attendance of a representative from Roads Service to explain the decision regarding visibility splays.
- 2.3 Application No. D3
C/2003/0093/O
Erection of dwelling 350m south of
Leck Orange Hall, Cashel Road,
Macosquin, Coleraine for
Mr. I. Black
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting.
- 2.4 Application No. D4
C/2003/0110/F
Demolition of existing parochial
house and garage and erection of
6 no. apartments at 4a
Heathmount, Portstewart for
O'Kane & Devine
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- Letter of objection dated 1st October, 2003 from Mr. I. Moffett, 12 Heathmount, Portstewart had been previously supplied.
- Following discussion it was proposed by Alderman Leonard, seconded by Councillor Ms. Alexander and agreed:
- That the application be deferred to facilitate referral to BDP Planning for examination before deciding whether it should be forwarded to the Planning Management Board for consideration.
- 2.5 Application No. D5
C/2003/0177/O
Site for dwelling adjacent to 44
Ballyrogan Road, Garvagh for
Mr. F. Doherty
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for one week to facilitate withdrawal. If the application was not withdrawn it would be refused.
- 2.6 Application No. D6
C/2003/0200/O
Site for dwelling off Lisnamuck
Road, Aghadowey, Coleraine (to
the south of 15 Meath Park) for
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Church and seconded by Alderman

That the application be approved.

On being put to the Meeting the proposal was carried, twelve members voting in favour and two members voting against.

- 2.7 Application No. D7
C/2003/0366/F
Change of house types to Sites 6, 7, 8 and 9 to housetype 1 and removal/incorporation of lane to rear of Sites 10, 11 and 12 and side garden of Site 9 at Reids Bakery, Wheatsheaf Road, Coleraine and 100 Castlerock Road, Coleraine for CN Developments Ltd.
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.
- 2.8 Application No. D8
C/2003/0373/O
Site for dwelling off Boleran Park, Boleran, Garvagh (opposite No. 15 Boleran Park) for Mrs. O'Kane
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be refused.
- 2.9 Application No. D9
C/2003/0631/F
Replacement of existing single dwelling with 2 no. town houses (semi-detached) at 99 Coleraine Road, Portstewart for Mr. and Mrs. J. McGrath
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting with the applicant.
- 2.10 Application No. D10
C/2003/0680/O
Site for dwelling 140m east of No. 25 Gortmacrane Road, Kilrea for Mr. R. McAllister
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.
- 2.11 Application No. D11
C/2003/0686/O
Site for dwelling and garage 100m south-east of 5 Glen Road, Garvagh for Mr. R. McNicholl
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be refused.
- 2.12 Application No. D12
C/2003/0720/F
Two-storey extension at 100 Curragh Road, Aghadowey for Mr. B. Barr
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.
- 2.13 Application No. D13
- The opinion of the Planning Service was

- C/2003/0729/O
Site for bungalow and garage
opposite 15 Boleran Park,
Coleraine for Mr. and Mrs. F.
Johnston
- to refuse.
- It was proposed by the Deputy Mayor, seconded by Councillor Dallat and unanimously agreed:
- That the application be approved.
- 2.14 Application No. D14
C/2003/0730/O
Site for new dwelling at Aqivey
Road opposite junction with
Mullaghinch Road, Landmore Td.,
Coleraine for Mr. B. Wilson
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for one week to facilitate withdrawal. If the application was not withdrawn it would be refused.
- 2.15 Application No. D15
C/2003/0741/O
Site for dwelling adjacent to 35
Ruskey Park, Aghadowey for
Miss H. Robinson
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.
- 2.16 Application No. D16
C/2003/0766/O
Site for two-storey dwelling and
garden to rear of Nos. 20 and 22
Rectory Road, Coleraine,
Gorticloghan Townland for
Mr. I. Curry
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for two weeks to facilitate withdrawal. If the application was not withdrawn it would be refused.
- 2.17 Application No. D17
C/2003/0773/O
Erection of dwelling and domestic
garage approximately 120m north-
west of 59 Grove Road, Garvagh
for Mr. P. McGrath
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be refused.
- 2.18 Application No. D18
C/2003/0804/O
Detached one-and-a-half-storey
dwelling with detached garage at
Sconce Road, Articlave, Coleraine
for Ms. N. Hutchinson
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting.
- 2.19 Application No. 37
C/2003/0800/F
Proposed one and a half storey
dwelling and detached double
garage adjacent to 178 Curragh
Road, Coleraine for
Mr. and Mrs. O. Blair
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.

NEW APPLICATIONS

- 2.20 Application No. 3
- The opinion of the Planning Service was

- C/2003/0152/F
Demolition of existing buildings and erection of two semi-detached dwellings - two and a half storey - with integral garages at 69 Strand Road, Portstewart for NM Developments
- to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
- 2.21 Application No. 6
C/2003/0282/F
Implementing a car parking management system within the Portrush Campus, Ballywillan Road, Portrush for University of Ulster
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting.
- 2.22 Application No. 7
C/2003/0285/A
Car parking information sign at Portrush Campus, Ballywillan Road, Portrush for University of Ulster
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting.
- 2.23 Application No. 8
C/2003/0286/A
Car parking information sign at Coleraine Campus, Cromore Road, Coleraine for University of Ulster
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting.
- 2.24 Application No. 9
C/2003/0289/F
Implementation of car parking management scheme within the campus at Cromore Road, Coleraine for University of Ulster
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting.
- 2.25 Application No. 13
C/2003/0494/F
Demolition of existing properties and erection of four townhouses (amended scheme) at High Clere, 4 High Road, Portstewart for Mr. N. Glasgow
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- The application had now been withdrawn.
- 2.26 Application No. 18
C/2003/0586/O
Site for single storey dwelling adjacent to 31A Ballylintagh Road, Coleraine for Mr. B. W. Wallace
- 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.
- 2.27 Application No. 20
C/2003/0605/F
Erection of retail warehouse unit (929m) at Riverside Regional
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be

	<u>Centre, Castleroe Road, Coleraine for Kelvin Properties Ltd.</u>	deferred for one month to enable the Planning Service to provide further information for members.
2.28	<u>Application No. 21</u> <u>C/2003/0614/O</u> <u>Proposed housing development to the west of Washing Lough, Moneygran Road, Kilrea for St. Patrick's Parish Church</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse. It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting.
2.29	<u>Application No. 26</u> <u>C/2003/0684/F</u> <u>Erection of one and a half storey dwelling with integral garage (amendment to previously approved application Ref. C/2002/0933/F) at Priestland Road, Bushmills for Mr. D. Menary</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.
2.30	<u>Application No. 29</u> <u>C/2003/0721/F</u> <u>Erection of 4 no. townhouses at 85, 87 and 89 Old Coach Road, Portstewart for Mr. M. Forde</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse. It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting.
2.31	<u>Application No. 31</u> <u>C/2003/0744/O</u> <u>Site for two storey farm retirement dwelling and garage adjacent to 24 Leeke Road, Portrush for Mr. J. Twaddle</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.
2.32	<u>Application No. 32</u> <u>C/2003/0747/F</u> <u>Decking to side/rear of dwelling (amended plans) at 9 Millbank Avenue, Portstewart for Mr. B. Morrow</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.
2.33	<u>Application No. 38</u> <u>C/2003/0811/F</u> <u>Proposed dwelling to rear of No. 9 Killykergan Road, Garvagh for M & A Builders</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.
2.34	<u>Application No. 39</u> <u>C/2003/0813/O</u> <u>Storey and a half detached dwelling with double garage at Sconce Road, Articlave (150m north of 77 Sconce Road) for Mr. D. Hutchinson</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.

- 2.35 Application No. 43
C/2003/0826/O
Site for dwelling to rear of
1 Liswatty Road, Coleraine for
Dr. and Mrs. B. Bonnar
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to enable the Planning Service to provide further information for members.
- 2.36 Application No. 44
C/2003/0830/O
Site of two-storey dwelling at Isle
Road, Coleraine for Mr. and Mrs.
R. Lynas
- 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.
- 2.37 Application No. 46
C/2003/0838/F
Replacement of water waste
treatment works with sewage
pumping station opposite No. 176
Gateside Park, Gateside Road,
Coleraine for DRD Water Service
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
- 2.38 Application No. 55
C/2003/0851/F
Proposed dwelling and garage
110m east of 1 Tamneyrankin
Road, Swatragh for
Mr. D. McGuckin
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting.
- 2.39 Application No. 58
C/2003/0855/F
Single storey dwelling with part
first floor attic accommodation and
single garage at 19 Knockancor
Drive, Portstewart for Devann
Developments
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to enable the Planning Service to provide further information for members.
- 2.40 Application No. 59
C/2003/0857/F
2 no. townhouses to replace
existing dwelling at 2 High Road,
Portstewart for Orianna
Investments Ltd.
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting.
- 2.41 Application No. 61
C/2003/0860/O
Site for dwelling 50m north-east of
60 Liscall Road, Garvagh for
Mr. M. Higgins
- 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.
- 2.42 Application No. 63
- The opinion of the Planning Service was

	<u>C/2003/0865/O</u> <u>Site for dwelling at Glen Road,</u> <u>Garvagh for Mr. C. McNicholl</u>	to refuse. It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
2.43	<u>Application No. 68</u> <u>C/2003/0875/O</u> <u>Site for dwelling east of 142</u> <u>Drumcroon Road, Coleraine for</u> <u>Mr. A. Millar</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse. It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting.
2.44	<u>Application No.73</u> <u>C/2003/0893/O</u> <u>Site for dwelling and garage at</u> <u>Carrowreagh Road, Garvagh for</u> <u>Mr. J. McFetridge</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.
2.45	<u>General Matters</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) 76 Coleraine Road, Portrush - Height of building; (b) Ballintrae Park, Portballintrae - Fences; (c) Rock Castle, Portstewart - Report on action being taken together with reasons for particular level of Court proceedings being used; (d) Enfield Street, Portstewart - Letter regarding height of building to be forwarded to Skerries Councillors; (e) Salmon Leap Inn and Restaurant, Coleraine - Council to be kept informed; (f) Agherton Road, Portstewart - Reorganisation of roads; (g) Weekly Planning lists; (h) Queries on applications for approval - Members to contact staff in the Planning Service in event of any queries so that files are available at the Planning Committee Meeting. (i) Carrignata Clinic, Portrush; (j) Planning Service website.

3.0 OFFICE MEETINGS - CLARIFICATION OF PROCEDURES

It was agreed that this item be deferred to the November Planning Committee Meeting.

4.0 THE PLANNING (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1991 - NON DETERMINATION APPEALS

4.1 Application No. C/2003/0326/F
Replacement garage and store at
82 Gateside Road, Coleraine for
Mr. S. Moffatt Consideration was given to letter dated 16th September, 2003 from the Planning Service (previously supplied).

It was noted that this application is now the subject of a non-determination planning appeal.

It was agreed that no views be expressed on this application.

4.2 Application No. C/2002/0642/F
Housing development comprising
125 dwellings, roads and sewers
on site between Apollo Road and
Meadow Park, Station Road,
Portstewart for McCloskey &
O'Kane Consideration was given to letter dated 29th September, 2003 from the Planning Service (previously supplied).

It was noted that this application is now the subject of a non-determination planning appeal.

Following discussion it was agreed that Council support a refusal.

5.0 THE PLANNING SERVICE - MODERNISING PLANNING PROCESSES - CONSULTATION PAPER ON THE REVIEW OF PLANNING FEES

It was noted that the closing date for the receipt of responses is 31st October, 2003.

6.0 DEVELOPMENT CONTROL ADVICE NOTE 14 - SITING AND DESIGN OF RADIO TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT

Consideration was given to the draft response from BDP Planning. It was agreed that this would form the basis of Council's response.

8.0 THE PLANNING SERVICE - CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS

8.1 Modernising Planning
Processes - Review of
Permitted Development Rights It was agreed that BDP Planning prepare draft responses for these consultation documents for consideration at a future meeting of Planning Committee.

8.2 Modernising Planning
Processes - Review of the Use
Classes Order

9.0 DOCUMENTS TABLED

- (a) The Planning and Appeals Commission - Chief Commissioner's Annual Report - April 2002 - March 2003;
- (b) Planning Appeals Commission - Procedures for Public Local Inquiries into Development Plans;
- (c) Planning Appeals Commission - Launch of Annual Report and Development Plan Scheme Procedures.

POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

21st October, 2003.

Present:

Councillor E. A. Johnston (Mrs.), in the Chair

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor E. M. Mullan

Aldermen

P. E. A. Armitage (Mrs.)
(Items 1.0 – 5.1)
E. T. Black (Mrs.)

W. T. Creelman
W. J. McClure

Councillors

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)
D. D. Barbour
O. M. Church (Mrs.)
J. J. Dallat
T. J. Deans
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)
N. F. Hillis

W. A. King
D. McClarty
G. L. McLaughlin
A. McQuillan
(Items 1.0 – 2.5)
W. J. Watt
(Items 1.0 – 5.1)

Officers in

Attendance:

Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services, Head of Development Services (Items 1.0 – 2.5), Personnel Officer (Items 1.0 – 2.5), Finance Officer (Items 1.0 – 2.5), Principal Administrative Officer, Policy Development Officer and Administrative Assistant

Apologies:

The Mayor, Alderman Leonard and Councillor McPherson

1.0 LAND AND PROPERTY REPORT

The Report of the Principal Administrative Officer on Land and Property was considered (previously supplied).

Matters arising:

1.1 Lands at West Bay, Dhu Varren, Portrush

Members noted that a letter had been received from Seaport Investments advising that representatives of the company would not be attending the meeting.

It was then proposed by Councillor McQuillan, seconded by Councillor Barbour and agreed:

That the rest of this item be considered “In Committee”.

1.2 East Strand Car Park, Portrush

Council is recommended to defer consideration of this request until the developer submits a definitive proposal for the development of the site, supported by planning permission.

1.3 Snappers Wine Bar, 21 Ballyreagh Road, Portrush

Council is recommended to accept the review of rents, as valued by the Valuation and Lands Agency, in respect of land leased by Council to Snappers Wine Bar, viz:

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|-----|-------------------|---|----------------|
| (a) | Main Car Park | - | £720 per annum |
| (b) | Rear Car Park | - | £480 per annum |
| (c) | Area for Gas Tank | - | £80 per annum |

2.0 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

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

Matters arising:

2.1 Review of Members' Allowances

Council is recommended to endorse the response of the National Association of Councillors (previously supplied) to the consultation paper and recommend that future reviews be carried out by an independent body.

2.2 Loan Sanctions

Recommended:
28

That borrowing approval be sought in respect of the undernoted capital expenditure.

	£
(i) Purchase of Floral Display Units	6,000
(ii) Purchase of Grass Cutting Machinery	40,000
(iii) Purchase of Industrial Laundry Equipment	7,000
(iv) Purchase of Refuse Collection Vehicle	90,000
(v) Construction of Footbridge at Ballyreagh	22,000
(vi) Resurfacing of Roads – Carrick Dhu Caravan Park	19,500
(vii) Installation of Seating – Portstewart Town Hall	11,000
(viii) Erection of Ornamental Railings – Atlantic Circle, Portstewart	90,000

2.3 Checking Accounts

Recommended:

That the following Councillors examine creditors' payment vouchers for the next three months:

Councillors McClarty and McLaughlin

2.4 Director of Environmental Health – Retirement

Reported that the Director of Environmental Health had applied for ill health retirement and that the proposed timescale for recruitment for the position would envisage interviews being held in early December 2003.

The recommendations of the Local Government Staff Commission's Code of Procedures on Recruitment and Selection for this level of post were that the Mayor be included on the selection panel along with two elected representatives.

Discussion ensued, during which clarification was given regarding the composition of the selection panel and the job description, following which it was recommended:

That the Deputy Mayor and Councillor Mrs. Johnston be nominated to the selection panel for this post.

2.5 Matters for Information

2.5.1 Insurance Tender

Members noted that an advertisement seeking brokers to apply to be placed on a select list to tender would be placed in the current week's press.

2.5.2 Accounts

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

Revenue A/C	-	£255,091.92
Capital A/C	-	£351,825.23
Petty Cash A/C	-	£ 43,357.73

2.5.3 New Appointments

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

Leisure Services Department

Building Superintendent – Flowerfield Arts Centre
(New Post):

Mr. A. Moffett

Part-Time Housekeeper – Flowerfield Arts Centre
(New Post):

Miss I. Hernandez

Environmental Health Department

Dog Warden/Enforcement Officer (Job Share –
New as a Job Share Post):

Mr. D. Sexton

3.0 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT

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

Matters arising:

3.1 Waterbus on the River Bann

Reported that in response to an invitation to the two parties who had expressed interest in operating a waterbus service to commence at Easter 2004, a joint proposal and business plan had now been received under the name of the River Bann Boat Company.

Recommended:

That Council now approve commencement of discussions with the company to:

- (a) examine the proposal;
- (b) pursue external grant opportunities;
- (c) negotiate a package of funding.

3.2 Tourism in Northern Ireland – A Strategic Framework for Action

Consideration was given to the report of the Northern Ireland Tourist Board (previously supplied) and the contents noted.

3.3 Tourism Masterplan for the Causeway Coast & Glens

Members noted information on this topic, as contained in the report and briefing paper (circulated), workshops for which would be held in November 2003.

- 3.4 State of Maine Trade Mission The Head of Development Services reported on the visit to Coleraine by the State of Maine Trade Mission and members congratulated those involved for the organisation and success of the visit.
- 3.5 Broadband Reported that the trigger levels for broadband registration had now been achieved in Portrush, Portstewart and Caslterock and initiatives were in place to assist coverage for rural areas.

4.0 NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR J. J. DALLAT

The undernoted Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor J. J. Dallat, seconded by the Deputy Mayor and recommended unanimously:

“That this Council seeks to do everything within its power to assist the campaign against illegal drug dealers/pushers and support the rehabilitation of drug addicts and, in principle, agrees to pursue the establishment of a ‘Drugs Hotline’ the purpose of which is to enable the public to become involved directly in the campaign either to seek help or pass on information. In accordance Council agrees to the preparation of a report that addresses issues of funding, partnerships with other neighbouring councils, statutory and voluntary bodies and experiences in other areas.”

It was further recommended that a small working group be established to progress the matter further.

5.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY PROPOSALS

Consideration was given to the report of the Town Clerk and Chief Executive on Community Safety Proposals.

During the discussion which ensued various issues were clarified by the Policy Development Officer and it was proposed by the Deputy Mayor, seconded by Councillor Ms. Alexander and recommended:

That Council adopt the paper and the recommendations contained therein.

In response to a request from members, the Town Clerk and Chief Executive agreed to obtain an update on CCTV in Portrush for a future meeting of Committee.

6.0 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Consideration was given to the report of the Town Clerk and Chief Executive on Community Consultation (previously supplied) and it was recommended:

That Council endorse the overall approach to community consultation within the Borough, as detailed in the report.

7.0 DEPARTMENT FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 7.1 Annual Monitoring Report on the Regional Transportation Strategy for Northern Ireland 2002-2012 Consideration was given to this report (previously supplied) and the contents noted.
- 7.2 Letter dated 24th September, 2003 on behalf of the Minister for Regional Development regarding the future of the railway line north of Ballymena Consideration was given to this letter, received in response to Council's letter of 2nd September, 2003. With members expressing grave concern regarding the future of the railway network, the TownClerk and Chief Executive advised that a meeting of the Northern Corridor Railways Group had now been convened to take place on Thursday 23rd October, 2003.

Recommended:

That Council endorse the convening of this meeting and nominate Alderman McClure and Councillor Dallat to attend.

8.0 "BALANCED COMMUNITIES IN COASTAL SETTLEMENTS" - PROPOSED PLANNING WORKSHOP - 4TH NOVEMBER, 2003

Council is recommended to approve the proposed date and format for this workshop.

9.0 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - 9TH NOVEMBER, 2003 - ARRANGEMENTS

It was noted that the main body of Council would attend at Portstewart.

Recommended:

That the following members represent Council at the undernoted Remembrance Day Ceremonies:

Coleraine	-	The Deputy Mayor
Portrush	-	Councillor Ms. Alexander
Kilrea	-	Councillor Mrs. Church
Garvagh	-	Councillor McQuillan
Aghadowey	-	Councillor Watt
Castlerock	-	Councillor King

10.0 NILGA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2003 - LONDONDERRY - 26TH/27TH NOVEMBER, 2003

Members noted that this conference had now been postponed until January 2004 and that further information would be provided in due course.

11.0 NORTHERN IRELAND REVIEW OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION - REVIEW OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION IN NORTHERN

IRELAND - CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

Council is recommended to consider how it wishes to respond to this document (previously supplied) at the next meeting of Committee on 18th November, 2003.

12.0 PARLIAMENTARY UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE - NORTHERN IRELAND DRAFT PRIORITIES AND BUDGET 2004-07

Consideration was given to this report (previously supplied) and members noted that the consultation period would close on 28th November, 2003.

13.0 CONSULTATION PAPERS

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

- (i) Department for Employment and Learning – “High Performance Workplaces – Informing and Consulting Employees”

Comments due by: 28th November, 2003

- (ii) Department of Trade and Industry and Department for Employment and Learning – “The UK Experience of European Works Councils”

Comments due by: 28th November, 2003

- (iii) Driver & Vehicle Testing Agency – “Changes to Qualifying Tests Taken by Approved Driving Instructors (ADIs) and Learner Drivers of Domestic Vehicles”

Comments due by: 5th December, 2003

- (iv) The Churches’ Religious Education Core Syllabus Review Working Party – “Proposals for a Revised Core Syllabus in RE in Grant-Aided Schools in Northern Ireland”

Comments due by: 21st November, 2003

14.0 COLERAINE HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Monthly Meeting dated 18th August, 2003 (previously supplied).

15.0 NILGA

Members Briefing Summary of Outcomes – 19th September, 2003 (previously supplied).

16.0 OFREG

Letter dated 15th September, 2003 – Gas to the North West – Judicial Review

(previously supplied).

**17.0 ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE SERVICE -
APPEAL LODGED BY MR. M. HIGGINS**

Read letter from the Environment and Heritage Service advising that, after consideration of the report of the public hearing by a panel appointed to hear the appeal lodged by Mr. Higgins against the revocation of a licence to operate a landfill site at Craigmore Road, Garvagh, the Department had determined to dismiss the appeal.

Action was now proceeding to effect immediate closure of the site.

Noted.

18.0 DOHERTY BRENNAN, SOLICITORS

Read letter from Doherty Brennan on behalf of their client, Coleraine Skip Hire and Recycling Ltd., advising that the company would be making immediate application for a waste disposal licence in respect of the Craigmore Road site.

Noted.

**19.0 EUROPEAN YEAR OF PEOPLE
WITH DISABILITIES - "BREAKING
THE BARRIERS" - CONFERENCE
26TH/27TH NOVEMBER, 2003**

Council is recommended to nominate Councillor McLaughlin to attend this conference which will be held in the City Hall, Belfast.

20.0 DOCUMENTS TABLED

- (i) Roads Service – Annual Report and Accounts 2002/03
- (ii) Groundwork Northern Ireland – Annual Report 2002/2003
- (iii) The Northern Ireland Federation of Housing Associations – Annual Report for 2002/03
- (iv) Northern Ireland Ambulance Service – Annual Report 2002/03
- (v) Valuation and Lands Agency – Annual Report and Accounts 2002/2003
- (vi) Health Promotion Agency – Annual Report 2002/2003
- (vii) Northern Ireland Local Government Officers' Superannuation Committee – Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 – Minute of Appointment
- (viii) Arthritis Care in Northern Ireland – A Manifesto for Arthritis