

**Minutes of Meeting of Environment Committee of Mid Ulster District Council
held on Tuesday 8 September 2020 in Council Offices, Ballyronan Road,
Magherafelt and by virtual means**

Members Present

Councillor S McGuigan, Chair

Councillors Buchanan, Cuthbertson, Glasgow, Graham,
N McAleer, S McAleer, McFlynn, B McGuigan,
McNamee, Milne, Wilson

**Officers in
Attendance**

Mr Cassells, Director of Environment and Property
Mr Kelso, Director of Public Health and Infrastructure
Mr Lowry, Head of Technical Services
Mr McAdoo, Head of Environmental Services
Mrs McClements, Head of Environmental Health**
Mr Scullion, Head of Property Services
Mr Wilkinson, Head of Building Control
Miss Thompson, Democratic Services Officer

* Denotes members and members of the public present in remote attendance

** Denotes Officers present by remote means

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

The Chair, Councillor S McGuigan welcomed everyone to the meeting and those watching the meeting through the Live Broadcast. Councillor McGuigan in introducing the meeting detailed the operational arrangements for transacting the business of the committee in the chamber and by virtual means, by referring to Annex A to this minute.

E158/20 Apologies

Councillors Brown, Burton, O'Neill and Totten.

E159/20 Declarations of Interest

The Chair reminded Members of their responsibility with regard to declarations of interest.

E160/20 Chair's Business

None.

Matters for Decision

E161/20 Street Naming and Property Numbering

Members considered previously circulated report regarding the naming of new residential housing developments within Mid Ulster.

Site off Mullagh Lane, Maghera

Proposed by Councillor B McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor Milne and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to name development off Mullagh Lane, Maghera as Daisy Hill Gardens.

Site off Coolreaghs Road, Cookstown

Councillor Wilson stated he lived off the Coolreaghs Road and that this was the first time he had heard of the names being proposed and that he did not see their relevance.

Councillor McNamee proposed to go back to the developer to seek an alternative name for the development.

Councillor Wilson seconded Councillor McNamee's proposal.

Councillor B McGuigan stated that some names are put forward by developers with little thought of the area or consultation with local people. Councillor B McGuigan felt that developers should be linking in with local residents or historical groups when coming forward with street names.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to seek alternative names from developer for development off Coolreaghs Road, Cookstown.

Site off Gallion Heights, Moneymore

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to name development off Gallion Heights, Moneymore as Gallion Drive.

E162/20 Consultation on Proposed Amendments to Building Regulations

The Head of Building Control presented previously circulated report which outlined the consultation forwarded by the Department of Finance inviting a response on the proposed amendments to the Building Regulations.

Proposed by Councillor B McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to agree the content of the draft consultation response to the proposed amendments of the Building Regulations as set out at appendix 2 of report.

E163/20 Process for Entertainment Licensing Applications during COVID 19

The Head of Building Control presented previously circulated report which advised on a request for credit in relation to fees paid in connection with applications for the renewal of Entertainment Licences.

Councillor Wilson stated that Council should be doing its bit to help and proposed that Council extend the date of commencement of an Entertainment Licence by up to 3 months.

Councillor McNamee seconded Councillor Wilson's proposal.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to extend the date of commencement of an Entertainment Licence by up to 3 months.

E164/20 Reusable Nappy Scheme

The Head of Environmental Services presented previously circulated report which sought the approval for the introduction of a Council Reusable Nappy Scheme.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated he had been lobbied on this issue in the past and had made the suggestion to introduce a Scheme within the Council area. Councillor Cuthbertson proposed the introduction of a Reusable Nappy Scheme for Mid Ulster.

Councillor Buchanan seconded Councillor Cuthbertson's proposal.

Councillor Wilson asked what would happen if more than 50 households came forward to take part in the Scheme.

The Head of Environmental Services stated the Scheme would be offered on a first come first served basis, up to a maximum of 50 but that this number would be reviewed annually.

Councillor Wilson stated that he appreciated this was probably the only way the Scheme could be delivered but that the Scheme needed to be fair and equitable across the board.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the introduction of a Mid Ulster Reusable Nappy Scheme.

E165/20 Waste Collection Service Policy Public Consultation

The Head of Environmental Services presented previously circulated report which provided the outcome of a public consultation exercise on a revised Waste Collection Service policy and sought approval for the adoption of the new/amended policy.

Councillor Milne referred to Council's collection of up to two blue bins per household but stated that many households cannot afford the £25 charge for an additional bin and therefore some blue bin material inevitably ends up in the black bin. Councillor Milne stated that the blue bin was becoming more widely used and that the £25 charge for an additional bin needed to be looked at again.

The Head of Environmental Services stated that there would be budget implications if there was no charge for the bin. The officer also referred to the next report on the agenda which looks at change to recycling in the future.

Councillor Milne stated that consideration could also be given to collecting the blue bin every week.

The Head of Environmental Services stated this could be considered as part of a future plan. The officer stated that there are a number of houses in the District that already have a second blue bin.

The Director of Environment and Property stated that the blue bin is becoming the critical bin and that he took on board the Members comments. The Director stated that there were options in order to get more material out of the black bin and into the blue/brown bin ie. Reducing the volume of the black bin and increasing the volume of the blue bin. The Director stated that a report will be brought back to Committee with proposals along with a cost/benefit analysis when looking at the annual charges as part of the budget process.

Councillor Glasgow stated that over the years bin types have changed and that when a spare part is needed for a bin the spare part only suits the new type of bin and that the resident has to then buy a new bin. The Councillor felt that there should be a stock of spare parts for the older types of bins and asked that this be looked into.

Councillor Glasgow referred to point 7.5.4 of the policy which refers to bringing a bin out for collection by 7.30 am to a suitable collection point. The Councillor asked if this includes bringing a bin to the other side of the road.

The Head of Environmental Services stated that the policy was referring to a collection point which may be needed within a housing development.

Councillor Glasgow asked if anyone was being asked to take their bin to the other side of the road for collection even for the one armed collection.

The Head of Environmental Services stated that there had been some previous discussion regarding one household but there were no plans to ask anyone else to do this.

Councillor Cuthbertson felt that while Council should not be making a profit from selling bins it needed to be careful in how it moved forward with the provision of a second blue bin given that there is no service charge for the collection of a second blue bin and that new households have to purchase a bin. The Councillor stated that a person does not have to buy a bin from Council as there are other places bins are sold which may be more cost advantageous.

Councillor Milne referred to unadopted lanes which have a number of houses and that due to legacy Council arrangements some houses have a bin lifted from outside their home whilst others have to take the bin to the end of the lane for collection. The Councillor stated it was important to have this situation agreed and understood within what was being proposed tonight.

The Director of Environment and Property stated that there are some legacy issues where some residents are served up private lanes and others are not. The Director stated that there are a significant number of unadopted lanes in the District and the Council did not have the resources to service all lanes as the primary function is kerbside collection or collection beside a public road. The Director also referred to point 7.5.8 of the policy.

Councillor Milne referred to a situation in which there could be 9 houses down a lane and 2 of these houses could have their bin collected due to disability whilst the others have to take their bin to the end of the lane. The Councillor stated that there needed to be a bit of common sense taken whereby if the refuse collection vehicle is coming down the lane to lift from the 2 properties there is no reason why it can't collect from the other properties at the same time.

Councillor McNamee referred to previous discussion in relation to properties just off Fountain Road in Cookstown having to take their bins to the roadside for collection and asked if these properties would now be served.

The Director of Environment and Property stated that issues can be assessed on a case by case basis and that he would discuss the matter further with the Member outside of the meeting.

Proposed by Councillor S McAleer
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the revised Waste Collection Service Policy as set out at appendix 3 to report.

E166/20 Consultation on Future Recycling and Separate Collection of Waste of a Household Nature in Northern Ireland

The Head of Environmental Services presented previously circulated report which outlined discussion document on the Future Recycling and Separate Collection of Waste of a Household Nature in Northern Ireland and sought approval for a consultation response to be submitted to DAERA.

Councillor Cuthbertson welcomed the response and that Council needed to stay clear of the kerbside box schemes as used in other areas as they do not work.

Councillor Glasgow also welcomed the response and felt that the system Council uses is working well.

Councillor Wilson stated that this Council and its staff do an excellent job and that Council should pride itself in the amount of material it sends for recycling. The Councillor felt that some further education was needed as regards keeping blue bin

material out of the black bin and also that Council sell liners for the kitchen caddys as many people do not know this.

Councillor McNamee asked for officer's thoughts on the potential for a pilot for a larger blue bin.

The Head of Environmental Services advised that Council made a funding application last year to carry out a trial of using a larger blue bin across 10,000 homes in the District but that the application was turned down. The officer stated that this was disappointing but that there may be other opportunities in the future.

Councillor S McAleer stated that rather than changing the size of the bins the frequency of collections could be amended ie. Collection of black bin once a month and blue bin 3 times a month.

The Head of Environmental Services stated that was another option which could be explored.

The Director of Environment and Property stated that Mid Ulster Council has topped the recycling rates since its inception and that there was a good system in place. The Director felt that the system needs to be straightforward for the householder otherwise it won't be used and stated that the current system needs to be "maxed out" in terms of providing facilities and education. The Director referred to the previous application for funding which was turned down but that he felt a pilot scheme would be required in order to ascertain a way forward. The Director of Environment and Property also referred to the next UK target for recycling which is 65% and stated that this Council currently has a recycling rate of almost 60%, the Director stated that Council has a good system that works very well but that some modification is required to get more from it and that he felt Council could achieve 65% in the next 3-4 years.

Councillor Milne referred to the amount of blue bin material and the increasing drive for householders to use their blue bins and stated that if Council's blue bins are not fit for purpose then we are only defeating ourselves. The Councillor felt that a larger blue bin was the way forward.

Proposed by Councillor Buchanan
Seconded by Councillor Milne and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the submission of the consultation response to DAERA as set out at appendix to report.

E167/20 Food Standards Agency Consultation on The Supply of Wild Game for Human Consumption

The Head of Environmental Health presented previously circulated report which advised of the Food Standards Agency's consultation on guidance relating to The Supply of Wild Game for Human Consumption and considered the draft response prepared by the Environmental Health Service. The Head of Environmental Health highlighted that the response was required to be submitted by 11 September 2020 and asked for Committee approval to respond prior to Council ratification.

Councillor Wilson stated that a draft response could be submitted in the interim prior to Council ratification.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Wilson and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the Environmental Health response as set out at appendix 2 of report. Draft response to be submitted in advance of the deadline of 11 September 2020 and confirmed after September Council meeting.

E168/20 Consultation on the Review of the Roads (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 2010

The Head of Environmental Health presented previously circulated report which outlined the Department for Infrastructure's consultation on a review of the legislation associated with road closures for special events and sought approval for the draft consultation response to be forwarded to DfI.

Councillor McFlynn stated that this legislation has caused a lot of grief to groups who want to hold events which require a road closure. The Councillor stated she welcomed the consultation and proposed the response as outlined.

Councillor B McGuigan seconded Councillor McFlynn's proposal.

Councillor Wilson stated that the biggest cost in the process is advertising and referred to the possibility of advertising events on websites of statutory agencies. The Councillor asked if this is covered in law and adequate as newspapers are struggling at the moment and need every bit of advertising. Councillor Wilson asked if an event has to be advertised through the press or if advertising on a webpage was suffice.

The Head of Environmental Health advised that there was a requirement in the legislation for an advertisement to be placed in a newspaper but there was an opportunity within the consultation for Council to express its view whether it should remain that an advertisement is placed at the cost of the group holding the event or if consideration should be given to webpage notifications. The officer advised that due to previous discussions and concerns in relation to costs to groups for advertising the response has been worded in the way put forward but it was up to Members to advise what response they wanted to make.

Councillor Wilson stated that whilst the Department will ultimately take a decision, Council should include this within their response as advertising is a significant cost to groups wanting to hold an event.

The Head of Environmental Health advised that this consultation had a closing date of 24 September 2020 which was the day of the next Council meeting and requested that a draft response be submitted in the interim to be confirmed after the September Council meeting.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to agree and submit an interim draft response to the Department for Infrastructure's review of the

Roads (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 2010 as set out at appendix 3 of report. Response to be confirmed after September Council meeting.

E169/20 NIHE Irish Traveller Accommodation Strategy for 2020-2025

The Head of Environmental Health presented previously circulated report which set out the NIHE Irish Traveller Accommodation Strategy for 2020-2025 and sought approval on response to same.

Councillor Wilson stated that Council have little option but to support the strategy and what is being put forward. The Councillor stated that Council previously gave money to the Belong project and asked if an update could be provided on the project.

The Head of Environmental Health advised that the Belong project had been a Good Relations project under Community Development.

Councillor Wilson stated he would raise the matter at the Development Committee.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to submit the correspondence to NIHE on their Irish Traveller Accommodation Strategy for 2020-2025 as set out at appendix 2 of report.

E170/20 COVID 19 Collective Response

The Head of Environmental Health presented previously circulated report which advised of a request from the Public Health Agency for Mid Ulster Council to be part of a collective response to tackle COVID 19 across Northern Ireland through two key actions.

Councillor B McGuigan proposed the recommendation to support the PHA.

Councillor Cuthbertson referred to the request for support from PHA and asked if there is a testing facility within this Council area as he had received numerous phonecalls from those seeking a test who are being advised to travel, some as far as Stranraer, to get a test done. The Councillor felt it was difficult to support PHA if there is no where in the Council area that carries out testing.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure stated that testing facilities are identified and provided by the Health and Social Care Board. The Director stated that South Tyrone Hospital had previously been used as a site for testing however this may no longer be the case.

Councillor Cuthbertson seconded Councillor B McGuigan's proposal on that basis that it included that Council should lobby in relation to having testing facilities within the Council area.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council –

- To support the Public Health Agency by taking the following two key actions –
 - 1 Help to increase the numbers of residents who are downloading and using the StopCOVID NI App, and

- 2 Help people to understand the importance of Test, Trace and Protect, to help stop the spread of Coronavirus
- To lobby the Health and Social Care Boards with a view of having COVID testing facilities within the Mid Ulster Council area

E171/20 Amendments to Retained EU Food Law

The Head of Environmental Health presented previously circulated report which advised of consultation on amendments to Retained EU Law for Food and Feed Safety and Hygiene for the end of the EU Exit Transition Period.

Councillor B McGuigan referred to the short turnaround in relation to this consultation which did not leave time for any further discussions.

The Head of Environmental Health advised that the purpose of the consultation was to get legislation in line before the end of the transition period. The officer stated that there was no significant impact identified from the legislative change.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson
Seconded by Councillor B McGuigan and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to agree and submit an interim draft response to the consultation to the Food Standards Agency by 16 September 2020 as set out at appendix 1 of report. Response to be confirmed after September Council meeting.

E172/20 Bus Shelter Update

The Head of Technical Services presented previously circulated report which provided update on current bus shelter status. The officer highlighted that the first bullet point under 3.5 of the report was a misprint and should be omitted from the report.

Councillor B McGuigan asked if it was the bus shelter at Crosskeys that the officer was stating should be omitted from the report.

The Head of Technical Services stated that there already was a bus shelter at this location and although there was a request to move the bus shelter there was no other suitable location found and the intention was to retain the bus shelter as is.

Councillor B McGuigan stated he could not understand why the bus shelter was on the list in the first place as it was in a proper location with a safe footpath to it and that DfI Roads had no issue with the shelter.

The Head of Technical Services stated that there appeared to have been a land owner issue which was raised with another Councillor who then requested that the bus shelter be investigated and that was why it was on the list. The officer stated that the bus shelter could not be taken off the list without Council approval.

Councillor B McGuigan proposed the report recommendation to include that the bus shelter at Dunlady Road/Kilrea Road, Crosskeys be removed from the list.

Councillor Milne seconded Councillor B McGuigan's proposal.

Councillor Milne asked if officers had received any correspondence from Translink in relation to the bus shelters on Main Street, Bellaghy.

The Head of Technical Services advised that as far as he was aware Translink have confirmed the locations of the bus shelters. The officer advised that neighbour notification would now be carried out and following this the bus shelters should be installed.

Councillor Wilson asked if Council ever remove bus shelters that are in disrepair. The Councillor advised that someone had been in contact with him in relation to a bus shelter on the Dungannon to Pomeroy Road.

The Head of Technical Services advised that the property services team would look after the removal/maintenance of bus shelters.

Councillor Wilson stated he would raise the matter with the officer outside of the meeting.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the actions noted in sections 3.2, 3.4 (with the bus shelter at Dunglady Road/Kilrea Road, Crosskeys to be removed from the list) and 3.5 of the report.

Matters for Information

E173/20 Minutes of Environment Committee held on 7 July 2020

Members noted minutes of Environment Committee held on 7 July 2020.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated that at an Environment meeting last autumn a paper came before the Committee stating which Council buildings have defibrillators and at that time Gardner's Hall and the President Grant Ancestral Homestead did not have a defibrillator. The Councillor stated that there was no defibrillator at Drumcoo Bowling Pavilion although this was slightly different as there had been a defibrillator in place but that it was removed due to vandalism. Councillor Cuthbertson stated that at that time he had proposed that a defibrillator be installed at Gardner's Hall and President Grant's but that at that meeting it was decided to have further discussion on the matter with NI Ambulance Service. The Councillor stated that the discussion with NI Ambulance Service took place last November and nothing further had been brought to Committee on the matter. On this basis, Councillor Cuthbertson re-proposed that a defibrillator be installed at Gardner's Hall and President Grant Homestead.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure stated that he recalled the previous discussions and apologised as he stated there was a report to be brought back to Committee based on discussions with NI Ambulance Service and the only reason it hadn't come back was most likely down to COVID 19. The Director stated that a review report would be brought back to Committee on the defibrillator issue.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated that a year had now passed since he had first raised the issue and that he would like to proceed with his proposal as adequate discussions had already taken place on the matter.

Councillor S McAleer seconded Councillor Cuthbertson's proposal.

Councillor Glasgow stated he appreciated the view of the Councillor but that he would have some concern as to where Council stands if a further request is made next month to have a defibrillator sited. Councillor Glasgow referred to the playpark at Drum Manor which is maintained by Council and spoke of a recent incident in which the Air Ambulance had to be called to this location as someone required a defibrillator. Councillor Glasgow asked where Council stands tonight from an equality screening point of view if the proposal put forward is agreed and then a paper comes back at a later date.

Councillor S McAleer stated that the President Grant Homestead is used by a lot of people and is in a rural location. The Councillor stated that she had been in attendance for the discussion with NI Ambulance Service and felt that having a defibrillator close by does save lives. Councillor S McAleer stated that Members have waited a year to raise the matter again and highlighted that there were other avenues for groups to obtain a defibrillator ie. Sport NI funding.

Councillor McNamee stated he was not taking away from the proposal with regard to the need for defibrillators but felt that Council needed to be careful in how it moves forward. The Councillor stated that it was disappointing that a report had not come back to Committee before now and suggested that the matter be left for a month in order for a report to be brought before Members for consideration.

The Chair, Councillor S McGuigan asked for agreement from the proposer and seconder that the matter be held to await a report being brought forward next month.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated that there was a list brought to a previous committee which detailed council buildings that have a defibrillator and the only 3 buildings that did not have defibrillator were those already mentioned, albeit Drumcoo was a slightly different issue which also needed to be looked at. Councillor Cuthbertson felt that playparks were slightly different as they were not a physical building.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure stated that it was his understanding that Council did not have a defibrillator on all Council premises.

The Chair, Councillor S McGuigan stated that the Member was entitled to put a proposal forward and that whilst all Members are in support of the principle, if the Committee waits for a month for the officer report it would allow other properties to be considered.

Councillor Cuthbertson asked that his proposal be put to the vote.

Councillor Milne stated that one building or area should not be taken over another and that there needed to be criteria in place. The Councillor referred to walkways which are also used by vast numbers of people and do not have a defibrillator in place and asked Councillor Cuthbertson to withdraw his proposal based on what has been said by the officer tonight.

Councillor Glasgow stated he did not have an issue with the principle of Councillor Cuthbertson's proposal but that he was very uncomfortable with having to vote on the proposal tonight when the Committee could wait for one month to consider a report which will look at all buildings/areas. Councillor Glasgow proposed that a report be brought back to Committee next month on the issue of defibrillators.

Councillor McNamee seconded Councillor Glasgow's proposal.

Members voted on Councillor Glasgow's proposal –

For – 8

Against - 3

Councillor Cuthbertson stated he was disappointed as Members have already heard all the facts relating to the matter.

The Chair, Councillor S McGuigan stated that a vote had been taken tonight with the result that the matter is held for one month with a report to come before the Committee next month. The Chair stated that if Councillors were aware of any other areas which they believed should be considered for a defibrillator that these should be put forward as soon as possible.

Councillor Milne stated that the report should include all Council properties not already considered and that this includes walkways.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised that the report will include as comprehensive a list as possible of all Council properties and areas Council has an involvement in and will consider the relevant issues.

Councillor S McAleer stated that during previous discussion with NI Ambulance Service it was advised that it was not every area where there was a defibrillator in the vicinity and that Members had waited a year to raise the matter again.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to bring report back to the next meeting of the Environment Committee on the issue of defibrillators. The report should consider all relevant issues and provide a comprehensive list of council buildings/locations in which Council are involved. Members to put forward buildings/locations for consideration as soon as possible.

E174/20 Building Control Workload

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on the workload analysis for Building Control.

E175/20 Entertainment Licensing Applications

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on Entertainment Licensing Applications across the Mid Ulster District.

E176/20 Dual Language Signage Requests

Members noted previously circulated report which advised of requests for Dual Language Signage from residents on streets/roads in the District.

E177/20 Dual Language Signage Surveys

Members noted previously circulated report which advised on the results of surveys undertaken on all applicable residents on the streets/roads in response to Dual Language Signage nameplate requests.

E178/20 Drinking Water Quality Report for Northern Ireland 2019 – Mid Ulster District Council

Members noted previously circulated report which advised on the Drinking Water Quality Report for Northern Ireland 2019 – Mid Ulster District Council.

E179/20 Animal Welfare

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on the levels of activity in the Animal Welfare function within the Mid Ulster District Council Area and Western Region.

Councillor Glasgow referred to the number of inspections carried out, the number of cases where animals were seized and the number of notices served from April 2019 to March 2020. The Councillor also referred to the DAERA Statistical Report for 2018 and asked if this was the most up to date report.

The Head of Environmental Health advised that whilst the number of inspection visits for 2019/20 was 480 the number of cases was 310. The Head of Environmental Health advised that Animal Welfare officers will try to work with people as far as possible and that animals will only be seized as a last resort. The officer advised that the 2018 statistical report circulated was the most up to date available but that she would check this.

Councillor Milne expressed some concern in that owners of farm animals who have been banned from keeping livestock can then lease out their land and the person who has leased the land can keep animals on the same piece of ground. The Councillor felt that when a person is banned from keeping animals the ban should include the land/property owned by the person.

The Head of Environmental Health advised that DAERA are responsible for farming stock and Council is responsible for small animals. The officer stated that the Members comments could be passed to DAERA.

Councillor Milne stated he would like his comments to be forwarded to DAERA as what he had stated was a regular occurrence.

Members were in agreement.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to write to DAERA in relation to owners of livestock who have been banned from keeping animals then

leasing out their land and animals continuing to be kept on the same piece of ground.

E180/20 Update on prepayment system at Recycling Centres

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on the operation of the prepayment system for the acceptance of commercial waste at Cookstown, Drumcoo and Magherafelt Recycling Centres.

E181/20 Northern Ireland Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste Management (LACMW) Report for January to March 2020.

Members noted presented previously circulated report which provided update on Council's performance in relation to recycling and landfill diversion targets as outlined in the NIEA Northern Ireland Local Authority Waste Management Statistics Report for Quarter 4 of 2019/20, January to March 2020.

E182/20 Energy Management Update – Display Energy Certificates (DECs)

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on the current position on Energy Management Certification for eligible properties owned by Council.

E183/20 Town Centre Footpath Snow/Ice Clearance Agreement

Members noted previously circulated report which advised of the rolling annual agreement with DfI/Transport NI in relation to the treatment of footpaths in the main town centres within Mid Ulster District following heavy snowfall or prolonged freezing.

E184/20 Invasive Species Control and Maintenance on Council Property and maintained sites

Members noted previously circulated report which advised on Invasive Species control and maintenance on Council property and sites maintained by Council.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated that Members have been receiving this report for a number of years but there was no information as to whether the battle was being won against invasive species. The Councillor referred to invasive species at Railway Park and asked if this would hold back any future development of the Park.

The Head of Property Services advised that invasive species were being controlled through a lot of programmed maintenance, however none had been eliminated from any site. The officer advised that an additional nine sites had been identified this year and that this had been achieved through increased staff awareness. The Head of Property Services advised that if there is invasive species on land it is the responsibility of the property owner to have it treated, the officer advised that Council is duty bound to control what is on its own sites.

Live broadcast ended at 8.23 pm.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 - Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor S McAleer and

Resolved In accordance with Section 42, Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 that Members of the public be asked to withdraw from the meeting whilst Members consider items E185/20 to E190/20.

Matters for Decision

E185/20 Affordable Warmth Scheme Update
E186/20 Tender report for the appointment of a Vehicle Supplier
E187/20 Tender report for the appointment of Contractors to a framework for construction works

Matters for Information

E188/20 Confidential Minutes of Environment Committee held on 7 July 2020
E189/20 Disposal/Sale of Assets – Fleet and Plant
E190/20 Capital Projects Update

E191/20 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7.00 pm and ended at 8.47 pm.

CHAIR _____

DATE _____

Annex A – Introductory Remarks from the Chairperson

Good evening and welcome to the Council's [Policy & Resources/Environment/Development] Committee in the Chamber, [Dungannon/Magherafelt] and virtually.

I specifically welcome the public watching us through the Live Broadcast. The Live Broadcast will run for the period of our Open Business but will end just before we move into Confidential Business. I let you know before this happens.

Just some housekeeping before we commence. Can I remind you:-

- If you have joined the meeting remotely please keep your audio on mute unless invited to speak and then turn it off when finished speaking
- Keep your video on at all times, unless you have bandwidth or internet connection issues, where you are advised to try turning your video off
- If you wish to speak please raise your hand in the meeting or on screen and keep raised until observed by an Officer or myself
- Should we need to take a vote this evening please raise your hand in the normal way and keep raised until advised to lower it
- When invited to speak please introduce yourself by name to the meeting
- For any member attending remotely, if you declare an interest in an item, please turn off your video and keep your audio on mute for the duration of the item
- If referring to a specific report please reference the report, page or slide being referred to
- Lastly, I remind the public and press that taking photographs of proceedings or using any means to enable anyone not present to see or hear proceedings, or making a simultaneous oral report of the proceedings are not permitted

Thank you and we will now move to the first item on the agenda.