



**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE HELD
AT ANTRIM CIVIC CENTRE ON MONDAY 8 JANUARY 2024 AT 6.30 PM**

In the Chair	:	Councillor J Burbank
Committee Members (In person)	:	Alderman – J Smyth Councillors – R Foster, J Gilmour, AM Logue, H Magill, A McAuley, E McLaughlin, M Ní Chonghaile and L O'Hagan
Committee Members (Remote)	:	Aldermen – P Bradley and L Clarke Councillor L Smyth
Non Committee Members (In person)	:	Aldermen – M Magill and J McGrath Councillor – B Webb
Officers Present	:	Chief Executive – R Baker Director of Sustainability – M Lavery Director of Parks and Leisure - M McDowell Head of Parks – P Mawhinney Head of Leisure – D O'Hagan Head of Finance – R Murray Head of Property Services (Interim) – D Blair ICT Systems Support Officer – C Bell Member Services Officer – C McGrandle Member Services Manager – A M Duffy

CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the January Operations Committee meeting and reminded all present of the audio recording procedures.

1 APOLOGIES

Councillor Stewart

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3 PRESENTATION

3.1 FI/FIN/11 DRAFT RATES ESTIMATE UPDATE 2024/25

An update on the 2024/25 Estimates for the Sustainability and Parks and Leisure Departments was presented at the meeting.

Proposed by Alderman Bradley

Seconded by Councillor Logue and agreed that

the presentation be noted and be distributed to Members.

ACTION BY: Member Services

4 ITEMS FOR DECISION

4.1 WM/WM/033 ECO SCHOOLS FUNDING REQUEST 2024-25

This report sought approval to retain the current level of funding for the Eco-Schools Programme for the 2024/2025 academic year.

Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful co-ordinates the Eco-Schools Programme which aimed to combine pupils learning with action on improving the environmental performance of the schools.

The Eco-Schools Programme was extremely popular across the Borough with 74 schools now registered and, of these, 32 schools achieving the highest level Green Flag accreditation. Ballyclare, Ballycraigy and Fairview Primary Schools were also recognised as Ambassador Schools for the Borough.

Last year, £10,942 in financial support was agreed for the 2023/24 academic year and since September, 13 schools had benefited from the partnership with Eco-schools which provided a vital environmental education role for Council. The funding includes access to a shared officer resource for the schools and this individual delivers programmes on waste and recycling, biodiversity and climate change.

A summary of the Eco-Schools engagement for the 2022-23 academic year was circulated which showed that as of June 2023, Antrim and Newtownabbey had the second highest percentage of Green Flags across Northern Ireland.

Council had received this year's funding request (circulated) from KNIB for the Eco-Schools Programme 2024/25 with two options available as shown below:

- Option 1: Support of the Programme at a cost of £10,942, which includes Wheelie Big Challenge, Eco Schools and core running costs of the programme including a Field Officer in our Council area and allows schools to access additional funding provided through Eco-Schools for projects such as Wrigley Litter Less campaign;
- Option 2: Support from the Eco-Schools Programme at a cost of £2,975, which includes Eco-Schools communication, training and development to all schools in the Borough.

It was proposed to continue with the current level of support funding for the Eco-Schools Programme which demonstrates Council's commitment to environmental issues and educating local residents on reducing our impact on the local and global environment.

As Members would be aware, our funding was matched by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs and therefore the local schools would be benefiting from approximately £22,000 worth of assistance with environmental issues.

Proposed by Councillor Logue
Seconded by Alderman Smyth and agreed that

Council approves the continuation of the current level of funding, £10,942, for the Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful Eco-Schools Programme 2024/25.

ACTON BY: Claire Evans, Climate, Waste and Sustainability Officer

4.2 L/LEI/041/VOL2 MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT – OFFER OF FUNDING

The purpose of this report was to seek approval for the acceptance of an offer of funding from Macmillan Cancer Support.

Members were reminded that a partnership with Macmillan Cancer Support was approved in 2016, aiming to establish a physical activity pathway for cancer patients in the Borough under the "Move More" brand. The service helps those with a cancer diagnosis stay physically active and manage some of the side effects of cancer treatment.

Initially, a total of £119,000 was awarded to the Council to fully fund the position of a "Move More" Coordinator for a 3-year period. A further 3-year funding package was secured in 2019 on a sliding scale, with a total cost to the Council during that time of £50,638. In 2021 an additional 3-year funding package worth £45,000 was secured, with the Council agreeing to match that amount and cover salary costs until March 2024. A member of staff from the Leisure Service was initially seconded to the position of Coordinator in 2016 and currently remains in that role.

Representatives from Macmillan Cancer Support had recently been in contact with Council Officers, advising that £15,000 of funding over a 3-year period had been secured from the Department of Health to provide for training costs associated with the delivery of cancer rehabilitation. The funding does not extend to salary costs of the Coordinator role.

Members would be aware that the Council's Health Intervention Action Plan 2022-2027 was approved in May 2022 and was delivered by allocated resources within the approved leisure staff structure. The Plan includes cancer rehabilitation alongside the Macmillan "Move More" Service. If accepted, the funding would be utilised to train additional leisure staff to continue facilitating cancer referrals across all leisure centres.

In response to a Member's query regarding the reduction of funding from MacMillan, Director of Parks and Leisure confirmed that a letter be sent to them highlighting the success of the programme from 2016 and disappointment that funding has significantly reduced from previous years.

Proposed by Councillor Logue
Seconded by Councillor McAuley and agreed that

approval be given to accept the Letter of Offer from Macmillan for £15,000 to cover staff training costs for the delivery of cancer rehabilitation from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2027.

ACTION BY: Deaglan O'Hagan, Head of Leisure Operations

4.3 PK/GEN/035/VOL4 PARKS AND OPEN SPACES SUB GROUP MINUTES

At the most recent Parks and Open Spaces Sub-Group meeting on 5 December 2023, Members considered a detailed report which provided a range of updates from the Park Service. Arising from the meeting a series of recommendations were made for consideration by the Operations Committee. The minutes of the meeting were circulated for Members' consideration.

Proposed by Councillor McWilliam
Seconded by Alderman Clarke and agreed that

the minutes of the Parks and Open Spaces Sub-Group meeting held on 5 December 2023 be approved.

ACTON BY: Vicki Kyles, Personal Assistant to Director of Parks and Leisure Operations

4.4 PK/GEN/215 HYDROMETRIC GAUGING STATION

The purpose of this report was to seek approval to agree a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) Rivers Agency for the provision of a hydrometric gauging station on the Sixmilewater River, Antrim.

The gauging station had been operational since December 1974, providing flow and water level information on the Sixmilewater River. Additionally, the

station serves as an alert station, issuing text alerts upon breaching predetermined thresholds. Recipients of these alerts include DfI Rivers staff, Regional Community Resilience Groups, and relevant Council Officers. This service was vital, enabling prompt action during a flooding event.

The previous 10-year MOU expired on June 30, 2023. If approved, a new 10-year Memorandum of Understanding, (circulated) for Members' reference, would cover the term from 1st July 2023 until 1st July 2033.

Proposed by Alderman Smyth
Seconded by Councillor Foster and agreed that

approval be granted for a new 10-year Memorandum of Understanding with Department for Infrastructure (DfI) Rivers Agency for the provision of a hydrometric gauging station on the Sixmilewater River in Antrim.

ACTION BY: Vicki Kyles, Personal Assistant to Director of Parks and Leisure Operations

4.5 L/LEI/00/009 ST. MARYS FOOTBALL CLUB

The purpose of this report was to provide Members with an update on the ongoing collaboration with St. Mary's Football Club (FC) and Council, aimed at establishing a home ground. Additionally, approval was sought for a feasibility study concerning the potential development of an intermediate standard 3G pitch at V36.

In 2016, in response to a request from the Club, Council agreed that Officers would explore potential locations for St. Mary's FC to have a home pitch on a sale, lease, or partnership basis and subsequently report back with viable options. Notably, the Council's approved Pitch Strategy in 2023 emphasised the need for Officers to work closely with the Club to realise this ambition. During this period, a potential option was identified at the disused shale pitch in Valley Park. However, after initial exploratory work by the Club, it was determined that the location was unsuitable for progression to a broader feasibility study.

Most recently, Officers facilitated a meeting between the Club and the Headmaster of Integrated College Glengormley to discuss a potential partnership for developing a pitch on school grounds, catering to both school and community use. While the initial meeting was positive, with the Headmaster expressing a willingness to collaborate, any agreement would necessitate approval from the Education Authority.

The Club had also proposed an option of redeveloping the existing hockey pitch at V36 into an intermediate standard 3G pitch. This would involve replacing the current sand-based playing surface with 3G and reconfiguring existing changing facilities to meet the criteria for intermediate pitches set by the Irish Football Association.

It was proposed that an independent feasibility study be conducted on the potential redevelopment of the existing hockey pitch into a 3G pitch with associated facilities that meet the criteria for intermediate football. This study

would include estimated costs and a review of potential sale, lease, or hire arrangements between the Club and Council for the use of the pitch.

A number of queries were addressed by the Director of Parks and Leisure in respect of the feasibility studies and sustainability of materials to be used.

Proposed by Councillor Gilmour

Seconded by Councillor McAuley and agreed that

approval be granted to conduct a feasibility study on the redevelopment of the existing hockey pitch at V36 to a 3G pitch with associated facilities that meet the criteria for intermediate football.

ACTION BY: Matt McDowell, Director of Parks and Leisure Operations

Alderman Magill left the Meeting during Item 4.6

4.6 PK/BIO/044 REVIEW OF BATHING WATERS – CONFIRMATION OF BATHING WATER OPERATOR AT REA’S WOOD

The purpose of this report was to seek approval for Council to undertake the statutory responsibilities of Bathing Water Operator for Rea's Wood, Lough Neagh.

Members were reminded that Rea's Wood at Lough Neagh was previously nominated by Council as a potential identified bathing water as part of the review of Bathing Waters 2022/2023 being carried out by Department of Agriculture Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA). The location met the preliminary criteria and as a result water quality was monitored throughout the 2023 bathing season.

Correspondence (circulated) had been received from the Department advising that Rea's Wood was to be a site formally identified in regulation and requesting that Council confirm its willingness to undertake the responsibilities of Bathing Water Operator. The specific responsibilities were outlined in Annex 3 of the enclosure for Members' reference.

The Director of Parks and Leisure clarified that there were separate readings for blue green algae and a presentation from the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs on blue green algae would be brought to a future Committee meeting.

Proposed by Alderman Smyth

Seconded by Councillor Logue and agreed that

approval be deferred following a presentation by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs at a future Committee meeting.

ACTION BY: Paul Mawhinney, Head of Parks Operations

5 ITEMS FOR NOTING

5.1 WM/WM/040 WASTE PERFORMANCE ANNUAL UPDATE

The purpose of this report was to advise Members of Council's waste management performance 2022-23.

Under the Landfill Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003, Council was required to submit waste data returns to the Northern Ireland Environment Agency. These were completed on a quarterly basis throughout the year and are used by the NIEA to calculate Council's recycling rate and compliance with the relevant legislation.

The new legislative targets for Council under the Circular Economy Package are:

1. Recycle 65% of municipal waste by 2035
2. Interim targets of 55% recycling rate by 2025 and 60% by 2030;
3. Maximum of 10% of municipal waste to be landfilled by 2035.

The annual waste data submission for 2022-23 had been verified and sets out Council's performance for the year for both Household and Municipal waste.

A summary of the recently published results for Council for 2022/2023 together with the results from 2021/2022 were set out below. These results include the performance of all 11 Northern Ireland Local Authorities for reference.

	2020-21		2022-23		Ranking
	Tonnes	%	Tonnes	%	
Total Household Waste Arisings	80,680		75,843	Down 6	5 th largest tonnage
Household Waste Arisings to Recycling	48,571	60.2	45,763	60.3	Highest household recycling rate (%)
Household Waste Arisings to Recovery	12,764	15.8	11,784	15.6	7 th largest % of household waste sent to recovery
Household Waste Arisings to Landfill	19,345	24.0	18,296	24.1	6 th largest % of household waste sent to landfill

Total Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste Arisings	106,804		100,076	Down 6.3	3 rd largest tonnage
Municipal Waste Arisings to Recycling	67,049	62.8%	62,329	62.3	Highest % of waste recycled.
Municipal Waste Arisings to Recovery	14,134	13.2%	13,218	13.2	8 th largest % of waste sent to recovery.
Municipal Waste Arisings to Landfill	24,700	23.1%	23,545	23.5	6 th largest % of waste sent to landfill.

* Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste (LACMW) is ALL the waste that the Council collects i.e. commercial, street sweepings, recycling centres as well as household waste.

The table above shows the following:

- Antrim and Newtownabbey achieved both the highest Household Recycling Rate, 60.3%, and the highest Municipal Recycling Rate, 62.3%, in 2022/23;
- Overall waste arisings decreased across all the waste streams, indicating that residents are being mindful of their waste production and were continuing to manage their waste correctly.

The data demonstrates that the residents of Antrim and Newtownabbey continue to participate in Council's recycling services and would continue to explore new initiatives to improve performance.

In response to a Member's query regarding the Antrim households receiving wheelie boxes, the Director of Sustainability confirmed that following the last meeting the Department was contacted regarding the potential funding for the scheme and had been informed that there was a further delay in the release of monies for the project.

Proposed by Alderman Bradley
Seconded by Councillor McAuley and agreed that

the report be noted.

NO ACTION

5.2 EH/PHWB/012 WINTER WOOLLIES UPDATE

The purpose of this report was to update Members on the recent Winter Woollies Campaign.

Members were reminded that the Winter Woollies campaign 2023 aims to spread warmth and cheer by collecting hand-knitted and crocheted donations to support our most vulnerable community members during the colder months.

This year the collections took place at Mossley Mill and Antrim Civic Centre from 2nd October to 17th November 2023. At these donation points, makers were encouraged to include their contact details with their contributions, allowing them to be entered into the Mayor's selection of his favourite items. Makers were also inspired to attach heartfelt messages to their creations which could be read by recipients.

The Environmental Health section made connections with local knitting and crocheting groups, shared engaging social media content and identified the needs of community members by establishing links with resident groups and other organisations across all 7 DEAs.

A grand total of 1184 items were collected and distributed to 14 organisations. A visual synopsis of the campaign was presented in the (circulated) infographic. On 21st November recipient organisations were invited to join the Mayor at the Old Courthouse in Antrim for the Mayor's selection of his favourite items. Some of the organisations receiving the donations were present at the event, and they took the opportunity to discuss with the Mayor the positive impact that Winter Woollies had on their service users.

Winter Woollies 2023 was a resounding success, showcasing the incredible generosity of the residents of Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough and their commitment to spreading warmth and kindness. It was envisaged that the campaign would be organised again for 2024.

Proposed by Councillor Logue
Seconded by Alderman Bradley and agreed that

the report be noted.

NO ACTION

5.3 EH/PHWB/002 ELECTRIC BLANKET SWAP REVIEW

The purpose of this report was to update Members on the recent Electric Blanket Exchange Event.

Members were reminded that a Home Accident Prevention Officer works within the Environmental Health section, with one of their key roles to reduce the number of home accidents. In November and December electric blanket swap events were held in Mossley Mill and Antrim Civic Centre with the aim of reducing potential fire hazards.

The exchange events allowed residents to swap their electric blankets for a rechargeable hot water bottle and a thermal fleece bedsheet. A total of 152 electric blankets were exchanged during these two events. Attendees also had the opportunity to engage with Environmental Health staff who provided advice on maintaining safety, warmth, and well-being during the winter season.

Evaluation feedback from participants indicated a 100% satisfaction rate, with attendees expressing increased confidence in safety at their home. Attendee's commended the initiative as particularly beneficial for older individuals, highlighting the usefulness of the advice provided.

Proposed by Alderman Smyth
Seconded by Councillor McAuley and agreed that

the report be noted.

NO ACTION

7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A Member raised concerns regarding the availability of grit piles during adverse weather. The Director of Sustainability confirmed that the provision of grit was the responsibility of the Department for Infrastructure although, through the Winter Operations Plan, Council would provide grit piles at designated locations during prolonged periods of adverse weather.

In response to a Member's query relating to Randalstown town centre not being gritted on Saturday morning, the Director of Sustainability confirmed that staff check the weather forecast the night prior and forecast did not indicate a require to provide gritting services.

PROPOSAL TO PROCEED 'IN CONFIDENCE'

Proposed by Alderman Smyth

Seconded by Councillor McAuley and agreed that

the following Committee business be taken In Confidence and the livestream and audio recording would cease.

6 ITEMS IN CONFIDENCE

6.1 **IN CONFIDENCE** PBS/PS/001 REPLACEMENT OF GAS BOILERS AT MOSSLEY MILL

The purpose of this report was to seek approval for a Business Case relating to the replacement of the existing gas boilers at Mossley Mill.

Members may be aware of a range of sustainability measures proposed for Mossley Mill under the Council's Energy Management Action Plan. Currently under evaluation are a hydroelectric scheme, air source heat pumps, and solar arrays aimed at maximising alternative energy sources at the site.

Additionally, a consultant was engaged to complete condition reports on the existing gas boilers in Mossley Mill. The reports, circulated for Members' reference, provide a summary of the current energy usage, offset carbon emissions of the existing boilers, and compare the costs of replacement with new, modern, high-efficiency boilers.

Following an analysis of the consultant reports and factoring in present-day gas prices, reduced maintenance costs, efficiencies, and emission savings, the estimated payback period for the replacement of all 4 boilers is 15 years.

It was anticipated that the installation of modern digital control systems would promote further efficiencies. Estimated CO2 savings per annum are 43,000 kg with the 4 boiler replacement option. In addition, much better business continuity would be provided with this option as there would be a reduction in faults and breakdowns.

In addition to the gas boiler replacement works, heat meters and digital controls are also required at an estimated cost of £[REDACTED]. These works would allow Officers to maximise the heating system's efficiency, reducing consumption, and potentially reducing the payback period further.

A Business Case and supporting calculations were circulated. The Business Case analysed several options associated with this project and recommends Option 3: the replacement of gas boilers, pump sets, heat meters, and digital controls at Mossley Mill at an estimated cost of £[REDACTED], including fees and contingency.

The Director of Parks and Leisure and the Head of Property Services addressed queries in respect of the estimated costs around the boilers and consultants' fees.

Proposed by Councillor Foster
Seconded by Councillor McAuley and agreed that

approval be granted for Option 3 of the Business Case: the replacement of gas boilers, pump sets, heat meters and digital controls at Mossley Mill at an estimated cost of £[REDACTED] including fees and contingency

ACTION BY: David Blair, Head of Property Services (Interim)

6.2 IN CONFIDENCE WM/arc21/4/VOL11 arc21 JOINT COMMITTEE PAPERS

The purpose of this report was to update members on the most recent arc21 Committee meeting.

The papers for the arc21 Joint Committee Meeting were circulated for:

- 5 December 2023

Members were reminded that these documents are confidential and may be legally privileged or otherwise protected from disclosure so therefore Members should not disclose this information to any third party and the information must be kept secure.

Proposed by Councillor Logue
Seconded by Alderman Smyth and agreed that

the papers be noted.

ACTION BY: Michael Laverty, Director of Sustainability

6.3 IN CONFIDENCE PK/PG/005 PLAY PARK AUDIT 2023

The purpose of this report was to seek approval for the recommendations concerning the replacement and refurbishment of the Council's play parks.

Members would be aware that an independent audit of the Council's existing play park provision was recently undertaken, and the final report was circulated for Members' reference. Based on the information from the audit, Council's 36 play parks were ranked in terms of their condition and the value of works required to improve the facilities as necessary.

A workshop for Members was subsequently facilitated in November 2023,

where a presentation was delivered summarising the key findings from the audit and providing an opportunity to agree on the recommendations to proceed to the Operations Committee for approval. The presentation was circulated for Members' reference, and a series of recommendations were agreed as follows:

A Member's concerns were noted relating to the lack of provisions for under six year olds at Burns Memorial Play Park. Also, concerns were raised regarding security and anti-social behaviour at Crumlin Glen.

Proposed by Alderman Smyth

Seconded by Councillor Logue and agreed that

approval be granted for

- i. the full replacement of Crumlin Glen, Kings Park and The Diamond (Rathcoole) Play Parks subject to approved business cases and agreed delivery timetable**
- ii. the refurbishment works as outlined with the Play Park Audit report, commencing with Priority 1 items, at an estimated cost of £[REDACTED]**
- iii. a budget provision of £[REDACTED] per annum for ongoing refurbishment works be included within Council's Capital Programme**
- iv. DEA Members to be consulted on future plans for the Antrim Peace Park, dependent upon the outcome of Council's Peace Plus Action Plan**
- v. a feasibility study to explore opportunities for investment in new and improved play infrastructure where unmet demand is apparent**

ACTION BY: Matt McDowell, Director of Parks and Leisure Operations

6.4 IN CONFIDENCE WM/RC/001 BUSINESS CASE FOR THE WORKS AT CRAIGMORE RECYCLING CENTRE

The purpose of this report was to seek approval for the business case for capital works at Craigmore Household Recycling Centre.

Over the last number of years, the condition of the Centre had deteriorated due to the volume of road traffic and heavy machinery that use the facility. This had resulted in the following issues:

- Pot-holed road surface;
- Faulty drainage system;
- Damage to concrete retaining walls.

Previously these issues had been addressed through running repairs, but this was

no longer viable, as the issues now has the potential to reduce the effectiveness of the facility and adversely impact the health and safety of staff and site users. A consultant was engaged to assess the site and had recommended that works estimated at approximately £[REDACTED] including 25% for contingency costs, were required. The cost of the works would be capitalised over a twenty-year period, with an annual MRP of £[REDACTED]

The Business Case (circulated) had been completed and it had been assessed that the most advantageous option was to carry out the works as soon as practicably possible. The completion of the proposed works would improve customer experience and enhance levels of health and safety at the Recycling Centre.

If approved, a tender would be developed and advertised with the works likely to commence early in 2024. As the works would include the resurfacing of the whole site and the reinstatement of the drainage system, a short period of closure of the site may be required. If this was the case, the period of closure would be minimised as far as possible and Members would be advised of the contingency waste collection arrangements.

The Finance section had reviewed and approved the business case and if Members approve the recommendation, provision would be made in the capital budget for 2024-25.

The Director of Sustainability responded to a Member's query regarding unresolved drainage works at the site and confirmed that there was a requirement for new pipes to be laid to resolve the matter.

Proposed by Alderman Clarke
Seconded by Alderman Smith and agreed that

Council approve the Business Case for the works at Craigmore Recycling Centre at an estimated cost of approximately £[REDACTED]

ACTION BY: Darren Purdy, Head of Waste Operations

Councillors Gilmour, McAuley, McWilliam left and returned to the Chamber during Item 6.5.

6.5 IN CONFIDENCE L/GEN/5, PK/GEN/180 SCHEDULE OF CHARGES AND PRICING POLICIES, PARKS AND LEISURE 2024-2025

The purpose of this report was to seek approval for the Parks and Leisure Schedule of Charges and Pricing Policies for 2024/2025. Members were advised that an annual review of pricing for Parks & Leisure Services (incl. Bereavement Services) was completed in advance of each new financial year.

The review for the incoming year considered the following:

- There had been no general price increase for leisure since 2017.
- There was a significant increase in costs, particularly in employee and utility expenses.

- There had been a £20m+ investment in leisure facilities since 2017.
- Council's leisure membership was one of the lowest-priced among NI Local Council facilities.

A presentation providing a summary of the proposed changes would be presented at the meeting. The full Schedule of Charges, Pricing Policies, and a summary of proposed changes are also circulated for Members' reference.

The EQIA screening document had been reviewed and does not require amendment.

Proposed by Councillor Foster
Seconded by Councillor McAuley and agreed that

approval be granted for the Schedule of Charges and Pricing Policies for Parks and Leisure 2024/2025.

Further discussion took place and Officers addressed a number of queries from Members.

Proposed by Councillor Gilmour
Seconded by Alderman Smyth and agreed that in accordance with Standing Orders 23.5, *"that the question be now put"* to the vote.

Alderman Smyth requested a recorded vote and Members voted as follows:

In favour of the Proposal Members viz 10	Against the Proposal Members viz 4	Abstentions Members viz 0
Aldermen – Bradley, Clarke and Smyth Councillors – Burbank, Foster, Gilmour, Magill, McAuley, McWilliam and Smyth	Councillors – Logue, McLaughlin, Ní Chonghaile and O'Hagan	

On the proposal being put to the Committee, 10 Members voted in favour, 4 against and 0 abstentions and it was agreed that

Members vote on the substantive proposal.

Councillor Foster requested a recorded vote and Members voted as follows:

In favour of the Proposal Members viz 10	Against the Proposal Members viz 4	Abstentions Members viz 0
Aldermen – Bradley, Clarke and Smyth Councillors – Burbank, Foster, Gilmour, Magill, McAuley, McWilliam and Smyth	Councillors – Logue, McLaughlin, Ní Chonghaile and O'Hagan	

On the substantive proposal being put to the Committee, 10 Members voted in favour, 4 against and 0 abstentions and it was agreed that

the substantive proposal be declared carried.

ACTION BY: Deaglan O'Hagan, Head of Leisure Operations and Paul Mawhinney, Head of Parks Operations

6.6 IN CONFIDENCE WM/WM/37/VOL2 AMENDMENT TO CLEANSING CHARGES 2024-2025

The purpose of the report was to approve an amendment in the proposed Cleansing Charges for 2024-25.

Members would be aware that a report was presented at December 2023 Operations committee agreeing the Cleansing Charges for the coming financial year 2024-2025.

A schedule of Proposed Charges was enclosed for Members' consideration, however there was an error with a charge against the purchase of recycling and composting containers. This should have stated that the supply of recycling and composting containers would continue to be free of charge.

An updated table is (circulated) for Members information with the correct costs highlighted.

Proposed by Alderman Smyth
Seconded by Councillor McAuley and agreed that

the amended table of Cleansing Charges for 2024-25 be approved.

ACTION BY: Lynsey Daly, Head of Waste Strategy and Sustainability

PROPOSAL TO PROCEED OUT OF 'IN CONFIDENCE'

Proposed by Councillor McWilliam
Seconded by Councillor Foster and agreed

that the remainder of Committee business be taken in Open Session.

The Chairperson advised that audio-recording would recommence at this point.

There being no further Committee business, the Chairperson thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 8.57 pm.

MAYOR

Council Minutes have been redacted in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Data Protection Act 2018, the General Data Protection Regulation, and legal advice.