

You are hereby requested to attend a Meeting of Coleraine Borough Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Cloonavin on **TUESDAY** the 24th day of February, 2009 at **7.30 p.m.**

ROGER WILSON,

Town Clerk and Chief Executive.

Cloonavin,
66 Portstewart Road,
COLERAINE.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes (enclosed):
 - 1.1 Council Meeting – 27th January, 2009
 - 1.2 Special Meeting – 27th January, 2009
 - 1.3 Special Meeting – 3rd February, 2009
 - 1.4 Special Meeting – 10th February, 2009
2. Committee Reports (enclosed):
 - 2.1 Leisure and Environment Committee – 3rd February, 2009
(Item 2.6) Street Naming and Numbering Policy (Report enclosed)
 - 2.2 Planning Committee – 10th February, 2009
 - 2.3 Policy and Development Committee – 17th February, 2009
3. Technical Services Report (enclosed)
4. The undernoted Notice of Motion has been submitted by Councillor S. Gilkinson:

“I propose that this Council recognises the importance of meeting the needs of victims, regrets that the Consultative Group on the Past has failed to produce recommendations capable of commanding broad consensus, and condemns proposals which equate perpetrators of violence with innocent victims.”

5. Correspondence, including inter alia:
Reports available in Members' Library (List enclosed)
6. Consultation Documents (List enclosed)
7. Documents for Sealing

Enclosed for Information:

- i) Letter dated 29th January, 2009 from Northern Health and Social Care Trust in response to Council's letter regarding Early Years Advisor for the Causeway Locality Area and also letter dated 17th February, 2009 from Northern Health and Social Services Board
- ii) Letter dated 9th February, 2009 together with briefing document from George Best Belfast City Airport regarding the Proposed Runway Extension
- iii) Letter dated 11th February, 2009 from the Department of the Environment – Local Government Policy Division regarding Advance Notice of New Year's Honours List 2010
- iv) Letter dated 20th February, 2009 from the Local Government Boundaries Commissioner for Northern Ireland regarding the Review of Local Government Boundaries – Revised Recommendations Report
- v) Minutes of the Northern Health and Social Services Council dated 7th January, 2009

To: Each Member of Council.

20th February, 2009.

3.0 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting of 16th December, 2008 and the Special Meeting of 12th December, 2008 were confirmed and signed.

Matters arising:

3.1 Council Meeting – 16th December, 2008

3.1.1 Application No. C/2005/1253/F – On-site replacement superstore, decked car parking to side, associated site and access works, relocation of bus stop and landscaping (additional information submitted) at Beresford Place, Coleraine for Tesco Stores Ltd.

The Head of Administrative Services reported that a meeting had now taken place between the applicant and objectors. A number of Councillors had also attended the meeting during which Tesco, in their views, had substantially responded to the seven points raised by the objectors.

It was thus anticipated that the Tesco application would be presented to Council in February.

3.1.2 Blue Flag Awards

A Special Meeting of Council would be held in March to receive a presentation from NI Water.

3.1.3 DOE Circular – Transition Committees / Transition Management Teams – Funding Package

Council noted that the first meeting of the Transition Committee for the Causeway Coast cluster had been deferred and would, hopefully, take place in early February.

In response to a member's question, the Town Clerk and Chief Executive confirmed that a number of the other Transitional Committees had met. He also reported that the first meeting of the Transitional Management Team for the Causeway Coast cluster had taken place.

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive advised that copies of all information resulting from the Transitional Committee meetings of the Causeway Coast cluster would be circulated to Council.

3.1.4 NIFRS Consultation: Review of Second Pumping Appliance, Portstewart

Read letter dated 27th January, 2009 from NIFRS Headquarters confirming that the Board had decided unanimously to remove the second fire appliance from Portstewart Fire Station. Noted.

4.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.1 Planning Committee – 13th January, 2009

The Vice Chairman, Councillor Bradley, moved the adoption of the Planning

Committee Report; this was duly seconded by Alderman McClure.

Matters arising:

4.1.1 Draft PPS21 – Sustainable Development in the Countryside – Explanatory Note

Council noted that the Open Evening to advise the public on PPS21 would be held on 23rd February, 2009 at 7.30pm in Coleraine Town Hall.

The Committee Report was adopted.

4.2 Policy and Development Committee – 20th January, 2009

The Chairman, Alderman McClure, moved the adoption of the Policy and Development Committee Report; this was duly seconded by Councillor Mrs. Church and agreed.

5.0 NORTHERN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE TRUST CONSULTATION DOCUMENT - 'REPROVISION OF THE TRUST'S RESIDENTIAL HOMES FOR OLDER PEOPLE'

Read email from Carrickfergus Borough Council (previously supplied) asking if Council wished to join with them in making representation to the Minister in seeking to have the NHSCT undertake an in-depth review of its current proposals.

Agreed:

That the communication be marked as read.

6.0 DOCUMENTS TABLED

Members noted the list of documents tabled in the Members' Library (previously supplied).

7.0 CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS

Members noted the list of consultation papers available for any member who wished to consider making a response (previously supplied).

8.0 DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING

Resolved:

That the following documents be sealed:

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| 1. | <u>Cemetery Titles</u> | Grant of Right of Burial – Deeds Register Nos. 3484 – 3497 (inclusive): |
| | Agherton | 2 |
| | Ballywillan | 3 |
| | Coleraine | 6 |
| | Kilrea | - |
| | Portstewart | 3 |

Advanced Deeds Register No. 0217:

Agherton	-
Ballywillan	-
Coleraine	1
Portstewart	-

9.0 NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY ALDERMAN D. McCLARTY

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Alderman McClarty and seconded by Councillor Hillis:

‘This Council calls upon the Prime Minister, Gordon Brown MP, to take immediate steps to ensure that members of and investors in the Presbyterian Mutual Society are covered by the same financial guarantee scheme as those savers with deposits in UK banks.’

Alderman McClarty spoke to the Motion and requested Council’s support.

Agreed:

That the Motion be adopted.

A period of discussion ensued during which the representatives answered members' various questions and confirmed that they would be attending a Special Meeting of Council in March to answer members' specific questions on bathing water results.

In response to a request from the Mayor, Mr. Duddy agreed to provide copies of the presentation for members' information.

The Mayor thanked the representatives for their informative presentation.

SPECIAL MEETING

3rd February, 2009.

Convened: To receive presentation from Mr. Brian McNeill, Director of Operations, Northern Ireland Ambulance Service (NIAS), Health and Social Care Trust on Proposals for Efficiency Savings and Comprehensive Spending Review Investment 2008 – 2011 – Consultation Document including Equality Impact Assessment

Present: The Mayor, Councillor D. D. Barbour, in the Chair
The Deputy Mayor, Alderman W. T. Creelman

Alderman

M. T. Hickey (Mrs.)

Councillors

J. M. Bradley (Item 2.0)	B. Fitzpatrick
O. M. Church (Mrs.)	S. Gilkinson
A. S. Cole (Item 2.0)	N. F. Hillis
J. J. Dallat (Item 2.0)	B. Leonard
T. J. Deans (Item 2.0)	G. L. McLaughlin
	R. A. McPherson

Officers in Attendance: Acting Head of Administrative Services, Acting Director of Leisure Services and Administrative Assistant

Apologies: Councillors Mrs. Fielding, Mrs. Johnston and King

1.0 WELCOME

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and extended a special welcome to Mr. B. McNeill, Director of Operations, Mr. G. Tumelty, Area Manager, Ms. M. Lemon, Equality Manager and Ms. R. O'Hara, Director of Human Resources of the NIAS.

2.0 EFFICIENCY SAVINGS AND COMPREHENSIVE SPENDING REVIEW INVESTMENT PROPOSALS

Officials of the NIAS were in attendance to brief members on the Proposals for Efficiency Savings and Comprehensive Spending Review Investment 2008 – 2011 Consultation Document.

Mr. McNeill advised that the NIAS was required to deliver an average 3% per annum cash releasing efficiency savings over the next three years. The majority of efficiencies would be released through the reconfiguration of front-line emergency resources resulting in a reduction in planned emergency ambulance hours of cover. Comprehensive Spending

Review investment would be used to increase the hours of paramedic cover provided by Rapid Response Vehicles.

Mr. McNeill updated members on the proposals and elaborated on various issues including:

- Performance improvement
- Achieving financial balance
- Benefits of Rapid Response Vehicles
- Achievements to date
- Service Modernisation

Mr. McNeill answered members' various questions and noted comments.

A member requested information on the length of time taken for an ambulance to respond to a particular incident. Mr. McNeill asked the member to give him more information and he would investigate and report back to the member.

It was agreed:

That Council commend the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service on its proposals to achieve 3% savings at no reduction to service delivery and that the impact of the changes be monitored and reviewed at the end of year 1 of the 3 year programme.

The Mayor thanked the representatives for their comprehensive presentation.

SPECIAL MEETING

10th February, 2009.

Convened: To consider the Rate Estimates and strike a Borough Rate for the year ended 31st March, 2010

Present: The Mayor, Councillor D. D. Barbour, in the Chair
The Deputy Mayor, Alderman W. T. Creelman

Aldermen

E. T. Black (Mrs.) D. McClarty
M. T. Hickey (Mrs.) W. J. McClure

Councillors

C. S. Alexander (Ms.) B. Fitzpatrick
J. M. Bradley S. Gilkinson
A. S. Cole N. F. Hillis
J. J. Dallat B. Leonard
(Items 3.0 – 3.2) R. A. McPherson
T. J. Deans A. McQuillan
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.) (Items 3.0 – 3.2)

Officers in Attendance: Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services, Director of Technical Services, Acting Director of Leisure Services, Head of Development Services, Principal Environmental Health Officer, Acting Head of Administrative Services, Finance Manager, Administrative Assistant and Clerical Assistant

Apologies: Councillors Mrs. Church, Mrs. Johnston, King and McLaughlin

3.0 WELCOME

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2.0 TOWN CLERK AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REMARKS

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive reminded members that throughout the preparation of the rate estimates, Council had been mindful of pressures faced by local ratepayers and the difficult environment in which it was currently operating.

He highlighted that, in arriving at the various calculations, a number of assumptions had been made and if these assumptions did not materialise, a review of budgets would be required.

3.0 RATE ESTIMATES 2009/2010

The Director of Corporate Services presented his report on the Rate Estimates for 2009/2010 (previously supplied) and members noted the main factors which gave rise to the proposed increase viz:

- **Payroll Costs**

The overall payroll cost was expected to increase by around £145,000 (1.4%).

The key components of this increase were:

- (a) Annual pay awards would add approximately 2% to the overall payroll cost;
- (b) A further rise in employers' pension contributions being levied by the Northern Ireland Local Government Officers' Superannuation Committee - 2009/2010 contributions would increase by 1%.

- **Loan Charges**

Council had already adopted a Capital Expenditure programme which contained substantial proposals for expenditure on new and refurbished facilities and infrastructure throughout the Borough. In 2009/2010, loan charges would increase by almost 5.5%.

However, mindful of the economic situation, Council would defer over £3m of capital expenditure and would reconsider the position in the autumn.

Included in the five-year programme was estimated net expenditure of over £5.6m in 2009/2010. This included commencement of the undernoted major schemes:

- Refurbishment of Peter Thompson Hall, Castlerock
- A new Garvagh Sports Hall
- Replacement of Coleraine West Community Centre
- A new Community Centre in Portballintrae
- Extensive refurbishment of The Crescent, Portstewart
- Continued expenditure related to regeneration of Portrush

Significant funds had also been set aside for further development of Council's landfill site and for a variety of minor works schemes throughout the Borough.

- **Other Expenditure**

This category of expenditure showed an estimated increase of almost £103,000 (1%). The key issues contributing to this increase were as undernoted:

- significant contributions to a number of organisations in the sport/leisure field;
- Council had agreed to increase its contribution to the Riverside Theatre over a three-year period;
- increased oil, fuel and electricity prices had necessitated an increase of £234,000;
- increased operating costs at the landfill site, along with further recycling and waste management initiatives;
- landfill tax expenditure would be increased by £208,000;
- a drop in the amount of civic amenity site waste being taken to a private contractor had resulted in a reduction in the budget.

▪ **Income**

Income estimates showed a reduction of £482,000 (6.1%). The main factors contributing to the reduction were:

- anticipated income from residual waste being brought to Craigahulliar had not materialised;
- a substantial reduction in income from Building Control and Property Certificates;
- a reduction in the amount of regular waste deposited in Craigahulliar.

▪ **Overall Position**

Council's overall net expenditure was projected to grow by £889,000 (5.6%). However, despite accounting for estimated income arising from the inspection of vacant properties, the estimated product of a 1p rate (i.e. how much income Council receives from each penny levied) had fallen. This reflected increased vacancies, cost of collection and irrecoverable debt calculated by the Land & Property Services Agency.

▪ **Reserves**

Council holds a balance in its District Fund to provide working capital and cover unforeseen eventualities. Due to the limited amount of Council reserves and the deteriorating economic situation, it was considered that a sum of no more than £115,000 could be released from reserves. The release of such a sum would reduce the required rate increase by 0.75% to 5.95%.

A period of discussion ensued during which various members' questions were answered by the Director of Corporate Services and other matters noted by the Directors.

3.1 Estimate Summary

The estimate of rates culminated in the following rate requirement:

	£
Net Cost of Services	16,659,858
<u>Less: General Grant</u>	630,000
<u>Less: Credit balance applied</u>	<u>115,000</u>
Amount to be raised	15,914,858
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Estimated product of 1p rate	746,505

Agreed:

On the proposal of Alderman McClure and seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick, that Council strike a Borough Rate for the 2009/2010 year as follows:

- (a) Non-Domestic Rate of 21.3192 pence
- (b) Domestic Rate of 0.2812 pence

3.2 **Congratulations**

Members commended all the staff who had contributed to the extensive estimates exercise to bring the rate down to the agreed level.

LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

3rd February, 2009.

Present: Councillor T. J. Deans, in the Chair
The Deputy Mayor, Alderman W. T. Creelman
(Items 1.0 – 3.2)

Aldermen

E. T. Black (Mrs.) D. McClarty
M. T. Hickey (Mrs.)

Councillors

C. S. Alexander (Ms.) N. F. Hillis
J. M. Bradley B. Leonard
O. M. Church (Mrs.) G. L. McLaughlin
A. S. Cole (Items 2.6 – 4.6)
J. J. Dallat R. A. McPherson
B. Fitzpatrick A. McQuillan
S. Gilkinson

Officers in Attendance:

Acting Head of Administrative Services, Director of Technical Services, Director of Environmental Health, Acting Director of Leisure Services, Senior Technical Officer (Items 1.0 – 3.3), Leisure Services Officer (Facilities) and Administrative Assistant

Apologies: Councillors Mrs. Fielding, Mrs. Johnston and King.

1.0 WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2.0 TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT

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

Matters arising:

2.1 Building Control

2.1.1 Approvals

Members noted that approval had been granted for 122 applications.

2.1.2 Plans for Rejection under Building Regulations

The twenty-five applications, as detailed in the report, recommended for rejection under Building Regulations due to insufficient information having been submitted were noted.

Members noted that since the report had been issued, information had been received for six of the applications, as detailed in the Update List (circulated) therefore they would not be rejected at this time.

2.1.3 Land & Property Services – Pilot Project

Consideration was given to information on this topic, as detailed in the report.

The Director of Technical Services would bring more information on this project when received.

2.2 DRD Roads Service

2.2.1 Waiting Restrictions Review – Portrush Lansdowne Road/Bath Road, Portrush

Consideration was given to information on this topic, as detailed in the report.

Recommended:

That Council support Road Services' proposal to introduce limited waiting for one hour for the period 9.00 p.m. – 9.00 a.m. at Lansdowne Road/Bath Road, Portrush.

Members noted that this would give Roads Service the power to address overnight parking at this location.

2.3 Entertainment Licence

2.3.1 The Heckler's Bar, 81 Craigmore Road, Ringsend

An application for a transfer of an Entertainment Licence had been received from Mr. J. Mullan, c/o The Heckler's Bar.

Days and times on which it is intended to provide entertainment:

Monday/Tuesday – Saturday/Sunday 11.30 a.m. – 1.00 a.m.
Sunday 12.30 p.m. – midnight.

Recommended:

That the Entertainment Licence be transferred subject to the following special conditions:

- All requirements as contained within Nightsafe Coleraine Code of Best Practice 2008.
- All Door Supervisors employed must be licensed with a scheme recognised by Coleraine Borough Council.

2.4 Street Trading - Licences

(a) An application for a Mobile Street Trading Licence as detailed in the report, had been received from:

Mr. N. J. Lerwill
56 Hopefield Grange
Portrush

Recommended:

That a Mobile Street Trading Licence be granted subject to completion of a successful criminal records check.

- (b) An application for a Stationary Street Trading Licence as detailed in the report, had been received from:

Ms. W. Arthur
3 Copeland Park
Coleraine

Recommended:

That a Stationary Street Trading Licence be granted subject to completion of a successful criminal records check.

- (c) An application for a Stationary Street Trading Licence as detailed in the report, had been received from:

Mr. H. McDowell
81 Daneshill Road
Coleraine

Recommended:

That a Stationary Street Trading Licence be granted subject to completion of a successful criminal records check.

2.5 North West Regional Waste Management Group

Members noted information on this topic, as detailed in the report.

2.6 Street Naming and Numbering Policy

Consideration was given to information on this Policy, as detailed in the report.

The Director of Technical Services advised members that brackets should be put around the words 'will normally' at item 2.4 (a) on Page 4 of the Policy (previously circulated).

It was proposed by Councillor Leonard and seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick:

That item 2.4 (b) and the last sentence in item 2.4 (c) be removed from the Policy and that the vote be recorded.

As an amendment it was proposed by Alderman McClarty and seconded by The Deputy Mayor:

That this topic be deferred to the full Council Meeting to allow members more time to consider the document.

On being put to the meeting the amendment was carried, ten members voting in favour and five members voting against.

The Director or Technical Services asked members to contact him if they required clarification on the Policy.

Councillor Leonard advised that he would issue the same proposal at the Council Meeting.

2.7 For Information

2.7.1 Litter – Outcome of Legal Proceedings

Members noted the undernoted details on this topic:

Defendant: Miss D. Ogilby
27 Mount Street
Coleraine

Offence: Leaving litter under Article 3 (1) of the Litter (NI) Order 1994

Result: Fine: £100.00
Legal Costs: £70.00
Court Costs: £16.00

2.8 Conservation Volunteers NI Green Waste Composting - Letterloan

The Director of Technical Services advised that the Conservation Volunteers no longer wished to compost green waste at Letterloan. He advised that other arrangements would have to be made to dispose of the green waste, which was mostly generated from Councils' civic amenity sites. He would keep Council informed of the situation and bring a report to Council in due course.

3.0 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT

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

Matters arising:

3.1 Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety - Pilot Opportunity Partnership Working and Community Planning

Consideration was given to information on this topic, as detailed in the report.

Recommended:

That Council give retrospective approval to the expression of interest submitted to Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety as detailed in the report.

3.2 Policy Proposals DRD Roads Service Temporary Closure of Roads for Events and Filming

Consideration was given to information on this topic, as detailed in the report.

Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor McQuillan and seconded by The Deputy Mayor:

Not to take on new powers that would enable Council, with the approval of the Department, to close roads (other than trunk roads and motorways) for sporting, social and entertainment events and for the purposes of location filming.

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

That the officer's recommendations be accepted.

On being put to the meeting the amendment was lost, six members voting in favour and seven members voting against.

The substantive proposal was subsequently put to the meeting and was carried by seven members voting in favour and six members voting against.

Accordingly it was recommended:

That the Director of Environmental Health would reflect this view in his response to the consultation.

3.3 Food and Environment Protection Act 1985 Application for Fish Processing Effluent Disposal at Sea for a Proposed Fish Protein Plant at Lisahally, Londonderry Port

Consideration was given to information on this topic, as detailed in the report.

Members expressed serious concern at the application to dispose of approximately 180,000 metric tonnes of fish process effluent, (2,000 metric ton per day annually for a 90 day period January to April) at a location approximately 5 miles north of Ramore Head, Portrush.

Several members suggested that the application should be addressed by the Environment Minister.

It was proposed by Councillor Leonard:

That Council delay making a decision on the application pending a full consultation with the Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA) and until further information was obtained.

Councillor Leonard failed to find a seconder for his proposal.

It was then proposed by Alderman McClarty:

That the information on this application be sent to the Environment Committee of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

Alderman McClarty failed to find a seconder for his proposal.

It was then recommended:

That the Director of Environmental Health be given full Council powers to object

to the issue of this licence by the NIEA and make representation to the Minister and the Environment Committee in addition to co-ordinating a response from neighbouring local authorities and other interested parties.

3.4 Local Better Regulation Office (LBRO) Proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Consideration was given to information on this topic, as detailed in the report.

Recommended:

That Council agree the adoption of this MOU in principle only in establishing a positive relationship between District Councils in Northern Ireland and LBRO in Great Britain with regard to Environmental Health legislation as it applies to Northern Ireland. This is subject to agreement on the issue of Primary Authorities and the role of Councils in relation to same in Northern Ireland.

3.5 Approval of Products of Animal Origin Establishments under EC Regulation 853/2004

Premises producing products of animal origin require District Council approval. Conditional approval was granted by Council in October 2008 to the following premises:

- McAtamney's Cuisine, Units 10 & 11 Kilrea Enterprise Centre, Kilrea

It was noted that the establishment had been re-inspected and all outstanding requirements had been met.

Recommended:

That Council grant the establishment full approval.

3.6 For Information

3.6.1 DOE NI Noise Statistics Report 2007/2008

Members noted that a copy of this Report would be available in the Members' Library.

3.6.2 Outcome of Legal Proceedings

(a) The Dogs (NI) Order 1983 as amended by The Dangerous Dogs (NI) Order 1991

Members noted the undernoted details on this topic:

Defendant: Ms. Heather Sargeant
28 Richmond Drive
Coleraine

Offence: Keeping a dog without a valid licence contrary to Article 17 (1) of The Dogs (NI) Order 1983.

Result: Fine: £175.00
Court Costs: £70.00
Court Fees: £16.00

(b) The Food Hygiene Regulations (NI) 2006

Members noted the undernoted details on this topic:

Defendant: Mr. Mark Johnston & Mr. Robert Torrens
The Port Hotel
53-57 Main Street
Portrush

Offence: Failure to supply hot water to sinks and wash hand basins within the premises.

Result: Fine £200.00
Court Costs: £86.00

The Port Hotel, Portrush has been convicted for a breach of Food Hygiene Regulations.

4.0 LEISURE SERVICES REPORT

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

Matters arising:

4.1 Floodlighting Installation at the Warren Bowling Green, Portstewart

Following public advertisement for the supply, delivery and installation of floodlights to the Warren Bowling Green, Portstewart, six tenders were received, viz:

	Company	Tender price (excluding VAT)
1.	Barrett Electrical Contracts Ltd., Omagh	£41,245.00
2.	RHK Davidson & Co. Ltd., Coleraine	£43,600.00
3.	Irwin Group, Armagh	£48,529.00
4.	Braid Electrical Services Ltd., Ballymena	£51,040.00
5.	HM Electrics Ltd, Maghera	£52,995.00
6.	Braham Electrical, Warrenpoint	£57,880.00

Recommended:

That Council accept the lowest priced tender from Barrett Electrical Contracts Ltd., for the sum of forty one thousand, two hundred and forty five pounds (£41,245.00) as recommended by the consultants.

4.2 “A Strategy to Develop the Recreational and Social Use of Forest Service Forests” – Consultation Document

Recommended:

That Council, in principle, broadly welcome the approach adopted by Forest Service in this strategy, and would wish to have opportunities in the future for meaningful consultation to explore possible recreational developments within the forests in the Coleraine Borough.

Members noted that copies of the Consultation Document would be available in the Members' Library.

4.3 Dunluce Centre

The Acting Director of Leisure Services advised members that Council had encountered difficulties with the operation of the Treasure Fortress game at the Dunluce Centre.

Various solutions to this situation had been considered, as detailed in the report.

Recommended:

That Council endorse Option 3 of the report which would be to replace the facility with an action laser game such as 'Quaser Laser' which could be incorporated and adopted relatively easily.

Members noted that installation would be anticipated during the last two weeks in April and May, in time for the summer season 2009.

4.4 Review of Charges – Harbours & Marina

Recommended:

That Council adopt the charges for 2009/2010 for Coleraine Marina, Portrush Harbour and Portstewart Harbour, as detailed in the report.

Members noted that the proposed charge for Rowing Boats up to 5 Metres for the Winter period at Coleraine Marina should be £53.00 and not £40.00 as in the report.

A member queried the difference in charges for Portrush and Portstewart Harbour. The Acting Director of Leisure Services advised that Portrush Harbour had additional facilities and staff.

4.5 For Information

4.5.1 Causeway Museum Service

(a) Coleraine Music Festival 100th Anniversary Exhibition

Members noted that Coleraine Music Festival Committee, assisted by Coleraine Museum, would be opening their new exhibition celebrating 100 years of The Coleraine Music Festival in Coleraine Town Hall on Monday 2nd March, 2009. The exhibition would be open from 12.30 p.m. – 5.00 p.m. Monday – Saturday, except public holidays and would run until Saturday 28th March, 2009.

(b) Causeway Museum Service Annual Report on Activities

Members noted that copies of this Report would be available in the Members' Library.

4.6 WINTER GRITTING SCHEDULE

Read letter from Armagh City and District Council seeking support for the Minister for Regional Development's review on Winter Gritting Schedule.

Recommended:

That Council support the Motion.

4.7 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

A member requested advice on how a small sporting club could obtain financial assistance from Council.

The Acting Director of Leisure Services advised that the representatives of the club should contact himself or Roger Downey, Sports Development Officer.

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- 2.2 Application No. D2
C/2007/0475/O
Infill site for dwelling and garage at
site adjacent to 39 Kiltinny Road,
Portstewart for Mr. & Mrs. J.
McLaughlin
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.
- 2.3 Application No. D3
C/2008/0160/F
Proposed alterations to approved
house type and retention of
detached at 11 Magheramore
Road, Garvagh for Mr. F. Kearney
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.
- 2.4 Application No. D4
C/2008/0691/F
Demolition of existing detached
dwelling and construction of new
detached dwelling at No. 1
Strandmore, Portrush for Mr. W.
McCay
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.
- 2.5 Application No. D5
C/2008/0776/F
Telecommunications development
consisting of the installation of 1
antenna mounted on support pole
fixed to freestanding parapet
mount, 2 antennae mounted on
support pole to wall, 1 1100mm
high safety handrail, 9 concrete
bollards, 1 3107 equipment
cabinet, 1 electrical meter cabinet
and associated equipment at BT
Exchange building and grounds,
Lodge Manor, Coleraine for
Vodafone UK Ltd.
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was proposed by Alderman Creelman and seconded by Councillor Deans:
- That Council disagree with the planners' decision.
- On being put to the Meeting, the proposal was agreed with eleven votes for and none against:
- 2.6 Application No. D6
C/2008/0884/F
Refurbishment of existing dwelling
including new roof structure at 9
Burnside Road, Portstewart for Mr.
and Mrs. Jackson
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.

New Applications

- 2.7 Application No. 3
C/2007/0065/F
To demolish and replace the two
existing apartments with three at
No. 19 Bayhead Road, to provide
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was proposed by Councillor McPherson, seconded by Alderman Mrs.

private gardens and parking to 17-19 Bayhead Road, reusing existing established vehicular access at 17-19 Bayhead Road, Portballintrae, Bushmills for N.M. Developments

Black and agreed:

That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on the grounds that all material planning considerations had not been assessed.

In response to a member's question, Mr. Duffy advised that Planning Service did not have a moratorium on development at any location in regard to sewage.

2.8

Application No. 8 C/2007/1106/O Redevelopment of former quarry and batching plant, including regrading of site levels and provision of new residential neighbourhood, associated open space and landscaping and ancillary works (re-advertisement – additional information) at former Maxwells Spittle Hill Quarry, 209 Bushmills Road, Coleraine for Farrans Homes/Northstone Ltd.

Mr. Duffy confirmed that this scheme would incorporate a diverse mix of four hundred and fifty individual dwellings. A focal point of the scheme would be a lake with the quarry face creating an outstanding backdrop. The site would be developed in two phases.

This application was listed for discussion. However, as all consultations had now been cleared Planning Service opinion was to approve.

In response to members' concerns in regard to health and safety considerations at the water feature, Mr. Duffy confirmed that the developers had engaged Greenbelt to take over responsibility for the management and maintenance of the feature. In regard to the landscaping scheme, this would be designed to limit public access around the more dangerous parts of the site.

In response to members' concerns with regard to the impact of additional traffic on the Bushmills Road, Mr. Duffy confirmed that Roads Service was content that the road could accommodate any traffic which the scheme might generate. He added that the Reserved Matters application could address specific traffic issues such as the need for a roundabout.

It was then agreed:

That Council support Planning Service's recommendation for an

- approval.
- 2.9 Application No. 10
C/2008/0103/F
Apartment development
(consisting of 33 No. 2 bedroom
units with associated parking,
amenity space and site works) at
15 Ballycairn Road, Coleraine for
Corramore Construction Ltd.
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- Consideration was given to a letter from Mr. Clive Miller, dated 10th April, 2008 (copy previously supplied). Mr. Miller was also in attendance to address Council.
- It was proposed by Councillor McPherson, seconded by Alderman Mrs. Black and agreed:
- That the application be deferred for one week to facilitate withdrawal of the application.
- Mr. Miller confirmed that he would not, therefore, address Council.
- 2.10 Application No. 21
C/2008/0616/F
Proposed dwelling at Site 4
Glenview, Garvagh for Mr. M.
O’Kane
- The opinion of Planning Service was to refuse.
- Reported that amended plans had been received and on the request of Mr. Duffy it was agreed that the application be removed from the schedule to facilitate reassessment.
- 2.11 Application No. 34
C/2008/0770/F
Proposed demolition of existing 3
storey semi-detached dwellings,
outbuildings and workshop for
construction of 3 storey 6
apartments and 2 no. 1½ storey
dwellings to rear at 65/67 Lodge
Road, Coleraine for A.M.G.
Property Developers Ltd.
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was proposed by Councillor McPherson, seconded by Alderman McClarty and agreed:
- That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on the grounds that all material planning considerations had not been assessed.
- 2.12 Application No. 67
C/2008/0963/A
New lobby signage – fascia signs
refer to VPI drawings at Tesco
Stores Ltd., 164 Coleraine Road,
Portstewart for Tesco Stores
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was proposed by Alderman Mrs. Hickey, seconded by Councillor Dallat and agreed:

That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on the grounds that all material planning considerations had not been assessed.

3.0 OFFICE MEETINGS

It was noted that the office meetings would be held on Friday, 6th March, 2009.

The Chairman asked any member requesting an office meeting to ensure that they, their deputy or the applicant, attend the meeting.

4.0 PLANNING APPEALS INFORMATION

- 4.1 Appeal in respect of Cliff Face Dwelling with Integral Garage, adjacent to 38 Strand Road, Portstewart Reported that this appeal had been dismissed and full planning permission refused (copy of Appeal Decision previously supplied).
Noted.
- 4.2 Proposed site for dwelling and garage, approximately 100m North of No. 96 Priestland Road, Bushmills Reported that the Department had decided to withdraw one of its reasons for refusal in respect of these appeals. (Copy letters dated 20th January, 2009 and 2nd February, 2009 from the Planning Service to the Planning Appeals Commission previously supplied).
Proposed dwelling and garage, approximately 100m North of No. 25 Revallagh Road, Bushmills

5.0 PLANNING ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS

5.1 Edgewater Hotel Site, Portstewart

Reference was made to progress regarding the development on the Edgewater Hotel site.

Mr. Duffy reported that an application had been received for steelwork to be erected on the roof of the development. An enforcement case had been opened but it was anticipated that this would be deferred until the planning application had been dealt with.

6.0 MANAGEMENT BOARD REFERRAL PROCEDURES

Read letter from the Department of the Environment in response to a request by the Committee for the Environment for information on the Management Board Referral (MBR) procedures currently in operation between Planning Service and local councils (copies of letters previously supplied).

Noted.

7.0 STREAMLINED CONSULTATION REPORT

In response to a member's request, the Acting Head of Administrative Services would email the location of no. 2 on this list, C/2009/0036/F, to members.

POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

17th February, 2009.

Present: Alderman W. J. McClure, in the Chair
The Mayor, Councillor D. D. Barbour
The Deputy Mayor, Alderman W. T. Creelman

Aldermen

E. T. Black (Mrs.) M. T. Hickey (Mrs.)

Councillors

C. S. Alexander (Ms.) (Items 1.0 – 10.1.1)	E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)
J. M. Bradley	B. Fitzpatrick
O. M. Church (Mrs.)	S. Gilkinson
A. S. Cole	N. F. Hillis
T. J. Deans	W. A. King
	B. Leonard

Officers in Attendance: Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services, Head of Development Services, Services Manager (Items 1.0 – 8.0), Economic Development Manager, Economic Development Officer (Items 3.0 – 10.2), PR Manager and Administrative Assistant

Apologies: Councillors Dallat, Mrs. Johnston, McLaughlin and McQuillan

1.0 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT

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

Matters arising:

1.1 Economic Development Update

It was agreed that this item be held 'In Committee' at the end of the meeting.

1.2 Community Festivals Fund

Consideration was given to information on this topic, as contained in the report.

The Head of Development Services highlighted the extensive training on best practice and event management which officers had carried out with community groups during 2008/09, in order to build capacity and increase applications for this fund for 2009/10.

During a period of discussion, a proposal made by Councillor Ms. Alexander failed to find a seconder.

Recommended:

On the proposal of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Deans and carried with fourteen votes for and one against, that Council continue with the Community Festivals Fund for 2009/10 on the basis of 50% funding from DCAL.

1.3 Age Concern NI and Help the Aged in Northern Ireland

Members noted information on the Fit for Purpose Programme, a partnership project implemented between Help the Aged in NI and Age Concern NI, to guide age sector groups through the process of modernisation.

Recommended:

That Council endorse the work undertaken in the Fit for Purpose Programme.

1.4 For Information

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

- (i) Rural Development Programme
- (ii) Coleraine Jobs, Opportunities and Advice Forum
- (iii) Active Citizenship Programme 2009 – Primary 7 Tours - members commended the efforts of the Mayor and staff involved with this programme.

2.0 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

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

Matters arising:

2.1 Annual Audit Letter

Consideration was given to the Annual Audit Letter relating to Council's 2007/08 accounts (previously supplied) and the contents noted.

2.2 Consultation Paper – Vacancy Control System Detailed Guidance

Members noted information on this topic, as contained in the report.

In response to members' questions, the Director of Corporate Services confirmed that Council would engage with Trade Unions through the existing Joint Consultative Committee and that training for staff would be carried out where necessary in order to build capacity.

2.3 Estimate of Rates 2009/10

The Director of Corporate Services reported that work had now begun to put in place the specific proposals which Council had agreed for the new financial year, viz:

- Closure of Civic Amenity Sites on Sundays

- Review of Parks Seasonal Staffing
- Closure of Waterworld from September – May
- Closure of Landfill Site on Saturday mornings
- Removal of 2010 Choral Festival Budget
- Closure of Leisure Centre on five Bank Holidays
- Removal of 2009 Community/Arts Festival Budget
- Reduction in Britain in Bloom costs
- Reduction in Investing for Health Contributions
- Reduction in Christmas expenditure
- Introduction of charge for bulky waste collection
- Alterations to weekend street cleansing arrangements
- Reduction in materials for events/fireworks
- Reduction to Conferences and Courses Budget
- Reduction to Official and Courtesy Visits Budget
- Review of all Council contributions
- Deferral of some capital expenditure

League Tables for financial year 2009/10 were circulated to members.

Discussion ensued during which members expressed concern at the possibility of abandonment of waste/fly tipping at the gates of amenity sites as a result of closures. The Town Clerk and Chief Executive confirmed that a press release on changes to services had been prepared and that an active programme of communication was planned.

2.4 Revision of Charges – Trade Waste

Recommended:

That Council endorse the proposed charges for 2009/10 viz:

	£
120L bin	1.45
240L bin	2.20
360L bin	3.25
660L bin	5.85
1100L bin	10.70
Bags (each)	1.05
Tape (30m)	54.00

2.5 Appointment

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

Technical Services Department: Energy Facilities Manager – Mr. J. Richardson

In response to a member's question, the Director of Corporate Services advised that this was a replacement post.

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive confirmed that all posts advertised were part of the established structure. He also advised that vacancies would, in the run up to RPA, be subject to the vacancy control system.

2.6 Accounts

Members noted that accounts for January 2009 had been circulated.

3.0 ANNUAL TENDERS 2009/10

Consideration was given to the report on Annual Tenders, previously supplied.

The Services Officer reported that Tender No. 6 for Tyres had been withdrawn, pending further consideration of tyre provision.

It was proposed by Councillor King and seconded by Councillor Cole:

That Council accept recommendations for Tenders, as detailed in the report.

As an amendment, it was proposed by Councillor Ms. Alexander and seconded by the Mayor:

That Council accept recommendations subject to removal of the highest tenderers for Tender Nos. 8 (Painting Work) and No. 10 (Building Work).

On being put to the Meeting the amendment was carried with twelve votes for and three votes against.

Recommendations were, therefore, agreed as follows:

Tender No. 1 - Small Tools:

TENDERER	TOTAL
Jamison & Green Ltd., Belfast	£1,061.30
* J P Corry (NI) Ltd., Belfast	£1,175.88
H & T Bellas Ltd., Coleraine	£1,299.00
* Bell Brush Co., Enfield	£1,638.00
Christies Building Centre, Coleraine	£1,889.40
* Arco Ltd., Newtownabbey	£527.75

* Incomplete tenders.

Recommended:

Acceptance of tenders from Jamison & Green Ltd, for bulk orders and H & T Bellas Ltd. for smaller orders.

Tender No. 2 - Timber:

TENDERER	TOTAL
* J P Corry (NI) Ltd, Belfast	£3,737.27
H & T Bellas Ltd, Coleraine	£5,045.07

* Incomplete tender

Recommended:

Acceptance of tender from H & T Bellas Ltd.

Tender No. 3 - Electrical Work:

TENDERER	LABOUR RATE PER HOUR		MATERIALS
	Electrician	Apprentice	+ %
AJM Electrical Ltd, Garvagh	£13.50	£7.72	2½
Todd Electrical Services, Coleraine	£13.50	£7.50	5
Feeney Electrical, Eglinton	£14.00	£8.00	10
McDowell Inst., Belfast	£14.00	£9.00	10
RHK Davidson, Coleraine	£14.50	£6.50	5
O'Kane, Cookstown	£18.00	£8.50	5
Red Sky Group, Belfast	£26.00	£16.00	10

Recommended:

Acceptance of tenders received from A J M Electrical, Todd Electrical Services and R H K Davidson for different aspects of work.

The remaining tenders to be included to provide quotations for larger maintenance jobs under the public tender limit.

Tender No. 4 - Plumbing Work:

TENDERER	LABOUR RATE PER HOUR		MATERIALS
	Plumber	Apprentice	+ %
M M Mechanical, Coleraine	£15.50	£9.00	5
P & H Services, Coleraine	£16.00	£10.00	10
O'Kane, Cookstown	£18.00	£8.50	5
P McMullan, Castlerock	£20.00	£8.50	12
Red Sky Group, Belfast	£24.00	£16.00	10

Recommended:

Acceptance of tenders received from M M Mechanical and P & H Services.

Tender No. 5 - Mechanical Work:

TENDERER	LABOUR RATE PER HOUR		MATERIALS
	Fitter	Machinist	+ %
P S Engineering, Ballymoney	£13.00	£15.00	12½

Roe Engineering, Coleraine	£13.40	£15.00	10
G Mac Eng., Coleraine	£14.00	£15.50	10
A Farlow (Engineering) Garvagh	£14.00	£16.50	15
Kane Heating, Castlewellan	£18.00	£18.00	12½
D T Mech. Eng., Coleraine	£21.50	£25.00	10
J Rainey & Co., Coleraine	£22.00	£22.00	18
JMF Ltd., Ballymoney	£25.00	£30.00	10
Hutton Services, Belfast	£26.00	£26.00	5
Red Sky Group, Belfast	£28.00	£28.00	10
R Beveridge Engineering, Coleraine	£30.00	£30.00	15

Recommended:

Acceptance of tenders from P S Engineering, Ballymoney; Roe Engineering, Coleraine; G Mac Eng, Coleraine; and A Farlow (Engineering) Garvagh.

The remaining tenders to be included to provide quotations for larger maintenance jobs under the public tender limit.

Tender No. 7 - Paint:

TENDERER	TOTAL
PPE Architectural Coatings, Carrickfergus	£26,080.90

Recommended:

Acceptance of tender from PPE Architectural Coatings, Carrickfergus.

Tender No. 8 - Painting Work:

TENDERER	LABOUR RATE PER HOUR		MATERIALS + %
	Painter	Apprentice	
S Nicholl, Coleraine	£10.00	£6.00	-
L Madden Painting, Portglenone	£10.00	N/A	10
N Campbell, Portstewart	£12.84	£8.75	8
J Fleming, Portrush	£13.00	£5.00	-
J Rainey & Co., Coleraine	£14.00	£11.50	18
MCN Masonry, Kilrea	£15.00	£11.00	10
Red Sky Group, Belfast	£21.00	£16.00	10

Recommended:

Acceptance of all tenders, apart from the highest ie Red Sky Group, Belfast. These tenders also to be used to provide quotations for larger maintenance jobs under the public tender limit.

Tender No. 10 - Building Work:

TENDERER	LABOUR RATE PER HOUR		MATERIALS
J Wylie, Portglenone	£15.00 (Joiner)	£3.50 (App)	10%
MCN Masonry, Kilrea	£15.00 (Joiner)	£11.00	10%
	£15.00 (B'Layer)	£11.00	
	£15.00 (Plasterer)	£11.00	
	£11.00 (Labourer)	-	
S M Oliver, Coleraine	£20.00 (Joiner)	£12.50 (App)	+ 15%
	£20.00 (B'Layer)	£12.50 (App)	
	£20.00 (Plasterer)	£12.50 (App)	
	£19.00 (Labourer)	-	
Red Sky Group, Belfast	£24.00 (Joiner)	£16.00 (App)	+15%

Recommended:

Acceptance of all tenders apart from the highest ie Red Sky Group, Belfast. These tenders also to be used to provide quotations for larger maintenance jobs under the public tender limit.

4.0 PRESENTATION ON COUNCIL'S WORK PLAN

This item would be considered 'In Committee' at the end of the meeting.

5.0 DISTRICT POLICING PARTNERSHIP - VACANCY WITHIN MEMBERSHIP

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive advised that Councillor Dallat had tendered his resignation from Coleraine District Policing Partnership.

Recommended:

On the proposal of Councillor Hillis and seconded by Councillor Ms. Alexander, in accordance with Paragraph 3(1) of Schedule 3 of the Act, that Council endorse the appointment of Alderman Mrs. Hickey to Coleraine District Policing Partnership.

6.0 SOMME PILGRIMAGE 2009

Read letter from The Somme Association (previously supplied) advising that the pilgrimage to commemorate the 93rd Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme would depart on 29th June, 2009 and return on 3rd July, 2009.

Recommended:

On the proposal of Councillor Gilkinson and seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick, that Councillor Deans be nominated to represent Council on this pilgrimage.

On the proposal of Councillor Hillis and seconded by Alderman Mrs. Black, that the Mayor be nominated to represent Council on this pilgrimage.

Members were reminded by the Town Clerk and Chief Executive of the reduced conference budget and that the cost of sending two representatives would be from this budget.

7.0 DIARY DATES

7.1 Public Information Evening – Draft PPS21

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive highlighted this event which would take place on 23rd February, 2009 at 7.30 pm.

7.2 Bushmills/Portballintrae Wastewater Treatment Scheme

Alderman Mrs. Black requested members' support for this presentation which would be held at 11.00 am on 25th February, 2009 in the Bayview Hotel, Portballintrae.

8.0 CAUSEWAY COAST TRANSITION COMMITTEE

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive advised that the first meeting of this Committee would take place at 3.00 p.m. on 25th February, 2009.

Members' questions on the work of the Transition Committee were responded to by the Town Clerk and Chief Executive.

9.0 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive reported on an announcement made by the Secretary of State that Parliament had decided to delay local government elections until 2011.