

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER 2023**

Table of Recommendations

No	Item	Summary of key Recommendations
1.	Apologies	<i>None</i>
2.	Declarations of Interest	<i>None</i>
3.	Minutes of previous meeting held Tuesday 12 September 2023	<i>Confirmed as a correct record</i>
4.	Consultation on the Building (Amendment) Regulations (NI) 2023	<i>To recommend that Council endorses the response</i>
5.	Smarter Regulation: UK Product Safety Review Consultation	<i>To recommend that Council approves and submits this response</i>
6.	Craigahulliar Landfill Site – Void Capacity Study	<i>To recommend to Council the mothballing of Craigahulliar Landfill Site after the completion of infilling cells 4 and 5 to restoration contours plus 20%</i>
7.	Entertainment Licence Renewals	<i>Information</i>
8.	Licences Issued Under Delegated Authority	<i>Information</i>
9.	Petroleum Spirit Licence Renewals	<i>Information</i>
10.	Matters for Reporting to Partnership Panel	<i>None</i>
11.	Consultations	<i>None</i>
12.	Correspondence	<i>None</i>
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13.	Animal Welfare Service Funding	<p>To recommend to Council to contact DAERA to request that it covers costs incurred prior to its announcement of the withdrawal of funding</p> <p>And to further recommend that Council approves use of Council funds to finance the animal welfare service during 2023/24 to enable continued service delivery</p>
14.	Regularisation of Concessionary Trading Sites	<p>To recommend that Council grant officers permission to make the CLEUD applications to the planning service to ensure regularisation is assessed to complete this determination and to grant the applications expenditure</p> <p>And to further recommend that Council confirm the goods that can be traded at each trading site for the next licencing period of 3 years (1st April 2024-31st March 2027)</p>
15.	Strategic Selection and / or Progression of Major Capital Project Red Bay Pier, Cushendall	<p>To recommend that the decision be deferred until the next Council meeting, following a workshop to further consider the options provided</p>
16.	Street Trading Licence Renewals	Noted
17.	Legal Advice on Licensing of Pavement Cafes (NI) Act 2014	WITHDRAWN

No	Item	Summary of key Recommendations
18.	ES Management Accounts and Financial Position Period 5	Noted
	'In Public' (Item 19)	
19.	Any Other Relevant Business (notified in accordance with Standing Order 12 (0))	
19.1	Signage to mark Ballymoney's Win of High Street of The Year In The Retail NI Awards (Councillor Wallace)	To recommend to Council that signage is installed to recognise Ballymoney as 2023 High Street of the Year
19.2	The Environment Directorate's Sustainable Maintenance and Upkeep Plan for the Tourist Village of Bushmills and Details of any contribution from the Leisure and Development Directorate (Alderman S McKillop)	Information

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF
THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC HEADQUARTERS AND VIA VIDEO
CONFERENCE, ON TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER 2023 AT 7:00 PM**

In the Chair: Alderman Fielding (Chair)

Members Present: Alderman Hunter (R), S McKillop (C) Stewart (C);
Councillors C Archibald (C), Bateson (R), Callaghan (C),
Chivers (R), Kyle (C), MA McKillop (C), McQuillan (R),
Mairs (C), Stirling (R), Wallace (C)

Non-Committee

Members Present: Alderman John McAuley (R), Councillor Watson (R)

Officers Present: A McPeake, Director of Environmental Services (C)
S McAfee, Head of Health and Built Environment (C)
M McCook, Interim Head of Estates (C)
J Richardson, Head of Capital Works, Energy and
Infrastructure (C)
Thomas Vauls, Car Parks and Concessionary Trading
Manager (C)
J Morton, Harbour Master (R)
U Harper, Committee & Member Services Officer (C)

In Attendance: David Williamson, Williamson Consulting (R)

A Lennox, ICT Operations Officer (C)
C Thompson, ICT Operations Officer (C)

Press (2 no.) (R), Public (R)

Key: (C) Attended in the Chamber
(R) Attended Remotely

Substitutions: Councillor Kyle substituted for Councillor Jonathan
McAuley.
Councillor Holmes substituted for Councillor Wilson.
Alderman Stewart substituted for Councillor Kane.

The Chair advised Committee of its obligations and protocol whilst the meeting was being audio recorded; and with the remote meetings protocol.

The Chair welcomed Mr Martin McCook, Interim Head of Estates.

The Director of Environmental Services undertook a roll call.

* **Councillor Bateson joined the meeting remotely at 7.07pm.**

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD TUESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2023

Summary, previously circulated.

AGREED - The Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held Tuesday 12 September 2023 were confirmed as a correct record.

4. CONSULTATION ON THE BUILDING (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS (NI) 2023

Report, previously circulated, was presented by the Director of Environmental Services.

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to provide a Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council response to the consultation.

Background

Fire safety measures in buildings established through the Building Regulations contribute significantly to maintaining life safety standards for occupants/residents and firefighters and contribute in terms of property protection.

This consultation proposes legislative amendments to uplift fire safety protection measures in a range of buildings. They are mainly focused on residential buildings and in particular domestic multi-residential buildings, to provide assurance and additional safety measures to residents. Some amendments are aimed at assisting the Fire and Rescue Service to ensure they can provide an effective operational response.

The intended effect of the proposals is to reduce the consequences of fire through saving lives and preventing injuries. The Department of Finance is seeking views to help inform the development of final policy proposals.

The package of consultation documents which outline fully the proposed amendments can be found at the link below:

<https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-fire-safety-changes-local-building-regulations>

Appendix 1 (previously circulated) is a suggested response to the consultation.

The closing date for submission of responses to the Department of Finance was 25th September 2023. Due to the time constraints this response has been submitted as an officer response pending endorsement and approval by Council.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Council endorses the response.

Proposed by Councillor MA McKillop
Seconded by Alderman Hunter and

AGREED – to recommend that Council endorses the response.

5. SMARTER REGULATION: UK PRODUCT SAFETY REVIEW CONSULTATION

Report, previously circulated, was presented by the Director of Environmental Services.

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to provide a Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council response to the consultation.

Background

This consultation forms part of the Government's Smarter Regulation programme of regulatory reform. Smarter regulation aims to improve regulation, ensuring it is clear and only used where necessary and proportionate.

The Product Safety Review examines the fundamental principles of the product safety framework with a view to redesigning and modernising it so that it is effective, supports businesses to innovate and grow whilst ensuring consumers are kept safe.

This consultation is focused on regulations within the remit of Office for Product Safety and Standards (OPSS) that cover the majority of consumer products, including electrical equipment, cosmetics, toys and gas appliances, as well as those that go beyond consumers to protect users of, for example, machinery, lifts, equipment used in explosive atmospheres and pressure equipment. It includes cross-cutting regulations, such as the General Product Safety Regulations 2005, as well as product-specific rules. It does not cover food, chemicals, medical or healthcare products, construction products or vehicles, all of which are regulated separately.

The consultation can be found at [UK Product Safety Review: consultation \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/consultations/uk-product-safety-review-consultation)

Appendix 1 (previously circulated) is a suggested response to the consultation.

The closing date for submission of responses to the Department for Business & Trade is 24th October 2023.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Council approves and submits this response.

Proposed by Councillor Callaghan
Seconded by Councillor Mairs and

AGREED – to recommend that Council approves and submits this response.

6. CRAIGAHULLIAR LANDFILL SITE – VOID CAPACITY STUDY

Report, previously circulated, was presented by the Director of Environmental Services.

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to seek approval from members on how to utilise the remaining void space available at Craigahulliar Landfill Site.

Background

Craigahulliar Landfill Site occupies a quarry, which operated until 1989, and is located on Ballymacrea Road, approximately 2.75km to southeast of Portrush, Co. Antrim.

The site operates as a non-hazardous landfill and is permitted to accept up to 90,000 tonnes of waste per year. The site covers an area of approximately 176,000 square metres.

Craigahulliar Landfill Site consists of six different phases/cells. Plan attached in appendix 1. Cells 1, 2 and 3 have been filled and capped, while cells 4 and 5 are currently active. Cell 6 has not yet been developed.

An external study was commissioned to ascertain the potential space available within cells 4, 5 and 6 and the options for utilising same. See appendix 2.

Findings

Based on four modelling options (see appendix 1) for cells 4,5 and 6, an annual waste input of c.39,748m³ and a waste compaction rate of 0.8 tonnes/m³ the predicted remaining number of years capacity for each void model is as follows.

Model Scenario	Predicted Lifespan (Years)
Cells 4 and 5 only to restoration contours	0.48
Cells 4 and 5 only to restoration contours plus 20%	3.02
Cells 4, 5 and 6 to restoration contours	2.24

Cells 4, 5 and 6 to restoration contours plus 20%	5.28
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Options

Regarding the future development and usage of the site there are a number of options highlighted by the study for consideration.

Option 1 - Development costs associated with construction of cell 6 should this cell be utilised. This would include full Landfill Directive lining system, leachate extraction system, gas well and gas extraction infrastructure and a Landfill Directive capping system.

Option 2 – Evaluating ongoing operational costs versus the cost of sending waste to a materials recovery facility.

Option 3 – Further to consultation with NIEA, mothballing the site after the completion of infilling cells 4 and 5.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Environmental Services Committee recommends to Council the mothballing of Craigahulliar Landfill Site after the completion of infilling cells 4 and 5.

The Director of Environmental Services advised the Committee that it was recommended that the Environmental Services Committee recommends to Council the mothballing of Craigahulliar Landfill Site after the completion of infilling cells 4 and 5 to restoration contours plus 20%.

In response to questions from Councillor Holmes, the Director of Environmental Services advised that approximately 50% of the 40,000 tonnes of waste per annum comes from Council. He confirmed that if we were to only process our own waste, we could double the lifespan of cell 6. He advised that the figure of £2.5 million to engineer cell 6 is a guide price rather than an exact cost. This equates to approximately £175 - £180 per tonne gate fee, versus the current cost for disposing of waste via Contract. He confirmed that should that cost differential change in future, cell 6 would remain an option for waste disposal. He advised that in the longer term, the Government direction of travel is against waste being disposed of via landfill.

In response to Councillor Kyle's query regarding the potential of lands adjacent to Craigahulliar being contaminated, the Director of Environmental Services advised that the site is fully engineered with liner systems which contain the waste. Northern Ireland Environment Agency are the regulators and they conduct checks consistently, and that he has not been made aware of any contamination issues.

* **Councillor Watson left the meeting remotely at 7.22pm.**

Proposed by Alderman S McKillop
Seconded by Councillor Mairs and

AGREED – to recommend to Council the mothballing of Craigahulliar Landfill Site after the completion of infilling cells 4 and 5 to restoration contours plus 20%.

7. ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE RENEWALS

For information report, previously circulated, was presented by the Chair.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) (NI) ORDER 1985

ENTERTAINMENT LICENCES

The undernoted applications for an entertainments licence have been received, acknowledged and processed during the report period.

<u>Unique Reference Number</u>	<u>Name of Premises</u>
EL072	Kiwis Brew Bar/Playhouse
EL087	Railway Arms
EL169	Bushmills Inn Hotel
EL164	Carrick -A-Rede Bar
EL078	Portrush Yacht Club
EL104	St Mary's Star of the Sea Parish Centre
EL048	Mary Pat's Bar
EL073	Portballintrae Boat Club
EL213	Royal British Legion Ballymoney Ltd
EL313	Newtown Inn Ltd
EL284	The Gawn Inn
EL174	Mary McBrides Ltd
EL044	Garvagh Community Building
EL406	Murphy's Bar
EL216	Finvoy Presbyterian Church Hall

Committee NOTED the report.

8. LICENCES ISSUED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

For information report, previously circulated, was presented by the Chair.

The below licences were issued under Delegated Authority during the last report period:

The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (NI) Order 1985

Reference No	Premises:	Licence
EL431	The Vale Centre (Marquee), Clooney Road, Greysteel.	Grant of an Occasional Entertainments Licence Days and times on which it is applied to provide entertainment: Friday 20 th October 2023 19:00hrs to 23:00hrs Saturday 21 st October 2023 19:00hrs to 23:00hrs Sunday 22 nd October 2023 15:00hrs to 22:00hrs
EL249	Rustic Saddle Church Street Ballymoney	Grant of annual indoor entertainments licence. Days and times on which it is applied to provide entertainment: Wednesday 21:00hrs to 23:00hrs Friday 21:00hrs to 00:00hrs Saturday 21:00hrs to 01:00hrs Sunday 16:00hrs to 19:00hrs

Delegated authority was used to issue licences for the above applicants due to time constraints and to enable the premises to provide entertainment.

Decisions to grant or vary entertainment licences will continue to be brought before Council with delegated authority used only in exceptional circumstances.

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (NI) Order 1985

Articles 13 &14, Practice of Acupuncture/Business of Cosmetic Piercing/Tattooing/Semi-Permanent Skin-Colouring/Electrolysis

<u>Reference Number:</u>	<u>Name of Premises</u>	<u>Type of Registration</u>
CP/05/2023	Death & Glory Tattoo Parlour, 25 Railway Rd, Coleraine	Cosmetic Piercing
SP/04/2023	NM Beauty Treatments, 35 Cypress Drive, Coleraine	Semi Piercing Skin Colouring
T/04/2023	NM Beauty Treatments, 35 Cypress Drive, Coleraine	Tattooing
T/03/2023	Four Greys Tattoo Studio, The Vale Centre, Greysteel	Tattooing
EP/01/2023	Sunkissed Tanning & Beauty, 3 Market Street, Ballymoney	Ear Piercing

Caravans Act (NI) 1963

Reference No	Premises:	Caravan Site License
CC&G/2023/002(T)	Fairways Caravan Site, Benone Ave, Limavady	Grant of a transfer of the Caravan Site Licence to new owners.

Delegated authority was used to issue licences for the above applicants due to time constraints and to enable the premises to continue trading.

Committee NOTED the report.

9. PETROLEUM SPIRIT LICENCE RENEWALS

For information report, previously circulated, was presented by the Chair.

PETROLEUM (REGULATION) ACTS 1929 AND 1937

PETROLEUM SPIRIT LICENCES

The undernoted applications for renewal of petroleum spirit licence have been received, acknowledged and processed during the report period.

<u>Licence No:</u>	<u>Name of Premises</u>
PL046	Dervock Centra
PL038	Moore's of Cloughmills Ltd
PL043	Finvoy Filling Station

Committee NOTED the report.

10. MATTERS FOR REPORTING TO PARTNERSHIP PANEL

There were no matters for reporting to Partnership Panel.

11. CONSULTATIONS

There were no consultations.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN COMMITTEE'

Proposed by Councillor MA McKillop
Seconded by Councillor C Archibald and

AGREED – to recommend that Committee move 'In Committee'.

* **The Press left the meeting remotely at 7.25pm.**

* **The Public left the meeting remotely at 7.25pm.**

The information contained in the following item is restricted in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014.

The Chair advised Members that Agenda Item 17 has been withdrawn.

13. ANIMAL WELFARE SERVICE FUNDING

Confidential report, previously circulated, was presented by the Director of Environmental Services.

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to seek approval for Council to fund delivery of the animal welfare service for 2023-24.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Council approves use of Council funds to finance the animal welfare service during 2023/24 to enable continued service delivery.

Councillor Bateson noted that the Council has a statutory duty to provide this service. He queried how this unanticipated funding change will impact the directorate's budget.

The Director of Environmental Services advised that there will be an overspend for the period during which the funding had been anticipated but not provided. He advised that the directorate will try to make savings to compensate for this unanticipated cost.

Councillor Bateson proposed contacting the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) to lobby for the provision of funding to cover the costs incurred to date.

The Head of Health and Built Environment advised that Solace, the Chief Executives group, has been corresponding with DAERA and have been advised that not even Quarter 1 costs will be funded.

Councillor Wallace stated that he has first-hand experience of the animal welfare service, which does an excellent job. He queried whether the Council might consider delivering the service in-house.

The Director of Environmental Services advised that the Council currently does not have the relevant expertise, but this could be examined for future provision.

Members confirmed that they were happy for the Council to continue to pay any invoices for the service that are received from Mid and East Antrim Borough Council.

Alderman S McKillop queried whether other avenues of provision, such as the voluntary sector, or other avenues of funding have been considered.

The Head of Health and Built Environment advised that the legislation states that the provision of the service is a Council-enforced duty. She advised that the Funding Unit has not identified any other sources of funding. She further advised that the regional approach currently in use works well as it provides more geographical and staff cover than would be possible if it were delivered in-house.

Proposed by Councillor Bateson
Seconded by Councillor Wallace and

AGREED – to recommend to Council to contact DAERA to request that it covers costs incurred prior to its announcement of the withdrawal of funding,

And to recommend that Council approves use of Council funds to finance the animal welfare service during 2023/24 to enable continued service delivery.

14. REGULARISATION OF CONCESSIONARY TRADING SITES

Confidential report, previously circulated, was presented by the Director of Environmental Services.

Purpose of Report

For members to consider regularisation of concessionary trading sites across the Borough and to grant officers permission to progress the necessary planning service applications to ensure statutory compliance.

To request confirmation from Members as to what can be sold at the concessionary trading sites (offerings) for the next auction term (1st April 2024 – 31st March 2027)

Recommendations

It is recommended that Members grant officers permission to make the CLEUD applications to the planning service to ensure regularisation is assessed to complete this determination and to grant the applications expenditure.

It is recommended that Members confirm what goods can be traded at each trading site for the next licencing period (1st April 2024- 31st March 2027). A list of the concessionary sites is listed in table 1 (previously circulated).

The Director of Environmental Services advised that the Trading Working Group had met prior to the Environmental Services Committee meeting to discuss what goods were appropriate for each site. The Director of Environmental Services cited the suggestions from the Trading Working Group for Committee to consider (proposals included in table 1, column C below).

In response to a query from Alderman Hunter, the Director of Environmental Services advised that Council will bear the costs of regularising the sites. These would be one-off costs, and the regularisation would mean that there would be no movement of a pitch within a site. He also confirmed that it would be the responsibility of the trading concession to provide whatever unit was required at the pitch.

* **Alderman John McAuley joined the meeting remotely at 7.55pm.**

Councillor Holmes proposed that the leases could be provided on a one-year basis in order to allow for reassessment.

Alderman S McKillop stated that a one-year lease could allow for a bedding-in period.

Councillor Kyle proposed remaining with the three-year lease, as a one-year lease could create uncertainty for vendors.

Councillor Callaghan seconded the proposal for remaining with the three-year lease.

Councillor Wallace agreed that a three-year lease makes more sense for vendors, and is preferable to Council, as renewing the leases on an annual basis would cost the Council more.

Table 1 –

List of concessionary trading locations which require regularisation

	A	B	C
	Trading Site Location	Current Provision	Goods to be Traded (2024-2027)
1	East Strand car park Portrush	Ice Cream, confectionery, cold drinks.	Ice Cream, confectionery, cold drinks, hot drinks.
2	East Strand car park Portrush	Tea, coffee, doughnuts.	Hot drinks, flour-based baked goods and traybakes.
3	West Strand car park Portrush	Ice Cream, confectionery, cold drinks.	Ice Cream, confectionery, cold drinks, hot drinks.
4	West Strand car park Portrush Currently has temporary planning permission up until 31st March 2024	Tea, coffee, traybakes.	Hot drinks, flour-based baked goods and traybakes.
5	Benone Beach	Ice Cream, confectionery, cold drinks.	Ice Cream, confectionery, cold drinks.
6	Downhill Beach	Ice Cream, confectionery, cold drinks.	Ice Cream, confectionery, cold drinks, hot drinks, flour-based baked goods and traybakes.
7	Magheracross car park Portrush	Ice Cream, confectionery, cold drinks.	Ice Cream, confectionery, cold drinks, hot drinks.
8	Magheracross car park Portrush	Tea, coffee, doughnuts.	Hot drinks and flour-based baked goods and traybakes.
9	Garron Road car park Waterfoot	Ice Cream, confectionery, cold drinks.	Ice Cream, confectionery, cold drinks, hot drinks, flour-based baked goods and traybakes.

10	Legge Green car park Cushendall	Ice Cream, confectionery, cold drinks.	Ice Cream, confectionery, cold drinks, hot drinks, flour-based baked goods and traybakes.
11	Pier Yard car park Ballycastle	Ice Cream, confectionery, cold drinks.	Ice Cream, confectionery, cold drinks, hot drinks, flour-based baked goods and traybakes.
12	Quay Road car park Ballycastle	Ice Cream, confectionery, cold drinks.	Ice Cream, confectionery, cold drinks, hot drinks, flour-based baked goods and traybakes.
13	Harbour Road car park Ballintoy	Photography, arts, and crafts.	Photography, arts, and crafts, tourism-related memorabilia.
14	Waterford Slip Cushendall	Ice Cream, confectionery, cold drinks.	Ice Cream, confectionery, cold drinks, hot drinks.
15	Waterford Slip Cushendall	Hot Food.	Hot Food, hot drinks, flour-based baked goods and traybakes.
16	Portaneevy car park Ballintoy	Ice Cream, confectionery, cold drinks.	Ice Cream, confectionery, cold drinks, hot drinks.
17	Portaneevy car park Ballintoy	Hot Food.	Hot Food, hot drinks.
18	Sea Front Ballycastle	Childrens Amusements.	Impose restriction on height of play equipment as per legacy Moyle conditions.
19	Diversity Play Park Portstewart	Ice Cream, confectionery, cold drinks.	Ice Cream, confectionery, cold drinks, hot drinks.
20	Megaw Play Park Ballymoney	Ice Cream, confectionery, cold drinks.	Ice Cream, confectionery, cold drinks, hot drinks.

List of concessionary trading sites that avail of a street trading licence therefore no regularisation required.

21	Promenade Castlerock	Ice Cream, confectionery, cold drinks.	A single site offering ice-cream, confectionery, cold drinks, hot drinks, flour-based baked goods and traybakes. Note – Planning permission has been applied for a second site which will be considered at the end of the next term in 2027.
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List of concessionary trading sites that have obtained regularisation.

22	Riverside Park Ballymoney	All hot and cold food, all hot and cold drink.	All hot and cold food, all hot and cold drink.
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23	Accessible Play Park Limavady	All hot and cold food, all hot and cold drink.	All hot and cold food, all hot and cold drink.
24	Lansdowne Road car park Portrush	Hot Food.	Hot Food.
25	Lansdowne Road car park Portrush	Ice Cream, confectionery, cold drinks, tea, and coffee.	Ice Cream, confectionery, cold drinks, tea, and coffee.
26	Lansdowne Road car park Portrush	Ice Cream, confectionery, cold drinks, tea, and coffee.	Ice Cream, confectionery, cold drinks, tea, and coffee.
27	Lansdowne Road car park Portrush	Tea, coffee, doughnuts, hot confectionary.	Hot drinks, flour-based baked goods and traybakes.
28	Whiterocks car park Portrush	Vacant site - Previously Ice Cream, confectionery, cold drinks.	A single site offering ice cream, confectionery, cold drinks, hot drinks, flour-based baked goods and traybakes.

List of concessionary trading sites currently in the process of applying for regularisation:

29	Forest car park Garvagh	Proposed all hot and cold food, all hot and cold drink.	Proposed all hot and cold food, all hot and cold drink. Additional assessments required.
30	Christie Park Coleraine	Proposed all hot and cold food, all hot and cold drink.	Proposed all hot and cold food, all hot and cold drink.

Proposed by Councillor Bateson
Seconded by Councillor MA McKillop and

AGREED – to recommend that Council grant officers permission to make the CLEUD applications to the planning service to ensure regularisation is assessed to complete this determination and to grant the applications expenditure.

Proposed by Councillor Kyle
Seconded by Councillor Callaghan

- To recommend that Council confirm the goods that can be traded at each trading site for the next licencing period of 3 years (1st April 2024- 31st March 2027), as detailed in Table 1, column C above.

14 Members voted For; 1 Member voted Against.
The Chair declared the Proposal passed.

15. STRATEGIC SELECTION AND / OR PROGRESSION OF MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECT - RED BAY PIER, CUSHENDALL

- * The representative of Williamson Consulting joined the meeting remotely at 8.16pm.

Confidential report, previously circulated, was presented by the Director of Environmental Services.

Purpose of Report

To request that Members consider the 5 no. strategic asset options available for Red Bay Pier, Cushendall, and approve an option for officers to progress. Such options available for consideration are shown in section 3.1 of this report.

The report has an appended economic appraisal (EA) to assist Council in determining its future actions in relation to Red Bay pier. It seeks to consider the monetary/economic and non-monetary/social impacts of various options and the other likely risks, constraints, and wider economic effects of each. It has been carried out in line with central Government guidance on appraisal and evaluation.

Recommendation

As the Economic Appraisal has identified Option 7 (Sell the Pier) as the preferred option, it is recommended that the ES committee Members declare the asset surplus, thus granting officers permission to bring a report to the Land & Property Sub Committee (L&PSC) to request disposal.

In the event that Members approve Option 4, officers are therefore granted permission to engage in a contract with Messrs. Charles Brand Limited to progress the repair of Red Bay Pier (Stage 3 of the Capital Procurement Gateway).

The Chair welcomed the representative from Williamson Consulting to the meeting.

The representative from Williamson Consulting briefed the Committee on the five options presented to the Committee.

Councillor MA McKillop proposed option 4. She stated that the Council must protect businesses, and the businesses associated with the pier provide significant local employment. She stated that the pier is used daily by fishermen, and it provides access for the lifeboat. She suggested that the Council should examine other tourism potential from the pier.

The Director of Environmental Services advised the Committee that he had received a request from one of the businesses associated with the pier to make their case for retention.

Councillor Bateson stated that the proposal has caused uproar in the community. He said that the Council needs to consider the social implications as well as the impact on businesses. He proposed that the Council undertakes a consultation with the local community.

Alderman Hunter stated that the pier represents a great asset in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). She seconded Councillor MA McKillop's

proposal of Option 4. She proposed that the Council consider more leisure options and even the reintroduction of the ferry service.

In response to a query from Councillor Wallace, the Director of Environmental Services advised that there is a prescriptive right of way providing access to the pier.

Councillor Wallace proposed that the Council holds a workshop to consider the information on the different options and that the decision is made at the next meeting of the full Council.

Councillor Stirling seconded Councillor Wallace's proposal for a workshop, stating that it would lead to a more measured approach.

The Director of Environmental Services advised that the contractor's timescale for holding the tendered price may expire.

The Chair put the Amendment by Councillor Wallace, seconded by Councillor Stirling, to the Committee to Vote.

8 Members voted For; 6 Members voted Against.
The Chair declared the Amendment passed.

AGREED – to recommend that the decision be deferred until the next Council meeting, following a workshop to further consider the options provided.

- * **Councillor Holmes was inaudible during the vote; however, he subsequently stated in the chat facility that he had wished to vote Against the amendment. Due to Standing Orders requiring an audible vote, Councillor Holmes' vote was not included in the outcome.**
- * **The representative of Williamson Consulting left the meeting remotely at 8.47pm.**

16. STREET TRADING LICENCE RENEWALS

Confidential for Information report, previously circulated, was presented by the Chair.

STREET TRADING (NI) ACT 2001

The undernoted applications for a street trading licence have been received, acknowledged and processed during the report period.

<u>Unique Reference Number</u>	<u>Type of Licence</u>	<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Location</u>
MST 016	Mobile	Ice cream, minerals and confectionery	
TSTM 017	Temporary	Various stalls	Main Street, Bushmills

Committee NOTED the report.

17. LEGAL ADVICE ON LICENSING OF PAVEMENT CAFES (NI) ACT 2014 - WITHDRAWN

The Chair advised the meeting that Item 17 had been withdrawn.

18. ES MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL POSITION PERIOD 5

Confidential for Information report, previously circulated, was presented by the Director of Environmental Services.

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report to provide Members with information on the current financial position of Environmental Services Directorate at the end of Period 5.

Recommendation

Members are requested to note the paper.

Committee NOTED the paper.

MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN PUBLIC'

Proposed by Alderman S McKillop
Seconded by Councillor C Archibald and

AGREED – to recommend that Council move 'In Public'.

19. ANY OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS (NOTIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 12 (0))

19.1 Signage to mark Ballymoney's Win of High Street of The Year In The Retail NI Awards (Councillor Wallace)

*"I was delighted but not surprised that Ballymoney won this year's High Street of the year in the Retail NI awards.
The mayor graciously hosted a reception at my request to mark all the winners in the borough.
This is such an accolade for Ballymoney that we as a council can and should mark, by placing signs below the Welcome to Ballymoney signs.
I therefore propose we do this as soon as possible to maximise the publicity of gaining this prestigious award."*

The Director of Environmental Services noted that Ballymoney also recently came Third in "Ulster in Bloom".

Proposed by Councillor Wallace
Seconded by Councillor Callaghan and

AGREED – to recommend to Council that signage is installed to recognise Ballymoney as 2023 High Street of the Year.

19.2 The Environment Directorate's Sustainable Maintenance and Upkeep Plan for the Tourist Village of Bushmills and Details of any contribution from the Leisure and Development Directorate (Alderman S McKillop)

“Provide the Environment Directorate's sustainable maintenance and upkeep plan for the tourist village of Bushmills (cross department plan) and details of any contribution from the Leisure and Development Directorate for additional cleansing and upkeep prior to special events such as the recent Salmon and Whiskey Festival.”

Alderman S McKillop advised that while the recent ‘Salmon and Whiskey Festival’ in Bushmills had been a great success, some issues had been raised regarding cleanliness. She advised that the issues span across several of the Council’s directorates.

The Director of Environmental Services stated that the new Interim Head of Estates would be putting together plans for the entire area.

Alderman S McKillop agreed to liaise with the Director of Environmental Services to provide further detail on the nature of the concerns raised.

There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance. The meeting concluded at 8.57pm.

Chair