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BELFAST CITY COUNCIL

SUMMONS TO ATTEND THE FINAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

**TO: THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE LORD MAYOR,
ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS OF BELFAST CITY COUNCIL**

Notice is hereby given that the final meeting of the City Council will be held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Belfast on Monday, 30th March, 2015 at 6.00 p.m., for the transaction of the following business:

1. Reading of Scriptures
2. Chief Executive to submit Summons convening the Meeting
3. Apologies
4. To take as read and confirm the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council of 2nd March (Pages 3 - 4)
5. To take as read and confirm the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council of 2nd March (Pages 5 - 8)
6. To receive official announcements and memorials, if any.
7. To receive and adopt the minutes of the proceedings of the Committees as follows:
 - a) Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 13th March (Pages 9 - 18)
 - b) Parks and Leisure Committee of 12th March (Pages 19 - 26)
 - c) Development Committee of 10th March (Pages 27 - 28)
 - d) Health and Environmental Services Committee of 4th March (Pages 29 - 52)
 - e) Licensing Committee of 18th March (Pages 53 - 64)
 - f) Town Planning Committee of 5th March (Pages 65 - 68)
 - g) Town Planning Committee of 23rd March (Pages 69 - 72)

The Members of Belfast City Council are hereby summoned to attend.

SUZANNE WYLIE

Chief Executive

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Council

SPECIAL MEETING OF BELFAST CITY COUNCIL

Held in the City Hall on Monday, 2nd March, 2015
at 6.00 p.m., pursuant to Notice.

Members present: The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor
(Councillor Mallon) (Chairman);
the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Hendron);
the High Sheriff (Councillor McKee);
Aldermen Browne; M. Campbell; Ekin, Kingston,
McCoubrey, L. Patterson, R. Patterson, Robinson;
Rodgers, Stalford, Stoker and Webb; and
Councillors Attwood, Austin, Beattie, M. E. Campbell,
Carson, Clarke, Convery, Corr, Cunningham, Curran,
Garrett, Groves, Haire, Hanna, Hussey, Hutchinson,
Jones, Keenan, Kelly, Kennedy, Kyle, Mac Giolla Mhín,
Magee, McAteer, McCabe, McCarthy, McNamee, McVeigh,
Mullan, Newton, Ó Donnghaile, Reynolds, Spence,
Thompson and Verner.

Summons

The Chief Executive submitted the summons convening the meeting, which had been called in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (Modification of Borough Charters) (Northern Ireland) Order 1973, for the purpose of considering a recommendation of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 23rd January that the Freedom of the City be conferred upon Michael Longley.

Freedom of the City

Moved by Councillor Hanna,
Seconded by Alderman Stalford and

Resolved - This Council recognises the contribution made to literature and the life of the City by Michael Longley. For over fifty years, he has brought honour to Belfast through his poetry, which has gained him international acclaim as one of the greatest poets writing in the English language. Accordingly, in recognition of his achievements, the Council agrees that Mr. Michael Longley is hereby elected and admitted as a Freeman of the City of Belfast.

Lord Mayor
Chairman

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MONTHLY MEETING OF BELFAST CITY COUNCIL

Held in the City Hall on Monday, 2nd March, 2015
at the hour of 6.20 p.m., pursuant to Notice.

Members present: The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor
(Councillor Mallon) (Chairman);
the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Hendron);
the High Sheriff (Councillor McKee);
Aldermen Browne, M. Campbell, Ekin, Kingston,
McCoubrey, L. Patterson, R. Patterson, Robinson;
Rodgers, Stalford, Stoker and Webb; and
Councillors Attwood, Austin, Beattie, M. E. Campbell,
Carson, Clarke, Convery, Corr, Cunningham, Curran,
Garrett, Groves, Haire, Hanna, Hargey, Hussey,
Hutchinson, Jones, Keenan, Kelly, Kennedy, Kyle,
Mac Giolla Mhín, Magee, McAteer, McCabe, McCarthy,
McNamee, McVeigh, Mullan, Newton, Ó Donnghaile,
Reynolds, Spence, Thompson and Verner.

Reading of Scriptures

In accordance with Standing Order 9, the Deputy Lord Mayor read a passage from the Scriptures.

Summons

The Chief Executive submitted the summons convening the meeting.

Congratulations

Alderman Robinson, on behalf of the Members, congratulated the Lord Mayor (Councillor Mallon) and her husband, Brendan, on the news that they were expecting their first child.

Carl Frampton

The Lord Mayor, on behalf of the Council, congratulated local boxer Carl Frampton on his recent successful defence of his IBF Super-Bantamweight world title.

Mr. Andrew Hassard

Councillor Newton reminded the Members that Mr. Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks and Leisure, had retired from the Council at the end of February after forty years of service.

On behalf of the Members, he thanked Mr. Hassard for his contribution to the work of the Council during that time and wished him well in his retirement.

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Minutes

Moved by the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor (Councillor Mallon),
Seconded by the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Hendron) and

Resolved – That the minutes of the proceedings of the monthly meeting of the Council of 2nd February be taken as read and signed as correct.

Strategic Policy and Resources Committee

Moved by Councillor Reynolds,
Seconded by Alderman Stalford and

Resolved - That the minutes of the proceedings of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 13th February be approved and adopted.

Parks and Leisure Committee

Moved by Councillor Newton,
Seconded by Alderman Robinson,

That the minutes of the proceedings of the Parks and Leisure Committee of 24th February be approved and adopted.

Amendment

Grove Playing Fields - Request

Moved by Councillor Reynolds,
Seconded by Alderman Stalford,

That the decision under the heading “Grove Playing Fields - Request” be rejected and, accordingly, the Council agrees to accede in principle to the request from the Ulster Centenary Committee for the use of the Grove Playing Fields on Saturday, 9th May, subject to Party Political consultations taking place.

On a recorded vote thirty-five Members voted for the amendment and sixteen against and it was declared carried.

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<u>For 35</u>	<u>Against 16</u>
The Lord Mayor (Councillor Mallon); the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Hendron); the High Sheriff (Councillor McKee), Aldermen Browne, M. Campbell, Ekin, Kingston, McCoubrey, L. Patterson, R. Patterson, Robinson, Rodgers, Stalford, Stoker and Webb; Councillors Attwood, Convery, Curran, Haire, Hanna, Hussey, Hutchinson, Jones, Keenan, Kelly, Kennedy, Kyle, McCarthy, McNamee, Mullan, Newton, Reynolds, Spence, Thompson and Verner.	Councillors Austin, Beattie, M. E. Campbell, Carson, Clarke, Corr, Cunningham, Garrett, Groves, Hargey, Mac Giolla Mhín, Magee, McAteer, McCabe, McVeigh and Ó Donnghaile.

River Terrace – Update

A Member pointed out that the minute of the meeting did not reflect the fact that the Director of Parks and Leisure had reported that there had been interest in the site from a second organisation.

The Council noted the information which had been provided.

Adoption of Minutes

Subject to the foregoing amendment, the minutes of the meeting of the Parks and Leisure Committee of 24th February were approved and adopted.

Development Committee

Moved by Councillor Hargey,
Seconded by Councillor Ó Donnghaile and

Resolved - That the minutes of the proceedings of the Development Committee of 17th February be approved and adopted.

Licensing Committee

Moved by Alderman Ekin,
Seconded by Councillor Spence and

Resolved - That the minutes of the proceedings of the Licensing Committee of 18th February, omitting those matters in respect of which the Council had delegated its powers to the Committee, be approved and adopted.

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Town Planning Committee

Moved by Councillor Hanna,
Seconded by Councillor McCabe and

Resolved - That the minutes of the proceedings of the Town Planning Committee of 5th February, omitting those matters in respect of which the Council had delegated its powers to the Committee, be approved and adopted.

Notice of Motion

Willowfield Parish Community Association

In accordance with Notice on the Agenda, Councillor Kennedy proposed:

“This Council congratulates Willowfield Parish Community Association on receiving a national award from the Christian Funders' Forum for the Best Transformative Community Project for Vulnerable Young People. This community-based project has, since 2002, engaged with thousands of young people, raising self esteem, promoting cross-community understanding and addressing issues such as bullying, self-harm and eating disorders.

In acknowledging this Award, the Council pays tribute to voluntary organisations across the City which engage positively with vulnerable young people in economically disadvantaged communities. As a Compassionate City, we encourage both individual and corporate responsibility in providing for the needs of the most vulnerable people within our Society.”

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Kelly.

After discussion, the Motion was put to the meeting and passed unanimously.

Lord Mayor
Chairman

Strategic Policy and Resources Committee

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MEETING OF STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Members present: Councillor Reynolds (Chairman);
Aldermen Campbell, R. Patterson and Robinson;
Councillors Attwood, M. E. Campbell, Carson, Clarke, Corr,
Haire, Hendron, Jones, Kennedy, and McVeigh.

In attendance: Mrs. S. Wylie, Chief Executive;
Mr. R. Cregan, Director of Finance and Resources;
Mr. G. Millar, Director of Property and Projects;
Mr. J. Walsh, Town Solicitor; and
Mr. J. Hanna, Senior Democratic Services Officer.

Apologies

Apologies for inability to attend were reported from the Councillors Mullan and Newton.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 13th February were taken as read and signed as correct. It was reported that those minutes had been adopted by the Council at its meeting on 2nd March.

Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were reported.

Democratic Services and Governance

Requests for the use of the City Hall and the Provision of Hospitality

The Committee was advised that the undernoted request for the use of the City Hall and the provision of hospitality had been received:

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Appendix 1

Organisation/ Body	Event/Date - Number of Delegates/Guests	Request	Comments	Recommendation
International Planned Parenthood Federation	IPPF Annual Conference Reception 25th June, 2015 Approximately 120 attending	The use of the City Hall and the provision of hospitality in the form of a drinks reception	Delegates will be staying in accommodation in Belfast and the meeting will take place within the city. This event would contribute to the Council's Key Theme of 'City Leadership – Strong, Fair, Together'.	The use of the City Hall and the provision of hospitality in the form of wine and soft drinks Approximate cost £500
Queen's University Belfast	British Association for American Studies and the Irish Association for American Studies 7th April, 2016 Approximately 300 attending	The use of the City Hall and the provision of hospitality in the form of a drinks reception	Delegates will be staying in accommodation in Belfast and the meeting will take place within the city. This event would contribute to the Council's Key Theme of 'City Leadership – Strong, Fair, Together'.	The use of the City Hall and the provision of hospitality in the form of wine and soft drinks Approximate cost £500
Primary Science Teaching Trust	PSTT International Conference 2016 9th June, 2016 Approximately 300 attending	The use of the City Hall and the provision of hospitality in the form of a drinks reception	Delegates will be staying in accommodation in Belfast and the meeting will take place within the city. This event would contribute to the Council's Key Theme of 'City Leadership – Strong, Fair, Together'.	The use of the City Hall and the provision of hospitality in the form of wine and soft drinks Approximate cost £500
36th (Ulster) Division Memorial Association Arts and	Battle of the Somme Centenary Dinner	The use of the City Hall and the provision	This event will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme and	The use of the City Hall and the provision of hospitality in the form of wine and

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Cultural Society	10th June, 2016 Approximately 350 attending	of hospitality in the form of a drinks reception	<p>acknowledge the contribution and achievements of the 36th (Ulster) Division. This application was endorsed by the Diversity Group at its meeting on 3rd March.</p> <p>This event would contribute to the Council's Key Themes of 'City Leadership, Strong, Fair and Together' and 'Better support for people and communities'.</p>	<p>soft drinks</p> <p>Approximate cost £500</p>
NI4Kids Limited	<p>Ni4Kids Family Awards</p> <p>29th June, 2015</p> <p>Approximately 250 attending</p>	<p>The use of the City Hall and provision of hospitality in the form of tea/coffee and biscuits</p>	<p>This event will recognise the individuals and companies who constantly strive to improve the lives of families with young children. Among the awards presented will be: Family Visitor Attraction of the Year; Primary School Teacher of the Year; Family Support Organisation of the Year; and Family Event of the Year. The individual family member award categories are an opportunity to recognise outstanding achievements in overcoming adversity and dedication by individuals to their families.</p> <p>This event would contribute to the Council's Key Theme of 'City leadership, strong, fair and together' and 'Better support</p>	<p>The use of the City Hall and provision of hospitality in the form of tea/coffee and biscuits</p> <p>Approximate cost £625</p>

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			for people and communities' and in addition would contribute to the Council's thematic area of Children and Young People.	
British Institute of Cleaning Science	Northern Ireland Cleaner of the Year 2013 14th September, 2015 Approximately 50 attending	The use of the City Hall and the provision of hospitality in the form of tea, coffee and biscuits	This event seeks to acknowledge the vital role of cleaners across various industries in Northern Ireland. The event will also aim to recognise those individuals who have been nominated within their respective industries for undertaking their duties to a high standard. This event would contribute to the Council's Key Themes of 'City Leadership, Strong, Fair and Together' and 'Better support for people and communities'.	The use of the City Hall and the provision of hospitality in the form of tea, coffee and biscuits Approximate cost £125
The Fostering Network, Northern Ireland	Fostering Achievement Awards 19th September, 2015 Approximately 200 attending	The use of the City Hall and the provision of hospitality in the form of tea, coffee and biscuits	This event will recognise the achievements of young people in foster care in Belfast. It will provide the opportunity to celebrate and encourage some of the most vulnerable young people in our society. This event would contribute to the Council's Key Theme of 'City leadership, strong, fair and together' and 'Better support for people and	The use of the City Hall and the provision of hospitality in the form of tea, coffee and biscuits Approximately cost £500

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			communities' and in addition would contribute to the Council's thematic area of Children and Young People.	
Safeguarding Board NI and Parenting NI	<p>Launch of "The More You Know, The More You See"</p> <p>21st April, 2015</p> <p>Approximately 120 attending</p>	The use of the City Hall and the provision of hospitality in the form of tea, coffee and biscuits	<p>This event will provide the opportunity to launch the Northern Ireland showing of "Chelsea's Choice" a hard-hitting forty minute theatre production which has proven highly successful in raising awareness amongst young people of the issues surrounding child sexual exploitation.</p> <p>This event would contribute to the Council's Key Theme of 'City leadership, strong, fair and together' and 'Better support for people and communities' and in addition would contribute to the Council's thematic area of Children and Young People.</p>	<p>The use of the City Hall and the provision of hospitality in the form of tea, coffee and biscuits</p> <p>Approximate cost £300</p>
Community Places and Ulster University	<p>Launch of: Community Participation in Planning Erasmus+ Partnership Project</p> <p>23rd April, 2015</p> <p>Approximately 60 attending</p>	The use of the City Hall and the provision of hospitality in the form of tea, coffee and biscuits	<p>This event will provide the opportunity to explore how people and communities can participate in the planning and delivery of public services and in the development of both community and local development planning</p> <p>This event would contribute to the Council's Key Themes of 'City</p>	<p>The use of the City Hall and the provision of hospitality in the form of tea, coffee and biscuits</p> <p>Approximate cost £150</p>

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			Leadership, Strong, Fair and Together' and 'Better support for people and communities'.	
Jigsaw Community Counselling Centre	Launch of "The heART Room" 8th May, 2015 Approximately 60 people attending	The use of the City Hall and the provision of hospitality in the form of tea, coffee and biscuits	This event will launch "The heART Room" a project funded by Children in Need which provides free art therapy to children and young people whilst providing a safe and confidential environment for the expression of their concerns. This event would contribute to the Council's Key Theme of 'City leadership, strong, fair and together' and 'Better support for people and communities' and in addition would contribute to the Council's thematic area of Children and Young People.	The use of the City Hall and the provision of hospitality in the form of tea, coffee and biscuits Approximate cost £150
Northern Ireland Chamber of Commerce and Industry	The Northern Ireland Chamber of Commerce and Industry Annual Lunch 18th June, 2015 Approximately 400 attending	The use of the City Hall.	The Annual Lunch aims to provide a networking opportunity in order to encourage investment and business development opportunities for Belfast and beyond. The event, which will include representatives from both Local and Central Government, also seeks to facilitate discussion on economic and social regeneration. This event would	The use of the City Hall.

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			contribute to the Council's Key Theme of 'City Leadership – Strong, Fair, Together' and 'Better opportunities for success across the city'.	
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The Committee adopted the recommendations.

Finance/Value-for-Money

Minutes of Meeting of Audit Panel

The Committee approved and adopted the minutes of the meeting of the Audit Panel of 10th March.

Human Resources

Standing Order 55 – Employment of Relatives

It was reported that, in accordance with Standing Order 55 and the authority delegated to him, the Director of Finance and Resources had authorised the appointment of an individual who was related to an existing officer of the Council.

Noted.

Good Relations and Equality

Minutes of meeting of Good Relations Partnership of 9th February

The Committee approved and adopted the minutes of the meeting of the Good Relations Partnership of 9th February.

Minutes of Meeting of Good Relations Partnership of 9th March

In considering the minutes of the meeting of 9th March, a Member drew the Committees attention to the decision of the Partnership in relation to the Review of the Bonfire Management Programme to defer the matter to a future meeting of the Partnership. He pointed out that that would provide a limited timeframe for the Committee to consider the options contained within the report and he expressed a view that the report should be submitted to the meeting of the Shadow Strategic Policy and Resources Committee which was being held the following week on 20th March.

The Chief Executive pointed out that, should the Committee be minded to agree to that course of action, there would not be sufficient time to obtain the information which had been requested by the Good Relations Partnership and, therefore it would be

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the original report which had been submitted to that Group which would be submitted to the Committee.

Accordingly, it was

Moved by Alderman Robinson,
Seconded by Councillor Kennedy,

That the report on the Review of the Bonfire Management Programme by submitted to the meeting of the Shadow Strategic Policy and Resources Committee scheduled to be held on 20th March.

On a vote by show of hands eight Members voted for the proposal and six against and it was declared carried.

Adoption of Minutes

Subject to the foregoing amendment, the minutes of the meeting of the Good Relations Partnership of 9th March were approved and adopted.

Minutes of meeting of Diversity Working Group

Bicentennial of Battle of Waterloo

In considering the minutes of the meeting of the Diversity Working Group, a member drew the Committees attention to the decision in relation to the Bicentennial of the Battle of Waterloo and suggested that, in addition to approving the free use of the City Hall for such events, on the condition that funding for the events would be found elsewhere, that a commemorative tree be planted at an appropriate location to mark the event.

The Committee agreed to this suggestion.

Adoption of Minutes

Subject to the foregoing amendment, the minutes of the meeting of the Diversity Working Group of 3rd March were approved and adopted.

Cross-Cutting Issues

Motion re: Northern Ireland Driving Licences

The Committee was reminded that the Council, at its meeting on 2nd February, had passed the following motion, which had been moved by Alderman R. Patterson and seconded by Alderman Kingston:

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Notice of Motion

Northern Ireland Driving Licences

Moved by Alderman R. Patterson,
Seconded by Alderman Kingston,

“This Council:

1. expresses concern at the way in which the decision was taken by SDLP Environment Ministers to exclude Northern Ireland from the reforms currently taking effect in relation to the appearance of the Union flag on UK driving licences;
2. believes that such a decision is likely to harm community relations and cause hurt and offence to those citizens who would like to see such changes apply to their own driving licence;
3. calls upon the Minister to reverse his position and allow the changes to be implemented here;
4. believes that if the Minister is unwilling to embrace such change he should, as an absolute minimum, introduce an ‘opt out’ scheme, whereby those who do not want to have the flag appear on their licence can choose not to have it and everyone else can; and
5. recognises that failure to implement such a scheme would be unfair to those citizens who want the Union Flag to appear on their driving licence.”

The Committee was advised that a letter had been forwarded subsequently to the Environment Minister, Mr. Mark H. Durkan MLA informing him of the Council’s decision. A response had been received on 18th February.

In his response, the Minister had pointed that Great Britain and Northern Ireland driving Licences were issued by separate and independent licensing authorities and that there was no UK licensing authority. In Northern Ireland, that function was transferred, under the Northern Ireland Act 1988, to the Northern Ireland Assembly and the Department of the Environment had granted responsibility under the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 for a range of matters relating to the licensing of drivers, including the form of driving licence.

The Minister had then referred to correspondence which had, in 2012, been forwarded by the Department for Transport Minister, Mike Penning MP, to the then Environment Minister, Alex Attwood MLA, advising him of the Government’s intentions

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to display the Union Flag only on driving licences issued in Great Britain. Minister Penning had proposed, giving the sensitivities around symbols that the D.V.L.A. continued to print under contract Northern Ireland driving licences without any change to their existing design and had sought the Environment Minister's views in the regard. Minister Durkan had pointed out further that the Department of the Environment officials had, subsequently, engaged with the D.V.L.A. to determine if it would be possible to offer applicants from Northern Ireland the option of either including or excluding the Union Flag from their licence. It had confirmed that the cost of making the required changes to the existing system to cater for Northern Ireland applicants would render that suggestion prohibited.

The Minister had concluded by stating the Department of the Environment had received no further correspondence on the matter until the receipt on 23rd December, 2014, that a letter from the current Department for Transport Minister, John Hayes MP, confirming that driving licences for Great Britain could continue to display the Union Flag and be excluded from those licences printed by the D.V.L.A. for Northern Ireland drivers.

The Committee noted receipt of the response from the Minister.

Chairman

Parks and Leisure Committee

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MEETING OF PARKS AND LEISURE COMMITTEE

Members present: Councillor Newton (Chairman);
the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Hendron);
Alderman Rodgers; Councillors Beattie,
Convery, Corr, Cunningham,
Hanna, Haire, Kyle, Mac Giolla Mhín,
McCabe, McNamee, Ó Donnghaile
and Thompson.

Also attended: Councillor Spence.

In attendance: Mrs. R. Crozier, Assistant Director of Parks
and Leisure; and
Mr. B. Flynn, Democratic Services Officer.

Apologies

Apologies were reported on behalf of Alderman Robinson and Councillors Attwood, Hussey, Mullan and Verner.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 24th February were taken as read and signed as correct.

Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were reported.

'Homeless Pod' at the Jubilee Gardens

The Committee was reminded that, at its meeting on 24th February, it had considered a report which outlined the issues which had arisen for the Council as a result of the placing, without permission, of a 'homeless pod' at the Jubilee Gardens. At that meeting, the Committee had expressed its concern and had suggested that the issues raised should be addressed on a multi-agency basis. Concern was expressed also that the organisation which had placed the pod at the site, that is, Common Law NI, had failed to engage meaningfully with the Council to resolve the matter. Accordingly, the Committee had agreed that an invitation to attend the meeting be extended to Common Law NI, and that an invitation be extended also to a range of statutory bodies – particularly the Northern Ireland Housing Executive – to discuss the matter with a view to finding a longer-term resolution.

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting two representatives of Common Law NI, both of whom had requested that they remain anonymous, together with

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Mr. D. Marley, Homelessness Services Unit Manager with the Northern Ireland Housing Executive and Ms. R. Rowledge, Director of the Council for the Homeless (NI), a charity which represented homelessness agencies throughout Northern Ireland.

A representative of Common Law NI advised the Committee that the pod had been placed within the Jubilee Gardens to raise awareness of homeless issues in Belfast. He reported that the pod had been situated in the space to coincide with the coldest period of the year and that it had been removed from the site in late-February. He added that the "temporary experiment" was considered to have been concluded. He outlined the arrangements which had been put in place to ensure that the pod was cleaned on a regular basis and emphasised that it had been placed at the site to offer an alternative for homeless individuals to use should no other outlet be available.

The representatives of the Northern Ireland Housing Executive and the Council for the Homeless outlined the range of services which were available for the homeless across Belfast. It was emphasised that, whilst acknowledging the good intentions of those who had placed the pod on the site, both the Housing Executive and the Council for the Homeless had been opposed totally to its use as an alternative to existing services. Mr. Marley pointed out that the Housing Executive had sought to raise awareness of the wide range of services which existed for so-called 'rough sleepers', and stated that the homeless pod had created a perception that there were little or no services available.

In addition, concern was expressed by Ms. Rowledge that the pod had created a situation whereby homeless individuals would become more vulnerable to attack. She suggested that the homeless pod was, in essence, somewhat degrading to individuals, since it encouraged isolation and created serious issues regarding health, hygiene and safety.

Members pointed out that the charity had placed the Council in an invidious situation by placing the pod on its land without consultation. Concern was expressed that, should a serious incident have occurred at the site, the Council could have been held responsible and, as such, it was regrettable that the charity had acted without consulting the Council.

In response to a specific question regarding the Common Law NI's future intentions for the homeless pod, it was confirmed that it was likely that the pod would be located again within Belfast. The deputations then left the meeting.

The Committee welcomed the fact that the Common Law NI had attended the meeting and entered into dialogue with the Council, and it was requested that officers continue to engage with the charity. However, in respect of the suggestion by the charity that the pod might be re-located as part of a further experiment, the Committee agreed, should the pod be placed on Council property, that it would be removed due to the health, hygiene and safety reasons stated previously.

Noted.

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Rapid Transit - Potential Impact on Belfast City Cemetery

The Committee considered the following report:

“1. Background Information

Members will be aware of the proposals regarding a rapid transit transportation system for the City. One of the proposed routes is to link the Colin Town Centre in West Belfast with Belfast City Centre; the route will incorporate the Falls Road.

As part of the process DRD has undertaken a feasibility study to look at a number of options regarding access and egress arrangements at Belfast City Cemetery. Members will be aware that the cemetery remains operational, although there are no new burial plots available. The current main gate access is only adequate to accommodate a single vehicle at a time and this is the only vehicle access point.

Members are asked to note that there are currently three potential access points:

- Access 1 is the current main entrance at the roundabout at the junction of Falls Road / Whiterock Road;
- Access 2 is further along the Falls Road
- Access 3 is further up the Whiterock Road

The Department considered 4 options within the context of the current potential access points.

Option 1 – Signalisation of the current access point at the main entrance (Access 1);

Option 2 – Provide separate access and egress arrangements which would require retaining the existing entrance as ‘in only’ and creating a new ‘out only’ egress in to the Whiterock road, adjacent to Foxes Lodge (Access 3);

Option 3 – Opening of the Falls Road gateway;

Option 4 – Opening of the Whiterock gateway;

The report outlines a series of benefits and dis-benefits associated with each of the options together with indicative costs.

The Department has concluded that Option 2 is the preferred option 2 on the basis of:

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- That this represents a least cost option;
- There is minimal disruption and associated construction works;
- The administration of the cemetery can continue as at present with no alteration to its location; and
- The signalisation of the junction at Whiterock Road / Falls Road can be implemented with again minimal disruption

Council Officers have revised the proposals and agree in principle, subject to further discussion with DRD, that Option 2 is the preferred option.

2. Key Issues

Members are asked to note that discussions need to continue to establish the precise nature of the alterations required to accommodate a one way in one way out vehicle management system and to agree costs. In addition, as noted in the report it will be necessary to control access to the gateway and these discussions will need to take place. It is anticipated that consultation with local residents will be required as part of this process.

3. Resource and Equality Implications

None.

5. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee support in principle Option 2 and authorise Officers to continue discussions with DRD to reach an appropriate agreement with.”

The Committee agreed to adopt Option 2 as outlined within the report.

Sure Start – Land at Stewart Street

The Committee was reminded that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee had, at its meeting on 22nd February, 2013, endorsed a recommendation of the South Belfast Area-Based Working Group that financial support of £150,000 from within its Local Investment Fund be awarded to Sure Start to enable the construction of a modular building on the Council-leased land at Stewart Street. It was reported that Sure Start had requested that the Council would agree to sub-lease a small area of land for that purpose at Stewart Street, an outline of which was tabled for the Committee’s information.

The Committee agreed to recommend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that, in accordance with Standing Orders 46 and 60, it would sub-let the land

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at Stewart Street to Sure Start for the purpose outlined, subject to the drawing-up of an appropriate legal agreement.

Easement and Wayleave - Newtownards Road

The Committee was informed that Landmark East was overseeing the construction of the East Belfast Visitor Centre on a vacant site at 402 Newtownards Road. It was reported that a request had been received from Landmark East seeking approval to install an electricity cable, water and gas supplies to the site through adjacent Council-owned land, an outline of which was tabled for the Committee's information.

The Committee agreed to recommend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee, in accordance with Standing Orders 46 and 60, that it would agree to enter into an arrangement with Landmark East for the purpose outlined, subject to the drawing-up of an appropriate legal agreement.

Urban Skate Park

The Committee considered the following report:

“1. Relevant Background Information

- 1.1 The department has received a request from Prime Cut Productions to host a theatrical based outreach programme and schedule of performances in Bridges Urban Skate Park later in the spring.**
- 1.2 Based in Belfast Prime Cut Productions is a theatre company in residence at The MAC, and is one of Ireland's leading independent theatre producers. Established in 1992, the company has produced some of the island's most memorable and thought-provoking theatre. They are committed to providing audiences with challenging and outstanding theatre which reflects and interrogates some of the most pressing issues of our time.**
- 1.3 The project is entitled 'the stories of us' and is funded by Belfast City Council, Children in Need and the Lloyds TSB foundation. It is a youth based project working with young people from the greater Belfast area and will engage over 200 people from 10 different organisations. The event organiser has also identified current day to day users of the space as another group to include in the project. Early consultation indicates that these users are keen to get involved.**

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2. Key Issues

- 2.1** The project is funded by the Good Relations unit and the organisers have chosen Bridges as a neutral space that promotes changing attitudes and shared space. This project will compliment and reinforce the hard work that the Parks and Leisure department has delivered to date at the park through the Peace III Urban Bridges project.
- 2.2** The event organiser has requested free use of the site for the period of the outreach programme and finale performances.
- 2.3** The event organiser intends to ask for a nominal donation of up to £5.00 from members of the public who attend the theatrical performances. Prime Cut Productions has placed significant importance on this financial donation as it will highlight to the young people involved the importance and value of their hard work.
- 2.4** The team that will use the space are highly experienced in managing performances in public spaces and will ensure that all health and safety aspects are met to the satisfaction of Council officers. An event management plan will be completed along with risk assessments and a copy of employers and public liability insurances will be submitted to the Council in advance of the project commencing.

3. Resource and Equality Implications

None.

4. Recommendations

It is recommended that Committee approve the request for:

- 1. The free use of the space for the theatrical based outreach programme with 3 finale productions; and**
- 2. That a charge of up to £5.00 be levied on those who attend the performances.”**

The Committee adopted the recommendations.

Feile an Phobail - Request

The Committee was informed that a request had been received from the organisers of the annual Feile an Phobail seeking permission to use the Falls Park and the City Cemetery for a range of events which would form part of the West Belfast Festival in 2015. The Assistant Director reported that the Festival would take place from

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2nd till 11th August, however, the actual dates for the events indicated had yet to be finalised:

- Carnival Parade – the Falls Park;
- Teddy Bears' Picnic – the Falls Park;
- Feile Family Entertainment Day – the Falls Park; and
- Guided Historical Tours of the City Cemetery - for which a charge will be levied by the tour operator.

The Assistant Director reported also that Occasional Licences would be sought by the organisers for the sale of alcohol, together with an Entertainments Licence for the period of the Festival. In addition, it was anticipated that further requests would be received to host additional events in other departmental facilities, such as the Andersonstown Leisure Centre.

Accordingly, the Assistant Director recommended that the Committee grant approval for the use and hire of the Council facilities for the events, as set out, on the conditions:

- that the event organisers resolve all operational issues to the satisfaction of the Council;
- that an appropriate legal agreement be prepared by the Town Solicitor;
- the organisers pay a bond of intent to the Council; and
- that the event organisers meet with all the statutory requirements.

The Committee granted the approval sought.

Belfast Zoological Gardens

Friends of the Zoo – Fun Run

The Committee was informed that a request had been received from the Friends of Belfast Zoo seeking permission to hold a fun run within the grounds on a date to be determined in late-May. The Assistant Director reported that the event, which would seek to raise funds for the Zoo and local charities, would take place over a 5 km course and would involve approximately 700 competitors.

The Committee granted permission for the fun run to take place at the Belfast Zoo, subject to the drawing-up of an appropriate legal agreement.

'Sheila' the Elephant - Zoo Film

The Assistant Director reported that the Department had been approached by the producers of a film entitled 'Zoo' seeking permission to film scenes within the facility. She explained that the film would portray the true story of Denise Austin, the Zoo's famous 'Elephant Angel', who cared for Sheila the elephant in her back yard off the Whitewell Road during the war years. The Committee was advised that the filming

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was due to commence in October and that the film would be aimed at a younger audience.

The Committee granted permission for the Zoo to be used for the filming as requested, subject to the drawing-up of an appropriate legal agreement.

Last Meeting of the Committee

The Chairman pointed out that it was the final meeting of the Committee prior to the implementation of Local Government Reform. He paid tribute to the Members, particularly those who would be standing down from the Council, for their work over the past number of years and thanked also the officers for their work and dedication.

Chairman

Development Committee

Tuesday, 10th March, 2015

MEETING OF DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Members present: Councillor Hargey (Chair);
Aldermen M. Campbell, Ekin, Kingston
and Stalford; Councillors Beattie,
Convery, Keenan, Kelly, Kyle, McAteer,
Mac Giolla Mhúin, Ó Donnghaile and Spence.

In attendance: Mr. J. McGrillen, Director of Development; and
Mr. B. Flynn, Democratic Services Officer.

Apologies

Apologies were reported on behalf of Aldermen Stoker and Webb and Councillors Kennedy, Magee, Reynolds and Verner.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 17th February were taken as read and signed as correct. It was reported that those minutes had been adopted by the Council at its meeting on 2nd March.

Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were reported.

Outstanding Accounts

In accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations, the Director sought the Committee's authority to have a number of outstanding debts, amounting to £51,620.81, written off, a schedule of which had been submitted for the Members' information. He pointed out that all reasonable measures had been taken to recover the debts.

The Committee agreed that the debts be written off.

Bank Square Market

In accordance with its decision of 17th February, the Chair welcomed to the meeting Mr. J. Fox and Ms. S. Rasmussen, representing the Folktown Community Interest Company, who were in attendance to request that consideration be given to the waiving of the market licence fee, together with stall hire charge fees, for a three-year period at the Bank Square market.

Mr. Fox indicated that the market would commence trading on Thursday, 16th April and that interest from prospective traders had been encouraging. He pointed out that the business plan, which had been formulated to oversee the

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viability of the market, had predicted that it would operate at a deficit of £10,200 and £4,900, in its first two years respectively. He outlined the wider aims and objectives of the market and requested that the Council consider waiving the licence fee and stall hire charges for a three-year period. He stated that such a measure would enable the market to establish itself and meet its targets in relation to regeneration and tourism. The deputation then answered Members' questions and retired from the meeting.

A Member pointed out that the Committee, and, in turn, the new Council, should be cautious in considering the request. He suggested that, should a precedent be established at Bank Square, traders from other markets might request that similar measures be implemented elsewhere. It was pointed out that the Council, without considering a robust business plan from Folktown, would not be in a position to meet with the request as submitted. It was suggested that the Council should firstly assure itself of the longer-term viability of the market and that further evidence of capacity building should be provided by the organisation prior to any decision being taken.

The Committee agreed to refer the request in respect of the licence fees and stall hire charges to the City Growth and Regeneration Committee for its consideration.

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Chair

Health and Environmental Services Committee

Wednesday, 4th March, 2015

MEETING OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Members present: Councillor Corr (Chairman);
the High Sheriff (Councillor McKee);
Aldermen Kingston, L. Patterson and Stoker;
Councillors Curran, Clarke, Garrett, Hussey,
Jones, Magee, McNamee and Thompson.

In attendance: Mrs. S. Toland, Lead Operations Officer/
Head of Environmental Health;
Mr. S. Skimin, Head of Cleansing Services;
Mr. T. Walker, Head of Waste Management;
Mr. H. Downey, Democratic Services Officer; and
Miss. L. Francey, Democratic Services Officer.

Apologies

Apologies were reported on behalf of Alderman McCoubrey and Councillors Austin, Campbell and Keenan.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 7th January were taken as read and signed as correct. It was reported that those minutes had been adopted by the Council at its meeting on 2nd February.

Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were reported.

Cleansing Services

Update on Street Cleanliness Index, Enforcement, Education Activities and Dog Warden Service

The Committee considered the undernoted report:

- “1 **Relevant Background Information**
1.1 **The figures presented in this report cover the second quarter of the financial year i.e. the period from October 2014 to December 2014. Monitoring figures were measured by Cleansing Services Quality Officers. Enforcement, Dog Warden and Education and Awareness information was supplied by the Customer Support Service, Dog Warden**

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Service and the Community Awareness Section within Cleansing Services, who were responsible for these functions over the period concerned.

- 1.2 The monthly monitoring programme consists of a random 5% sample of streets throughout the city being inspected and graded. From the grading, a Street Cleanliness Index is calculated and plotted for the various areas of the city, and the city as a whole.
- 1.3 The index range is from 1 to 100; with a Cleanliness Index of 67 being regarded as an acceptable standard by Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful. The results show the trends on a month to month basis. To alleviate the influence of spurious results on the overall index, the results are averaged over the last 4 surveys. Spurious results may occur for reasons such as adverse weather conditions, seasonal problems etc.

2 Key Issues

- 2.1 The overall city wide cleanliness index for this quarter is 74. This is a decrease compared to the score for the previous quarter's cleanliness index of 75. The index for the same period in the previous year was 74. A cleanliness index of 74 is above the target set and is considered an extremely good level of cleanliness.

- 2.2 The breakdown by individual area is as follows:

2.3 North

The North Cleanliness Indices for October 2014 to December 2014 were 72, 74 and 73 respectively. This represents a decrease for all three months, with October (down 4), November (down 1) and December (down 1) by comparison to those figures for the same period in the previous financial year viz. 76, 75 and 74 respectively.

The area is however maintaining a good level of cleanliness.

2.4 South

The South Cleanliness Indices for October 2014 to December 2014 were 78, 77 and 76 respectively. This represents an increase for October (up 3), a similar score for November (77), and an increase for December (up 2) by comparison to those figures for the same period in the previous financial year viz. 75, 77 and 74 respectively.

The area is maintaining a very good level of cleanliness.

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2.6 East

The East Cleanliness Indices for October 2014 to December 2014 were 77, 77 and 74 respectively. This represents an increase for October (up 2), an increase for November (up 3) and a decrease for December (down 2), by comparison to those figures for the same period in the previous financial year viz. 75, 74 and 76 respectively.

The area is maintaining a very good level of cleanliness.

2.6 West

The West Cleanliness Indices for October 2014 to December 2014 were 73, 72 and 71 respectively. This represents an increase for October (up 1), a similar score for November (72) and December (71), by comparison to those figures for the same period in the previous financial year viz. 72, 72 and 71 respectively.

The area is maintaining a good level of cleanliness.

2.7 Central

The Central Cleanliness Indices for October 2014 to December 2014 were 75, 72 and 73 respectively. This represents an increase for October (up 2), a decrease for November (down 2), and a similar score for December (73), by comparison to those figures for the same period in the previous financial year viz. 73, 74 and 73 respectively.

The area is maintaining a good level of cleanliness.

2.8 Complaints / Enquiries

There were 1233 enquiries regarding street cleansing during the quarter (by comparison to 1474 last quarter).

2.9 There were seventeen Corporate Complaints (15 Stage One, 1 stage two and 1 Stage Three) during the quarter – two of which related to street cleansing (both stage 1).

2.10 Enforcement

There were 689 Fixed Penalty Notices issued under the Litter (NI) Order 1994, and 115 summonses issued. In addition 1339 Article 20 Notices were issued requesting information in relation to alleged offences.

2.11 Community & Education Projects

During the last quarter, the Community Awareness Team managed the Brighter Belfast environmental awards including Belfast in Bloom. The team also ran the Christmas ELF project with 69 nursery schools participating. The 'Singing Street Sweepers' were out over the festive period singing Christmas Carols on a litter theme, creating a lot of interest in the city centre and social media.

2.12 In the last quarter, the team facilitated 15 community cleanups with 322 volunteers, attended or chaired 13 events at which 4995 people attended, and visited 88 schools with 3018 pupils attending, spreading the anti-litter and dog fouling message.

2.13 Dog Fouling

The overall instances of dog fouling observed by Cleansing Services Quality Officers during the quarter were 192. There is a focus placed on dealing with dog fouling hotspots as a result of complaints and information from staff out on the ground. Cleansing Services and the Dog Warden Service continue to work together to address hot spots when identified.

2.14 Dog Warden Information

During the quarter the following was noted:

1. A total of 29 fixed penalty notices were issued for dog fouling (21 last quarter)
2. A total of 235 dogs were seized for straying (242 last quarter)
3. A total of 156 fixed penalty notices were issued for straying (169 last quarter)

2.15 The Dog Ward service is on target in regard to stray dogs, and continues to work towards meeting fixed penalty targets for dog fouling.

3 Resource Implications

3.1 Financial

There are no financial implications in this report.

3.2 Human Resources

There are no human resources implications in this report.

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3.3 Asset and Other Implications

There are no assets or other implications in this report.

4 Equality and Good Relations Implications

4.1 There are no relevant equality and good relations implications.

5 Recommendation

5.1 Members are asked to note the content of this report.”

The Head of Cleansing Services outlined the high level of cleanliness which had been maintained throughout the City. During discussion, a Member expressed gratitude to the Cleansing Services staff who had responded quickly to a call regarding graffiti at the Ladybrook bus terminus.

The Committee noted the contents of the report.

**Belfast District Policing and
Community Safety Partnerships (DPCSPs)**

The Committee considered the undernoted report:

“1 Relevant Background Information

1.1 Members will be aware that the Belfast Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP), and the four District PCSPs (DPCSPs), were formally established in May 2012. These Partnerships are facilitated by the Council and overseen regionally by a Joint Committee consisting of representatives from the Department of Justice and the Northern Ireland Policing Board. Membership is made up of elected representatives, independent members (publicly appointed) and statutory/voluntary designated organisations which play a role in tackling crime and anti-social behaviour.

1.2 In the 2014/2015 financial year, the Joint Committee provided the PCSP with £761,520 of which £486,520 and £275,000 was directed towards service delivery and core costs respectively. Members will also be aware that a further £122,500 of the Health and Environmental Services Department’s revenue estimates was allocated to the (D)PCSPs to support service delivery.

1.3 (D)PCSPs aim to make our community safer. They do this by focussing on the policing and community safety issues that matter most in local areas. They consult and engage with the local community to identify and prioritise issues of concern in relation to policing and community safety and develop plans to tackle these issues. They also monitor

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police performance and work to gain the co-operation of the public with the police in preventing crime; and deliver a reduction in crime and enhance community safety through various interventions and initiatives.

2 **Key Issues**

2.1 **2014/2015**

In 2014/2015, the (D)PCSPs have successfully delivered a series of community safety and policing initiatives across the city. Some examples of this work include:

Strategic Contribution

2.2 The role of Belfast PCSP is to develop a strategic citywide response to policing and community safety needs. Some examples of this work are:

2.3 Human Trafficking – Belfast PCSP has continued to develop new and innovative ways of raising awareness of Human Trafficking not only in Belfast but across Northern Ireland. This approach has taken many forms including:

- Frontline Service Providers event attended by 200 representatives from the hospitality industry, taxi drivers, council officers and postal workers. This event was designed to improve knowledge among front line workers of the ‘tell tale’ signs of human trafficking to improve detection.
- The PCSP is represented on the NI Assembly Strategic Group tasked with raising awareness of this issue. This approach has been recognised and supported by the Minister for Justice, David Ford, OFMDFM Junior Ministers Jonathan Bell and Jennifer McCann and the National Crime Agency.
- Hosted in conjunction with the Lord Mayor, the EU Anti-Trafficking Co-Ordinator, Maria Vassiladou to learn about the European approach to the issue.
- Launched the Human Trafficking Gift Box on the front lawn of City Hall. This initiative was the first of its type in Ireland which provided the community with a chance to learn more on this issue.
- Commissioned an awareness raising DVD and online campaign endorsed by the Minister for

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Justice. To date, 1,000 DVDs have been distributed as part of the training package.

- 2.4 **Drug Dealing – Belfast PCSP has also taken strategic ownership of an interagency approach to reducing drug dealing. An Advisory Group of PCSP Members, PSNI, Crimestoppers and service providers previously developed a campaign to reduce drug dealing by encouraging people to report suspicious activity to Crimestoppers. This campaign has been further developed by the PCSP this year to include an advertisement on television.**
- 2.5 **Furthermore, the Belfast PCSP has led a multi agency approach to the increasing issue of irresponsible disposal of sharps/needles in and around our parks and other public conveniences. This was an increasing problem for both the Parks and Waste Departments.**
- 2.6 **These initiatives include the installation of specific sharps bins in four of our most problematic public conveniences. This is the first time this type of intervention has been developed in Northern Ireland. This intervention also included the introduction of ‘One Hit Kits’, an education programme implemented in conjunction with the needle exchanges.**
- 2.7 **Night Time Economy – Belfast PCSP has secured the co-operation of all previous ‘Get Home Safe Scheme’ partners as well as night-time volunteer groups to form the Safer Belfast Co-Ordination Team. This Group meets on a bi-monthly basis to discuss ongoing issues and to develop new and innovative ways of dealing with night-time economy issues and to respond to larger events organised by Belfast City Council including Tennents Vital, Belsonic, St Patricks Day and Freshers.**
- 2.8 **The Belfast PCSP is currently working with all partners on the development of a Safer Belfast Phone application in order to target those most affected by issues relating to the night-time economy.**
- 2.9 **Crime Prevention Event and Youth Awards – Belfast PCSP delivered a citywide Crime Prevention and Safety Event in December, 2014 with over 1,400 participants from across the city. This event provided the community with invaluable safety and crime prevention advice whilst providing a platform for engagement to the public with our statutory partners.**

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- 2.10 The Belfast PCSP also delivered its annual Youth Awards, opened by the Minister for Justice, David Ford. The Awards involved 300 young people from across all community backgrounds attending City Hall where they were recognised for some of the outstanding work they have achieved within their communities. The PCSP recognised the Lord Mayor's priorities for the year and helped the First Citizen develop and deliver the first Lord Mayor, 'Best of Belfast' award.

Responding to Local Need

- 2.11 DPCSPs in each of the four areas of Belfast (North, South, East and West) respond to local community safety needs whilst ensuring local accountability of policing. DPCSPs have undertaken this in a number of ways and one example of this work has been outlined below. However, there are also many other examples.
- 2.12 North DPCSP - Since March 2014, the North Belfast DPCSP has co-ordinated a multi-agency group called the Greater Ardoyne Tension Monitoring Group, which was established through Belfast City Council's Peace III funded Tension Monitoring Project. The Group consists of community representatives from Woodvale, Upper Ardoyne, Ardoyne and Lower Oldpark, along with the PSNI, BELB and Belfast City Council.
- 2.13 The Group meets monthly and has developed a Neighbourhood Action Plan that addresses a wide range of issues that impact on local community tensions such as youth provision, communication, policing, diversionary activities, training and capacity building. Through the Group, a number of initiatives have taken place such as funding for a cross community Christmas event at Hillview, which was attended by more than 1,000 young people and support for local diversionary activities at Halloween, which resulted in 3 events. In addition, the Group ensured that information was shared between the communities about employment opportunities arising from the construction of a local nursing home.
- 2.14 South DPCSP - South DPCSP provided funding to the Men's Advisory Project and Women's Aid to develop and update their websites as well as making them mobile friendly. The websites ensure that each organisation has the opportunity to promote their services and highlight local support available to those who are victims of Domestic Violence.

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- 2.15 The Partnership supported both organisations to launch their websites in City Hall. The launch event was attended by 120 participants from various community and statutory backgrounds with speakers from Women's Aid, the Belfast Domestic Violence Forum and the Men's Advisory Project. Those in attendance received information on the local services available within South Belfast. The launch event also provided an opportunity to showcase the artistic work of the young children living in the Women's Aid Hostel.
- 2.16 East DPCSP - The Alive and Kicking project was aimed at engaging young people aged 13 to 14 years around issues relating to drugs and alcohol misuse. The project was funded by the East Belfast DPCSP and run in conjunction with the PSNI, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust and FASA. The project culminated in the production of a website with the participating children outlining their views on how drugs or alcohol can ruin lives, by using examples of celebrities whose lives have been damaged through the misuse of drugs or alcohol. Strathearn School acted as the pilot for the project and it is now set to be rolled out to another two schools in East Belfast. The website containing the children's input can be viewed at www.aliveandkickingni.com
- 2.17 West DPCSP - West Belfast DPCSP approved and delivered 14 Policing Committee projects. The Projects range from difficult and challenging diversionary and engagement initiatives with young people, particularly in areas where, historically confidence and engagement with the Police has been limited, to work with older members of our communities, providing them with vital advice and practical personal safety equipment to make them feel safer, and to also engage with the Police and each other.
- 2.18 A number of the projects delivered have engaged with and involved participants from across perceived divides in an attempt to create shared experiences and interests which may possibly cement future relationships both with themselves and with the Police. Structured engagement between the Police and our communities across West Belfast has been a vital part of the strategic delivery of the West Belfast DPCSP.

Supporting Local Delivery

- 2.19 Small grants for local groups – 35 groups were supported to provide services at a local level, representing an investment of around £144,000 in our city with the aim of improving co-

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operation between communities and local police; as well as supporting initiatives which offer positive opportunities and prevent people from becoming involved in anti-social or criminal behaviour. Some of the initiatives that the (D)PCSPs, supported alongside Neighbourhood Policing Teams, include sporting programmes, arts and culture schemes, education campaigns, cross community and intergenerational projects and community programmes.

2014 onwards

- 2.20 The (D)PCSPs are currently developing Action Plans for the 2015-2016 period for submission to the Joint Committee. While these plans will focus primarily on the allocation of the Joint Committee's funding, they will also outline the (D)PCSPs work with neighbourhoods and organisations across the city that does not require a specific additional resource allocation.
- 2.21 In the coming year, the (D)PCSPs will continue to engage with the public as well as addressing the community safety priorities both on a strategic city-wide basis as well as within each area. It is likely that these will include issues such as anti-social behaviour, drugs and alcohol, burglary, hate crime, violent crime and fear of crime.
- 2.22 The boundary extensions under Local Government Reform will clearly have an impact on the membership and geographies of the new (D)PCSPs. We are currently working with the Joint Committee to plan a process for moving to a new structure and securing appropriate resourcing arrangements.
- 2.23 The Joint Committee are currently in the process of reviewing the report from the Criminal Justice Inspectorate on the operation of PCSP's and its recommendations.
- 2.24 Some the key findings from the report are detailed below:
- There should be one PCSP for each local council area – including Belfast without the need for DPCSPs.
 - In line with the approach to good relations, a series of community safety indices should be developed and agreed. These should form the basis for the ongoing and longer term assessment of the success of PCSPs.
 - From 2015 the local Councils should provide the compliance and assurance framework for PCSPs.

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The Community Plan should be the focal point for delivery of the long-term aims of the PCSP

- The recruitment process should actively encourage applications from young people and ethnic groups to increase diversity.
- Following implementation of the LGR, the cost of administration should not exceed 20% of the budget allocated to PCSPs.

2.25 The Joint Committee have committed to ongoing engagement with Council and PCSP Members before any final decisions are made on the recommendations.

3 Resource Implications

3.1 Financial Resources

£122,500 of service delivery costs per annum until March, 2016. This has already been agreed via the revenue estimates.

3.2 Human Resources

None.

3.3 Asset and Other Implications

None.

4 Equality and Good Relations Considerations

4.1 None at present.

5 Call In

5.1 This decision is subject to Call In.

6 Recommendations

6.1 The Committee is requested to note:

1. the contents of the report; and
2. that a report on a review of the (D)PCSPs will be brought before the Committee at a later date.”

During discussion, Members raised a number of issues arising from the report, particularly around the suggestion by the Criminal Justice Inspectorate that the four District Partnerships in Belfast be replaced with one, which in their view was a retrograde step, given the progress which had been made over the past three years, the delay in appointing independent members to the various Policing and Community Safety Partnerships (PCSPs) and the timeliness of funding allocations to them, which meant that there was often insufficient time for programme agreement and delivery.

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The point was also made that advertisements could be placed on the Council's bin lorries to promote the work of the PCSPs and that operational costs for the PCSPs should be reduced.

In response, the Head of Environmental Health undertook to discuss with the Department of Justice the possibility of expediting the process for the appointment of independent members and confirmed that discussions were ongoing with the Policing Board and the Department of Justice around reductions in administration costs. She agreed to raise with the Department of Justice the issues which had been highlighted around the timing of funding for the PCSPs.

In terms of the other issues which had been raised around the replacement of the four District Partnerships with one, and the advertising of the work of the PCSPs, she confirmed that a report would be submitted to the relevant Committee on the future operation of the Policing Partnerships.

The Committee noted the information which had been provided.

Dog Identification Tags

The Head of Environmental Health reminded the Committee that, following the Council meeting on 2nd February, a letter had forwarded to the Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development requesting that, in the interest of safety, consideration be given to removing the statutory requirement for all dogs to bear the address of their owner.

She confirmed that a response had been received from the Minister which stated that there was a requirement under the Dogs (Licensing and Identification) Regulations 2012 for the keeper of a dog to ensure that it had the name and address of the keeper attached to it, and that that had been a legislative requirement since 1983. The Minister stated in her letter that DARD officials would consider the issue regarding safety concerns within the review of dog licence fees, which would take place in due course.

The Committee noted the information which had been provided.

Renewal of Lease – Port Health Unit, Corry Place

The Committee was advised that the premises at Corry Place, within the Harbour Estate, were currently leased by the Council's Port Health Unit from the Belfast Harbour Commissioners. The premises had been designed and approved to meet the requirements of EU legislation for the inspection of high risk foods, including foods of animal origin. The Head of Environmental Health explained that the lease would expire on 31st May, 2015, and that a new lease would be required. The terms of the new lease would be subject to a further report being brought to the relevant Committee for agreement.

The Committee agreed that the Estates Management Unit would enter into discussions with the Belfast Harbour Commissioners to negotiate a lease and to issue a business tenancies notice under the Business Tenancies Order (NI) 1996, if required.

Review of 'Towards Zero Waste' Action Plan 2012 – 2015

The Committee considered the undernoted report:

- “1 Relevant Background Information**
- 1.1 At the Health and Environmental Services Committee meeting on 16 Apr 2012, Members approved the ‘Towards Zero Waste’ Action (ZAP) Plan 2012-2015. This plan established a series of actions to improve Belfast’s recycling rate and target dates by which these would be achieved in the period from 2012 to 2015, which provided the Service with an annual programme of work towards reaching a 50% recycling rate and a 35% landfill diversion rate by 2020 as required by European law.**
- 1.2 This report provides a review of the ZAP plan and outlines the proposed next steps for the Council.**
- 2 Key Issues**
- 2.1 Overall Performance**
- 2.1 The delivery of the projects within the ZAP plan has resulted in an increase in the recycling rate from 32% in 2011/2012 to around 44% in 2014/15 (year end projected figure), a total increase of 12%. This is short of the original target of 50% which was always going to be challenging, not least due to the DOE taking significant action on illegal waste operations which impacted detrimentally upon waste operations across NI, and as the Service adopted a clearer value for money focus when considering how the Council’s waste could best be managed. In recent years, this resulted in a balanced approach for managing the residual waste being used in order to improve both the recycling rate and the amount of waste diverted from landfill, with increases in gate fee prices. Additionally, after six years of declining waste arisings, in 2013/2014 an increase of 4% in the amount of household waste generated was experienced and projections for 2014/2015 suggest that this increase is not a one-off event.**
- 2.2 Looking at Belfast’s local performance, in the absence of fully validated figures for 2014/2015 and assuming that the current actions deliver as projected, the Council will have increased its recycling rate by 12% over the duration of the ZAP plan, against a regional increase for NI of around 3%.**
- 2.3 This will mean that the Council will have experienced an average recycling rate increase of 4% per annum between 2012-2015 while the ZAP plan was being delivered, double**

the previous annual increase. In other words, it created a paradigm shift for Belfast.

Benchmark

- 2.4 Due to the population, household numbers, housing stock and social deprivation, Belfast has no obvious regional comparator. To compensate for this, Waste Management benchmarks against similar post-industrial cities elsewhere in the UK and implementing the ZAP plan resulted in significant improvement in Belfast's ranking against these comparators.
- 2.5 In 2010/2011, Belfast was fifth in the benchmark group but by 2013/2014, the city had overtaken its comparators and was ranked first. Consequently, the Service is considering revisiting its benchmarking cluster to identify a new grouping of best-in-class cities within both the UK and Europe against which it can compare performance and learn from.

Projects

- 2.6 A number of projects within the ZAP plan have played a fundamental role in improving the city's recycling rate.
- 2.6.1 *Improvement of Recycling Collection Services for Households*

In 2013/2014, a new contract was awarded to Bryson Recycling Ltd to introduce a kerbside dry recyclables and food waste collection scheme to 55,000 households, mainly in the inner city area. These households had previously received a single box dry recycling kerbside collection service but the new scheme introduced a wider range of materials, greater capacity (two kerbside boxes), and a new food waste collection system. In tandem, the residual waste collection frequency switched from weekly to fortnightly. The scheme was communicated to residents through a doorstep canvassing campaign and considerable work was done to introduce individual solutions for apartment complexes.

The result of this new service has been encouraging with the last year producing 7,200 tonnes, compared with 3,100 tonnes under the previous scheme. This initiative has resulted in an uplift in the recycling rate for Belfast of around 4% per annum. The project won the award for

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Excellence in Recycling and Waste Management at an annual awards ceremony in London.

A kerbside glass recycling scheme was initially timetabled for implementation in 2013/2014 however, following a procurement exercise by arc21, the bids submitted were deemed unaffordable. This resulted in the Council introducing an interim, kerbside glass collection to 22,000 households in four locations within the bin dry recyclables area of the city. At the same time, the Council commenced its own procurement exercise for this service which is due to complete imminently.

2.6.2 *Improve Recycling Opportunities at Recycling Centres*

The Household Recycling Centres (HRCs) provide around one quarter of the recycling tonnage for Belfast and provide householders the opportunity to dispose of large bulky household items or waste which cannot be accepted through their kerbside collections.

There is still however a significant amount of residual waste being disposed of at the sites. Following a pilot, the Service entered into a contract with Wastebeater Recycling Ltd to treat the materials from the residual waste skips. This company extracts the recyclables and the remaining waste is processed into a fuel for use in cement kilns, with a small amount of unprocessable residual going to landfill. This new contract contributed around 4% per annum to the recycling rate.

The Service is continually considering opportunities to introduce new materials at the HRCs and the latest addition has been hard plastics. This is traditionally a difficult material to deal with given the limited number of local processors. The Service is also considering how a mattress recovery option could be introduced at the HRCs. Increasing the range of materials at the sites however means that operating practices need to be continuously reviewed as capacity is restricted due to space/container constraints and licensing.

The ZAP plan included the development of a new HRC at Springvale Industrial Estate. An economic appraisal was completed and submitted for consideration in the Council's Investment Plan. The project has, however, been delayed. It should also be noted that it is proposed within the Departmental Plan 2015/16 for the Service to conduct a review of HRC and Civic Amenity site provision throughout the city.

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2.6.3 *Use Treatment Facilities to Recover Waste Which Could Have Been Recycled from Black Bins*

Members will be aware that the Council has a legal obligation to progressively divert increasing waste tonnages in order to comply with the Northern Ireland Landfill Allowance Scheme (NILAS). This legislation transposes the EU Landfill Directive by annually reducing the amount of biodegradable waste going to landfill. Failure to meet NILAS could result in financial penalties of £150 per tonne over and above this reducing threshold limit.

Arc21 is procuring strategic residual waste treatment facilities which will assist its constituent councils in meeting their NILAS requirements; but this has taken longer than initially projected. As a contingency, and to ensure Belfast met NILAS, an interim contract was awarded to Natural World Products (NWP) to treat a proportion of the Council's residual waste so that it is diverted from landfill. NWP receives the waste at one of its treatment facilities, extracts the easily recoverable recyclables and prepares the remaining waste as a Refuse Derived Fuel (RDF) for export to EU Energy-from-Waste (EfW) facilities.

This contract has enabled the Council to meet its NILAS obligations in 2013/14 without having recourse to the arc21 transfer of allowances protocol, and a similar outcome is anticipated for 2014/15. Whilst this contract is focused on NILAS, it has still contributed an additional 2% per annum to the Council's recycling rate.

2.6.4 *Develop New Recycling Campaigns & Community Based Recycling Initiatives*

The Service's Education and Promotions section has proven to be a key component in engaging and communicating recycling messages directly with householders and other members of the public. The Section's Behavioural Change Plan 2012-15, has been designed to complement the ZAP plan actions and targets.

Resource Advisors (RAs) have supported delivery of the ZAP plan through several doorstep campaigns, ranging from campaigns targeting low participation in specific wards, up to city-wide campaigns such as the introduction of the inner city kerbside scheme in 2013/14. In a recent

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doorstep canvassing exercise aimed at boosting the level of performance in lower performing inner city areas, the average yield per household increased by an average of 8% in seven out of the ten areas targeted, and in the other three there were slight reductions which could be accounted for by the nature of the occupancy of the households; these were primarily student areas. In the control group the level of growth was -1% which indicates that the RAs can have a direct, positive influence on participation and recycling yield. Details of this Section's work, along with images from the current communications campaign, have been circulated to Members.

More recently, this team has been involved in providing information about bin collections and general Local Government Reform (LGR) related messages to householders transferring to Belfast.

To reflect one of the primary recycling drivers, the new communications campaign has focused on the savings which can be made if residents recycle, and how these can be re-invested in other Council services to the benefit of the local community. This campaign has appeared in City Matters and on graphic panels on the sides of the Refuse Collection Vehicles (RCVs).

In 2013/2014, in line with the commitment in the ZAP plan to introduce community-based recycling initiatives, the Council launched the '*Zero Waste Community Grant*' scheme. The aim of this initiative was to encourage greater community engagement in communicating the benefits of increased recycling, diverting waste from landfill and in delivering projects which could positively contribute to increasing Belfast's recycling rate.

Over three funding rounds, just over £100,000 was allocated to 13 community projects including; recycling events, community education campaigns and bespoke collection schemes targeting items such as hand tools. This has enabled the recycling message to be heard in areas where, historically, engagement has been poorer than anticipated. It is intended that the scheme will be assessed in 2015/16 to quantify the contribution it made to the reduce, re-use, recycle message.

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2.6.5 *Increase the Amount of Recyclables Collected from Existing Waste Collections*

An analysis of the various sources and waste streams resulted in the award of a contract to Wastebeater Recycling Ltd to treat the bulky household, parks general and litter bin wastes rather than sending these materials to landfill. This has resulted in a recycling rate uplift of around 0.5% per annum.

While delivering the ZAP plan, it became apparent that the proposed HRC for Springvale would not be delivered within the set timeframe. The Service examined the various waste streams and identified an opportunity to compensate for the loss of tonnage anticipated from this site by targeting street sweepings which were previously de-watered and disposed of to landfill. Following a procurement exercise a contract was awarded to Irish Waste to de-water and recycle these. This innovative project created a niche market as there is only one other company within NI carrying out this type of work, and it is not located in greater Belfast. In 2014/15, the recycling of street sweeps will contribute around 3% per annum to the Council's recycling rate.

2.6.6 *Collect Recyclables from Cityscape*

The Service works with colleagues from other Departments to ensure that, where feasible, recycling collections are included in the city's events programme. This has worked well, for example, with the Continental Market consistently achieving recycling rates over 80%. Other one-off events serviced by Cleansing Services have provided reasonable recycling tonnages (e.g. Giro d'Italia).

One issue highlighted during the behavioural change research is the need for the Council to demonstrate its own commitment to improving waste and resource management through leading by example. The Service is liaising with colleagues to introduce internal recycling systems and, to date, a number of sites have had solutions rolled out, including (i) City Hall (ii) St. George's Market and (iii) the Cecil Ward Building. This project will continue into 2015/16.

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2.6.7 Give More Space to Recycle in the Blue Bin & 'Slim' the Black Bins.

In the first year of the ZAP plan, the Service introduced an initiative whereby residents with a 140 litre recyclables bin could upgrade to a larger 240 litre bin. Ultimately, this project involved around 18,000 households and provided increased capacity for householders to use for recycling. It is anticipated that, following several attempts, arc21 will seek to procure a new dry recyclables contract which can accept a wider range of materials in the near future. Inclusion of these materials is projected to uplift the recycling rate by 0.5% per annum. Research shows that restricting the bin space available for residual waste generally results in a compensatory increase in recycling. As a further incentive to encourage recycling, at the Committee agreed to adopt the 180 litre bin as the standard size for residual waste in Aug 2013. This policy was introduced in Jan 2014 after the new kerbside box scheme was implemented, as this signalled that all households in Belfast now had additional recycling capacity through their kerbside recycling schemes.

In adopting this approach, the Council was one of the first to introduce such a scheme locally, demonstrating its ongoing leadership and commitment to improving waste and resource management in NI.

2.7 Outcomes

2.7.1 *Cleaner, Greener City*

The recent improvement in the recycling rate supports Belfast in its strategic objective to create a cleaner, greener place for people to live, work in and visit. It also enhances the reputation of the city as the Council has recently won a number of awards for its recycling success such as:

- the Award for Excellence in Recycling & Waste Management (May 2014) and
- the Sustainable Ireland, Council award for Excellence in Waste Management (Sept. 2014).

2.7.2 *Economy*

A report published by the Green Alliance in Feb 2014 highlights the economic advantages associated with landfill diversion. It identified that between 5-10 jobs are

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created/supported for every thousand tonnes of material recycled, compared with 0.1 jobs for the same amount of waste sent to landfill.

Applying the above to Belfast's waste streams would indicate that up to 520 jobs are directly or indirectly supported through the Council's recycling initiatives as around 52,000 tonnes is presently recycled, and a further 33,000 tonnes is recovered. This has resulted in 58% of the city's waste being diverted from landfill.

In recent years, there has been much discussion within the waste industry on the Circular Economy which involves keeping products and resources in use as long as possible through recovery, re-use, remanufacturing and recycling. In addition to protecting the environment, this offers substantial economic benefits which include greater economic stability through increased resource security, and new business and employment opportunities from an expanding sector.

Latest figures from WRAP and the Green Alliance indicate that by 2030, on the basis of the current development path, the Circular Economy could create over 54,000 net jobs in the UK. On a pro-rata basis, this represents around 1,500 local job opportunities; the council is pursuing the development of a Circular Economy on several fronts, such as the Renew project and development of the North Foreshore. This will also underpin any work the Service's proposes on developing a Materials Strategy, aimed at shifting perception of waste into that of being a resource.

2.7.3 *Environment*

The diversion of waste from landfill is of considerable importance as landfill gases are one of the primary sources of methane which, as a greenhouse gas, is over twenty times more potent than carbon dioxide.

The EU Landfill Directive and NILAS legislate to reduce the amount of biodegradable waste disposed of to landfill. Through the NILAS contract with NWP, the Council has met its NILAS obligations in 2013/14 and is confident of achieving a similar result in 2014/15. Annually, this contract treats around 47,000 tonnes of residual waste and diverts approximately 30,000 tonnes from landfill. In terms of measurable environmental benefit, the diversion of the tonnage from landfill to recycling has the equivalent effect

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of removing carbon dioxide pollution from just over 13,000 cars.

2.7.4 Reputation

One of the functions of Waste Management is compliance with waste and environmental legislation. Achieving NILAS and improving Belfast's recycling rate has been well received by the media, and various stakeholders such as arc21 and the DOE. Increasingly, the city is becoming a 'case study' for other towns and cities to visit and learn from, with delegations from Cardiff, Macedonia and Cyprus visiting over the past year to learn from the Service's experiences. The Council is also increasingly referred to in the technical press.

2.8 Next Steps

The ZAP plan finishes in Mar 2015 and it is the intention of the Service to develop a new plan outlining the steps required to meet the recycling target in 2020. It is envisaged that, with the collection infrastructure now largely in place and the 'low hanging fruit' captured, the next plan will have to consider value for money while focusing on key areas such as; public engagement/behavioural change, targeting poorer performing areas, material specific campaigns and working with colleagues to develop and deliver a Circular Economy for Belfast.

A further report will be developed and presented to the relevant Committee shortly outlining the proposed steps to be taken to develop a new plan.

3 Resource Implications

3.1 Financial

There are no financial resource issues related to this report.

3.2 Human Resources

There are no human resource issues related to this report.

4 Equality and Good Relations Considerations

4.1 There are no relevant equality and good relations implication.

5 Recommendation

5.1 The Committee is requested to note:

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- **the successful conclusion of the ‘Towards Zero Waste’ Action Plan; and**
- **that a separate report will be presented to Committee shortly outlining the necessary steps to develop a new plan going forward.”**

During discussion, the Head of Waste Management outlined that, due to its population, household numbers, housing stock and social deprivation, Belfast had no obvious regional comparator and, to compensate for that, the Waste Management Unit had benchmarked the city against a range of post-industrial cities in the UK. In 2010/2011, Belfast had been ranked fifth in that group but, by 2013/2014, it had overtaken its comparators and was ranked first. He highlighted that the anticipated year-end figure for Belfast for 2013/14 was predicted to be 44%, but that this figure might change in 2015/16 for several reasons, such as the reduced income from the sale of recyclables. He pointed out also that, through the “Towards Zero Waste” Action Plan, the Council had increased its recycling rate by 12% over the past three years.

Several Members paid tribute to the hard work which had been undertaken by the Waste Management staff, particularly given that the regional increase had been around 3%.

In response to a Member’s question regarding residents who would be transferring to within the new Belfast boundary, the Head of Cleansing Services informed the Members that letters would go out to all new residents in the week commencing 11th March detailing the dates of their first four bin collections. In response to a Member’s question regarding a request for a brown bin facility at Roselawn Cemetery, the Head of Environmental Health agreed to liaise with the Parks and Leisure Department.

A Member sought clarification on the facility which had been proposed for Springvale. The Head of Waste Management explained that an economic appraisal had been carried out and that any future proposal to develop the site would be considered as part of a review of the Council’s Household Recycling Centres, which was scheduled for later in 2015/16, and that that would depend on appropriate funding being made available.

The Committee noted the information which had been provided and noted further that a report would be presented to the appropriate Committee outlining the targets for the next number of years.

**Northern Ireland Landfill Allowance Scheme
and Customer Service Standards - Update**

The Head of Waste Management provided Members with an update on the Landfill Allowance Scheme and he pointed out that Waste Management Customer Service Standards had remained high during 2014/15.

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The Committee congratulated the staff on the successful figures and noted that a further report would be brought to a future committee regarding the end of year update.

Chairman

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MEETING OF LICENSING COMMITTEE

Members present: Alderman Ekin (Chairman); and
Councillors Attwood, M. E. Campbell,
Clarke, Hussey, Mullan and Ó Donnghaile.

In attendance: Mrs. S. Toland, Lead Operations Officer/
Head of Environmental Health;
Mr. T. Martin, Head of Building Control;
Mr. C. Campbell, Divisional Solicitor; and
Mr. H. Downey, Democratic Services Officer.

Apologies

Apologies were reported on behalf of Aldermen McCoubrey and Rodgers and Councillors Groves, Hutchinson, Magee, McCarthy and Spence.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 18th February were taken as read and signed as correct. It was reported that those minutes had been adopted by the Council at its meeting on 2nd March, subject to the omission of those matters in respect of which the Council had delegated its powers to the Committee.

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Ó Donnghaile declared an interest in relation to Item 2(b), Consideration of Designating Resolutions for Street Trading Sites, in that he had met with the person who had applied to have the Designating Resolution for the site in Lombard Street varied to allow for the sale of additional commodities and left the meeting whilst the matter was under consideration.

THE COMMITTEE DEALT WITH THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN PURSUANCE OF THE POWERS DELEGATED TO IT BY THE COUNCIL AT ITS MEETING ON 1st MAY, 2007 IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 46

Licences Issued under Delegated Authority

The Committee noted a list of licensing applications which had been granted under the Council's Scheme of Delegation.

Consideration of Designating Resolutions for Street Trading Sites

The Committee considered the undernoted report:

“1 Relevant Background Information

- 1.1 An important feature of the licensing provisions in the Street Trading Act (NI) 2001 is the power of a district council to designate specific streets or parts of streets as being suitable for street trading. The Act also allows a council to vary a previous designating resolution in relation to the commodities or services to be supplied in specific streets.
- 1.2 If a street or commodity to be offered has not been designated under the Act, the Council cannot issue a licence for street trading from a stationary position in that street.
- 1.3 The process of considering and reviewing the designation of streets is therefore an essential part of the legal framework within which the Council is enabled to regulate street trading in the City.
- 1.4 The Act sets down the procedures which must be followed in considering a designating resolution or reviewing such resolution in relation to any street, including the types of trading which may or may not take place in that street. The main steps the Council must undertake may be summarised as follows:
 - a) give public notice of the proposed resolution;
 - b) consult with the Police and the Department of Regional Development and other persons it considers appropriate;
 - c) consider any representations relating to the proposed resolution which it has received;
 - d) after the Council has considered those representations it may, if it thinks fit, pass the designating resolution;
 - e) publish notice of the outcome for 2 consecutive weeks in 2 or more newspapers, giving not less than 28 days between the date of the publication and the date set out by the Council when the resolution will come into effect.
- 1.5 The Committee has previously considered a number of locations and determined their appropriateness for

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designation. There are currently 60 streets or parts of streets designated as being suitable for stationary street trading in Belfast.

2 Key Issues

2.1 New Streets or Part Thereof

Designation applications or expressions of interest have been received for the creation of new designated sites at streets at various locations throughout the City as listed below.

2.2

	Location	Commodity
1	Ormeau Avenue outside Ormeau Baths (size of site – 6m x 2.5m)	Hot and cold non alcoholic beverages, confectionery and cold food or similar commodities.
2	Hillview Road; site situated on the left hand side of the road approximately 70m from the Hillview retail park entrance heading in the direction of the Oldpark Road (size of site – 6m x 2.5m)	Hot and cold non alcoholic beverages, confectionery and cold food or similar commodities.
3	Cliftonville Road in lay-by opposite numbers 95 to 99 (size of site – 6m x 2.5m)	Hot and cold non alcoholic beverages, confectionery and cold food or similar commodities

2.3 The Committee is reminded that it previously agreed not to designate the Ormeau Avenue site at Ormeau Baths as suitable for street trading purposes at your meetings of 9th December, 2008 and 22nd January, 2014.

2.4 Officers are not aware of any change in circumstances to the Ormeau Avenue site at Ormeau Baths since the Committee made its decision and Officers have advised the applicants of the previous Committee decisions, however, the application was still submitted.

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2.5 The Committee should consider if you wish to include 1 (above) in the proposed designation.

2.6 **Variation of Commodities and Services to be Provided**

The Act allows the Council to vary a Designating Resolution in relation to the part of the street where trading is permitted, this includes consideration of the commodities or services which can be offered at that location. The procedures that must be followed for varying a Designating Resolution are the same as those for making the Designation in the first place.

Two licensed street traders have asked for the Council to consider the variation of the commodities and services which are allowed to be offered at the sites where they are already licensed.

	Location	Current Commodity	Proposed Variation
1	Lombard Street at junction with Rosemary Street beside flower planter	Commodity to be determined but excluding food and beverage products of any nature	Varied to allow for ice cream, crepes and hot and cold non alcoholic beverages.
2	Castle Junction Kiosk	Hot and cold non alcoholic beverages, confectionery, ice cream and cold food or similar commodities including the sale of theatre and event tickets	Varied to allow for bus tour tickets.

2.8 The Committee is reminded that it considered a variation to the commodities for the Castle Junction Kiosk at your meeting of 18th February, 2012 and had agreed to the sale of theatre and event tickets on condition that no bus tour tickets were offered for sale.

2.9 The Committee is further reminded that at your meeting of 16th April, 2014, when considering a similar request to allow for the sale of bus tour tickets for Castle Place (opposite Donegall Arcade), you agreed to defer consideration of the application pending the outcome of a review which had been commissioned by the Development Department into sightseeing coach provision in the City.

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2.10 Rescinding of Designation

2.11 The Committee is reminded that at its meeting on 16th April 2014, you also considered varying the commodities at the previously designated site at Donegall Square North (at front of City Hall close to its junction with Donegall Square West). Following the comments which were received during the consultation and also due to the fact that the site was unlicensed since November 2013, Members asked that consideration should be given to rescinding the Designating Resolution for this site. Committee are therefore asked to include the commencement of the process to rescind the designation of this site.

2.12 Process

2.13 Permission is sought to allow the publication of the statutory 28-day notice of the proposed resolution and to commence consultation with statutory bodies and other persons who may have an interest in the proposal.

2.14 The Committee should consider if you wish to include the previously refused designations in the proposed resolution, namely:

- Ormeau Avenue at Ormeau Baths for night time trade
- Castle Junction Kiosk variation of commodities.

Members are advised that there is no right of appeal in the Act should you decide not to proceed with the designation process in respect of these two sites; other than by way of Judicial Review. Both sites were properly considered previously by the Council and officers are not aware of any changes in circumstances at either location.

In respect of the other sites, none of which have been proposed before, legal advice previously has been that the Council should consider them after undertaking consultation with statutory bodies and other persons who may have an interest in the proposals, before making a decision on whether to designate them or refuse the designation.

Further reports will be brought to the Committee at a later date detailing the outcome of the process of consultation. At that stage, Members will be able to decide on the variation of designating resolutions or the designation of the streets along with any restriction on the commodity to be sold and

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any recommendations about the restriction on the times of trading.

3 Resource Implications

3.1 Financial

The cost of the legal notices is included in current revenue budgets.

3.2 Human Resources

Administration of Street Trading Designation applications and the process of consultation are included in current budgetary estimates.

3.3 Asset and Other Implications

None

4 Equality and Good Relations Considerations

4.1 There are no equality or good relations issues.

5 Recommendation

5.1 The Committee is requested to approve and authorise the list of streets or parts thereof including any amendments for publication and the commencement of consultation with statutory bodies and other persons who may have an interest in the proposals.”

After discussion, the Committee:

- i. granted approval to initiate a designation process in relation to those parts of the Cliftonville and Hillview Roads, as identified within paragraph 2.2 of the report, together with the list of proposed commodities;
- ii. granted approval to initiate a process to vary the Designating Resolution for the site in Lombard Street, at its junction with Rosemary Street, to allow for the sale of ice cream, crepes and hot and cold non-alcoholic beverages;
- iii. granted approval to initiate a process to rescind the Designating Resolution for the site in Donegall Square North, at the front of the City Hall, close to its junction with Donegall Square West;

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- iv. agreed to defer consideration of the application to vary the Designating Resolution for the Castle Junction Kiosk, pending the outcome of the review which had been commissioned by the Development Department into sightseeing coach provision in the City;
- v. agreed to refuse the application for the designation of the site in Ormeau Avenue, outside the Ormeau Baths, on the grounds that the circumstances which had led to it being refused by the Committee on 9th December, 2008 and 22nd January, 2014 had remained unchanged; and
- vi. agreed that discussions take place with the Council's Legal Services Section to identify, if appropriate, a suitable length of time which must expire before an application can be submitted for the designation of a site where the circumstances which had led to it being refused previously by the Committee had remained unchanged.

The Committee noted that the process referred to at points i) to iii) above would involve the publication of a statutory twenty-eight day notice and consultation with Statutory Bodies and other interested parties and that it would, in due course, receive an update on the outcome of that process.

**Competing Stationary Street Trading Licence Applications –
Boucher Crescent**

The Head of Building Control reminded the Committee that, at its meeting on 21st January, it had considered three separate applications for the grant of a Stationary Street Trading Licence for a vacant designated site in Boucher Crescent. The Committee, having considered the representations made in respect of the applications, had agreed that it was minded to grant the Licence to Mr. K. McWilliams, for a period of one year, permitting him to sell hot food and non-alcoholic beverages on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday between the hours of 7.00 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. and on a Thursday and Friday from 7.00 a.m. till 7.30 p.m., in Boucher Crescent, at a site which has been designated previously for the sale of those commodities, subject to:

- (i) the applicant providing all necessary documentation; and
- (ii) the receipt of the appropriate licensing fees.

As a consequence of that decision, the Committee had agreed that it was minded to refuse the applications which had been submitted by the other applicants, namely, Mr. C. Heggan and Mr. S. Johnston, on the grounds set out in Sections 9(1)(a)(i) and (iv) of the Street Trading Act (Northern Ireland) 2001, that the location at which they wished to trade was unsuitable and that there were sufficient traders trading at that location in the articles, things or services in which they wished to trade.

The Head of Building Control reported that the unsuccessful applicants had been advised that, as required under Section 12(2)(b) of the Street Trading Act (Northern

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Ireland) 2001, they would be permitted to make written representation to the Council within twenty-one days of being notified of the Committee's decision. He confirmed that no representation had been received from Mr. Heggan or Mr. Johnston during that time.

Accordingly, the Committee agreed, in its capacity as Licensing Authority, to affirm its decision of 21st January to grant to Mr. K. McWilliams, for a period of one year, a Stationary Street Trading Licence permitting him to sell hot food and non-alcoholic beverages on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday between the hours of 7.00 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. and on a Thursday and Friday from 7.00 a.m. till 7.30 p.m., at a designated site in Boucher Crescent, subject to his compliance with the aforementioned conditions relating to the provision of the required documentation and the payment of the Licence fee.

As a consequence of the decision to grant the Licence to Mr. McWilliams and the fact that there was only one designated site available, the Committee agreed to refuse the applications which had been submitted by Mr. C. Heggan and Mr. S. Johnston, on the grounds set out in Sections 9(1)(a)(i) and (iv) of the Street Trading Act (Northern Ireland) 2001, namely, that the location at which they wished to trade was unsuitable and that there were sufficient traders trading at that location in the articles, things or services in which they wished to trade.

**Application for the Renewal of a Stationary Street Trading Licence –
Duncrue Crescent**

The Committee agreed to defer consideration of an application for the renewal of a Stationary Street Trading Licence for a designated site in Duncrue Crescent to enable the applicant to attend a future meeting in order to provide clarification around his submission.

**Application for Extended Hours – Cathedral Quarter Arts Festival,
Custom House Square**

The Head of Building Control informed the Committee that an application had been received from the organisers of the Cathedral Quarter Arts Festival to hold a nine-day music event from 1st till 9th May within a marquee in Custom House Square. The Festival had been taking place for the past sixteen years and offered patrons a wide range of comedy, drama, literature and music events at several venues across the City. He explained that the Custom House Square was managed currently by the Department for Social Development and that it held a Seven-day Annual Outdoor Entertainments Licence and a Seven-day Annual Marquee Entertainments Licence for the venue. Those were transferred to promoters for the duration of their events.

He pointed out that, under the terms of the Marquee Entertainments Licence, entertainment was permitted to take place from Monday to Sunday between 11:30 a.m. and 11.00 p.m. The organisers had requested that the Committee give consideration to permitting entertainment to run until midnight on five nights of the Festival, namely, Friday 1st, Saturday 2nd, Sunday 3rd, Friday 8th and Saturday 9th May. That request had been made on the basis that the additional hour would enable local support acts to be added to the event programme and would provide patrons with sufficient time to avail of local restaurants before attending events. He

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added that, since the Committee report had been drafted, the organisers had booked an additional night's entertainment on 30th April, however, that would cease at 11.00 p.m., in line with the terms of the current Entertainments Licence.

He reported that officers of the Building Control Service had, in previous years, undertaken inspections of the venue whilst entertainment had been taking place and had had no issues regarding health, safety and welfare management. In terms of this year's Festival, he confirmed that officers of the Building Control Service and the Environmental Protection Unit were working with the organisers to ensure that all technical and noise issues were complied with. The organisers would, in accordance with the conditions attached to the Entertainments Licence, write to local residents advising them of the programme of events and their desire to provide entertainment beyond 11.00 p.m. on the aforementioned five nights. He added that the Police Service of Northern Ireland had offered no objection to the application.

After discussion, the Committee agreed, in its capacity as Licensing Authority, that the standard hours on the Seven-day Annual Marquee Entertainments Licence for Custom House Square be extended to enable entertainment to take place till midnight on Friday 1st, Saturday 2nd, Sunday 3rd, Friday 8th, and Saturday 9th May, 2015, as part of the Cathedral Arts Festival, subject to all technical requirements being met to the satisfaction of Council officers and with the following conditions remaining on the Licence:

- i. should the Council receive a significant number of complaints regarding noise or the complaint is of such significant impact, authority is granted to the Director of Health and Environmental Services, in consultation with the Town Solicitor, to reduce the finishing time for any subsequent nights of the event, in which case, the promoter will be required to make contingency arrangements; and
- ii. all letters forwarded by promoters to residents must advise that, should they have objections or concerns regarding an event providing entertainment beyond 11.00 p.m., they should contact the Building Control Service.

**Application for the Variation of a Seven-day Annual Entertainments Licence –
King's Hall Pavilion, King's Hall Complex**

The Head of Building Control informed the Committee that an application had been received for the variation of a Seven-day Annual Entertainments Licence in respect of the above-mentioned premises, based upon the Council's standard conditions to provide music, singing, dancing or any other entertainment of a like kind. He explained that the premises were licensed currently to provide entertainment within the main Exhibition Space, which had a maximum capacity of 3,652 patrons, from Monday to Saturday from 11.30 a.m. to 1.00 a.m. the following morning and on a Sunday between the hours of 12.30 p.m. and midnight. The applicant now wished to extend the hours during which entertainment would be offered from Monday to Saturday until 1.30 a.m., with a view to facilitating events such as the 'Waterloo Ball' fundraising event which was due to take place on the evening of Saturday, 23rd May. He pointed

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out that, should the Committee grant the application, as submitted, it would permit events to take place till 1.30 a.m. on each night throughout the year and that it was his understanding that the applicant was seeking the variation only for specific nights. He suggested that the Committee might wish to obtain from the applicant clarification around the number of nights being sought and seek to ensure that the rights of residents in neighbouring properties were protected, whilst not detracting from the applicant's request.

The Committee agreed that it would be beneficial to hear from the applicant and Ms. T. Morrissey, Financial and Commercial Director, was admitted to the meeting.

Ms. Morrissey provided a brief overview of the application and, having confirmed that she would be content for the variation to be granted to cover only the 'Waterloo Ball' on Saturday, 23rd May, she left the meeting.

The Head of Building Control pointed out that no written representations had been received in respect of the application and that the Police Service of Northern Ireland had not objected. The Council's Environmental Protection Unit had advised that it had, over the past twelve months, received only one noise-related complaint, following which the licensee had been provided with advice on noise minimisation. He confirmed that an officer of the Building Control Service had, as part of last year's renewal process, met with the management of the venue to review their processes and procedures and had found that the terms and conditions of the Entertainments Licence were being adhered to.

Accordingly, the Committee agreed, in its capacity as Licensing Authority, to grant a variation of a Seven-day Annual Entertainments Licence in respect of the King's Hall Pavilion, King's Hall Complex, to enable entertainment to take place till 1.30 a.m. on Saturday, 23rd May.

**Application for the Grant of a Seven-day Annual Outdoor
Entertainments Licence – Villa, 2-6 Dunbar Street**

The Committee deferred consideration of the above-mentioned application to enable further information to be obtained around the lease agreement between the applicant and the Department for Social Development for the use of the proposed area outside Villa and to allow for the submission to the Council's Environmental Protection Unit of further acoustic information.

**Application for the Renewal of a Seven-day Annual Entertainments Licence –
Teach Na Monagh, 2a Monagh Grove**

The Committee was advised that an application had been received for the renewal of a Seven-day Annual Entertainments Licence in respect of the above-mentioned premises. The Head of Building Control explained that, under the terms of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1985, the Committee, in considering an application for the grant, renewal or transfer of an Entertainments Licence, must have regard to any convictions of the applicant relating to the Order which had occurred with the five-year period immediately preceding the date on which the application had been made.

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He reported that the applicant had, on 29th January, 2013, been convicted at the Belfast Magistrates Court of three offences under the aforementioned Order. Those had related to an inspection of the premises by officers from the Building Control Service whilst entertainment had been taking place which had found that a final exit had been locked to the rear of the premises, a designated emergency escape route had been partially obstructed and the log book which was used to demonstrate that the appropriate pre-event safety checks had been carried out had not been available. As a result, a fine of £800 and costs of £66 had been imposed. He reminded the Committee that, at its meetings on 20th February, 2013 and 16th April, 2014, it had, upon being advised of the breaches and the fact that the premises were now being managed satisfactorily, agreed to renew the Entertainments Licence.

In terms of the current application, he explained that no written representations had been received and that the Police Service of Northern Ireland had offered no objection. In addition, no further issues had been identified by the Building Control Service regarding the operation of the premises.

Accordingly, the Committee agreed, in its capacity as Licensing Authority, to grant a renewal of a Seven-day Annual Entertainments Licence in respect of Teach Na Monagh, 2a Monagh Drive.

Last Meeting of the Licensing Committee

It was pointed out that it was the final meeting of the Committee prior to the implementation on 1st April of Local Government Reform.

The Chairman thanked those Elected Members and officers who had, over the years, contributed to the success of the Licensing Committee.

Chairman

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MEETING OF TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE

Members present: Councillor Hanna (Chair);
Aldermen McCoubrey, R. Patterson
and Rodgers; Councillors Austin, Beattie,
Garrett, Haire, Hutchinson and McCabe.

In attendance: Mr. B. Flynn, Democratic Services Officer;
Miss E. McGoldrick, Democratic Services Officer;
Ms. K. Mills) Divisional
Miss C. Reville) Planning Office.

Apologies

Apologies were reported on behalf of the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Hendron), together with Alderman L. Patterson and Councillors Cunningham, Curran and Newton.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 5th February were taken as read and signed as correct, it was reported that those minutes had been adopted by the Council at its meeting on 2nd March, subject to the omission of those matters which had been delegated to the Committee.

Request for Deputations

No requests had been received.

Routine Correspondence

The Committee noted the receipt of the following items of correspondence:

Transport NI

- The amendment to waiting restrictions and the introduction of disabled parking bays at Finaghy Crossroads;
- The proposed abandonment of land at Clifton Street; and
- The proposed abandonment of land at Wynchurch Road.

Northern Ireland Housing Executive

- The extinguishment of public rights-of-way at a number of locations across Belfast.

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Special Meeting of the Committee

The Committee agreed to hold a special meeting on Monday, 23rd March to consider outstanding planning applications prior to the transfer of planning powers to the Council.

Deferred Items Under Consideration

The Committee noted a list of items which were still under consideration by the Planning Service.

Appeal Dates and Decisions Notified

The Committee noted the dates for the holding of planning appeals, together with the outcome of a number of recent proceedings.

Streamlined Decisions Issued

The Committee noted a list of decisions which had been issued by the Planning Service between 29th January and 5th March.

Planning Application Subject to Council Endorsement

The Committee considered further a planning application in respect of a proposal which had been submitted by Creighton's of Finaghy to erect three freestanding signs at a shop/garage, in respect of which the Planning Service had offered an opinion to refuse.

The Committee agreed, with one Member voting against, to adopt the opinion of the Planning Service.

(Since the Committee was not unanimous in its view, the application was subject to ratification by the Council.)

**THE COMMITTEE DEALT WITH THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN PURSUANCE
OF THE POWERS DELEGATED TO IT BY THE COUNCIL**

Reconsidered Items

The Committee considered further the following planning applications and adopted the recommendations of the Divisional Planning Manager thereon:

<u>Site</u>	<u>Proposal</u>	<u>Opinion</u>
Lagan Homes Limited, Land south of 2 Mill Valley Place and east of 11 Mill Valley Crescent	Erection of 9 dwellings, landscaping and associated site works.	Approval

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Mr. P. Boyle, 4a Connsbrook Avenue	Proposed extension to existing storage/warehouse building and internal alterations. Proposed alterations to access and increased parking.	Approval
Ms. K. McConnell, 2 Marguerite Park	Proposed rear two storey extension and alterations to existing dwelling	Approval
Audleystown Properties 346 Beersbridge Road	Change of use from coffee shop to hot food take away with external flue	Approval

Schedule of Planning Applications

The Committee considered the schedule of planning applications and agreed to adopt the recommendations, with the exception of those referred to below:

<u>Site</u>	<u>Proposal</u>	<u>Opinion</u>
Property Standard Limited 20a – 22 Old Cavehill Road	Erection of 9 dwellings comprising 4 semi-detached and 5 detached, (Amended Plans Received) [Deferred at the request of the Committee – Criteria 5.]	Refusal
Farran's Construction, Kingsway, Dunmurry,	Erection of 13 detached dwellings [Deferred at the request of the Committee – Criteria 5.]	Refusal
Lagan Homes Limited, 19 Clarendon Road,	Erection of 7 apartments (change of house type from that previously approved. [Deferred at the request of the Committee – Criteria 5.]	Refusal
Mr. D. Rocks, 35 Knockbreda Park,	Replacement dwelling [Deferred at the request of the Committee – Criteria 5.]	Refusal
Mr. P. Loughlin, 409 Ormeau Road,	Change of use from office to hot food carry out with first floor restaurant [Deferred at the request of the Committee – Criteria 5]	Refusal

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SPECIAL MEETING OF TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE

Members present: Councillor Hanna (Chair);
Councillors Austin, Curran, Garrett,
Haire, Hutchinson, Jones, Mullan,
Newton and L. Patterson.

In attendance: Mr. B. Flynn, Democratic Services Officer; and
Ms. U. McDonald) Divisional
Mr. P. Fitzsimons) Planning Office.

Apologies

An apology was reported on behalf of the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Hendron).

Streamlined Decisions Issued

The Committee noted a list of decisions which had been issued by the Planning Service between 23rd February and 15th March.

Reconsidered Items - Application Withdrawn

The Committee noted that the application Z/2010/0767/F, which related to 170 Malone Road, had been withdrawn at the request of the Planning Service to enable further information to be considered.

THE COMMITTEE DEALT WITH THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN PURSUANCE OF THE POWERS DELEGATED TO IT BY THE COUNCIL

Reconsidered Items

The Committee considered further the following planning applications and adopted the recommendations of the Divisional Planning Manager thereon:

<u>Site</u>	<u>Proposal</u>	<u>Opinion</u>
Pragma Planning 179 Cavehill Road	Demolition of existing buildings and erection of ground floor retail/service retail unit with 3 apartments over and to the rear.	Approval
Excel Glass Musgrave Park Industrial Estate	Proposed warehouse extension for the storage of a new range of low emissivity glass, in conjunction with	Refusal

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	additional vehicular parking extension and approximately 60m of culverting extension to the Woodland River.	
Alan Patterson Lands adjacent to 392/ 394 Belmont Road	Proposed development of 2 detached dwellings with garages/ all other associated site works.	Refusal
James Ferguson 6 Burmah Street	Dormer to front of dwelling (retrospective).	Refusal
Odyssey Trust Company Odyssey Arena	Retention of 3 banner type advertisements and fixings.	Refusal
Dr. Manning Lands adjacent to 15 Osborne Park	Change of house type to that approved under Z/2012/1162/F.	Approval
McDonalds Restaurant Westwood Centre	Various site signage including 1no gateway, 2no directional signs and 7 freestanding signs.	Consent
McDonalds Restaurant Westwood Centre	Erection of new pole-mounted sign.	Consent
McDonalds Restaurant Westwood Centre	Refurbishment of restaurant and patio area including works to the site, reconfiguration of drive through lane, installation on 2 no canopies, pedestrian crossing and raised island.	Approval

Schedule of Planning Applications

The Committee considered the schedule of planning applications and agreed to adopt the recommendations, with the exception of those referred to below:

<u>Site</u>	<u>Proposal</u>	<u>Opinion</u>
Musgrave Marketplace 1-15 Dargan Crescent	Application under Article 28 of the Planning (NI) Order 1991 for the variation to read: 'The use hereby approved is for a wholesale warehouse with unrestricted access to the general public'. [Deferred at the request of the Committee – Criteria 5.]	Refusal

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Hardev Sirpal 362 Woodstock Road	Change of use for ground floor retail unit to become hot food takeaway [Deferred at the request of the Committee – Criteria 5.]	Refusal
FR Ventures 184 Upper Newtownards Rd	Change of use to house of multiple occupation (HMO) [Deferred at the request of the Committee – Criteria 5.]	Approval
Mr. A. Johnston 6 Cutters Lane Malone Lower	Retrospective change of use from dwelling to HMO [Deferred at the request of the Committee – Criteria 5.]	Approval

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