



Borough of Douglas

**COUNCILLOR MS JANET THOMMENY, JP
MAYOR**

Town Hall,

Douglas,

3rd February, 2023

Dear Sir or Madam,

You are hereby summoned to attend a MEETING OF THE COUNCIL of the BOROUGH OF DOUGLAS to be held on WEDNESDAY, the 8th day of FEBRUARY, 2023, at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon, in the COUNCIL CHAMBER within the TOWN HALL, DOUGLAS for the transaction of the hereinafter mentioned business.

I am,

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Katherine'.

Town Clerk & Chief Executive

Order of Agenda

I - Election of a person to preside (if the Mayor is absent).

II - Any statutory business.

III - Approval as a correct record of the minutes of the last regular and any intermediate Meetings of the Council.

IV - Questions of which Notice has been given by Members of the Council, pursuant to Standing Order No. 39.

V - Consideration of the minutes of proceedings of the Council in Committee.

VI - Consideration of the minutes of proceedings of Committees of the Council in the following order:

- (i) The Executive Committee;
- (ii) The Housing and Property Committee;
- (iii) The Pensions Committee;
- (iv) The Standards Committee;
- (v) The Eastern District Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee;
- (vi) Any other Joint Committee;
- (vii) The Regeneration and Community Committee;
- (viii) The Environmental Services Committee;

VIII - Consideration of such communications or petitions and memorials as the Mayor or Chief Executive may desire to lay before Council.

IX - Notices of Motion submitted by Members of the Council in order of their receipt by the Chief Executive.

X - Any Miscellaneous Business of which Notice has been given pursuant to Standing Orders.

The above Order of Agenda is in accordance with Standing Order No. 16(1); under Standing Order No. 16(2) it may be varied by the Council to give precedence to any business of a special urgency, but such variation shall not displace business under I and II.

AGENDA

III – Chief Executive to read minutes of the monthly Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 10th January, 2023, and the Special Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 31st January, 2023.

VI(i) - The proceedings of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE as follows:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday, 26th January, 2023.

Members Present: Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells (Chair), the Mayor, Mr Councillor A.J. Bentley, Mr Councillor I.J.G. Clague, Mr Councillor D.R. Watson, Mr Councillor F. Horning.

In Attendance: Chief Executive (Miss K.J. Rice), Director of Finance (Mr A.J.T. Boyd), Director of Environment and Regeneration (Mrs D. Eynon), Director of Housing and Property (Mr D. Looney), Assistant Chief Officer (Democratic Services) (Mrs L. Radcliffe) (for Clauses A9 and A10), Head of Digital and Information (Mr D. Yates) (for Clauses A9 and A10), Executive Officer (Mrs J.M. Keig) (taking minutes).

REPORT

PART A –

Matters within the scope of the Executive Committee's delegated authority

A1. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

A2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

A3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 21st December 2022 and the Special Budget meeting held on Thursday 12th January 2023 were approved and signed.

A4. Matters Arising From Previous Minutes

Special Budget Meeting, 12th January 2023

Clause 3.3(b): Revenue Commitments – Waste Recycling Service: it was suggested that the wording of this minute was too restrictive.

Resolved, “That particulars be noted on the minutes and that approval be given for the wording of Clause 3.3(b) to be amended to read, ‘Revenue Commitments – Marine Gardens Playground Repairs Provision (SL060 B136): (i) that the commitment of £60,000 be released from the Schedule as the playground equipment had already been removed; and (ii) that the amount of £60,000 instead be included as a reserve commitment to provide increased communication, *etc.*, to the public about the Waste and Recycling Service, and for the purchase of several alternative-style recycling boxes, in order to give householders an array of choices, subject to a Committee Report.”

Clause 6, Rate Levy for the Year Ending 31st March 2024: at the meeting on 24th November 2022, it had been agreed that the press release announcing the Council’s rate increase for the following year should be released not before 5.00pm on 31st January 2023. However, it was resolved that this be amended, approving the release of the press announcement at the conclusion of the Special Council Meeting on 31st January 2023.

Resolved, “That particulars be noted on the minutes and that it be agreed unanimously that the press release, announcing the rate levy, be released at the conclusion of the Special Rate-setting Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 31st January 2023.”

A5. Referrals from the Environmental Services Committee

There were no referrals from the minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held on Monday 16th January 2023.

A6. Referrals from the Regeneration and Community Committee (December 2022)

The Committee considered the following referral from the minutes of the Regeneration and Community Committee meeting held on Tuesday 20th December 2022:

Clause B1 – Play Policy: the Committee had considered a report by the Assistant Chief Officer (Regeneration) proposing the adoption of a Play Policy for the Council. A play policy document had been drafted during the planning process for the replacement of the play equipment in the Marine Gardens, and it was now recommended that the policy be adopted for all sites owned and managed by the Council. The Regeneration and Community Committee had reviewed and approved all the specific play policies contained within the Play Policy document, and endorsement was sought accordingly.

Resolved, “(i) That particulars of the referral be noted on the minutes; and

- (ii) That the resolution of the Regeneration and Community Committee be endorsed and that the Play Policy be adopted by the Council.”

A7. Referrals from the Regeneration and Community Committee

There were no referrals from the minutes of the Regeneration and Community Committee meeting held on Tuesday 17th January 2023.

A8. Referrals from the Housing and Property Committee

There were no referrals from the public minutes of the Housing and Property Committee meeting held on Wednesday 18th January 2023.

A9. CCTV Performance Report

The Committee considered a written report by the Head of Digital and Information Services setting out the six-monthly update in relation to CCTV usage, enhancements, and changes, for the period 1st July 2022 to 31st December 2022.

The intelligence provided by CCTV was used for the prevention of crime and also as evidence in cases; however, as the information contained within the report could be subject to court proceedings, it had to remain private. It was also noted that it would not be possible to report on the final outcome of cases, due to the confidential legal nature of the court procedure.

Resolved, “(i) That particulars of the report be noted on the minutes; and

- (ii) That the progress report for 1st July 2022 to 31st December 2022 be accepted, and that the Council’s on-going commitment to the use of CCTV be supported.”

A10. Remote Attendance at Council and Committee Meetings

The Committee considered a written report by the Assistant Chief Officer (Democratic Services) in relation to a Question submitted by a Member of Council, which sought consideration of a suggestion to amend the Constitution for remote attendance at Council and Committee Meetings to be permitted where, for legitimate reasons, a Member could not attend in person.

Since the Covid-19 lockdown periods, it had been common-place for full virtual meetings (all attendees remote) or hybrid meetings (some attendees remote and some present) to be held in a number of settings within the Council – internal Departmental meetings; online training; and the Pensions Committee (where the off-Island consultant attended remotely).

A wide range of software platforms had been in use (such as Zoom, MS Teams, WebEx, and Google Meet). It was noted that full Council had been streamed live to FaceBook on four or five occasions, however, a number of issues had been encountered, including:-

- The acoustics in the Council Chamber were a challenge, and the sound quality of the directional microphones was unreliable, especially when the speaker looked away;
- Multiple cameras were required to cover the speakers; and
- The temporary camera positions meant there were a lot of trailing cables, and the camera quality needed to be improved.

While future hybrid Committee meetings were within the scope of existing arrangements, future full Council hybrid meetings would be subject to the same live-stream issues listed above, together with other additional issues, including:

- The ability for those Members present to be able to see and hear remote Members, as a single screen only was currently available;
- The ability for remote Members to be able to hear everything;
- Additional equipment and controls would be required for the Chair to manage the Meeting - the interaction in respect of the speaking order and during voting would be problematic, with two systems being required for the Chair.

The legislation contained within Section 10 of the Local Government Act (1985) relating to remote attendance at meetings was noted, including particularly, that a local authority may make Standing

Orders in this respect. Members were advised that, in order to progress the ability for remote attendance by Members at Council Meetings, not only would a scope of options and costs need to be carried out, but there would also be a requirement for the Council to have appropriate Standing Orders in place, to allow remote attendance in extenuating circumstances.

Resolved, “(i) That particulars of the report be noted on the minutes;

(iii) That the Assistant Chief Officer (Democratic Services) be requested to submit two further reports in February 2023, proposing appropriate changes to Standing Orders and the Council’s Constitution that would be required to -

- (a) permit remote attendance by Members at Committee Meetings; and
- (b) Permit remote attendance by Members at Council Meetings, including by the Head of Digital and Information Services a full cost analysis on the provision of video conferencing and recording equipment that would be required in the Council Chamber in order to facilitate remote attendance (to a professional standard), including live streaming.”

A11. Monthly Financial Review – December 2022

The Committee considered a written report by the Director of Finance setting out details of progress made against Key Performance Indicators for Finance, together with other related key financial monitoring information.

Resolved, “(i) That particulars of the report be noted on the minutes, including particularly, the rates collection figure of 95.4% compared against a target figure of 94.6% for the April to December period of 2022 / 2023.”

A12. Fleet Services – Disposal of Equipment

The Committee considered a written report by the Assistant Chief Officer (Environment) detailing items that had been sold in the third quarter of the 2022 / 2023 financial year in accordance with Standing Order 161, ‘Disposal of Surplus Property, Materials, etc.’

Resolved, “That particulars of the report, including the Schedule of Vehicles and Plant sold at auction, be noted on the minutes.”

A13. Isle of Man Municipal Association

The Committee had been circulated with a number of documents received from the Isle of Man Municipal Association.

Resolved, “That particulars of the documents be noted on the minutes.”

A14. Items for Future Report

The Committee considered a written report by the Chief Executive identifying those issues on which further reports had been requested or which were outstanding, so that Members and officers were aware of them and could monitor progress.

Resolved, “That particulars of the report be noted on the minutes and that it be considered and monitored at each meeting of the Executive Committee.”

The Committee rose at 3.55pm.

VI(ii) – The proceedings of the HOUSING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE as follows:

HOUSING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

HOUSING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE – Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday, 18th January, 2023.

Members Present: Mr Councillor D.R. Watson (Chair), the Mayor, Mr Councillor S.R. Crellin, Mr Councillor F. Schuengel, Mr Councillor P.J. Washington.

In Attendance: Director of Housing and Property (Mr D. Looney), Assistant Chief Officer (Housing and Property) (Mr V. Zivave), Assistant Chief Officer (Income) (Mrs C. Pulman), Housing and Property Operations Manager (Mr J. Chatwood), Assistant Chief Officer (Democratic Services) (Mrs L. Radcliffe), Assistant Democratic Services Officer (Miss C. Cullen).

REPORT

PART A –

Matters delegated to the Committee

A1. Apologies for Absence

No apologies for absence were received.

A2. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

A3. Minutes – 16th December, 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on Friday, 16th December, 2022, were approved and signed.

A4. Matters Arising

No issues were raised as arising from the previous meeting.

A5. Vacant Properties Update

The Committee considered the monthly report submitted by the Assistant Housing Manager (Maintenance) to update on the number of vacant social housing properties.

Appended to the officer's report was the void properties schedule, which showed that as at the end of December, 2022 there were thirty vacant properties receiving attention. Members were presented with a summary chart showing the number of properties returned in each month, details of the category repair type for each property, together with the number of void properties in each estate.

The Assistant Chief Officer (Housing and Property) advised that four properties were ready for allocation.

Resolved, "That particulars of the discussion and the number of void properties be noted on the minutes."

A6. Housing Rent Arrears

The Committee considered a report submitted by the Housing and Property Operations Manager to monitor the progress made on rental income collection.

Members were presented with a table setting out the rent arrears statistics for December, 2022. It was noted that as at the 1st January, 2023 the level of rent arrears was £47,845.94.

Appended to the officer's report was statistical data prepared by the Housing Operations Manager setting out the rent arrears statistics by estate; property type and occupancy.

Resolved, "That particulars of the report and discussion be noted on the minutes and that the progress made on rental income collection be noted."

A7. Items for Future Consideration

The Committee noted the monthly report and schedule setting out items which will be brought forward for consideration to future meetings.

Members discussed green spaces within social housing estates, noting that officers were currently working with the Manx Wildlife Trust on how to achieve better biodiversity and in particular, were looking to run two trial initiatives at the new Peel Road Apartments and Ballanard Court, which would

be community led. It was noted that a briefing note would be forthcoming to the Committee to provide further details about the projects.

Resolved, “That particulars of the report and schedule be noted on the minutes.”

A8. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Members were reminded that the next scheduled meeting was due to take place at 10.00am on Wednesday, 15th February, 2023.

Resolved, “That the date and time of the next meeting be noted on the minutes.”

The meeting ended at 12.03pm.

VI(vii) – The proceedings of the REGENERATION AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE as follows:

REGENERATION AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

REGENERATION AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE – Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday, 17th January, 2023.

Members Present: Mr Councillor A.J. Bentley (Chair), Councillor Miss N.A. Byron, Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts, Mr Councillor F. Schuengel.

In Attendance: Assistant Chief Officer (Regeneration) (Mr C. Pycroft), Assistant Chief Officer (Democratic Services) (Mrs L. Radcliffe), Assistant Chief Officer (Income) (Mrs C. Pulman), Democratic Services Officer (Mrs D. Atkinson).

REPORT

PART A –

Matters delegated to the Committee

A1. Apologies

The Mayor submitted her apologies for the meeting.

A2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

A3. Minutes – 20th December, 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 20th December, 2022 were approved and signed.

A4. Matters Arising

The Committee discussed points raised in Council regarding the pedestrianisation of North Quay, the Douglas in Bloom competition and the play policy. It was noted that the play policy, although supported unanimously in Council, requires Executive Committee approval at the January meeting. The Committee noted the points raised at the Council Meeting and reaffirmed their previous decisions.

A5. Proposed Changes to the Allotment Rules

The allotments Independent Member, Mr Glover, attended the Committee for this item. It was agreed that the item be deferred to the February meeting as the Independent Member had not had sight of the report before the Committee, and would like to share the proposed changes with the plot holders.

Resolved, “That the proposed changes to the allotment rules be deferred to the February 2023 Committee meeting.”

A6. Guttery Gable – Proposed Artwork Project

The Committee considered a report submitted by the Assistant Chief Officer (Regeneration) to update on the proposed artwork project for Guttery Gable.

Members were reminded that the project was originally requested by the Environmental Services Committee in May 2022 in response to graffiti in Guttery Gable. The project was later referred to the Regeneration and Community Committee. The proposal was to commission an artist to paint murals on the walls in the area, supported by improved lighting and CCTV. The project would have a life span of approximately three years and would revert back to the original condition once the murals started to deteriorate.

The project was estimated at £43,260, a breakdown of the costs was provided in the report. An application for funding from the Town and Village Regeneration Fund (administered by the Department for Enterprise) was submitted on 13th October for funding of £25,000 (the maximum grant available), and the report advised of the intention to apply for funding from the Isle of Man Arts Council to offset some of the residual costs not covered by the grant.

The Assistant Chief Officer (Regeneration) explained that grant approval cannot be determined without planning consent being received and tenders or quotations having been received for the works. In order to provide the planning approval and seek firm quotations, the report requested that £5,000 be requested from Reserves to fund the design costs. The Assistant Chief Officer (Regeneration) explained that there is a sum of money earmarked in Reserves for town centre and promenade improvement projects with residual funds following the cessation of the Douglas Development Partnership.

The Committee discussed the proposal at length, and unanimously agreed that the cost was too expensive in the current climate, particularly due to the predicted life span of the works, and funding of this level could be better utilised elsewhere.

In response to question, the Assistant Chief Officer (Regeneration) confirmed that the area would now revert back to the previous position to be dealt with under the enforcement process.

Resolved, “(i) That particulars of the report and discussion be noted on the minutes and;

- (ii) That the proposed improvement works for Guttery Gable not be supported;
- (iii) Expenditure not be approved for up to £5,000 from the General Revenue Reserves to cover the design costs required to support the grant application for funding from the Town and Village Regeneration Fund, and to facilitate a grant application to the Isle of Man Arts Council;
- (iii) That an additional £5,000 from the General Revenue Reserves, subject to the approval of grant funding, not be supported.”

A7. Section 13 Receipts – Anacur Farm

The Committee considered a report submitted by the Assistant Chief Officer (Regeneration) to seek approval for the use of Section 13 receipts from the Annacur House Development to contribute towards the cost of installing fencing at the Anagh Coar playground.

Members were reminded that Hartford Homes received planning consent for the development of dwellings at Annacur House, Annacur Lane, Douglas, subject to entering into an agreement with the Council under Section 13 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1999 to provide a commuted sum in lieu of the provision of outdoor amenity space. The commuted sum of £13,728 is expected to be received by Easter 2023. The report explained that the monies received as public space commuted sums may be spent on providing or improving amenity space anywhere in Douglas, but wherever possible it is good practice to improve provision local to the site from which the sum was generated. The report therefore proposed that the sum be used to contribute towards the cost of erecting fencing around Anagh Coar play area as this is the only unfenced play area in the Borough. The Assistant Chief Officer (Regeneration) explained that the fencing assists in defining the area from which dogs are prohibited. The total cost of the fencing is approximately £18,000. The remainder of the funding can be met from the existing Open Spaces revenue budget.

Resolved, “That particulars of the report and discussion be noted on the minutes and the £13,728 to be received as a Section 13 commuted sum in lieu of amenity space from the Annacur Housing development be used as a contribution to the cost of installing fencing at the Anagh Coar playground.”

A8. Library Service Plan Monitoring

The Committee considered a report submitted by the Borough Librarian to update on the performance against measures outlined in the Library Service Plan.

Appended to the report were the actions as outlined in the Library’s Service Plan, together with an update on performance as at the end of quarter three 2022/23. A red, amber, green or black status had been applied to each measure. All measures were either on target or not applicable to this quarter. Members were also provided with the user statistics during the quarter.

The Committee were pleased to see an increase in the number of community events/initiatives taking place in the Library, and asked that the Library continue to strengthen this element of the service.

Resolved, “That particulars of the report and the progress against performance indicators in the Library Service Plan be noted on the minutes.”

A9. Items for Future Report

The Committee considered a report submitted by the Democratic Services Officer regarding reports for future consideration by the Committee.

Resolved, “That particulars of the matters for future consideration and discussions be noted on the minutes.”

A10. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Members were advised that the next scheduled meeting was due to take place on Tuesday, 14th February, 2023.

Resolved, “That the date and time of the next meeting be noted on the minutes.”

VI(viii) – The proceedings of the ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE as follows:

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE – Minutes of Meeting held on Monday, 16th January, 2023.

Members Present: Mr Councillor F. Horning (Chair), the Mayor, Councillor Miss N.A. Byron, Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner, Mr Councillor P.J. Washington.

In Attendance: Director of Environment and Regeneration (Mrs D. Eynon), Assistant Chief Officer (Regeneration) (Mr C. Pycroft), Assistant Chief Officer (Environment) (Mr I. Jackson), Finance Manager (Mr M. Quayle) (Items A1 to A5), Community and Enforcement Manager (Mr A. Gordon) (Item A7), Assistant Democratic Services Officer (Miss C. Cullen).

REPORT

PART A –

Matters delegated to the Committee

A1. Apologies

No apologies for absence were received.

A2. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

A3. Minutes –19th December, 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 19th December, 2022 were approved and signed.

A4. Matters Arising

Clause A5 – Future Proposals for the 1930s toilet block – Noble’s Park, following a request at the January meeting of Council, Members noted that a report would be forthcoming to the Committee in relation to anti-vandalism features in public toilets, including a review of the 20p charge.

A5. Isle of Man Youth Cycling Event and Use of the Bottleneck Car Park

The Committee considered a report submitted by the Assistant Chief Officer (Regeneration) seeking agreement for the use of twenty-seven spaces in the Bottleneck Car Park to be used in conjunction with the Isle of Man Youth Tour Cycle event on Loch Promenade on Friday 28th April, 2023.

Members were advised that the Isle of Man Youth Tour have previously requested use of spaces in the Bottleneck Car Park as part of the stage race on the Promenade Walkway. In previous years, several different configurations have been used and the most acceptable solution has been the reservation of a number of spaces at the northern end of the car park for the whole day. This approach was used in 2022 and worked without any problems. The area is mainly used for scrutineering and pre-race preparations. Racing is between 1730hrs and 2100hrs but the spaces would be taped off for the whole day to ensure they remain available. The one way system through the car park will be retained.

Members noted that the race is a very important event in the cycling calendar and, this year, it is expected to attract in excess of 300 entrants from the United Kingdom, along with their support teams and families.

Members were advised that officers had sought earlier agreement for use of the spaces in 2023 in order that this can be well publicised. Members requested that communication be put out in advance of the event to ensure the public are aware that those spaces will not be available on that day.

Resolved, “(i) That particulars of the report and discussion be noted on the minutes;

(ii) The use of twenty-seven spaces in the Bottleneck Car Park be reserved for use by the organisers of the Isle of Man Youth Tour on Friday 28th April 2023 be approved; and

(iii) A fee of £191.16 plus VAT (£229.50 including VAT) be charged to cover the loss of car parking revenue.”

A6. Planning Application – Temporary Car Park South Quay

The Committee considered an appraisal of planning application 22/01459/B for the continued use of the site as a temporary car park at 40 South Quay, Douglas.

Members were reminded that an application for this site had previously been considered by the Committee at its meeting held on the 16th November 2020 when Members had resolved to object to the proposals on the grounds that proposals would be in conflict with the COMIN Directive on temporary Carparks. It was agreed that the site in its current state did not comply with General policy 2 (b) and (c) Isle of Man Strategic Plan 2016, in that it did not respect the buildings and spaces around it and was having an adverse effect on the character of the area due to its current condition. It was also believed that the continued use of the site as a temporary carpark would hinder the development of the site which had previously had planning approval for residential development. This application was subsequently refused by the planning committee which was then upheld at appeal by an independent planning inspector.

The Committee has taken a robust stance on similar applications over recent years and on each occasion the Council has objected in order to send out the message that the Council supports the development of brownfield sites rather than their use as carparks.

The applicant states that there is currently a legal dispute over the site's boundary that is preventing the site being developed and although this may be the case there are still no guarantees the site would be developed if this was resolved. The applicant makes the point that the boundary dispute remains an ongoing issue and that discussions are continuing to try and resolve the situation.

In response to question, the Assistant Chief Officer (Regeneration) undertook to ascertain whether the Council is collecting rates for the site and advise the Committee accordingly.

Resolved, "(i) That particulars of the report and discussion be noted on the minutes and that the following response be submitted to the Planning Authority in relation to planning application 22/01459/B for the continued use of the site as a temporary car park at 40 South Quay, Douglas, Isle Of Man;

- (ii) That the Council objects to the planning application 22/01459/B on the grounds that it is contrary to the COMIN directive of land use for temporary carparks and General Policy 2(b) and (c) of the Isle of Man Strategic Plan 2016 noting that the Council's preference is for the site to be developed for residential use; and
- (iii) That, should the application be approved, approval is limited to two years and that it is only to be used for contract parking."

A7. Schedule of Dilapidated, Ruinous or Dangerous Properties

The Community and Enforcement Manager joined the meeting for discussion of the item.

The Committee considered a schedule of properties in a state of dilapidation or disrepair. Members noted that no properties had been added to the schedule since the last meeting; two properties had been removed because work had been completed; and a total of sixty properties remained on the list.

Resolved, "That the schedule of dilapidated properties be noted and approved and that the Director of Environment and Regeneration be authorised to progress improvements to the properties, by service of Notice and legal action where necessary."

A8. Items for Future Report

The Committee noted a report submitted by the Assistant Democratic Services Officer with an appendix setting out a number of reports that would be brought forward for consideration by the Committee in due course.

Members noted that a report in relation to the recycling rate and a review of alternate weekly collections would be forthcoming to the Committee.

It was further noted that a future report would be brought to Committee on Waste Services communication and range of recycling box options.

Members requested that the Council continue to promote the recycling bags and lids that are available for recycling boxes.

Resolved, "That particulars of the matters for future consideration be noted on the minutes."

A9. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Members were reminded that the next scheduled meeting of the Environmental Services Committee was due to take place at 10.00am on Monday, 13th February, 2023.

The meeting ended at 10.53am.