

August 15th, 2022

Notice Of Meeting

You are invited to attend the Sustainability and Environment Committee Meeting to be held on **Wednesday, 17th August 2022 at 6:00 pm** in **Boardroom Monaghan Row Newry** and via **Microsoft Teams**.

Committee Membership 2022-2023:

- Councillor O Magennis (Chairperson)
- Councillor T Andrews (Deputy Chairperson)
- Councillor C Casey
- Councillor W Clarke
- Councillor D Curran
- Councillor A Finnegan
- Councillor G Malone
- Councillor K McKevitt
- Councillor A McMurray
- Councillor D Murphy
- Councillor K Owen
- Councillor G Stokes
- Councillor D Taylor
- Councillor M Ruane
- Councillor J Tinnelly

Agenda

1.0 Apologies and Chairperson's remarks.

- Cllr. Owen
- Cllr. Stokes

2.0 Declarations of “Conflict of Interest”.

3.0 Action Sheet of the Neighbourhood Services Committee Meeting held on 23 June 2022. (Attached).

 [NS Action Sheet - 22 June 2022.pdf](#)

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For Consideration and/or Decision


4.0 To consider the following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillor G Hanna and Councillor H Reilly:

"Council has installed height restriction on entry into amenity sites which prevents higher vehicles/vans exceeding amenity sites. Height restrictions should be removed immediately as they prevent a lot of ratepayers disposing of domestic waste at the sites."

Note: The above Notice of Motion was referred from Council Meeting on Monday 01 August 2022.

Sustainability and Environment Directorate

5.0 Quarterly provisional estimates for January to March 2022. (Attached)

 [Municipal-waste-q4-2021-22-report_1.pdf](#)

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Waste Management

6.0 Chewing Gum Clean-Up Fund Update. (Attached).

 [Report - KBT Chewing gum fund 17.08.22.pdf](#)


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Exempt Information Items

7.0 Business Case for the replacement 4 x 4 vehicle for Closed Landfill Sites. (Attached).

This item is deemed to be restricted by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 - information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person, (including the Council holding that information) and the public may by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

 **Business case for replacement 4 wheel drive vehicle for closed landfill sites.pdf** **Not included**

 **Appendix 1 - Approval to Commence Procurement - 4 Wheel Drive vehicle.pdf** **Not included**

8.0 Contract Extensions – Neighbourhood Services Action Plan. (Attached).

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 **CPI report for August 2022 NS Committee 080822.pdf** **Not included**

For Noting - Exempt Information Items

9.0 Arc21 Joint Committee Members' Monthly Bulletin held on 30 June 2022. (Attached).

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 **ARC21 - 30June22-JC MembersBulletin.pdf** **Not included**

10.0 Arc21 Joint Committee Meeting in Committee Minutes of 26 May 2022. (Attached).


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 **ARC21 - 30June22-Item8-JC In Comm Mins.26May.pdf** **Not included**

For Noting

11.0 Action Sheet from Neighbourhood Services Working Group Meeting held on Monday 8 August. (Attached).

 **NS Wkg Grp Mtg 8.8. 22 Action Sheet.pdf** **Page 31**

 **Tree Strategy WG May 22 Presentation.pdf** **Page 33**

12.0 Arc21 Joint Committee Meeting Minutes of Thursday 26 May 2022. (Attached).

 *ARC21 - 30June22-Item3-JC Minutes.26May.pdf*

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13.0 Historical Action Sheet (Attached).

 *NS Historic Actions Tracker Sheet (updated August 2022).pdf*

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Invitees

Cllr Terry Andrews

Mr Alan Beggs

Cllr Jim Brennan

Cllr Robert Burgess

Cllr Pete Byrne

Mr Gerard Byrne

Cllr Charlie Casey

Mr Andrew Cassells

Cllr William Clarke

Mrs Linda Cummins

Cllr Dermot Curran

Cllr Laura Devlin

Ms Louise Dillon

Cllr Cadogan Enright

Cllr Aoife Finnegan

Ms Joanne Fleming

Cllr Hugh Gallagher

Cllr Mark Gibbons

Cllr Oonagh Hanlon

Cllr Glyn Hanna

Mrs Catherine Hanvey

Cllr Valerie Harte

Cllr Roisin Howell

Ms Catherine Hughes

Miss Veronica Keegan

Mrs Sheila Kieran

Cllr Mickey Larkin

Cllr David Lee-Surginor

Cllr Alan Lewis

Mr Michael Lipsett

Mrs Regina Mackin

Cllr Oonagh Magennis

Mr Conor Mallon

Cllr Gavin Malone

Colette McAteer

Cllr Declan McAteer

Cllr Leeanne McEvoy

Cllr Harold McKee

Patricia McKeever

Cllr Karen McKeivitt

Cllr Andrew McMurray

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Cllr Henry Reilly
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Cllr Michael Ruane
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Cllr Michael Savage
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Mr Kevin Scullion
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Cllr Gareth Sharvin
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Donna Starkey
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Cllr Gary Stokes
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Sarah Taggart
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Cllr David Taylor
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Cllr Jarlath Tinnelly
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Cllr John Trainor
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Central Support Unit
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Cllr William Walker
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Mrs Marie Ward
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ACTION SHEET ARISING FROM NS MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22 JUNE 2022

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
NS/087/2022	Start times of NS Committee Meetings – June 2022-May 2023	Agreed the start time for NS Committee Meetings from June 2022 - May 2023 would be 6.00 pm.	DSO	Completed	Y
NS/088/2022	Monthly Action Sheet	Action Sheet of the Neighbourhood Services Committee Meeting held on 18 May 2022 be noted and actions removed as marked.	DSO		Y
NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES DIRECTORATE BUSINESS PLAN 2021-2022					
NS/089/2022	Neighbourhood Services Directorate Business Plan 2021-2022	The Assessment of the NS Directorate Business Plan 2021-22 and the NS Directorate Business Plan 2022-23 be agreed.	Director		
FACILITIES MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE					
NS/090/2022	Portable toilet trial as part of Council public toilet provision	Agreed to note the contents of the report and that the use of portaloos as part of the Council's provision of	K Scullion	Complete	Y

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		<p>public toilets can meet temporary short term needs but is not a long-term option for providing a service to a specific location due to the cost and reduced ability to keep the facility clean. Where it is known that a particular Council facility, without its own public toilet, is likely to experience increased visitor numbers for a short duration, then the provision of a portaloo will be considered subject to budget availability.</p> <p>Agreed that if the public conveniences at 16 The Square, Rostrevor were not re-opened in time for the Fiddlers Green Festival at the end of July, that temporary portaloo facilities be provided.</p> <p>Agreed that officials meet with representatives of Newcastle Yacht Club to discuss the potential of an SLA to enable the provision of shared public toilet facilities at their Club</p>	<p>K Scullion</p> <p>K Scullion</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>In progress</p>	<p>Y</p> <p>N</p>

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		<p>premises.</p> <p>Officials consider a request to investigate if there was adequate litter/dog fouling bins along the Greenway.</p>	K Scullion	In progress	N
WASTE MANAGEMENT					
NS/091/2022	Enforcement Improvement Plan Update	<p>Agreed to note the content of this update report and to agree review of key actions from the Enforcement Improvement Plan to be incorporated into a timebound programme of work for 2022/23 and annually thereafter.</p> <p>Test case footpaths – small footpath leading to WIN – officers to examine this area for dog fouling.</p>	S Murphy	In progress	N
IN CLOSED SESSION					
NS/092/2022	Business Case – to support the implementation of the Public Toilet Strategy	<p>To note contents of this report.</p> <p>Approve the recommendation within the Business Case for the provision of</p>	K Scullion	In progress	N

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		consultancy support to deliver on the objectives of the Public Toilet Strategy. Option 2 will see the appointment of the Councils nominated contractor under the SCAPE Framework to provide identified consultancy support and associated investigatory work up to the delivery of an economic appraisal			
NS/093/2022	Business Case for the provision of maintenance services for the Council's Public Toilets	<p>Note the content of the report and associated Business Case.</p> <p>Approve the recommendation within the Business Case for provision of maintenance services for Council's Public Toilets – Option 3 is chosen. Option 3 will see the appointment of a suitably qualified contractor to provide routine maintenance and provide break down cover for the Council Public Toilet Service which cannot be addressed by its own in-house maintenance team.</p>	K Scullion	In progress	N
NS/094/2022	Business Case for Annual Fixed Electrical	Note the content of the report and associated Business Case.	K Scullion	In progress	N

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	Wiring and Emergency Lighting Testing	Accept the conclusion of the Business Case that Option 2 is chosen as the preferred option. Option 2 will see the appointment, through a tender process, of a competent electrical contractor who will undertake these annual tests and where required, agreed remedial works to supplement in-house provision.			
NS/095/2022	Business Case – provision of Bi-annual service of oil fired boilers and emergency breakdown cover for Council properties	<p>Note the content of the report and associated Business Case.</p> <p>Approve the recommendation within the Business Case for provision of maintenance services for Council’s oil-fired boilers – Option 3 is chosen.</p> <p>Option 3 will see the appointment of a suitably qualified contractor to provide biannual servicing of Council oil fired boilers, emergency breakdown cover and minor capital works.</p>	K Scullion	In progress	N

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NS/096/2022	Proposed lease of storage facility for Christmas illuminations	Agreed to Officers entering discussions with a named Group to seek to agree the terms of a Lease in respect of a Storage Unit at Greenbank Industrial Estate for a term of 5 years at a market rental value agreed by Council's valuer. A further report to be presented to the SP&R Committee detailing any financial implications for consideration/approval.	K Scullion	In progress	N
NS/097/2022	Request to sub-lease the Bog Road Amenity Site, Forkhill	Agreed to Officers entering discussions with Trustees of a named Charitable Trust and the third-party commercial operator concerning the Council's lease of lands known as the Bog Road Amenity Area. A further report to be provided to the SP&R Committee on options available once these initial discussions have concluded.	K Scullion	In progress	N
NS/098/2022	Business Case for Marine Services covering Council harbours and navigational aids	Note the content of the report and associated Business Case. Approve the recommendation within the Business Case for maintenance of the Council's LAtNs and other marine services works – Option 3 is chosen.	K Scullion	In progress	N

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		<p>Option 3 will see the appointment of a suitably qualified marine services engineering contractor to undertake maintenance of the Council's LAtONs, other marine services works and inspections.</p>			
NS/099/2022	Update: request for sale of burial rights to plots in Council Cemeteries	<p>Based on advice from the Council's Legal Services, to enforce the provisions of the Rules & Regulations for the Control of the Public Cemeteries within the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council and not grant requests for the procurement of the rights of burial in advance of a bereavement.</p> <p>It is further recommended that Officers write to both parties to advise of the Council decision in this matter and the reasons for this.</p> <p>Councillors are asked to note that Officers will offer the single plot to the third party referred to in Section 2.1 above as this complies with the</p>	K Scullion	In progress	N

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		Rules & Regulations for the Control of the Public Cemeteries within the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council.			
NS/100/2022	Facilities Management and Maintenance Procurement Action Plan	<p>Approve an extension to the Facilities Management & Maintenance Procurement Action Plan to the 31st December 2022.</p> <p>Note that services will continue "out of contract" until new contracts are awarded and regularised.</p>	K Scullion	In progress	N
NS/101/2022	Waste Management Procurement Action Plan	<p>Approve the progress update report.</p> <p>Approve an extension to the Waste Management Procurement Action Plan to the 31st December 2022.</p> <p>Note that services will continue "out of contract" until new contracts are awarded and regularised.</p>	S Murphy	In progress	N

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		Note procurement update concluding issues previously highlighted.			
NS/102/2022	Update: Review of expenditure under the Business Case for the procurement of Christmas Illuminations and Christmas trees	Agreed to note this report.	K Scullion	Noted	Y
NS/103/2022	Update: Review of expenditure under the Business Case for the replacement of safety tiles with wet-pour surfacing in various Council Play Areas	Agreed to note this report.	K Scullion	Noted	Y
NS/104/2022	Arc21 Joint Committee Members' Monthly Bulletin dated 26 May 2022	Agreed to note this bulletin.		Noted	Y
NS/105/2022	Special Arc21 Joint Committee Meeting in	Agreed to note these Minutes		Noted	Y

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	Committee Minutes of 18 May 2022				
NS/106/2022	Arc21 Joint Committee Meeting in Committee Minutes of 28 April 2022	Agreed to note these Minutes		Noted	Y
FOR NOTING					
NS/107/2022	Bus Shelter Policy Review	Agreed to note the contents of the report.	K Scullion	Noted	Y
NS/108/2022	Summer Season Preparations	Agreed to note the contents of the report.	K Scullion	Noted	Y
NS/110/2022	Arc21 JC Minutes – 28 April 2022	Agreed to mark this correspondence noted.		Noted	Y
NS/111/2022	Historic Actions Tracking Sheet	Agreed the Historic Actions Tracking Sheet of the Neighbourhood Services Committee Meetings be noted and actions removed as marked.		Noted	Y
END					

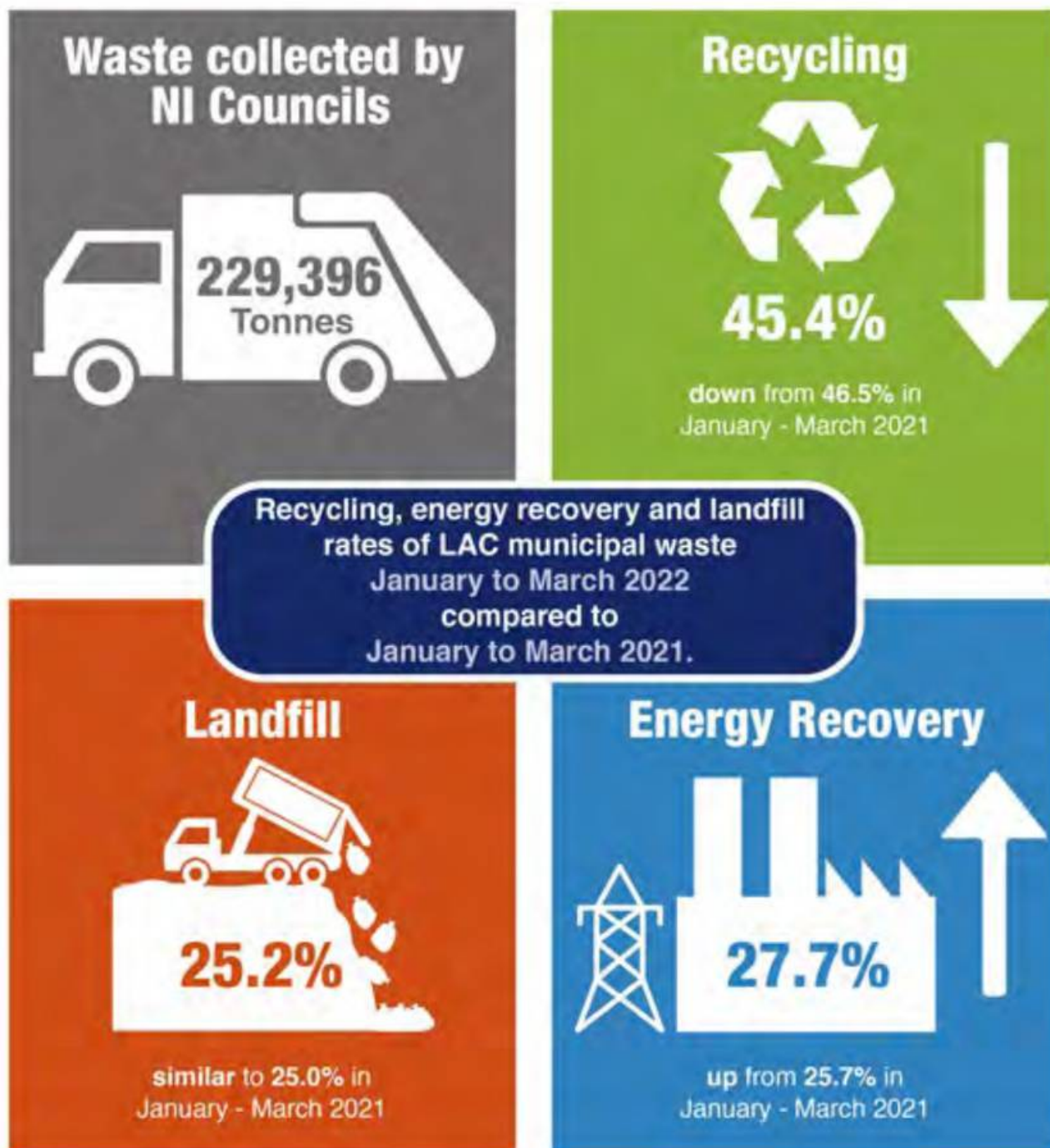
Northern Ireland Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste Management Statistics

Quarterly provisional estimates for January to March 2022



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Northern Ireland waste management statistics – January to March 2022



Key Points

- Northern Ireland's councils collected 229,396 tonnes of waste during January to March 2022, an 8.3 per cent decrease compared to January to March 2021.
- During January to March 2022, 45.4 per cent of waste collected by councils was sent for recycling, 1.1 per cent lower than the recycling rate for January to March 2021.
- The landfill rate for waste collected by councils was 25.2 per cent in January to March 2022, a fall from 76.5 per cent in January to March 2007, but similar to that recorded during January to March 2021.
- Over a quarter (27.7 per cent) of waste arisings were sent for energy recovery in January to March 2022, higher than the 25.7 per cent reported in January to March 2021, and an increase from the 1.2 per cent rate during the same quarter in 2010.
- Household waste accounted for 87.3 per cent of all waste collected during this period.
- The recycling rate for household waste was 45.8 per cent in January to March 2022, lower than the 46.6 per cent recorded during the same quarter of 2021. The landfill rate for household waste was 25.0 per cent, similar to the rate recorded in January to March 2021.

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Purpose

This is a quarterly publication which reports provisional statistics on the key measurements of local authority collected municipal waste for councils and waste management groups in Northern Ireland.

The data contained are used by local authorities, waste management groups, Devolved Administrations, UK Government and the EU to measure progress towards achieving targets from various waste strategies including:

- The revised Northern Ireland Waste Management Strategy
- The Waste Framework Directive

Data on household recycling was a population indicator for the previous Programme for Government (PfG) and has been proposed as an indicator in the forthcoming PfG.

The data are also used by media, the general public and special interest groups to inform policy and lifestyle choices related to the treatment of waste.

Further details are available in [Appendix 1 – Main Uses of Data](#) of the Annual Report.

Next Updates

- Provisional statistics for April to June 2022 are scheduled for publication in October 2022.
- Finalised data for 2021/22 are scheduled to be published in November 2022 and will supersede previously published data from the four quarterly returns for that financial year.
- The scheduled dates for all upcoming publications are available from the GOV.UK statistics release calendar: www.gov.uk/search/research-and-statistics

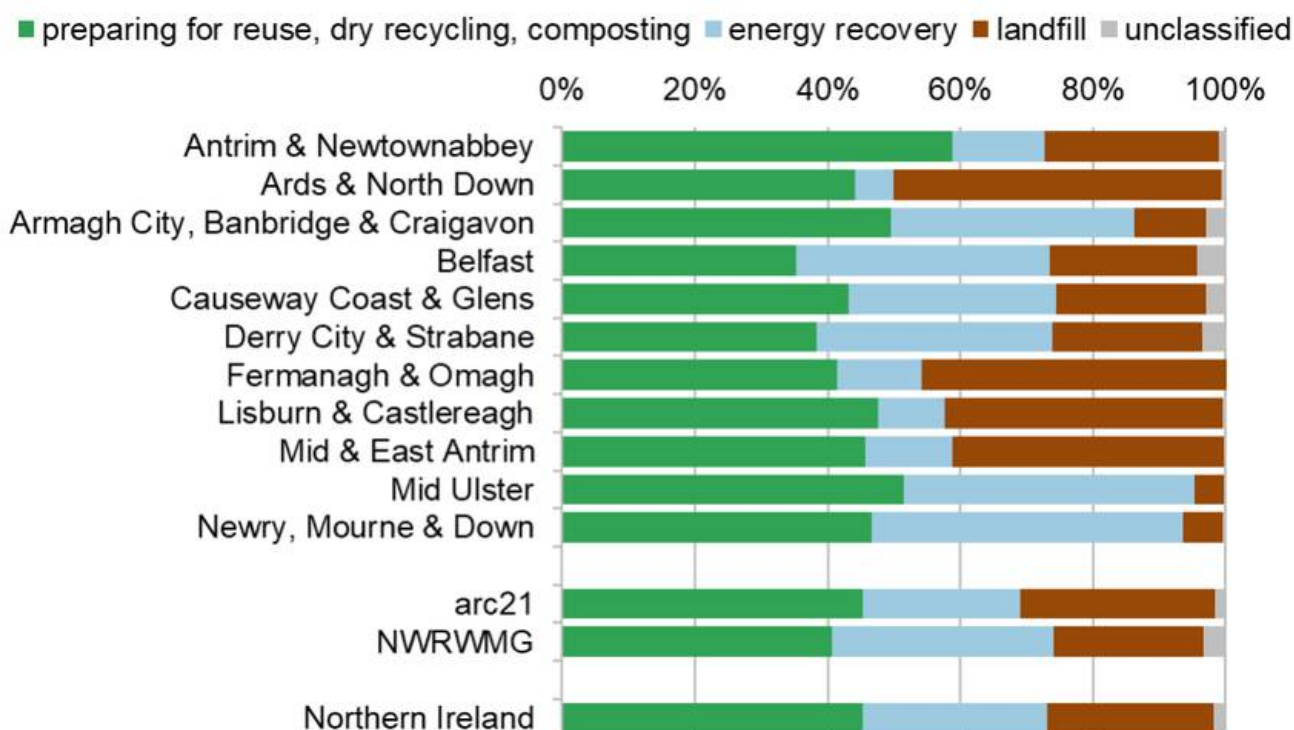
Overview

This report presents information on the quantities of local authority collected municipal waste managed in Northern Ireland between January and March 2022. The report is split into four sections, each of which cover local authority collected (LAC) municipal waste and, where appropriate, household waste:

- waste arisings (pages 2-3),
- recycling (pages 4-5),
- energy recovery (pages 6-7),
- landfill (pages 8-10).

Figure 1: Waste preparing for reuse, dry recycling, composting, energy recovery and landfill rates by council and waste management group

Northern Ireland, January to March 2022



At the Northern Ireland level, 45.4 per cent of waste collected by councils was sent for preparing for reuse, dry recycling and composting between January and March 2022. Energy recovery accounted for 27.7 per cent and 25.2 per cent was landfilled. The remaining 1.8 per cent unaccounted for is likely to involve moisture and/or gaseous losses. Each of the rates are discussed in detail in the appropriate section of the report.

The rate of waste sent for preparing for reuse, dry recycling and composting was 1.1 per cent lower to that reported in January to March 2021. The energy recovery rate increased by 2.0 percentage points while the landfill rate was similar to January to March 2021. Household waste accounted for 87.3 per cent of total waste collected by councils. Household waste includes materials collected directly from households via kerbside collections, material taken to bring sites and civic amenity sites as well as several other smaller sources.

Waste arisings

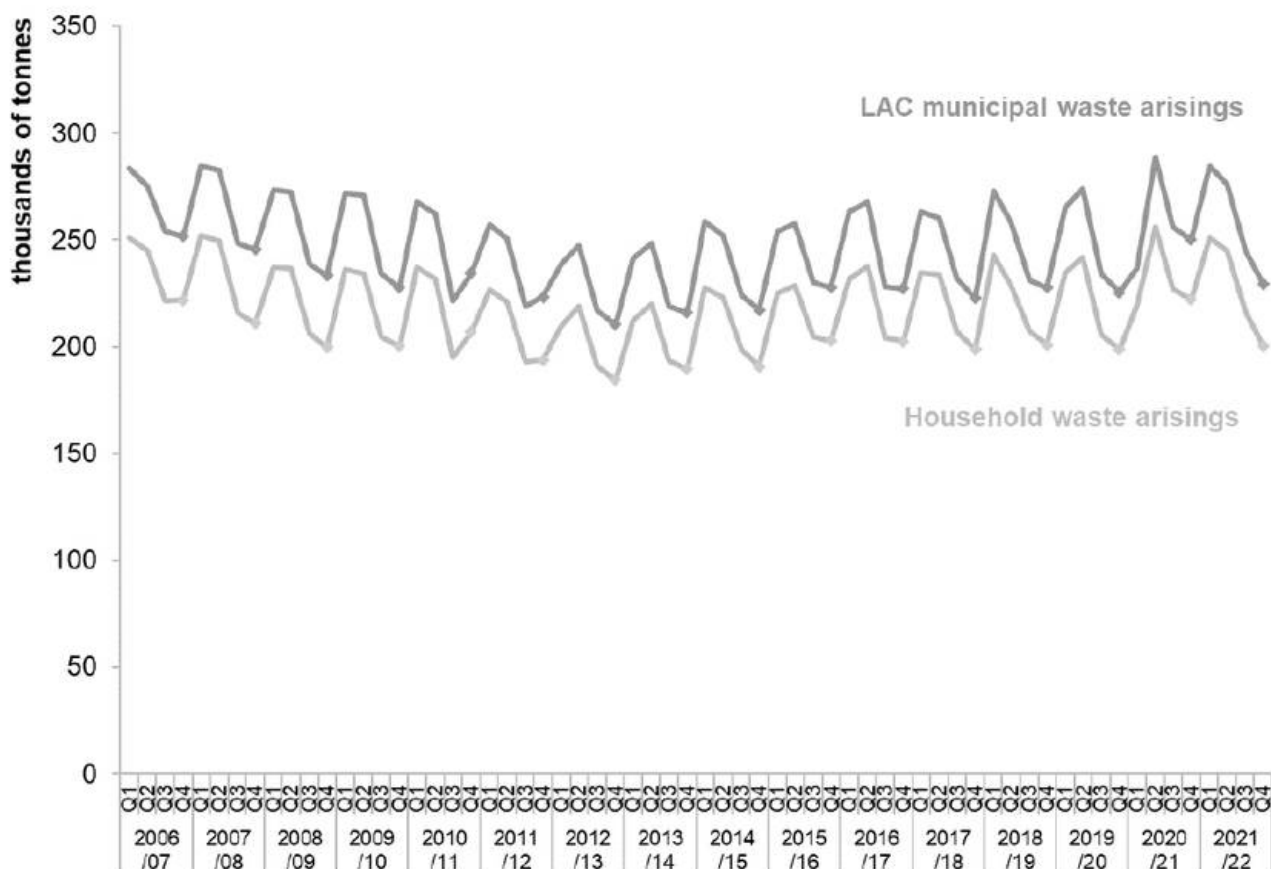
Northern Ireland's councils collected 229,396 tonnes of waste between January and March 2022. This was 8.3 per cent lower than the 250,030 tonnes collected during January to March 2021. During January to March 2021, Covid-19 restrictions and advice pertaining during the period contributed to an increased tonnage of waste collected during this quarter with many people continuing to work from home. This peak contributes to the reduction in waste arisings recorded.

The total quantity of local authority collected (LAC) municipal waste arisings is a key performance indicator, KPI (j). This indicator is used to monitor performance under the Local Government (Performance Indicators and Standards) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015.

Since 2006/07 household waste has accounted for 86-90 per cent of total waste collected by councils each quarter, apart from April to June 2020 when Covid-19 restrictions resulted in a larger than normal proportion of household waste being collected. During January to March 2022 household waste accounted for 87.3 per cent. The remaining 12.7 per cent was non-household waste such as rubble/soil and commercial/industrial waste.

Figure 2: Waste arisings

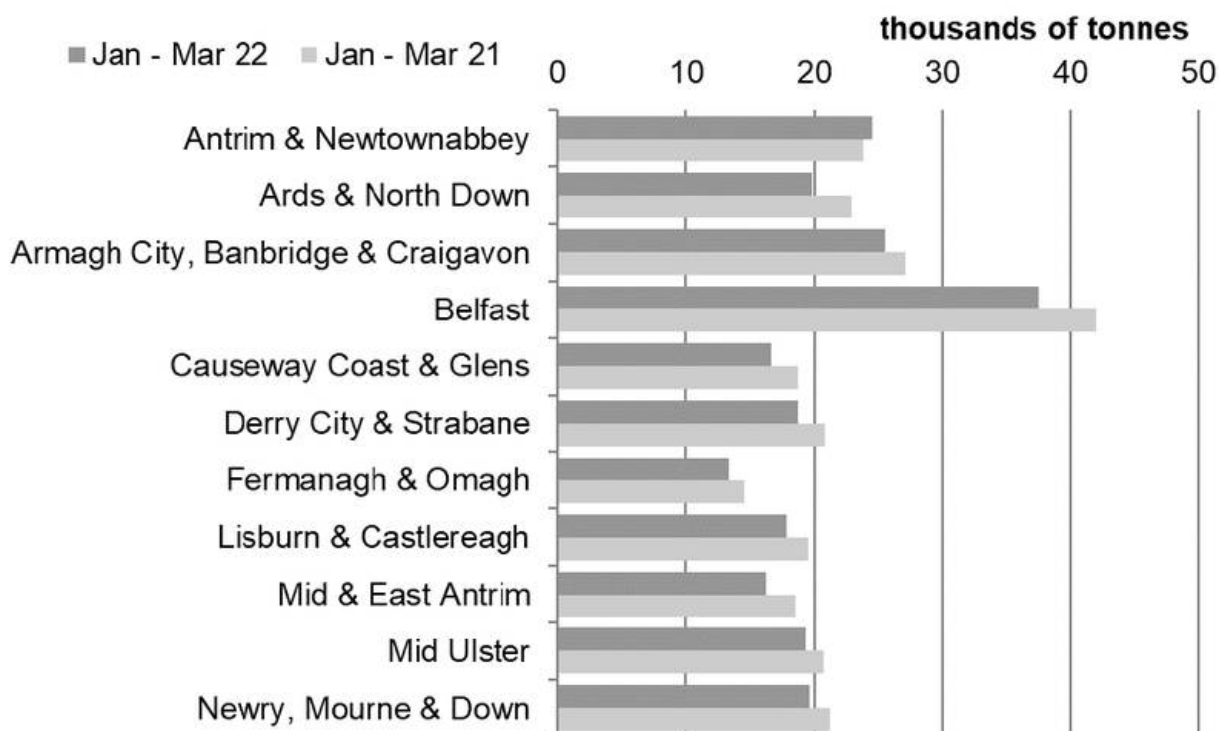
Northern Ireland, quarterly from 2006/07 to 2021/22 KPI (j)



The longer term trend for January to March saw a gradual reduction in waste arisings of 16.3 per cent across six years, from a high of 251,488 tonnes between January and March 2007 to a low of 210,459 tonnes between the same three months of 2013. Since 2013, arisings have generally shown an increasing trend in the January to March quarters.

Figure 3: Waste arisings by council

Northern Ireland, January to March 2021 and January to March 2022, KPI (j)



The proportion of waste collected by each council broadly reflects the population within the councils. Belfast collected the most waste at 37,578 tonnes, whilst Fermanagh and Omagh collected the least at 13,365 tonnes.

All councils except Antrim and Newtownabbey reported a decrease in total arisings in January to March 2022 compared to the same period in 2021. The largest decrease was recorded in Ards & North Down at 13.4 per cent. The quantity of waste collected at kerbside and civic amenity sites fell by 6.6 and 12.4 per cent respectively compared to January to March 2021.

These statistics can be found in Table 1 accompanying data tables spreadsheet and in the [time series dataset](#).

Recycling

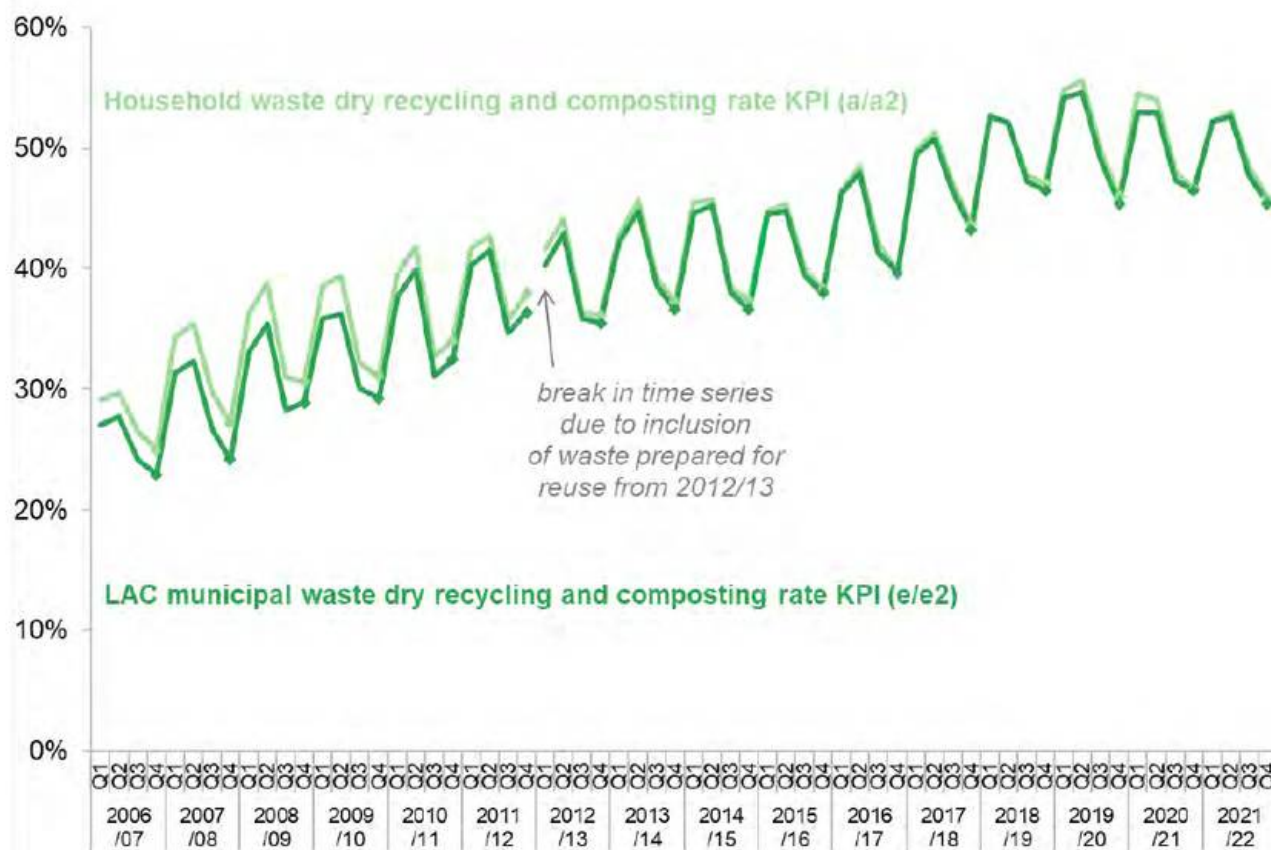
This section of the report looks at local authority collected (LAC) municipal waste and household waste recycling rates, both of which include waste sent for preparing for reuse, dry recycling and composting.

There were 104,080 tonnes of waste sent for preparing for reuse, dry recycling and composting (referred to as 'recycling' for the rest of this section) between January and March 2022. The waste recycling rate was 45.4 per cent. This was slightly lower than the 46.5 per cent of waste sent for recycling between January and March 2021.

The recycling rate for household waste only was 45.8 per cent between January and March 2022, again slightly lower than the 46.6 per cent recorded during the same three months of 2021. The proportion of household waste sent for dry recycling made up 24.8 per cent, composting 20.8 per cent and preparing for reuse 0.3 per cent. Last year the equivalent rate for preparing for reuse was 0.3 per cent, whilst the dry recycling and composting rates were 25.7 per cent and 20.7 per cent respectively.

Waste sent for recycling is included in a number of key performance indicators, KPI (a), (a2), (e), and (e2). These indicators are used to monitor performance under the Local Government (Performance Indicators and Standards) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015. The household waste annual recycling rate was a population indicator for [Programme for Government \(PfG\) 2016-2021](#) and is being proposed as an indicator for the next PfG.

Figure 4: Waste sent for preparing for reuse, dry recycling and composting
Northern Ireland, quarterly from 2006/07 to 2021/22, KPIs (a), (a2), (e) and (e2)

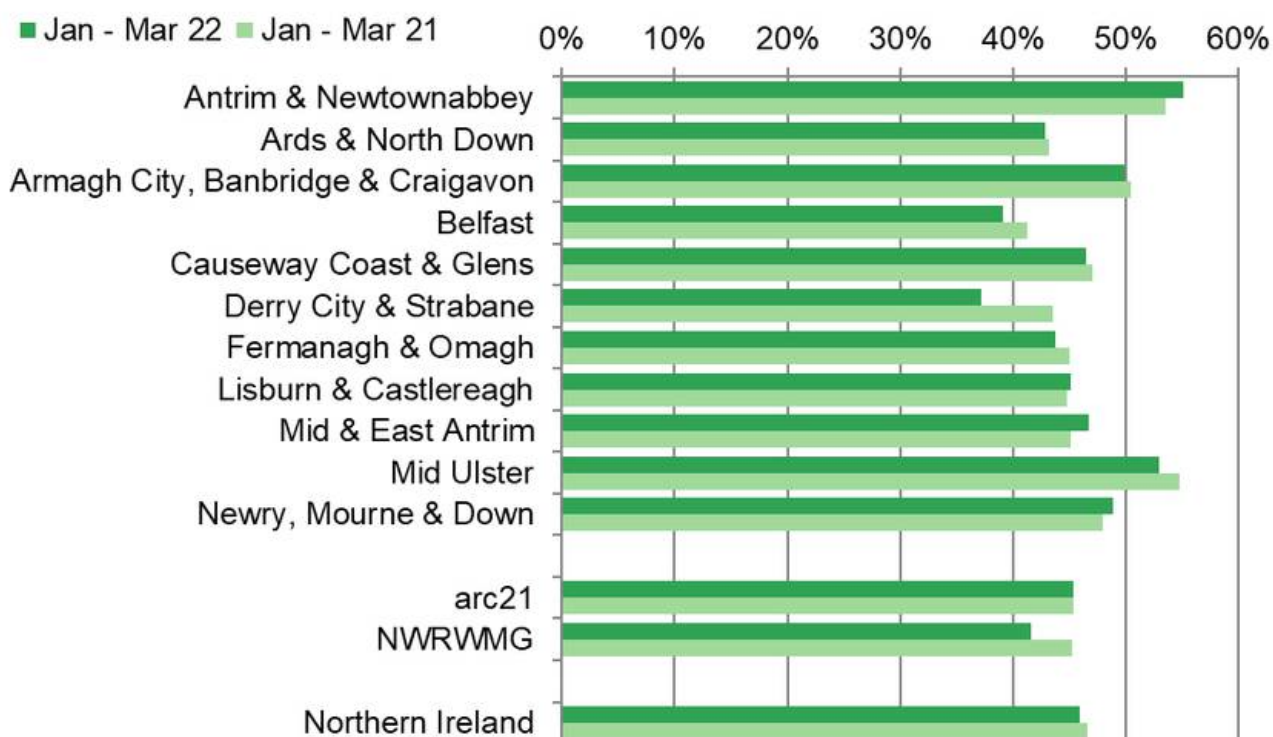


These statistics show seasonal variation which is driven by the quantities of garden waste sent for composting. Greater quantities of garden waste are collected and sent for composting during the spring and summer quarters, April to June and July to September.

The longer term trend for this quarter has been a steady increase from 25.0 per cent in January to March 2007 to 45.8 per cent in January to March 2022. Waste sent for preparing for reuse (532 tonnes this quarter) has been included since 2012/13 and adds 0.3 percentage points to the overall household recycling rate in January to March 2022.

Figure 5: Household waste preparing for reuse, dry recycling and composting rate by council and waste management group

Northern Ireland, January to March 2021 and January to March 2022, KPI (a2)



Derry City & Strabane reported the largest decrease in their household recycling rate compared to January to March 2021 at 6.3 percentage points, with a decrease in waste sent for dry recycling the largest contributing factor in this fall. Five other councils reported decreases in their household recycling rates, whilst the rate increased in three council areas, the largest were recorded in Mid & East Antrim and Antrim & Newtownabbey at 1.6 percentage points each. Ards & North Down and Lisburn & Castlereagh reported similar rates to those in January to March 2021.

These statistics can be found in Tables 4 and 12 of the accompanying data tables spreadsheet and in the [time series dataset](#).

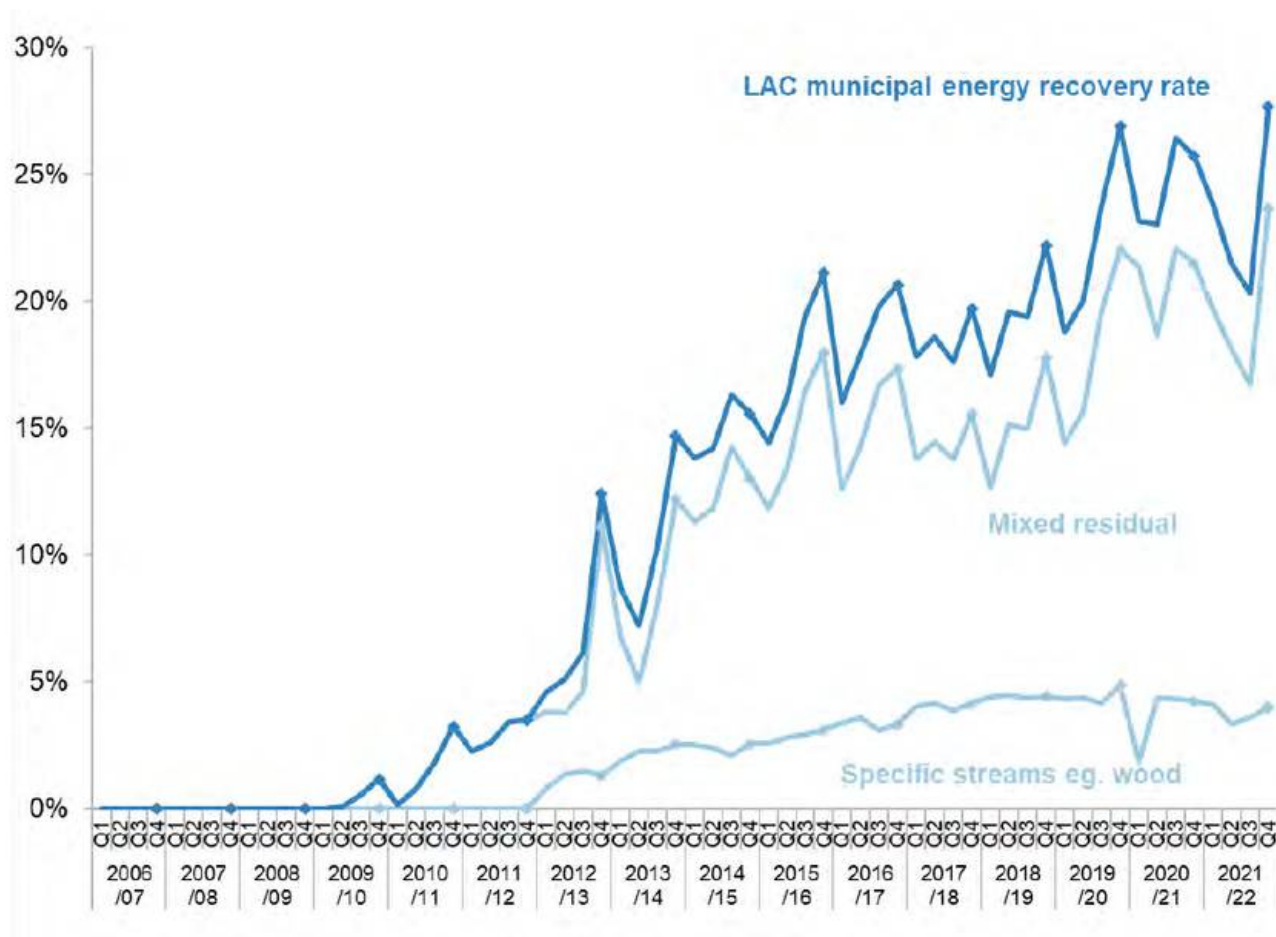
Energy recovery

This quarterly report includes statistics on energy recovery, which is the term used when value is gained from waste products by converting them into energy. All energy recovery statistics reported in this section are derived from material sent for energy recovery via incineration/gasification, although other technologies exist. Energy recovery via anaerobic digestion is not included in this section and is explained further in [Appendix 1 – Limitations of Data](#) of the latest Annual Report.

Between January and March 2022, 63,434 tonnes of waste arisings were sent for energy recovery. This produced a waste energy recovery rate of 27.7 per cent, higher than the 25.7 per cent rate reported for the same period in 2021. For each period, the majority of energy recovery was from mixed residual waste, with a smaller proportion from specific streams, e.g. wood.

Figure 6: Waste sent for energy recovery via incineration

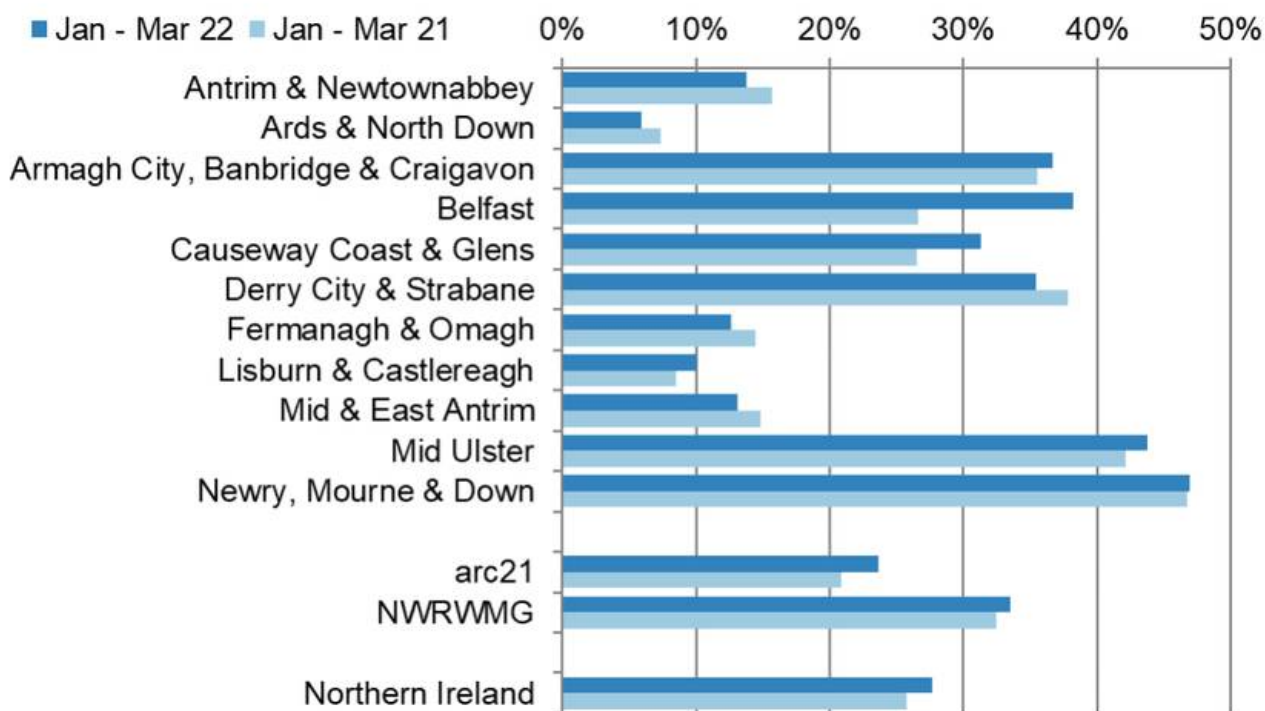
Northern Ireland, quarterly from 2006/07 to 2021/22



There was zero, or very small quantities, of waste sent for energy recovery before 2009/10. Strong growth began during 2009/10 with the energy recovery rate increasing from 1.2 per cent during January to March 2010 to a high of 27.7 per cent for the same three months of 2022. Most of the growth since 2010/11 has been driven by mixed residual waste sent for energy recovery (from 1.2 per cent during January to March 2010 to 23.7 per cent in January to March 2022). The specific stream proportion was 4.0 per cent in January to March 2022.

Mixed residual waste sent for energy recovery is combustible residual waste collected from the kerbside and from civic amenity sites which is processed into refuse derived fuel at material recovery facilities. The specific streams element of energy recovery is mostly wood but also includes furniture, carpets and mattresses, mostly collected from civic amenity sites.

Figure 7: Waste energy recovery rate by council and waste management group
Northern Ireland, January to March 2021 and January to March 2022



The highest waste energy recovery rate was recorded in Newry, Mourne & Down at 46.9 per cent, whilst the lowest was recorded in Ards & North Down at 5.9 per cent. Five councils recorded an increase in the waste energy recovery rate in January to March 2022 compared to the same quarter in 2021 with the largest increase of 11.6 percentage points in Belfast. Five councils recorded a decrease in the energy recovery rate while there was little change recorded in Newry, Mourne & Down.

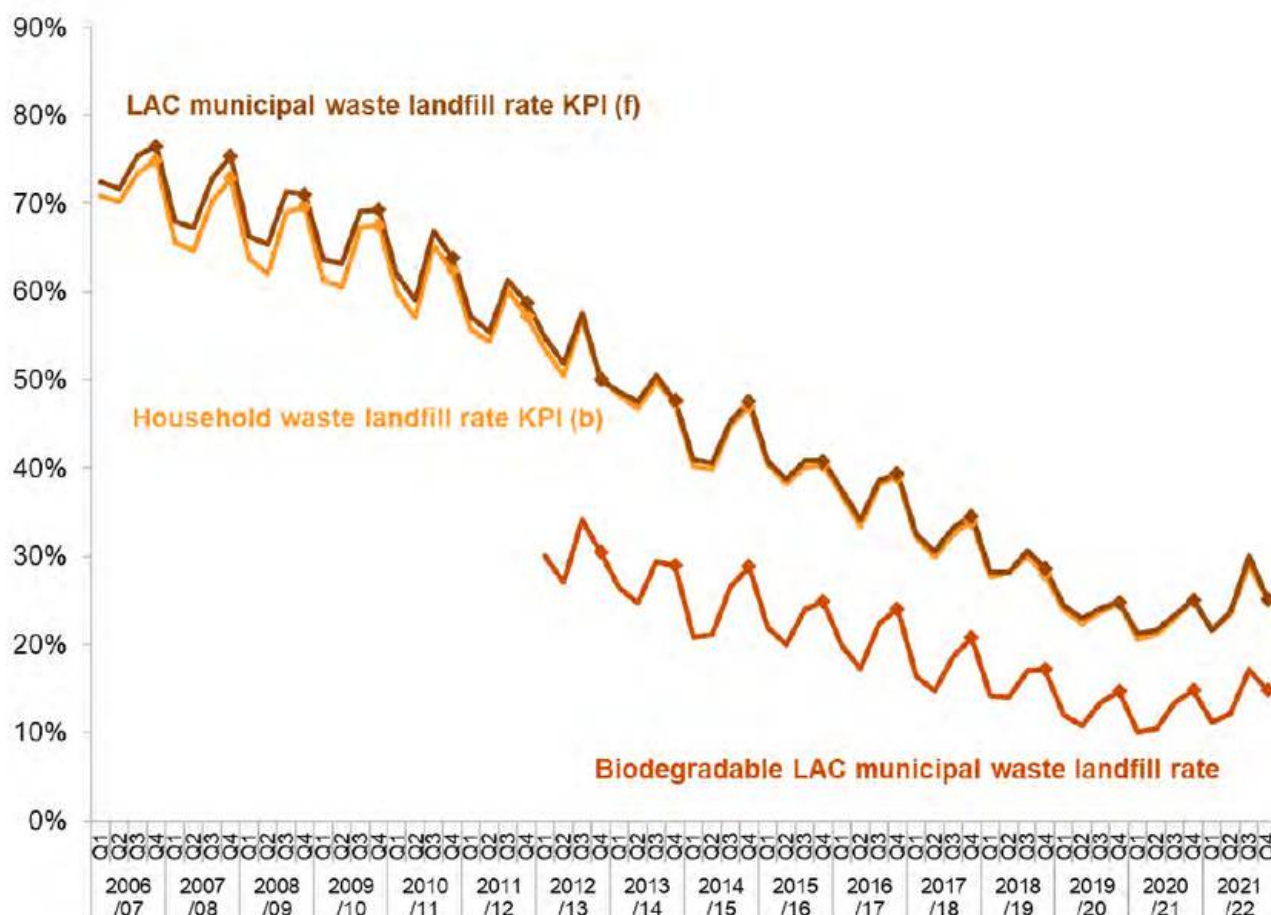
These statistics can be found in Tables 3 and 4 of the accompanying data tables spreadsheet and in the [time series dataset](#).

Landfill

The quantity of LAC municipal waste sent to landfill decreased by 7.8 per cent, from 62,570 tonnes during January to March 2021 to 57,712 tonnes between January to March 2022. This gave a quarterly landfill rate of 25.2 per cent, similar to the 25.0 per cent recorded during the same quarter of 2021. The latest quarterly landfill rate for household waste only is 25.0 per cent, similar to the rate recorded in January to March 2021.

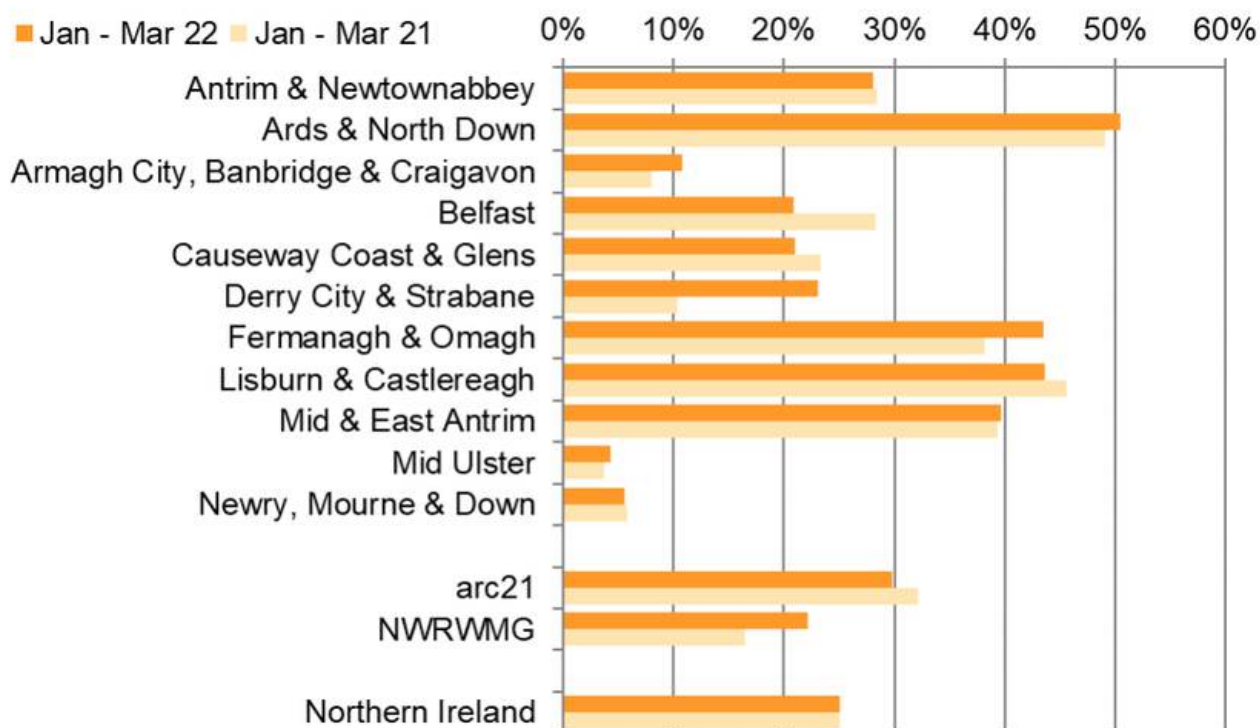
Figure 8: Waste sent to landfill

Northern Ireland, quarterly from 2006/07 to 2021/22, KPIs (b) and (f)



The long term trend has seen the January to March household waste landfill rate fall from 74.9 per cent in 2007 to a low of 24.7 per cent in 2020. It has remained at a similar level in both the January to March periods since. Note that the landfill rate exhibits seasonality and the April to June and July to September quarters tend to have lower rates than October to December and January to March. The seasonality stems from the higher level of compostable garden waste arising during spring and summer.

Figure 9: Household waste landfilled by council and waste management group
Northern Ireland, January to March 2021 and January to March 2022, KPI (b)



The highest household waste landfill rate was recorded in Ards & North Down at 50.4 per cent, whilst the lowest was recorded in Mid Ulster at 4.3 per cent. The household waste landfill rate increased for five councils in January to March 2022 compared to the same three months in 2021, with the largest increase recorded in Derry City & Strabane of 12.8 percentage points. Three councils reported a fall in their household waste landfill rates with a further three recording similar household waste landfill rates to January to March 2021.

The statutory requirement for all councils in Northern Ireland to provide households with a container for food to enable its separate collection has contributed to a long-term drop in landfill rates, though increasing energy recovery rates for some councils have also contributed.

Biodegradable waste to landfill

The Landfill Allowance Scheme (NI) Regulations 2004 (as amended) placed a statutory responsibility on councils, in each scheme year, to landfill no more than the quantity of biodegradable waste for which they had allowances. The scheme concluded at the end of the 2019/20 financial year, however the continued monitoring of Biodegradable waste is required for [existing target commitments](#) which specify that it must be reduced to 35 per cent of the total amount (by weight) of biodegradable municipal waste produced in 1995.

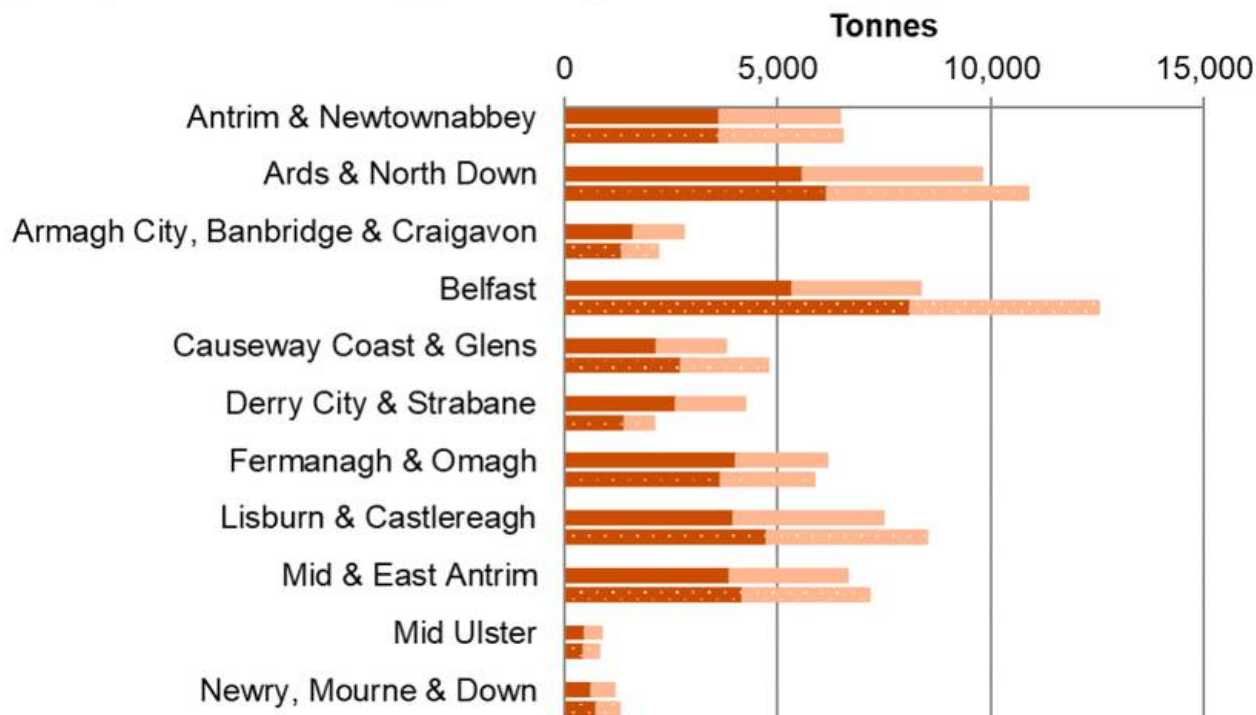
Northern Ireland’s councils sent 33,948 tonnes of biodegradable waste to landfill between January and March 2022, which was 58.8 per cent of all waste sent to landfill. During the same quarter last year, 37,190 tonnes of biodegradable waste was sent to landfill which was 59.4 per cent of all waste sent to landfill.

Figure 10 displays the tonnages of LAC biodegradable and non-biodegradable waste sent to landfill by each council, comparing them with other councils and to the same quarter last year.

Figure 10: Biodegradable and non-biodegradable waste to landfill by council

Northern Ireland January to March 2021 and January to March 2022,

- Biodegradable Jan - Mar 22
- Non-biodegradable Jan - Mar 22
- Biodegradable Jan - Mar 21
- Non-biodegradable Jan - Mar 21



There is considerable variation between councils in the quantities of biodegradable waste sent to landfill, as well as the proportion of biodegradable waste in total landfill. In Fermanagh & Omagh, 65.3 per cent of all waste sent to landfill was biodegradable, whilst the figure for Lisburn & Castlereagh was 53.2 per cent.

National Statistics Status

National Statistics status means that our statistics meet the highest standards of trustworthiness, quality and public value, and it is our responsibility to maintain compliance with these standards.

These statistics were first designated as National Statistics, and underwent a full [assessment](#) against the Code of Practice, in January 2014 by the UK Statistics Authority.

A compliance check [assessment](#) was completed for the waste statistics produced by each of the UK regions in 2020 with the results of the finding published in October 2020.

The trustworthiness, quality and value of the statistics, including the coherence of the data source, methods and quality assurance (QA) arrangements, and the presentation of the statistics were reviewed with a final outcome that the statistics can continue to be designated as National Statistics.

The conclusion of the compliance check cited the following actions as strengths:

- Ongoing quality assurance of the data contained within the report by reviewing methods on a quarterly basis.
- Improved statistical output by creating a [time series](#) of Northern Ireland local authority collected municipal waste management statistics to accompany the report and tables. This [dataset](#) is also available on Open Data NI along with a [time series](#) of materials collected at Northern Ireland local authority waste management sites.
- Improved statistical output by creating [infographics](#) to accompany the report and tables.
- Improved statistical output by creating an [interactive dashboard](#) to accompany the report and tables.
- Hosted a workshop with users in February 2020 to review publications and statistical outputs.
- Sought and implemented recommendations from GSS good practice team to improve the publication.

Some areas for minor improvement were also suggested and these will be addressed as we continually improve the statistical output.

One suggestion was to liaise with the other UK regions to produce a guide on how waste is defined as recycled and explain the main definitional differences in recycling rates between countries. The recycling explainer is now available at the following link: [Recycling Explainer](#)

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Report to:	Neighbourhood Services Committee
Date of Meeting:	17 August 2022
Subject:	Chewing Gum Clean-Up Fund Update
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Sinead Murphy, (Acting) Assistant Director Waste Management
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	David Hanna, Performance and Operations Manager (Refuse and Cleansing)

For decision	X	For noting only	
1.0			Purpose and Background
1.1			The purpose of this report is to update Committee on the application made to Keep Britain Tidy's Chewing Gum Task Force Clean Up Fund.
2.0			Key Issues
2.1			<p>An application submitted to Keep Britain Tidy and the Chewing Gum Task Force has been successfully approved for funding of £20,000 for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two handheld Gum removal units which will be used on both sides of the District • Approximately 36 small bin mounted coloured 'Gum drop' style Bins (amount dependant on budget available) • signage for the responsible disposal of chewing gum in the bins to be erected in town centres and problem areas • Installation of bins and signage • Training for operatives on the usage of the gum removal units • Associated PR to the public and schools <p>Appendix 1 includes pictures of example handheld Gum removal units and small bin mounted pink 'Gum drop' style bins.</p>
2.2			It is anticipated that the chewing gum cleansing project will commence in the early Autumn and will be reviewed at the end of the project and further intervals of 6 and 12 months following the project.
2.3			The application requested that successful applicants would nominate an Ambassador to champion the fund. It is recommended that an Elected member is nominated to this role.
3.0			Recommendations
			<p>Members are asked to approve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the contents of the report • Nominate an Elected Member as an Ambassador to champion the fund
4.0			Resource implications
4.1			With the exception of officer time, no additional resource implications are anticipated.

5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></p> <p><i>n/a</i> <input type="checkbox"/></p>
5.2	<p><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/></p>
5.3	<p><i>Proposal initiating consultation</i></p> <p>Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be 12 weeks <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>Rationale:</i></p> <p><i>n/a</i></p>
6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)
6.1	<p>Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/></p>
7.0	Appendices

	Appendix 1 – pictures of example handheld Gum removal units and small bin mounted pink 'Gum drop' style bins
8.0	Background Documents
	None

Appendix 1

Typical gum removal machine



Example of 'gum drop' style bins



Action Sheet arising from the Neighbourhood Services Working Group held on Monday 8 August 2022**In attendance:**

Andrew Cassells
Lorraine Burns
Kevin Scullion

Johnny Ellis

Councillor Gary Stokes
Councillor Gavin Malone
Councillor David Taylor

Agenda Item:	Issues:	Actions:	Referred to:
1	Welcome and Appointment of Chair	Councillor Stokes was appointed as Chair and welcomed all to the meeting.	NS Committee meeting on 17 August 2022
2	Apologies	Councillor Karen McKeivitt Councillor Kathryn Owen Councillor Aoife Finnegan Councillor Oonagh Magennis Sinead Murphy	
3	Declarations of Conflict of Interest	No declaration of Conflict of Interest by any Member.	
4	Action sheet from last meeting – 3 February 2022	All Members agreed action sheet from Neighbourhood Working Group from 3 February 2022.	
5	Facilities Management and Maintenance – Presentation – Tree Strategy	Presentation by Johnny Ellis. Members welcomed Officer's proposals in bringing forward appropriate reports in due course.	

		The format of the document should be brief but at the same time provide a clear overview on Council's approach to management of its tree assets.	
6	Facilities Management and Maintenance – Review of the use of herbicides across the Council Estate.	<p>Presentation by Johnny Ellis.</p> <p>Members noted significant progress being made towards Council reducing the use of pesticides and accepted that it would be extremely difficult to reduce pesticide use further.</p> <p>Annual report for 2022 be brought forward to Neighbourhood Committee early in the New Year. At this meeting further discussion of current recommendation from Council to phase out use of glyphosate as a herbicide in Council property, having regard to experience to date in meeting Council recommendation.</p>	
7.	Date of next meeting – 7 November 2022 at 3.00 pm	Agreed	

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Tree Strategy Draft Consideration



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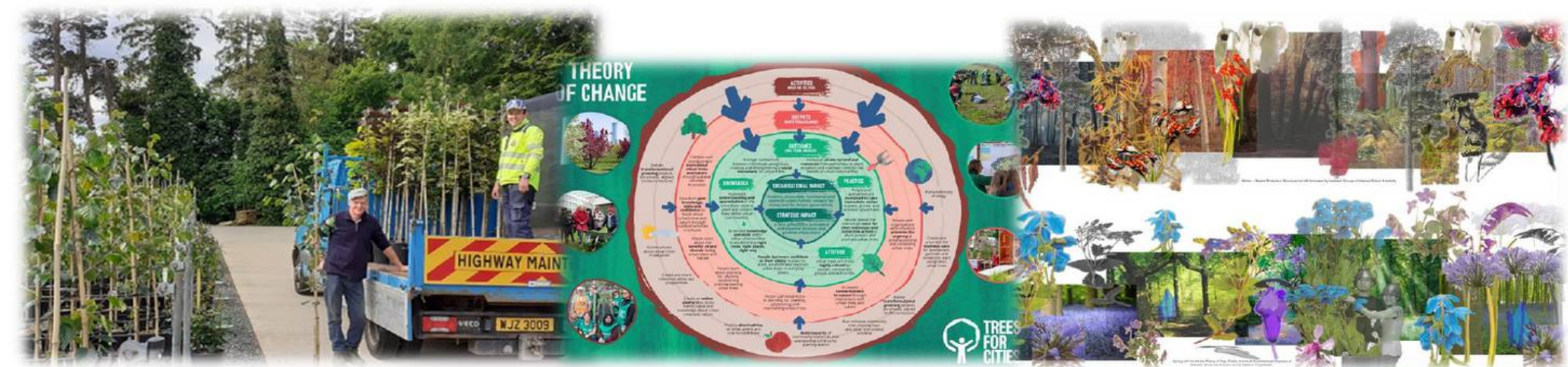
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Tree Strategy Initiation

- Recommendations Neighbourhood Services Committee September 2019.
- A Notice of Motion tabled.
- *"This Council produces a tree strategy to protect and enhance tree cover for future generations. Council recognises the importance of trees, the benefits they afford us and the increasingly important role they can play in mitigating the effects of climate change, flooding and pollution control"*.
- *Furthermore, Council acknowledges that trees can greatly enhance the visual amenity of our environment, they are vital for people's sense of well-being and contribute to everyone's quality of life"*.



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The Developing Newry Mourne & Down District Councils Tree Strategy



Photo above - Castlewellan Forest – A site of international significance and game changer for NM&DD Councils Green Space, Educational and Arboricultural Portfolio.

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Proposed Structure

Executive Summary

Introduction

Our Tree Heritage

Legal Context

Council Climate Emergency and Adaptation Plan

Tree Strategy Development

Tree Strategy Objectives

Agreed Actions

Monitoring and Review

Current Progress and Future Planned Works

Appendices

Appendix 1 - Biosecurity Policy in Arboriculture and Urban Forestry

Appendix 2 – Green Infrastructural Benefits of NM&DDC Trees.

Appendix 3 - Case Studies & Management Initiatives.



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The Council Tree Strategy

Working Document Achieving Results District Wide.

Driving the Concepts 2050 Climate Crisis Date of Zero Carbon

Aims Woodland Coverage of National Target of 12%.

Council Area Currently 5.58%.



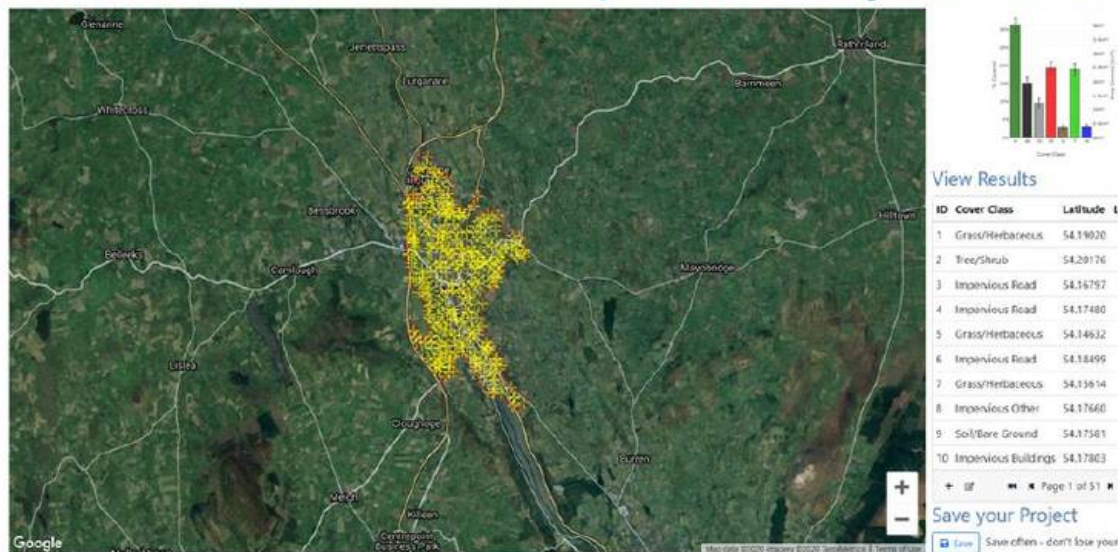
• Action Plan Structure & Development

- **1.- Sustainable Management**
 - New planting mapped as schemes progress.
- **2.- Appropriate Planting**
 - Creating a district wide healthy tree canopy cover with climate and disease resilient species expanding annually.
- **3.- Effective Protection**
 - Varied age structures and tree population numbers expansion.
- **4.- Innovative Involvement**
 - Community involvement significant links have been created. Covid restrictions.
- **5 – Partnership Working**
 - Woodland Trust, other Councils, NIEA, Mourne Heritage Trust, NI Forest Service, DAERA, HED Monuments, DFI roads & rivers section, Louth Country Council etc



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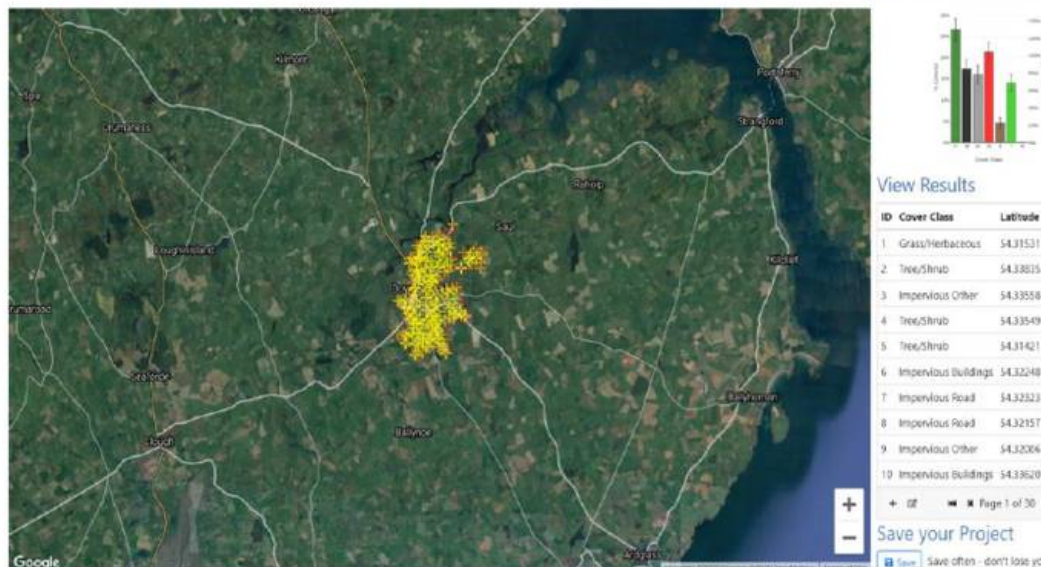
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NEWRY City – Tree Benefits.		
Carbon Reduction Figures		
Tree Carbon Benefit	Value	Monetary Value £
Annual Sequestration in Trees	656.74 Tonnes	£48761.00
Stored in Trees	16,493.1 Tonnes	£1,249,680.00
Tree Air Pollution Benefits		
Annual Removal	Value Kg	Monetary Value £
Carbon Monoxide Removed Annually	189.43	£224.00
Nitrogen dioxide	1,650.97	£575.00
Ozone	10,988.99	£36,615.00
Particulate Matter > 2.5 and < 10 Microns	3,442.96	£19,176.00
Particulate Matter < 2.5	697.34	£105,011.00
Sulphur Dioxide	608.47	£85.00
Total Monetary Benefit Per Annum.		£210,447.00

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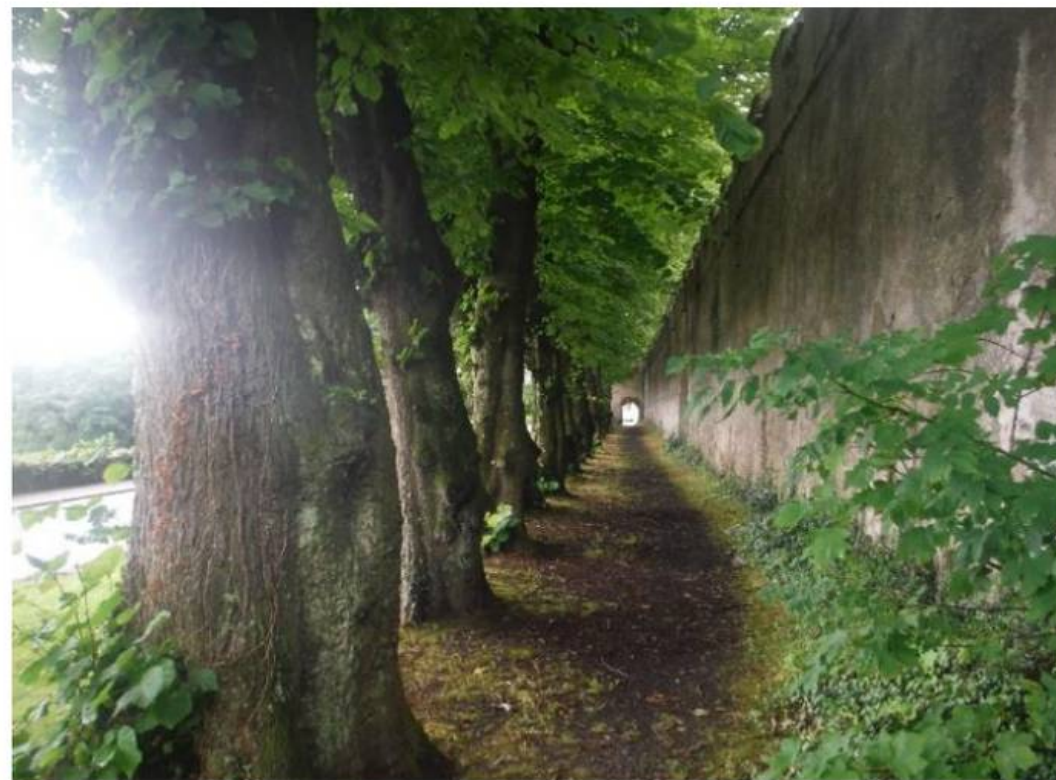
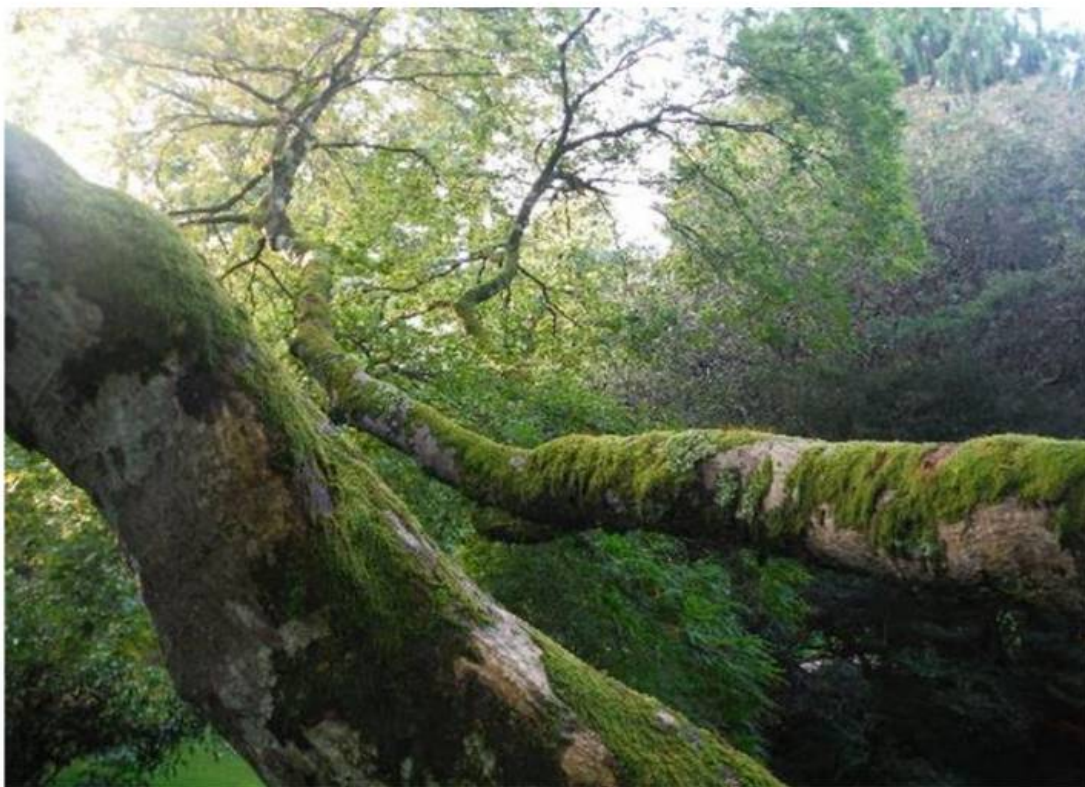
Downpatrick Town – Tree Benefits.		
Carbon Reduction Figures		
Tree Carbon Benefit	Value	Monetary Value £
Annual Sequestration in Trees	209.15 Tonnes	£9660.00
Stored in Trees	5252.63 Tonnes	£493,747.00
Tree Air Pollution Benefits		
Annual Removal	Value Kg	Monetary Value £
Carbon Monoxide Removed Annually	60.58	£89.00
Nitrogen dioxide	483.75	£172.00
Ozone	2,954.92	£9352.00
Particulate Matter > 2.5 and < 10 Microns	1014.85	£7,012.00
Particulate Matter < 2.5	228.7	£36,950.00



Action on the landscape scale creates multiple benefits including

- Air & water quality
- Flood alleviation
- Climate adaption

Create a network of intelligent landscapes expanding across the already world-renowned South Armagh and South Down areas





Physical Schemes from 2020.



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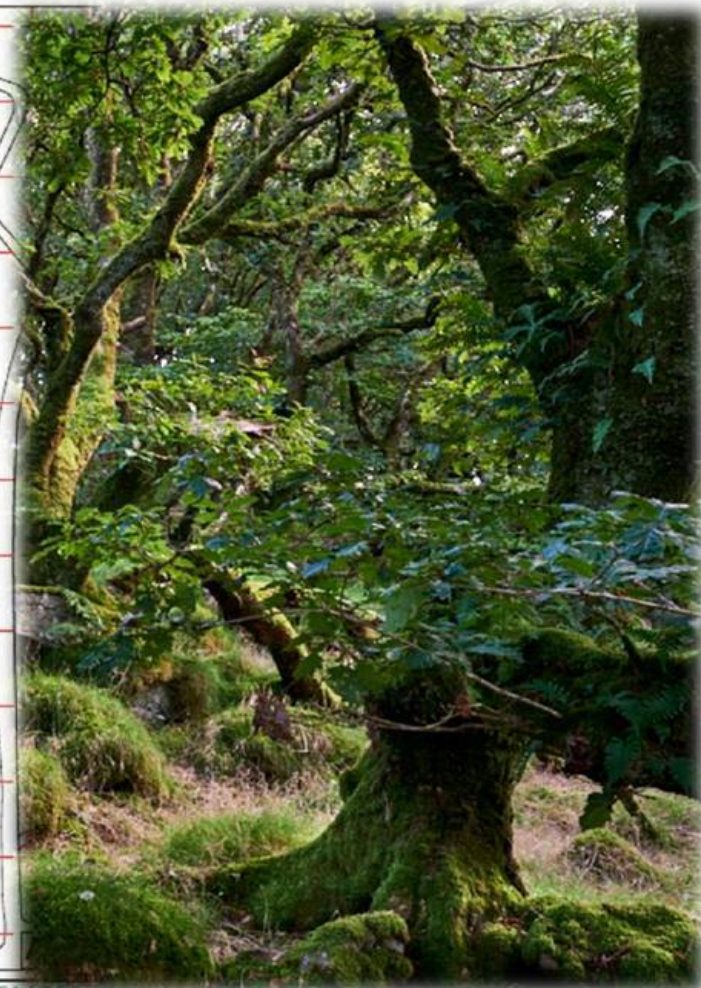
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Tangible Flagship Schemes

- Planting Ancient Irish Oaks Kilbroney Wood - Genetic Species Retention
- Castlewellan a Biophilic Park - Game Changer Irish Arboriculture.



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Landscape Improvement Schemes - Trees & Respiratory Illness





Ecosystem Services Valuation. Knockree Avenue Kilkeel – first project of its type.

Specific Benefits	Total Values
CO (Carbon Dioxide) Benefits - CO Sequestered (£)	£1902.84
Energy Benefits – Fuel Saved (£)	£625.59
Ecosystem Services – Runoff Avoided (£)	£2445.47
Air Benefits	
O (Ozone) Removed (pounds)	193.8
NO (Nitrogen Dioxide) Removed (pounds)	38.9
SO (Sulphur Dioxide) Removed (pounds)	7.5
PM (Particulate matter smaller than 2.5 micrometres in diameter) Removed (pounds)	3.1



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Trory Bush & Fofany – Mourne Mountains Scenic Areas





Flagship Scheme - Sustainable Christmas Trees 2018 - 2022



'A labour of love'



The permanent trees are part of a broader tree-planting strategy in the district, which according to council chairperson Cathy Mason should have financial and environmental benefits.

"It has been a huge project that has come out of the climate adaption strategy that the council took on board," she said.



Cathy Mason, pictured at the permanent Christmas tree in Crossgat, hopes the initiative will play an important environmental role

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Veteran Tree Management & Conservation Arboriculture

- Retaining Old Growth Trees for Genetic Endophilic Resilience
- Media - BBC News, European Arboricultural Council & Arboricultural Association.
- NMDDC projects promoted worldwide Tree Cities of the World.





Planting Trees of National & International Genetic Interest

- **Planting for the Green Legacy Hiroshima Initiative** in Conjunction with (CAFRE) – Kilbroney & Castlewellan Park.
- **Planting Grafts of The Original Magdalen Plane – Kilbroney Parkland**





Future Development

- Improving and extending linkages within the Strategic Green Infrastructure Network
- Furthering the Health & Wellbeing from Trees
- “A Breath of Kilbroney / Castlewellan Fresh Air”
- Mental Health & Illness costs the UK £77 Billion - Forest Bathing
- Health Value of Woodlands on Mental Health in UK £185 million
- International Tree Collection Expansions
- Connections - Climate - Soil / Carbon & People
 - Natural Environments Better Autoimmune – Losing Beneficial Contact Soil Organisms.
- Symbiotically connected to nature



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Use of Herbicides Across the Council Estate 2021 & 2022



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- **A Notice of Motion late 2019**
- **Commitment Made – Full Council Meeting January 2020**

“To undertake a 12-month review with a target to phase out completely the use of herbicides containing glyphosate for controlling weeds and invasive species on Council property within 3 years or as soon as possible. “





- Comparison made is based on actual usage of herbicides containing glyphosate for the financial year 2018/19.
- Actual Quantity (2018/19) 498.2 Litres Chemical Glyphosate Across Locations
- Target of 25% Reduction in 2020
- Target of 50% Reduction in 2021
- Target of 75% Reduction in 2022
- Working Toward Projected Cessation 2023.





Programme Issues

- Specific Application Recording
- Changing Herbicide Products and Recommendations
- Better Products Utilised – Enabling Relative Success To Date Following Extensive Officer Research
- Invasive Weeds
- When Sustainable Reduction Scheme Formulated 2019 Alternative Product Apparently Close to Release
- No Current or Forthcoming Product Releases!
- Alternatives Have Been Practically Trailed with Very Limited Effects





Invasive Species Responses & Management Plans

Species,

Area,

Designation,

Demarcation,

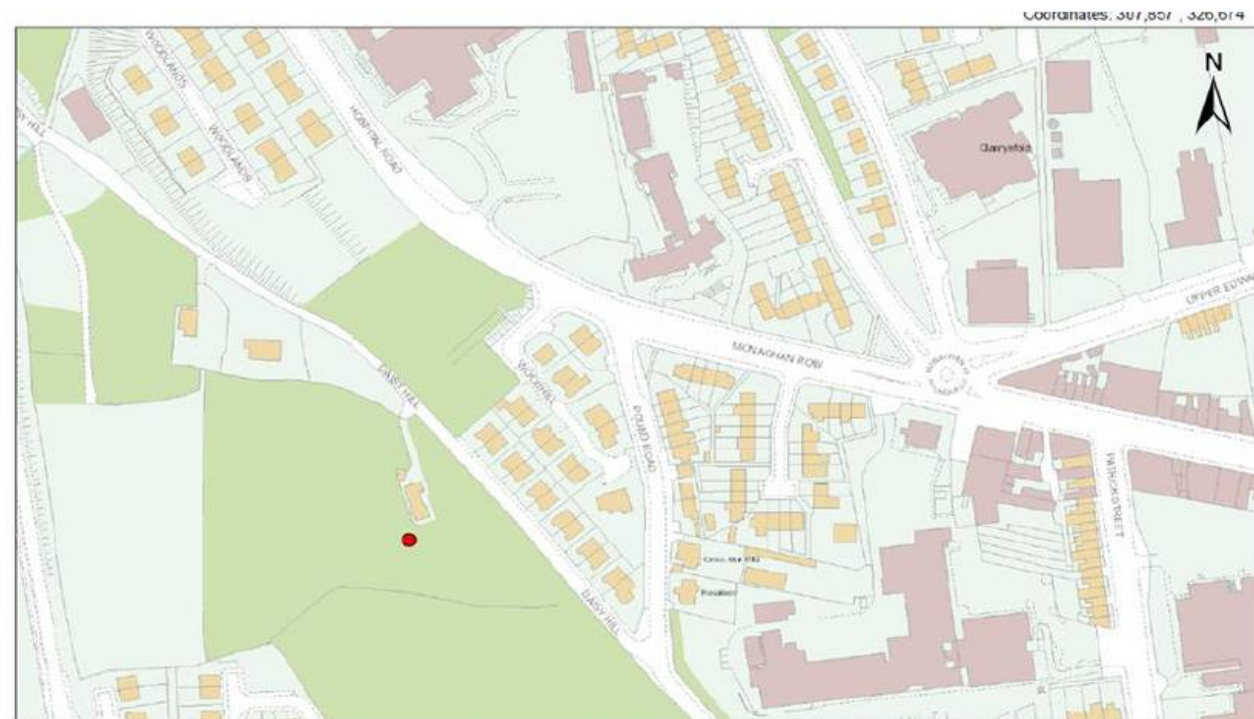
Treatments,

Specific Plan & Time Scales,

Waste Disposal,

Post Treatment & Habitat Restoration

Biosecurity.



Title: NIEA Invasive Species Team
Scale: 1:2,093
Date: 22 March 2021

Description:
Giant hogweed - Hospital Rd, Newry.
Grid reference: J0774926592. Record ID: 20074072
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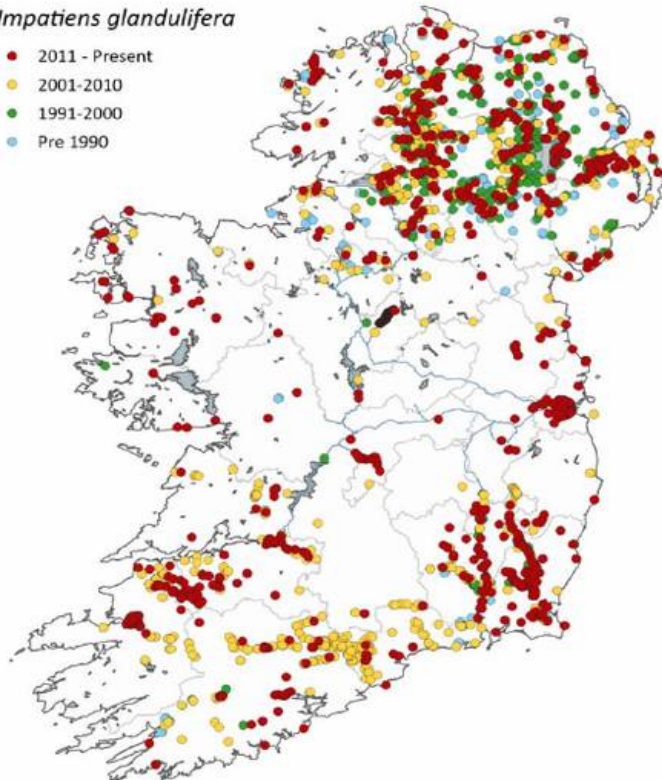


Programme Issues

- **Year 1 (2020) 25% Reduction Amount - Achieved**
- Easily Achieved with Better Application Techniques
- Covid Effects – Council Ahead of Comparable Authorities in Practical Maintenance.

Impatiens glandulifera

- 2011 - Present
- 2001-2010
- 1991-2000
- Pre 1990





Programme Issues

- **Year 2 (2021) 50% Reduction Amount – Achieved ?**
- Generally Achieved
- Improved Application Techniques
- Best Industry Herbicides Utilised
- Targeted Programmes
- Covid Effects – Council Difficulty Coping
 - Increased Staycation & Outdoor Footfall.



Programme Issues

- **Year 3 (2022) - 75% Target Reduction**
- Herbicide Products Cannot be Improved Further
- Targeted Programmes Utilising Herbicide
- Covid Effects – Continued Increased Staycation & Outdoor Footfall.
- Declining Weed Control Will Become Very Evident This Year
- Significant Negative Feedback



Weed Control Practicalities.

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Practical Landscape Improvement Projects – Cannot be Achieved Without Herbicide!



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New Forest Locations Etc

- Invasive Weeds – Leycesteria, Rhododendron etc
- Pathways – Roads, Carparks & 26 km Pathways
- Access Often On Foot





Public & Elected Members Feedback – Expectation for Better Maintained Spaces

- Newcastle Example Summer 2021



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Newcastle Promenade 2021 – Significant Complaints



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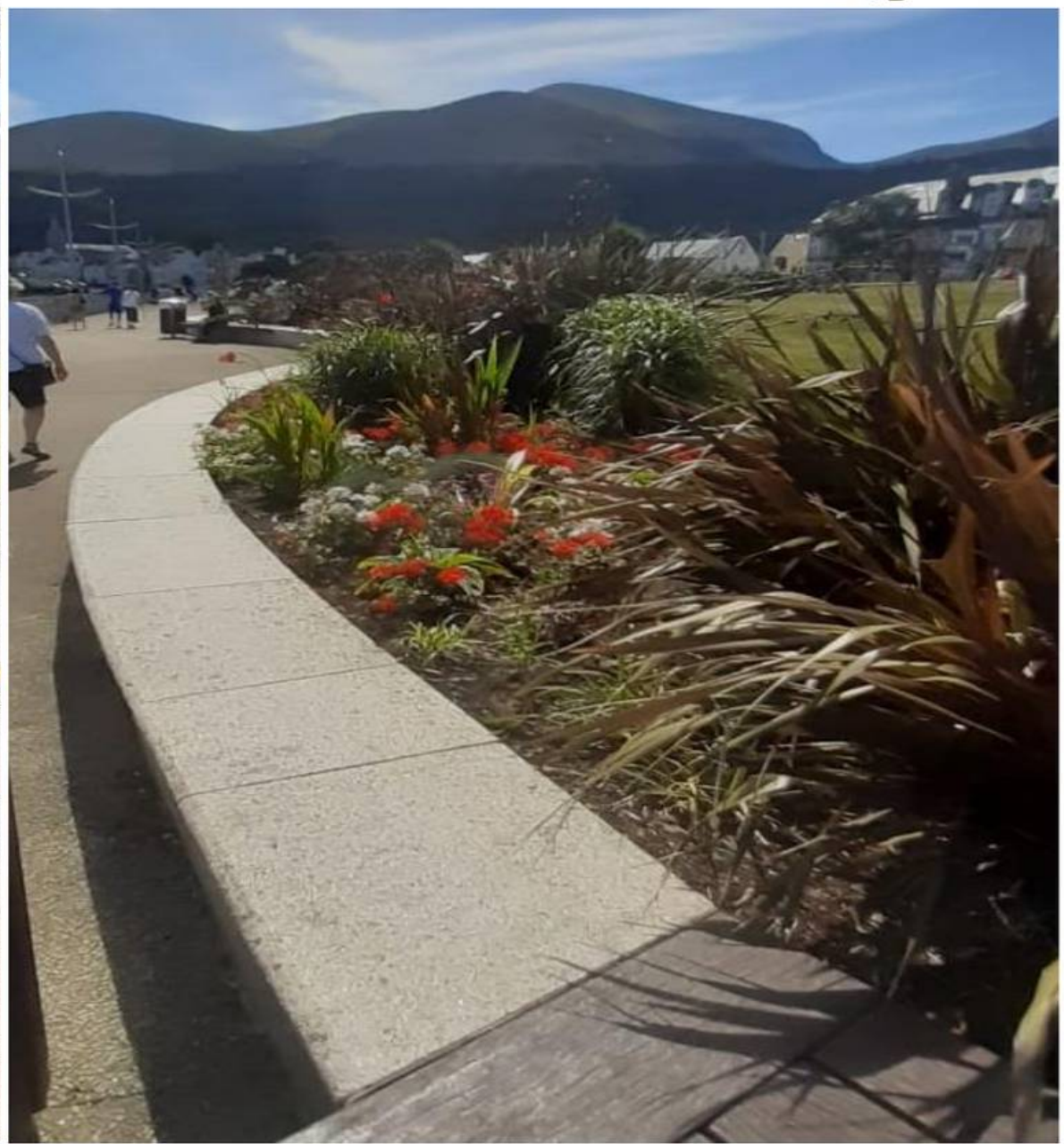


Newcastle Promenade
November 2021



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PROW – Many Km Requiring Effective Management





Old Cemeteries etc – 100 Years of History & Fabric – Herbaceous & Woody Control



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Woodland Management – Invasive Species Control – Heritage Restoration



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Future Pragmatic Direction

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- Retain Herbicide Application in Reduced Amounts
 - - 2022 Will Clarify
- Educate Public to More Biodiverse Naturalistic Landscape
- Continue to Utilise Best Industry Products & Methodologies
- Legislative Requirement Control Invasive Weeds - Invasive Species Order 2019.
- Council Cannot Effectively Maintain Public Spaces Without Herbicides!





Future Progression

- Moving Forward Decisions Need Made
- Pressures Still Arising From Harmonising Management – PROW etc
- Glyphosate Is Needed at Approx. 30% Original Application Amounts
- This Does Not Include
 - Invasive Species Control
 - Additional Locations – Castlewellan, New Forests etc
- Used Strategically Herbicides Important Contributor To Council Achieving Climate Adaption & Carbon Reduction Strategies



ITEM 3
ARC21 JOINT COMMITTEE
Virtual Meeting No 70
MINUTES
Thursday 26 May 2022

Members Present:

Councillor M Goodman (<i>Deputy Chair</i>)	Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council
Councillor A Bennington	Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council
Councillor R Kinnear	Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council
Alderman A Carson	Ards & North Down Borough Council
Alderman A McDowell	Ards & North Down Borough Council
Alderman D Drysdale (<i>Chair</i>)	Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council
Councillor S Lee	Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council
Councillor M Gregg	Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council
Councillor D Reid	Mid & East Antrim Borough Council
Councillor R Burgess	Newry, Mourne & Down District Council

Members' Apologies:

Alderman R Gibson	Ards & North Down Borough Council
Councillor F Ferguson	Belfast City Council
Councillor JJ Magee	Belfast City Council
Alderman R Cherry	Mid & East Antrim Borough Council
Councillor I Friary	Mid & East Antrim Borough Council
Councillor D Murphy	Newry, Mourne & Down District Council
Councillor K Owen	Newry, Mourne & Down District Council

Officers Present:

T Walker	arc21
K Boal	arc21
H Campbell	arc21
J Green	arc21
M Laverty	Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council
D Lindsay	Ards & North Down Borough Council
N Martin	Ards & North Down Borough Council
C Matthews	Belfast City Council
J McConnell	Belfast City Council
B Murray	Belfast City Council
H Moore	Lisburn & Castlereagh Borough Council
S Holgate	Mid & East Antrim Borough Council
J McBride	Newry, Mourne & Down District Council

Officers' Apologies:

G Craig	arc21
G Girvan	Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council
P Thompson	Mid & East Antrim Borough Council

Legal advisors in attendance:

Colin Campbell, Belfast City Council
 William Curry, Arthur Cox Solicitors

Item 1 - Conflicts of Interest Statement

The Chair read out the Conflicts of Interest Statement. .

Action: Noted

Item 2 - Apologies

Apologies were noted.

Action: Noted

Item 3 - Minutes of Joint Committee Meeting 068 held on 28 April 2022

Following discussion, the Joint Committee approved the minutes of the Joint Committee meeting 068 held on 28 April 2022.

Action: Agreed

Item 4 - Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Action: Noted

Item 5 - Contracts & Operations Briefing Report**Service Status**

Ms Boal advised that all contractors are continuing to work within their COVID-19 protocols.

In terms of industrial action she reported that a piece of work was being done in relation to the displacement of tonnages. Following discussions with Bryson, she noted that arc21 has ruled out any extra costs for lost revenue and to date have identified around circa £15k that is considered realistic to deal with the displaced tonnages and extra shifts. Officers are currently going through the detail of that with the relevant councils.

She also advised that we have also reviewed the contract clauses and there are certain arguments which could be made in terms of *force majeure* regarding additional costs. Officers are likewise stepping through these with the councils and, following these discussions, this may result in a position being taken which could, lead to a dispute with the contractor.

She reported that the second round of industrial action had less impact on the Bryson contract, as Belfast City Council were the council most affected and officers are analysing the results from this action.

Performance - April 2022

Ms Boal discussed the performance tables and highlighted the issues with the haulage contract and delays of receiving information due to covid issues, but as things are moving back to pre-covid operations, officers are working to resolve this. She also advised that no service credits had been applied to contractors on the number of vehicles exceeding contract turnaround due to mitigating circumstances.

She advised that there were some bottle banks sites which did not have 20% capacity available (1 X MEABC, 1 X L&CCC and 1 X BCC) and the contractors had been notified of these incidences and sites were serviced accordingly.

Health and Safety was also discussed and Ms Boal noted that there had been 3 reported health and safety incidents all relating to raised hoppers. She noted that this had been discussed at the Steering Group meeting, and officers were asked to liaise with their Health & Safety officers and operational managers including those of external contractors on this critical issue to ensure drivers are appropriately trained and understand their obligations to follow site rules.

She also noted that since writing the report there had been a near miss incident at Bryson which could have been very serious and she was following this up as she was not happy with the investigation.

Rejected Loads

Ms Boal reported that there had been 3 rejected loads, two into the organic's delivery sites and one at Bryson. She advised that councils have been requested to continue to review their protocols to ensure that systems are in place to ensure that vehicles are fully emptied before collecting another material stream.

She noted that overall this was still very good as it was due to vehicle misuse rather than the public, so could be easily avoided.

arc21 Contract Tonnages

Ms Boal reported that tonnages were generally down compared to April 2021 even with some additional tonnages coming into the MRF.

She noted that this was welcome in regard to the residual waste and advised that at current levels there would be capacity at Cottonmount to accommodate our waste until October.

NWP

Ms Boal included in the report a number of links to video clips in relation to NWP's communications activities for Members' information.

Compost week was discussed and she noted that all councils had taken bagged compost in during compost week.

She also advised that NWP had taken a stand at the Antrim Garden Show to promote the compost produced from the food and garden waste and some photos were included in the report.

Supplies

Ms Boal reported that the orders being placed were starting to increase and although there were no issues with deliveries, there were issues with contractors holding prices through the ESPO contract which had resulted in having to cancel some orders and moving on to other suppliers.

Following discussion the Joint Committee noted the report.

Action: Noted

Item 6 - Waste Tonnage Trends

Ms Boal presented a report showing the tonnage comparisons for material processed through arc21 contracts over the last three financial years.

She noted that there appears to have been a closer alignment in many contracts in the last couple of months with trends that were seen in the 2019/20 year, but it was too early to see if that will be maintained.

In terms of recycling, she noted that increased recycling rates had stalled so the aim was to minimise the amount of residual and increase recycling rates. She noted that this is something that the Department are looking at in terms of next steps and discussing with councils looking at the new targets to be met including the statutory target of 65% and diversion from landfill of 10%. She advised that we are starting to focus our reports on some of these targets and hope to reflect over the next few months to the Joint Committee along with the challenges etc.

Following discussion the Joint Committee noted the report.

Action: Noted

IN COMMITTEE

The Chair recommended that the meeting would now move "in committee" which was agreed.

Matters of a confidential and commercially sensitive nature were discussed under these agenda items.

Following discussion on the commercially sensitive matters, the Chair recommended that the meeting would now return to the main agenda, which was approved, but whilst "*in committee*" during this section of the meeting, there were seven matters discussed.

Item 7 - Minutes of Joint Committee Meeting 068 held on 28 April 2022 'in committee'	Action: Agreed
Item 8 - Matters Arising	Action: Noted
Item 9 - Minutes of Special Joint Committee Meeting 069 held on 18 May 2022 'in committee'	Action: Agreed
Item 9.5 - Matters Arising	Action: Noted
Item 10 - Residual Waste Treatment Project	Action: Agreed
Item 11 - Commercially Sensitive Contract and Procurement Issues	Action: Agreed
Item 11.5 - Update on Sub-Group & HR Support Services Tender	Action: Agreed

OUT OF COMMITTEE

Item 12 - Consultation Response - Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Regulations - Producer Compliance Scheme (PCS) Balancing System Review 2022

Ms Boal presented a report with a proposed response to the consultation to the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Regulations - Producer Compliance Scheme (PCS) Balancing System Review, 2022.

She advised that the consultation was not particularly directed at local authorities but there were a small number of questions posed in the consultation relating to aspects where there is an interface with contract/service delivery.

She advised that the proposed response was to reinforce the proposals that are practically beneficial for councils along the lines as follows:

- Supporting that there is some interaction between the local body who organises and manages the contracts to give notice when an extension period is coming to an end;
- Giving endorsement for information packs for when new incumbents are coming onto an unfamiliar site giving advance notice of layout to enable a smoother transition;
- Giving support for producers to be able to submit cost per tonne of each WEEE category based upon winning all categories on offer. While the cost per tonne is not a consideration for Local Authorities there are wider benefits that have been pointed out in the consultation document especially from reducing the carbon footprint of collections;
- arc21 is supporting the introduction of a price review mechanism which can be triggered following significant legislative or treatment requirement change. This doesn't affect the councils *per se*, but for service continuity and having this on the ground seems to be pragmatic particularly in the current market conditions;
- In terms of seeking to extend contracts, basing them on a voluntarily basis in a fixed term is a pragmatic way of doing it. From a Local Authority perspective, this appears to be a good idea as anything that streamlines the process is beneficial to both sides; and
- arc21 supports the transition period between contracts, when the skips need to be changed over being extended to a maximum of 15 days. The current timeframes of 5 days have been problematic where there is a change in provider. This coupled with the availability of a site information pack is likely to be beneficial in those circumstances. The only aspect are the practicalities where the incumbent PCS does not agree which mean that problems that have been experienced in the past may re occur.

Following discussion the Joint Committee agreed to approve the response to the consultation for submission by the closing date 2 June 2022.

Action: Agreed

Item 13 - Reforms to the Packaging Waste Recycling Note (PRN) and Packaging Waste Export Recycling Note (PERN) System and Operator Approval Consultation Document

Mr Walker presented a report to present the arc21 response to the consultation in relation to the Reforms to the Packaging Waste Recycling Note (PRN) and Packaging Waste Export Recycling Note (PERN) System and Operator Approval.

He reported that Defra were seeking views on several technical and administrative amendments to the way in which the PRN/PERN system and compliance schemes operate to address the issues of price volatility, lack of transparency and potential for fraudulent issuing of PRNs/PERNs.

He also noted that they were asking for additional views and evidence on other proposed changes to the PRN/PERN system, and while this consultation does not have a direct bearing on councils as they are not in receipt of PRNs/PERNs, the proposals around increased monitoring and reporting, particularly around revenue, are to be welcome, especially if there is to be greater transparency and accountability arising from the need to manage the resources within supply chains better to deliver a Circular Economy. The lack of transparency around this area has previously been one of the main criticisms of the PRN scheme.

He also noted that it was recommended that any new system of monitoring incorporates the recommendations arising from the recently completed "*Introduction of Mandatory Digital Waste Tracking*", which concluded in April.

He advised that there were three options proposed for how the PRN scheme would fit in the new landscape as follows:

Option 1: Find a means to prevent PRNs/PERNs being issued on DRS material collected alongside EPR materials

Option 2: Place a recycling obligation on DRS producers for packaging waste that is in scope of the DRS, but not collected by the Deposit Management Organisations (DMOs)

Option 3: Increase EPR producer recycling obligations to include DRS packaging not collected through DRS routes

He reported that arc21 should support Option 2 as this will place the responsibility on DRS obligated producers to account for the DRS packaging which has been generated and which is not collected through the DRS scheme. This would avoid the sampling and compositional analysis required under Option 1 and restricts the obligation to fewer producers than Option 3 would.

It effectively means that this would become a balancing exercise for DRS obligated producers to account for shortfalls in the DRS collection system and, when combined with the new more detailed reporting system, it should provide greater clarity of the volume of DRS material recovered through councils' kerbside and other collection systems.

He reported that a response had been submitted by the deadline of 21 May and asked for retrospective approval by the Joint Committee.

Following discussion the Joint Committee agreed to endorse the response.

Action: Agreed

Item 14 - Customer Survey 2022

Ms Boal advised that the annual customer survey had been sent out electronically to Members and Officers and asked if they would kindly complete and return it by the closing date of 10 June, following which a report would be brought to the next Joint Committee meeting.

She encouraged all to respond as she noted that there had been a poor response last year and noted that it would be helpful to receive as many responses as possible.

Action: Noted

Item 15 - AOB

Mr Walker advised the Committee that he had been successful in his bid to become Junior Vice President of CIWM leading to President in two years. He advised that he would be inaugurated at the end of June.

He also advised that he had featured in the ENDS magazine Power List 2022 of the top 100 environmental professionals who were seen to have made the greatest impact over the past two years, as nominated by their colleagues, clients and competitors.

The Chair and the Committee offered him their congratulations.

Action: Noted

Item 16 - Next Virtual Meeting Thursday 30 June 2022

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and advised that the next Joint Committee meeting would be held as scheduled on Thursday 30 June 2022 commencing at 10.30am.

Mr Walker advised that we would be considering the possibility of hybrid meetings in the future and contacting the councils to see if this could be accommodated, but in the meantime there was still legislation in place to hold virtual meetings until September.

Attendance of Members to Joint Committee meetings was raised again and the Chair suggested that he may consider writing again to Councils and potentially party group leaders to raise this issue.

Action: Noted

Date: _____

Chairman: _____

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE**HISTORIC ACTIONS TRACKING SHEET**

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES MEETING – 23 OCTOBER 2019					
NS/073/2019	Proposed Property Maintenance Policy and Strategy 2019 to 2023	Council's Facilities Management and Maintenance Department develop for agreement with the NS Committee a Property Maintenance Policy and Strategy for the Council to cover the term of this Council 2019 to 2023. If required to assist officers in the development of this Strategy, external support to be procured in accordance with Council Procurement Procedures.	K Scullion	Update provided to NS Committee January 2022 - Property Maintenance Policy and Strategy 2019 to 2023 to be agreed by June 2022.	N
NS/075/2019	Household Recycling Centres (HRC) Update	Investigation to be made through WRAP Capital Fund for grant-aid toward additional container capacity at selected sites.	S Murphy	Ongoing	N

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NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING – 20 OCTOBER 2020					
NS/230/2020	Business Case – Provision of new public toilet in Killough	Agreed to note the content of the report and associated Business Case and to accept the conclusion of the business case that the Council proceed with the proposal to provide a new public toilet in Killough.	K Scullion	In progress - AECOM appointed for consultancy support for project.	N
NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING 17 NOVEMBER 2020					
NS/243/2020	Notice of Motion – Green New Deal Strategy	Grant approval to Officers to further scope the issues contained within the Notice of Motion and to prepare a report which summarises the status of existing and planned activity in this area. A report to be tabled at a future Meeting of the Neighbourhood Services Committee and to also write to the Northern Ireland Executive clarifying what actions are currently being taken and what actions are being planned by the NI Executive in respect of climate change.	S Murphy	Response received from DAERA Minister and considered by NS Committee. Scoping of the issues delayed by on-going COVID-19 pandemic.	N

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NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING 21 APRIL 2021					
NS/062/2021	Feasibility study for EV infrastructure at the Council's Depots	<p>Agreed to note the content of the report and to approve the recommendation that a Business Case be prepared which examined the investment and benefits of the EV charging system, together with costings.</p> <p>It was further agreed as part of the Business Case, that officials consider the need for a generator at the proposed sites, in the event of an interruption to electricity supply.</p> <p>It was also agreed officials investigate potential sources of funding for the provision of electric vehicle charging points from the East Border Region Committee.</p>	K Scullion	In Progress – In discussions with AECOM in relation to provision of consultancy support for project.	N
NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING 19 MAY 2021					
NS/079/2021	Monthly Action Sheet	Mr Dinsmore said he had engaged with the owners and the restaurant	S Murphy	Ongoing	N

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	Wind-blown litter at Damolly Retail Park	franchise and would now formalise the request that a green fence be erected at this location and that he continue to update Cllr. Casey on progress			
	Litter pickers for schools	The Sustainability Officer to advise Councillors on how litter pickers would be distributed to schools	S Murphy	Litter pickers currently being procured	N
NS/089/2021	Purchase of new industrial heavy grade tractor and side arm flail/cutting unit for grounds maintenance at various locations District wide	Agreed to note the content of the report and associated Business Cases and accept the conclusion of the Business Cases that Option 3 from each be chosen as the preferred option. This would see the procurement of an industrial tractor and a side arm flail.	K Scullion	In Progress	N
NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING 23 JUNE 2021					
NS/099/2021	Proposed Memorial Gardens Landscape Scheme	Agreed to recommend approval of the choice of locations for both Memorial Gardens as outlined in the report and the implementation of the proposed design for each site.	K Scullion	In Progress	N

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NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING WEDNESDAY 18 AUGUST 2021					
NS/125/2021	Distribution of compostable food bags and food waste caddy bins	Agreed to that Officers explore the feasibility of deploying brown bins to residents of high-rise buildings, who were not previously provided with these, and a report be brought back to the next Committee Meeting.	S Murphy	Report to be presented at future committee meeting	N
NS/127/2021	Enforcement Improvement Plan	Agreed to note the content of this report.	S Murphy	Report to be presented at future committee meeting	N
		Agreed that officers prepare a report for the next Committee Meeting on options for future staffing levels to improve the enforcement service, including the possibility of supplementing the service with a contractor on a short-term basis.		In progress	N
		Also agreed officers replace the existing signage with updated Newry, Mourne and Down signage, in relation to keeping dogs on a lead on Newry Towpath.			

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NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING TUESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2021					
NS/137/2021	Translink proposed programme – Bus Shelters in Council area	To approve Option 2 – to delay installation of a bus shelter in Burren pending outcome of Translink’s deliberations in October / November 2021 with the option to reconsider this position if Translink were deemed to be making limited progress in providing the bus shelter in Burren.	K Scullion	Noted	N
NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING TUESDAY 19 OCTOBER 2021					
NS/149/2021	Report re Council Sites receiving Green Flag Awards	Investigate Tidy NI criteria for Green Flag awards with the view to possibly having Newcastle Harbour included for future consideration for a Green Flag award.	K Scullion	In progress	N
NS/150/2021	Report re: Social Enterprise Partnership Offer – Planting Trees on Council Land	a) Council seek through an expression of interest exercise, to form a partnership with a not for profit organisation who would link Council with individuals who wish to have a tree or trees, planted on Council designated land. The agreement to be for an	K Scullion	In Progress	N

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		<p>initial two year period and may be extended for a further two years subject to Council approval.</p> <p>b) Officers to determine suitable sites and tree species for the scheme.</p> <p>c) Any agreement to be formalised through a Licence Agreement drawn up by Council Legal Advisors.</p>			
NS/153/2021	Biodiversity Pedestrian Collection Mower	To approve the recommendations contained in the Business Case for the purchase of a Ride-on Collection Biodiversity Mower, as per option 3, ie, Purchase high powered compact collection mower to enable biodiverse and re wilded grass cutting with aid of DAERA funding.	K Scullion	In Progress	N
NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING TUESDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2021					
NS/174/2021	Business case for maintenance of town clocks	Note the content of the report.	K Scullion	In Progress	N

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		<p>Approve the findings of the business case that reviews options for maintenance of five town clocks. The preferred option (Option 3) would see a suitably qualified maintenance contractor appointed through tender to undertake routine maintenance of the six town clocks and provide breakdown cover for up to a maximum three-year period. The contract would include the option to remove existing clocks or add additional clocks from the service provision.</p> <p>Council consider undertaking a project which would lead to the restoration of the clock at Dan Rice Hall and if agreed to proceed then to approve the recommendations within section 2.3 of this report.</p>			
NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING TUESDAY 21 DECEMBER 2021					
NS/192/2021	Business case for replacement of the air conditioning water chiller at the	<p>Note the content of the report.</p> <p>Accept the conclusion of the Business Case that Option 3 be</p>	K Scullion	In progress – tender awarded and installation has commenced.	N

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	Downshire Civic Centre	chosen as the preferred option. Option 3 would see the appointment, through a tender process, of a competent contractor, to supply and install a new air conditioning water chiller			
NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING 26 JANUARY 2022					
NS/004/2022	Trade Waste and Caravan Refuse Collection Services	<p>Agreed to approve the report and recommendations:-</p> <p>1. Alternate Weekly Commercial Waste Collection Service</p> <p>Commercial refuse customers (shops and businesses) to be contacted and advised of the proposed move to an alternate weekly collection cycle of residual and dry recyclable waste, where this is achievable.</p> <p>Commercial customers, (not including Caravan Operators) to be provided with appropriate bins to facilitate this change, so there is no cost burden to customers as a result of this change.</p>	S Murphy	In progress	N

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		<p>2. Collection Arrangements and Charges at Caravan Sites</p> <p>Integration and alignment of the waste collection service for Caravan site customers with the waste service provided for Trade Waste customers by offering an alternate weekly collection service as required throughout the year.</p> <p>Commercial refuse charges for caravan parks to be increased to align with and be equitable to charges applied to other businesses from April 2022.</p>			
NS/005/2022	Estates Management and Security Audit Findings	Agreed to approve the Estates Management and Security Action Plan and agree to quarterly updates being provided to the Committee on the implementation status of the Plan	K Scullion	In Progress	N

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NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING 23 FEBRUARY 2022					
NS/015/2022	Revision of Facility Management and Maintenance Department charges for financial year 2022/2023	<p>Agreed to recommend adoption of the Facility Management and Maintenance Department charges as set out in Appendix 1, circulated at the meeting, for the financial year 2022/23.</p> <p>Also agreed that officers consider the 3 scenarios referred to by Councillor Andrews i.e. if administration fees charged for headstone erections could be waived for under-18 burials along with the administration fees for post 3.00 pm burial times and cremation charges and that a report be brought back to the Neighbourhood Services Committee for consideration.</p>	K Scullion	In progress	N
NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING 23 MARCH 2022					
NS/031/2022	Grounds Maintenance – Six Month Review and	Agreed to approve the proposed actions within the report (Sections 2.1 to 2.3 and Appendix 1).	K Scullion	In progress	N

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	Six Month Programme	Also agreed officials investigate the history of the removal and continued spraying of hogweed by the legacy Council at Carnmeen Park/Rossmara Park/Mourne Drive Warrenpoint and report back to the Committee on how this recurring problem would be dealt with going forward.			
NS/039/2022	Business Case for replacement of mini excavator and dumper	Agreed to note the content of this report and associated Business Case and accept the conclusion of the Business Case to proceed to tender to procure a replacement mini excavator and dumper	K Scullion	In progress	N
NS/041/2022	Request for sale of burial plots in Council cemeteries	Agreed to recommend that these requests be referred through to the Council's legal services section for review and advice on the options available to the Council. A report to be brought back to the Neighbourhood Services Committee for consideration.	K Scullion	Complete	Y

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		Also agreed to recommend that in the interim period the identified plots which the requests related to should be retained pending a final decision.			
NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING 21 APRIL 2022					
NS/048/2022	Update on the development of the Council's Tree Strategy	Agreed to note the contents of the report and approve the presentation of the draft Tree Strategy to the Neighbourhood Services Working Group in May 2022 along with a review of progress in the Council achieving a cessation in the use of herbicides containing glyphosate.	K Scullion	In progress	N
NS/049/2022	Applications for bus shelters in Crossgar and Killyleagh	To note the contents of the report. Agree to the recommendations in Appendix 1 for the erection of a bus shelter at Cross Street Killyleagh and the relocation of the shelter at Downpatrick Street Crossgar.	K Scullion	In progress	N

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		<p>In relation to the application for a bus shelter at Catherine Street, Killyleagh, a decision be deferred pending further consultation with the PSNI in light of the anti-social behaviour issues raised by Members</p> <p>Officers to consult further with Translink on the option for Council to enter into an agreement with Translink for the provision of bus shelters at official bus stops.</p>		<p>In progress</p> <p>In progress</p>	<p>N</p> <p>N</p>
NS/050/2022	Trial of solar lights at Council bus shelters	Agreed to recommend to proceed with the installation of solar lighting at 2 bus shelters near Attical with their effectiveness monitored and this information to be reported back to Committee	K Scullion	In progress	N
NS/051/2022	Vegetation growth within Aughrim River at the Events Space Kilkeel	Agreed to note the contents of the report and approve the recommendation to appoint a suitably qualified consultant/s through the SCAPE Framework to provide consultancy support to	K Scullion	In progress	N

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		<p>identify the causes of the vegetation growth in the Aughrim River adjacent to the Events Space, Kilkeel, and the steps and possible costs to managing this part of the river to provide a more visually attractive aspect to this location.</p>			
NS/052/2022	Compost Week 2022	<p>Note and approve the additional activities in 2.2 to highlight and promote the importance of recycling food waste.</p> <p>1. Publication of new collection calendars 2. Issuing of 'No food waste' stickers for placement on black bins 3. Distribution of 100 new/replacement food caddies through Elected Representatives 4. Issue of 10 food waste caddies to primary schools on request. (Max distribution 1000 caddies), to further promote food waste</p>	S Murphy	<p>Complete</p> <p>In progress</p> <p>Complete</p> <p>In progress</p>	N

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		<p>recycling in the home, as per previous Council decision.</p> <p>Note and approve the launch of an application process, with set criteria, to establish demand for deploying brown bins to residents of high rise buildings who were not previously provided with these.</p>		In progress	
NS/057/2022	Various issues concerning the Events Space Kilkeel	<p>Note the contents of the report.</p> <p>Approve the Officers recommendation that the legal position of the Council regarding its maintenance of the events space, Kilkeel, is reviewed with a separate report to be provided to the Council once this has been considered further.</p> <p>Approve the recommendation to accommodate the request from a local community organisation to make a connection to the Council's electricity supply at the</p>	K Scullion	<p>In progress</p> <p>In progress</p>	<p>N</p> <p>N</p>

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		provided to the Council's Civil Engineering and Minor Works Framework contractor for pricing. A further report will be made at that stage to Committee with recommendation on the extent of the project to be completed.			
NS/058/2022	Business Case for Christmas Illuminations Replacement Programme	Note the content of the report and associated Business Case. Approve the recommendation that Option 3 as detailed within the Business Case is accepted as the preferred option. Option 3 will see the delivery of this project through a combined procurement of Christmas illuminations and a 10-year hire agreement for five artificial Christmas trees with ongoing annual maintenance costs.	K Scullion	In progress	N
NS/059/2022	Business Case for the removal of leachate from closed landfill sites	Agreed to approve the business case for the removal and transport of leachate from Drumanakelly, Aughnagun and Croreagh closed	S Murphy	In progress	N

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		landfill sites to a licensed treatment plant.			
NS/060/2022	Business Case for replacement hook-lift vehicles	Agreed to approve the Business Case at Appendix I for the replacement of three 32T Hook Lift Vehicles the Waste Processing section to service Household Recycling Centres in the legacy Newry and Mourne District Council sites.	S Murphy	In progress	N
NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING 18 MAY 2022					
NS/076/2022	Contract for the transport of Mixed Dry Recyclable Waste	Agreed to approve that the contract for the receipt, storage, transfer and haulage of the Council's Mixed Dry Recyclables (MDR) waste be extended with the Council's current contractor from the 10 September 2022 for one year.	S Murphy	Complete	Y
END					