

May 15th, 2026

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend the meeting to be held on **Wednesday, 20th May 2026 at 6:15 pm** in **Boardroom, Warrenpoint Town Hall.**

Committee Membership 2025-26

Councillor O Magennis **Chairperson**

Councillor M Hearty **Deputy Chairperson**

Councillor T Andrews

Councillor W Clarke

Councillor C Enright

Councillor K Feehan

Councillor D Finn

Councillor J Jackson

Councillor M Larkin

Councillor K Murphy

Councillor S O'Hare

Councillor H Reilly

Councillor M Ruane

Councillor D Taylor

Councillor H Young

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This item is deemed to be exempt under 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.

 *Appendix 1 - SLA - Legal Services.pdf* *Not included*


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12.0 Sustainability Contracts

This item is deemed to be exempt under 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.

 *SE Committee Report - Sustainability Contracts (1).pdf* *Not included*

13.0 Business Case for Maintenance of Artificial Sports Pitches

This item is deemed to be exempt under 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.

 *SE Committee Report - Artificial Pitch Maintenance 2026 - 2029.pdf* *Not included*


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Invitees

Cllr Terry Andrews

Cllr Callum Bowsie

Cllr Jim Brennan

Lorraine/Emma Burns/McParland

Cllr Pete Byrne

Cllr Philip Campbell

Cllr William Clarke

Cllr Laura Devlin

Cllr Cadogan Enright

Cllr Killian Feehan

Cllr Doire Finn

Cllr Conor Galbraith

Cllr Mark Gibbons

Cllr Oonagh Hanlon

Cllr Glyn Hanna

Cllr Valerie Harte

Cllr Martin Hearty

Cllr Roisin Howell

Cllr Tierna Howie

Cllr Jonathan Jackson

Joanne Johnston

Cllr Geraldine Kearns

Miss Veronica Keegan

Mrs Sheila Kieran

Cllr Aurla King

Cllr Cathal King

Ms Elaine Kirk

Cllr Mickey Larkin

Cllr Niall Lawlor

Cllr David Lee-Surginor

Cllr Alan Lewis

Cllr Oonagh Magennis

Mr Conor Mallon

Cllr Aidan Mathers

Cllr Declan McAteer

Mr Martin McKibbin

Sinead Murphy

Cllr Declan Murphy

Cllr Kate Murphy

Cllr Selina Murphy

Cllr Siobhan O'Hare

Mr Andy Patterson

Cllr Áine Quinn
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Cllr Henry Reilly
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Cllr Michael Rice
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Ms Maria Rogan
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Cllr Michael Ruane
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Mr Conor Sage
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Conor Smyth
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Sarah Taggart
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Cllr David Taylor
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Mr David Telford
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Cllr Jarlath Tinnelly
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Ms Sinead Trainor
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Cllr Jill Truesdale
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Mrs Marie Ward
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Cllr Helena Young
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SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT SERVICES

COMMITTEE HISTORIC ACTIONS TRACKING

SHEET

| NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING 21 APRIL 2022 | | | | | |
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| Minute Ref | Subject | Decision | Lead Officer | Actions taken/ Progress to date | Remove from Action Sheet Y/N |
| 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>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> | S Trainor | <p>In progress</p> <p>In progress</p> | <p>N</p> <p>N</p> |

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| NS/057/2022 | Various issues concerning the Events Space Kilkeel | 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. | C Sage | Legal position and maintenance of the events space being confirmed. Report to be brought back to S&E Committee. | N |
| SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 17 OCTOBER 2023 | | | | | |
| SE/107/2023 | Notice of Motion - Animal Welfare | It was agreed to remove the final sentence of the notice of motion. It was agreed to defer a decision on the Notice of Motion until the outcome of the legal process was known. | S Trainor | On hold pending legal process | N |
| SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 22 NOVEMBER 2023 | | | | | |
| SE/125/2023 | Report on Notice of Motion in relation to Livestock worrying | It was agreed that a meeting be organised with relevant partners to discuss a way forward to produce a publicity campaign highlighting the importance of ensuring dogs are kept under control in the Mourne Mountains. | S Trainor | In Progress - Refer to Education and Enforcement Plan 2026 - 2029 (to be presented at S&E Working Group on 20/05/2026) | N |
| SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 24 JANUARY 2024 | | | | | |
| SE/004/2024 | Report on Notice of | The following was agreed: | S Murphy | | N |

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| | Motion - Flood Defences | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Further investigate the possibility of a Shared Island application to assist with flood defences - Write to DFI Rivers and request a river maintenance schedule. | | In Progress | |
| SE/005/2024 | Report on Notice of Motion - Flood Preparedness | <p>The following was agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Look into sharing information the website from the Regional Community Resilience Group | S Murphy | <p>Complete - DFI Rivers maintenance schedule for 26/27 has been received.</p> <p>In progress - The SHEP team are working with the Marketing Department on this matter.</p> | N |

**SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING 21 FEBRUARY 2024**

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| 018/2024 | Report on Notice of Motion - Climate Change | <p>It was agreed that this Council acknowledges the work done to date to help address the climate emergency; reaffirms previous motions regarding the degenerating global situation; and again, reiterates that the crisis is the biggest threat posed to our constituents, our district, and our planet.</p> <p>Further acknowledges, however, that recent data collated by Climate Emergency UK ranks NMDDC 8th out of the 11 Councils within NI; and thus, pledges to include ambitious</p> | C Sage | <p>Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy was presented at S&E Working Group - September 25. Draft Strategy Public Consultation, closed in March 26. Update to be presented at S&E WG in May.</p> <p>Climate mitigation report</p> | N |
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| | | <p>targets in the forthcoming Sustainability and Climate Strategies and Action Plans to expedite implementation.</p> <p>It was also agreed that a benchmark report would be brought back to Committee regarding Council actions and progress to mitigating climate change impact.</p> | | <p>completed and submitted on 31st October 25 in accordance with Climate Change Act (NI) 2022. This includes carbon copying baseline reporting.</p> <p>Climate Adaptation report submitted on 31/03/2026. 1 Month extension in place to upload evidence. Report to be presented at May S&E committee.</p> | Y |
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| SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 20 MARCH 2024 | | | | | |
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| SE/036/2024 | Former landfill site review - Aughnagun and Drumakelly | <p>It was agreed that officers develop a Business Case for the installation of Solar Panels at the former landfill site Aughnagun for further consideration.</p> <p>It was agreed that Council further explore the benefits of installing reed beds at both sites in order to make the sites self-sustaining in terms of the management of the leachate generated on site.</p> | <p>S Murphy</p> <p>S Murphy</p> | <p>In Progress</p> <p>In Progress</p> | N |
| SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 23 APRIL 2024 | | | | | |
| SE/046/2024 | Notice of Motion - | Officers continue their commitment | C Sage | A focused social | N |

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| | Newry Market | <p>to revitalise the market through engagement with traders, the business community and other potential stakeholders. It was also agreed that Officers reach out to other local councils with successful markets and explore additional uses to encourage footfall, including with arts and community groups</p> <p>It was further agreed that a report be brought back to committee in 6 months to provide detail of any progress made.</p> | <p>C Sage</p> <p>C Sage</p> | <p>media campaign has been completed.</p> <p>Council Officers met with Belfast City Council colleagues to review St George's market.</p> <p>An update on Newry Market was provided at S&E Working Group in February 2026.</p> <p>Next Steps to be considered</p> | |
| SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 21 AUGUST 2024 | | | | | |

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| SE/091/2024 | Notice of Motion - Dog Fouling | <p>it was agreed that a mapping exercise to be undertaken by Officers of identified hotspots or problem areas against litter bin provision data to determine if additional litter bins can be provided to assist with the disposal of dog fouling.</p> | S Trainer | <p>In Progress - Refer to Education and Enforcement Plan 2026 - 2029 (to be presented at S&E Working Group on 20/05/2026)</p> <p>Enforcement officer patrols within hotspots are ongoing.</p> | N |
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SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 18 DECEMBER 2024

| SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 18 DECEMBER 2024 | | In progress | N |
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| SE/150/2024 | NOM - Vaping | <p>it was agreed that the Council recognised the 2024 Northern Ireland Audit Office report on tackling the public health impacts of smoking and vaping that showed an increase in 11-16 year olds vaping; that Council is concerned that children vaping in schools is detrimental to a child's health and educational outcomes; agrees that greater awareness must be raised with children in schools about the risks of vaping; acknowledges that teachers and school staff must have the support and resources they require to raise awareness and inform children on the risks of vaping; agree to write to both the Minister of Education and Health urging them to bring forward a plan to end vaping in school grounds, to reduce the number of young people vaping and to eradicate the sale of vapes to children. It was also agreed to write to all Councils in the North asking them for support in tackling this issue.</p> | S Murphy |

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| SE/151/2024 | NOM - Newry Canal | it was agreed to request support from support from Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council to write to the Minister for Infrastructure, Environment and Rural Affairs for the urgent establishment of a multi- agency Newry Canal regeneration taskforce to work in partnership to deliver on the potential of inland waterways across both Council areas. | S Murphy | In progress Newry Canal Regeneration Working Group has been established with ABC and meetings have taken place in September & November 25 with representatives from ABC Council. A further meeting has been arranged for March 26. | N |
| SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 19 FEBRUARY 2025 | | | | | |
| SE/018/2025 | NOM - Vital Role of trees | Council will also write to other Councils request support of this motion | C Sage | In Progress | N |
| SE/020/2025 | Application for bus shelter at Hilltown Road, Newry | It was agreed to the installation of a new bus shelter at Hilltown Road, Newry as per the recommendations stated in Appendix 1 of the officer's Report | G Kane | In progress | N |
| SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 19 MARCH 2025 | | | | | |
| SE/034/2025 | Officer Report on NOM - Street Lighting | It was agreed to write to DFI Roads to advise of concerns in relation to areas that have little of no street lighting and request that a scoping exercise is undertaken to identify areas that could avail of additional street lighting across the district. | C Sage | In progress | N |

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| | | It was also agreed that Council owned green spaces would be reviewed to identify any areas that could avail of additional lighting across the District | C Sage | In Progress | N |
| SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 29 APRIL 2025 | | | | | |
| SE/045/2025 | Notice of Motion re Memorial Garden, Newcastle | It was agreed to approve the proposal to create a memorial garden to acknowledge the 180 th anniversary of the Newcastle Fishing Disaster | C Sage | Works on site and nearing completion | N |
| SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 21 MAY 2025 | | | | | |
| SE/056/2025 | Officer Report on Notice of Motion - Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty & Air Quality Management Areas | <p>the following was agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members considered and approved the endorsement of the Fossil Fuel Non- Proliferation Treaty by Newry, Mourne and Down District Council and agree to write to the Northern Ireland Executive urging them to support this initiative. Members noted the current on-going review process on the effectiveness of the Council's Air Quality Management Areas in liaison with DAERA and the potential expansion of the number of air quality monitor stations throughout the District, subject to funding. | <p>C Sage</p> <p>S Trainor</p> | <p>In Progress</p> <p>In Progress</p> | <p>N</p> <p>N</p> |

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| SE/060/2025 | Request to approach DFI about transfer of ownership of Carparks | it was agreed to approve the request for Council Officers to formally approach DFI and research the feasibility of a land transfer of their portion of the site into Council ownership | C Sage | In Progress | N |
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| SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 18 FEBRUARY 2026 | | | | | |
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| SE/013/2026 | Officer Report on NOM - Solar Powered Cameras | it was agreed to consider the Notice of Motion and note the proposed actions by the Environment Department of Council and to write to the DAERA Minister requesting information on the available support and funding for tackling illegal dumping effectively across the District. | S Trainor | In progress | N |
| SE/016/2026 | Rethinking Resources | it was agreed to note the content of the report and agree that Council write to DAERA requesting an extension to the consultation deadline in line with other Councils. | S Trainor | In progress | N |
| SE/019/2026 | The Path to Net Zero - Fleet Fuel Options | It was agreed to approve the transition from diesel to HVO in line with Council's transition towards a Net Zero Council and to achieve targets set by the Draft Sustainability and Climate | C Sage | To be progressed as part of the S&E Procurement Action Plan | Y |

SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

18 MARCH 2026

| SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING | | | | |
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| 18 MARCH 2026 | | | | |
| SE/028/2026 | Draft Nature Recovery Strategy Response | <p>it was agreed to approve the response to DAERA's Draft Nature Recovery Strategy Consultation as detailed at Appendix 1 of the officers' report, subject to the additional recommendation relating to items 6, 8, 11, 14, 17 and 20 in the consultation response, an additional recommendation be included stating that any biodiversity strategy should involve working with counterparts across the rest of Ireland to deliver all-Ireland biodiversity approaches.</p> | <p>C Sage</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Complete</p> | Y |
| SE/030/2026 | Home to Hospital | <p>it was agreed to provide continued funding for the Mournes and Slieve Gullion DEA's Home to Hospital Volunteer driver schemes from 01 April 2026 to 31 March 2027, provide funding to pilot the Home to Hospital Volunteer driver scheme in Croslieve DEA from 01 September 2026 to 31 March 2027 and seek Expressions of Interest from suitable Community / Voluntary sector organisations to administer the Schemes.</p> | <p>S Trainor</p> <p style="text-align: right;">In progress</p> | N |

| SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 29 APRIL 2026 | | | | | |
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| SE/043/2026 | Action Sheet; Sustainability And Environment Committee Meeting Held On 18 March 2026 | It was agreed to note the Action Sheet | S Murphy | | Y |
| SE/044/2026 | Officer Report on Notice of Motion - Lislea Men's Shed Proposed Wildfowl & Wildlife Preserve At Camlough Lake | It was agreed to note the report and approve officers to engage with Lislea Men's Shed to obtain a detailed understanding of the project and bring back a further report to S&E Committee. | C Sage | Meeting arranged for 22 nd of May 2026. | N |
| SE/045/2026 | Consultation on New General Safety Requirement (GSR) for Construction Products | It was agreed to approve the draft consultation detailed in Appendix 1 of the officers' report, to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, on Government proposals for regulatory reform as detailed in the Construction Products General Safety Requirement. | S Trainor | Approved | Y |
| SE/046/2026 | Consultation on Construction Products Reform White Paper | It was agreed to approve the Environmental Health Department's consultation response, detailed in Appendix 1, to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government on the proposed regulatory reforms set out in the Construction Products Reform White Paper. | S Trainor | Approved | Y |
| SE/047/2026 | Consultation on Northern Ireland Waste Management Strategy | It was agreed to approve the DAERA consultation response in Appendix 1 of the officers' report on the proposed Northern Ireland Waste Management Strategy. | S Trainor | Approved | Y |

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| SE/048/2026 | Membership of Association of Port Health Authorities and Ship Sanitation Inspection Fees | It was agreed to approve the payment of corporate membership fees to the Association of Port Health Authorities for 2026/27 and revised fees for ship sanitation inspection of international shipping vessels. | S Trainor | Approved | Y |
| SE/049/2026 | Waste Management Contracts | It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Larkin, seconded by Councillor Andrews, to approve the Direct Award Contract extensions as detailed in Appendix 1 of the officers' report. | S Trainor | Approved | Y |
| SE/050/2026 | Provisional Northern Ireland Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste Management Statistics for October to December 2025 (DAERA) | It was agreed to note the document. | S Murphy | Noted | Y |
| SE/051/2026 | Update Report On FSA Audit | It was agreed to note the report. | S Trainor | Noted | Y |

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| Report to: | Sustainability and Environment Committee |
| Date of Meeting: | 20 May 2026 |
| Subject: | Consultation on the UK's new Product Safety Framework |
| Reporting Officer (Including Job Title): | Sinead Trainor, Assistant Director: Environment |
| Contact Officer (Including Job Title): | Geraldine O'Callaghan, SEHO (Health and Safety, Consumer Safety and Tobacco Control) |

| For decision | X | For noting only | |
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| 1.0 | Purpose | | |
| 1.1 | <p>The purpose of this report is to seek Committee approval to submit the consultation response, drafted by the Environmental Health Department, on behalf of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council on the Governments proposals on a new, modernised and enhanced core product safety framework.</p> <p>This consultation seeks views on proposals on the UK's new product safety framework to the Department for Business and Trade and Office for Product Safety and Standards.</p> | | |
| 2.0 | Background | | |
| 2.1 | The existing product safety framework needs an upgrade. It is based on the General Product Safety Regulations 2005, introduced two decades ago, and overlaid with specific regulations for certain product sectors. | | |
| 2.2 | The need for a new core framework was identified by the Product Safety Review and endorsed by Parliament in passing the Product Regulation and Metrology Act 2025. | | |
| 2.3 | As technology develops, new business models emerge or our understanding of risk improves, regulations need to be updated to ensure products remain both safe and accurate. | | |
| 3.0 | Key issues | | |
| 3.1 | We live in a world vastly different from the turn of the century, and the way people buy products has evolved. There are simply too many instances of dangerous products being sold to UK consumers, often on online marketplaces, resulting in serious harm. | | |
| 3.2 | A new, modernised and enhanced framework is giving people confidence that what they buy will be safe, thereby supporting growth and giving businesses incentives to invest by providing a level playing field, with clearer responsibilities and a more consistent and streamlined set of regulations. | | |
| 3.3 | The proposals are aimed into getting the basics right, outlining accountability throughout the supply chain with a new approach to product information while supporting enforcement activity in the modern marketplace. | | |
| 3.4 | The new core product safety framework proposal requires proactive action from everyone in the supply chain to protect consumers; reflects modern products and supply chains; capitalise on the opportunities new technology has provided for both businesses and consumers; and supports delivery of the government's regulation action plan. | | |

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| 3.5 | The unique position of NI requiring alignment with both EU and UK markets and legislative requirements need to be taken into consideration as this is key to the achievement of business compliance and avoiding potential divergence issues for NI businesses. |
| 4.0 | Recommendations |
| 4.1 | Members are asked to approve the submission of the consultation response to the department for business and Trade on proposals on a new, modernised and enhanced core product safety framework. (Appendix A) |
| 5.0 | Resource implications |
| 5.1 | None |
| 6.0 | Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections) |
| 6.1 | <p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> |
| 6.2 | <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> |
| 6.3 | <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> |
| 7.0 | Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply) |
| 7.1 | Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service |

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| | <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If no, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy / strategy / plan / public service is not influenced by rural needs <input type="checkbox"/></p> |
| 8.0 | Appendices |
| 8.1 | Appendix 1 – Environmental Health Departments Product Safety Framework Consultation Response |
| 9.0 | Background Documents |
| 9.1 | None |

Appendix A

| Consultation Questions | | | |
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| Getting the basics right | | | |
| Question A1: Do you agree or disagree with the proposed scope of the regulations, including the exemptions from scope? | | | |
| Agree | | Neither agree nor disagree | |
| Disagree | x | Don't know | |
| Please explain your answer | | | |
| <p>We disagree in principle with the proposed scope of the framework, as products intended for business or workplace use are already subject to enforcement under existing directives for which HSENI is the competent authority, for example the Machinery Safety Directive.</p> <p>While we recognise that the framework seeks to address identified gaps in product safety enforcement, there must be clear guidance and explicit consideration of HSENI's enforcement role in relation to business products.</p> <p>Without clear statutory boundaries or joint guidance between OPSS, local authorities and HSENI, there is a risk of inconsistent enforcement and duplication, particularly for products that may be used both by consumers and within the workplace.</p> | | | |
| Question A2: Do you agree or disagree with the proposed definition of a safe product? | | | |
| Agree | | Neither agree nor disagree | x |
| Disagree | | Don't know | |
| Please explain your answer | | | |
| <p>The extension of the scope to include maintenance requirements introduces additional variables that may affect whether the product considered safe. This will require suppliers to provide clear, reasonable instructions for maintenance supported by enforceable regulations.</p> <p>The proposed definition creates divergence with the definitions used in 2023/988 General Product Safety Regulation, which may create difficulties for NI Businesses and District Councils operating within a dual regulatory framework. In this context, detailed and consistent guidance will be essential to support enforcement.</p> <p>The inclusion of additional risks to property, domestic animals or the environment will allow more appropriate standards in relation to these products to be applied and enforced.</p> | | | |
| Question A3: Do you agree or disagree with the new list of considerations when assessing safety? | | | |
| Agree | x | Neither agree nor disagree | |
| Disagree | | Don't know | |

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| Please explain your answer | | | |
| Agree as it broadly mirrors the considerations for assessing safety in 2023/988 General Product Safety Regulation. | | | |
| Question A4: Do you agree or disagree with our proposal to revoke the Food Imitations (Safety) Regulations 1989? | | | |
| Agree | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Neither agree nor disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> | Don't know | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Please explain your answer | | | |
| EU has repealed the equivalent EU law for food imitating products, so revoking these regulations will also ensure a consistent position across the UK. | | | |
| Question A5: Do you agree or disagree that essential safety requirements, testing or conformity assessment may be useful in the new framework? | | | |
| Agree | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Neither agree nor disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> | Don't know | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Please explain your answer | | | |
| Agree in principle there needs to be clear guidance and consideration should be given to mirroring the approach set out in 2023/988 GPSR to avoid divergence. The unique situation of NI which requires alignment with both UK and EU markets and legislative requirements, must be fully taken into consideration as this is key to enforcement, the achievement of business compliance and avoiding any potential divergence issues. | | | |
| Question A6: Do you agree or disagree with introducing the 'designation' mechanism for products covered by the framework? | | | |
| Agree | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Neither agree nor disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> | Don't know | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Please explain your answer | | | |
| The unique position of NI requiring alignment with both EU and UK markets and legislative requirements need to be taken into consideration as this is key to enforcement, the achievement of business compliance and avoiding potential divergence issues. | | | |
| Question A7: In what circumstances, if any, might it be appropriate to designate a standard from a competent standards body other than BSI, European standards bodies, or international standards bodies? | | | |

It may be appropriate to designate a standard from another competent standards body **only where there is a clear, objective justification**, such as:

- Absence of suitable recognised standards
- Sector-specific expertise not reflected in BS/EN/ISO standards
- Urgent or emerging risks
- Legal or international requirements
- Demonstrable equivalence or superiority

Such designations should be **exceptional, transparent, proportionate**, and avoid unnecessary barriers to compliance or competition.

Question A8: Are there any further actions you believe we should be taking to ensure lithium-ion batteries within consumer products are safe?

Overall, the aim should be to ensure lithium-ion batteries remain safe throughout their entire life cycle, not merely at the point of manufacture or sale.

This should include controls relating to replacement batteries, compatibility of chargers, and risks arising from repair, refurbishment and second-hand sales.

Accountability throughout the supply chain

Question A9: Do you agree or disagree with the requirement that producers must only place safe products on the market?

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| Agree | x | Neither agree nor disagree | |
| Disagree | | Don't know | |

Please explain your answer

Links should be made to the definitions set out in 2023/988 GPSR to ensure consistency and avoid any divergence issues. Needs to be a more responsive attitude to the market and guidance for the different types of markets and their obligation.

In 2023/988 GPSR the definition of "Producer" has been changed to "manufacturer" causing the roles of an economic operator to be defined differently in GPSR 2005 2023/988 GPSR thus causing divergence issues within Northern Ireland.

Question A10: Do you agree or disagree with the requirement that onward suppliers should act with due care and not supply a product unless it is compliant?

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| Agree | x | Neither agree nor disagree | |
| Disagree | | Don't know | |

Please explain your answer

Links should be made with 2023/988 GPSR definitions to ensure consistency and avoid any divergence issues. Needs to be a more responsive attitude to the market and guidance for the different types of markets and their obligation.

Question A11: Do you agree or disagree that online marketplaces should be required to act with due care to prevent, identify and remove non-compliant products from their sites?

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| Agree | x | Neither agree nor disagree | |
| Disagree | | Don't know | |

Please explain your answer

From previous experience sites remove a single product on request however do not follow up with same product being sold by multiple other suppliers. We agree in principle that online marketplaces should be required to identify and remove all non-compliant product from their sites, however this needs to be supported by clear guidance and adequate enforcement powers provided to MS authorities.

From an Environmental Health and product safety enforcement perspective, we support the proposed requirement that onward suppliers must act with due care and should not supply a product unless it is compliant.

The proposal appropriately reflects that product safety is a **shared responsibility across the supply chain**, rather than resting solely with producers. To ensure the requirement can be implemented effectively and consistently, it will be important that:

- Clear and practical guidance is published illustrating what "due care" means for different types of onward supplier
- Guidance is aligned with enforcement practice and supported by appropriate training where necessary
- Expectations are clearly communicated to small and medium-sized enterprises

Question A12: Do you agree or disagree with the introduction of a requirement that online marketplaces should practice due diligence to identify and take action against non-compliant sellers and sellers that provide non-compliant goods?

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| Agree | x | Neither agree nor disagree | |
| Disagree | | Don't know | |

Please explain your answer

This will help promote consistency across enforcing authorities and provide businesses with greater confidence in how to meet their obligations.

From enforcement experience, non-compliant or dangerous products are frequently encountered at the retail, wholesale or fulfilment stage, including cases where producers are based overseas or are difficult to identify or engage. Introducing a clear duty on onward suppliers to:

- Remain alert to product safety alerts, recalls and known hazards
- Maintain proportionate checks and internal procedures
- Refrain from supplying products where compliance is uncertain

would enable earlier intervention before harm occurs, reduce reliance on reactive enforcement once products have reached consumers, and improve the effectiveness of corrective actions such as product withdrawals and recalls.

This approach is particularly important in the context of e-commerce and fulfilment based supply models, where onward suppliers may represent the only UK based economic operator with meaningful control over products entering the market.

As officers we do not have the tools to trace, trace and take enforcement action against rogue online sellers / carry out online forensic investigation.

The proposed requirement for online marketplaces to verify seller contact details is essential, particularly in NI where Councils are experiencing an increase in businesses registering in vacant premises or addresses with multiple businesses registered to it in an attempt to hold both UK and EU registered addresses to comply with legislative requirements.

Question A13: In which situations or for which products do you think additional verification requirements or local presence requirements would be useful?

We are of the opinion that all products require additional verification and local presence requirements. If a responsible person will not be a legal requirement for all products this causes a divergence issue for NI under a number of different regulations i.e. 2023/988 GPSR and products in scope of Article 4 of the market surveillance regulation.

To differentiate between high and low risk products would require a risk assessment for each product type, and cause further confusion for consumers and business.

Question A14: Do you agree or disagree that we should give all supply chain actors a duty to participate in monitoring of products already supplied and to cooperate in corrective action?

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| Agree | x | Neither agree nor disagree | |
| Disagree | | Don't know | |

Please explain your answer

Agree as this places an onus on businesses to notify MS authorities and take corrective action in line with 2023/988 GPSR requirements.

Question A15: Do you agree that all supply chain actors should have a duty to cooperate with relevant authorities and others in the supply chain?

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| Agree | x | Neither agree nor disagree | |
| Disagree | | Don't know | |

Please explain your answer

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| <p>Effective cooperation is fundamental to protecting consumers and other users from unsafe products. In practice, enforcement action is often delayed or undermined by difficulties obtaining timely, accurate or complete information from businesses within the supply chain. A clear, consistent duty to cooperate would help address these issues and support more effective and proportionate enforcement.</p> | | | |
| <p>Question A16: Do you agree or disagree with the proposal for online marketplaces and producers to have a single point of contact?</p> | | | |
| Agree | x | Neither agree nor disagree | |
| Disagree | | Don't know | |
| <p>Please explain your answer</p> | | | |
| <p>This is beneficial however there needs to be an onus on businesses to update contact details, understand the responsibilities associated with this role and for MS authorities to have adequate enforcement powers.</p> <p>We consider the proposal especially important for online marketplaces, given their central role in modern supply chains and the volume and speed at which products are made available to consumers. Clear and reliable contact arrangements would support more effective cooperation, particularly where rapid action is required to mitigate risk.</p> <p>Overall, a requirement for a single point of contact would be a practical and proportionate measure that strengthens communication between businesses and relevant authorities and supports a more effective product safety framework.</p> | | | |
| <p>A new approach to product information</p> | | | |
| <p>Question A17: Do you agree or disagree with the proposal for information that must be provided on or with the product?</p> | | | |
| Agree | x | Neither agree nor disagree | |
| Disagree | | Don't know | |
| <p>Please explain your answer</p> | | | |
| <p>Should this progress the information needs to be provided in a consistent format, that is easy for the consumer to read and understand. This information must also contain, in a standard consistent format, information for MS authorities to suitably assess compliance.</p> <p>The proposed information requirements reflect the core purposes of product information, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enabling products to be used and handled safely • Supporting traceability and accountability within the supply chain • Allowing enforcement authorities to identify responsible economic operators and take timely action where risks arise. <p>However, the acceptance of digital labelling again will cause divergence for NI businesses and MS authorities who will be required to continue with printed information.</p> | | | |

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| Question A18: Do you agree or disagree with the proposed types of information that can be provided digitally? | | | |
| Agree | | Neither agree nor disagree | x |
| Disagree | | Don't know | |
| Please explain your answer | | | |
| We are of the opinion that the proposed information including safety warnings should remain present on the product or its packaging so it is clearly visible, and can easily be seen on purchase, particularly by vulnerable consumers on purchase. | | | |
| Question A19: What, if any, protections would be necessary to ensure that consumers with limited digital access or low digital confidence online are not disadvantaged? | | | |
| From an Environmental Health perspective, consumer protection frameworks must remain inclusive and proportionate. While digital labelling can improve efficiency and access to information, it is essential that critical product information remains accessible to all consumers. | | | |
| A combined approach is therefore necessary to ensure that no consumer is placed at increased risk due to limited digital access or low confidence. | | | |
| Question A20: Are there any further actions you believe we should take beyond the existing and proposed requirements to ensure period products are safe? | | | |
| We agree with the introduction of safety standards, and as MS authorities rely on the provision of standards to inform enforcement decisions and support consistent enforcement action. | | | |
| Question A21: Do you agree or disagree with the proposed information that producers and onward suppliers selling products online should provide on an online listing? | | | |
| Agree | x | Neither agree nor disagree | |
| Disagree | | Don't know | |
| Please explain your answer | | | |
| We agree, however, this may present practical challenges in relation to the identification of businesses, access to closed or private online platforms (including those requiring registration), and the effective enforcement of such legislative requirements. | | | |
| Question A22: Do you agree or disagree that online marketplaces should be required to design their interface to allow sellers to provide customer information? | | | |
| Agree | x | Neither agree nor disagree | |
| Disagree | | Don't know | |
| Please explain your answer | | | |

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| Agree however this will present difficulties in the identification of businesses, accessing closed sites and the enforcement of such legislation. The measures must be supported by robust enforcement powers and appropriate penalties to ensure compliance. | | | | |
| Question A23: Should online marketplaces introduce additional steps, such as verifying certain product information or making some information mandatory, before listings are published? | | | | |
| Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> | Not sure |
| Please explain your answer | | | | |
| <p>From an Environmental Health perspective, online marketplaces should have a verified presence in the UK or Northern Ireland, including a confirmed name, physical address and (where applicable) a Companies House registration, with an identifiable person responsible for product safety, is essential to enable effective enforcement. Such businesses should also be able to verify key product safety information and making specified details mandatory before listings go live.</p> <p>Requiring information such as producer or importer details, compliance declarations, traceability information, and relevant safety warnings at the point of listing would help prevent unsafe or non-compliant products entering the market, particularly via third-party sellers and overseas suppliers.</p> | | | | |
| Building on the new foundations | | | | |
| Question A24: Do any of the provisions in existing sector regulations fit these categories? | | | | |
| Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> | Not sure |
| If you responded 'Yes', please provide details of the provisions and your reasons. If you consider that any of the additional tools in proposals A5 or A9 may be helpful for the relevant products, you may include this in your response. | | | | |
| <p>Suggest review of children's nightwear and children's dress up costumes to fall under the new framework with product specific standards.</p> <p>Inclusion of food packaging which might cause physical harm and is not included under the materials and articles in contact with food regulations – i.e. sharp bottle tops / cans which District Councils have received complaints of following injury however no specific guidance / standard exists.</p> <p>Motor vehicle tyres and the pedal bicycles regulation could be incorporated with an additional standard.</p> <p>Jewellery products are considered under REACH however additional requirements under GPSR would assist enforcement.</p> | | | | |
| Question A25: Are you aware of any data or evidence on the types of AI-enabled products that are likely to be manufactured in the future? | | | | |
| Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Not sure |
| If you responded 'Yes', please detail the data or evidence you are aware of. | | | | |

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| <p>This Council has no experience enforcing AI-enabled products are therefore unable to respond to this question.</p> |
| <p>Question A26: What do you think are the current or potential harms associated with AI-enabled products?</p> |
| <p>This Council has no experience enforcing AI-enabled products are therefore unable to respond to this question.</p> |
| <p>Question A27: How can we ensure that the reformed product safety framework effectively addresses the unique challenges posed by AI-enabled products and digital innovations, while supporting innovation?</p> <p>When responding to the question, please consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the framework proposed in this consultation sufficient? • Are any additional sector-specific provisions required? • What new approaches might be needed to safeguard consumers while supporting innovation, and how could measures such as consumer information, standards, quality assurance, data governance, documentation requirements or human oversight improve the safety of AI-enabled products? |
| <p>This Council has no experience enforcing AI-enabled products are therefore unable to respond to this question.</p> |
| <p>Question A28: Considering that the role of AI can adapt and evolve across a product's entire life cycle, how can regulation best account for this?</p> |
| <p>Regulation should be flexible, risk-based and take account of a product throughout its lifecycle subject to reasonable use, recognising that such products can evolve through updates and learning after being placed on the market.</p> <p>Safety requirements should therefore include ongoing monitoring, clear responsibility across supply chains (including software providers and marketplaces), be proportionate, transparent to support enforcement and accountability.</p> |

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| Report to: | Sustainability and Environment Committee |
| Date of Meeting: | 20 May 2026 |
| Subject: | Consultation on UK's market surveillance and enforcement framework |
| Reporting Officer (Including Job Title): | Sinead Trainor, Assistant Director: Environment |
| Contact Officer (Including Job Title): | Geraldine O'Callaghan, SEHO (Health and Safety, Consumer Safety and Tobacco Control) |

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| For decision | X | For noting only | |
| 1.0 | Purpose | | |
| 1.1 | The purpose of this report is to seek Committee approval to submit the consultation response, drafted by the Environmental Health Department, on behalf of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council on proposals on a new, modernised and enhanced reforms to UK product regulation market surveillance and enforcement. | | |
| 2.0 | Background | | |
| 2.1 | A key component of any effective product regulation regime is a strong market surveillance and enforcement framework that protects businesses who follow the rules by ensuring a fair and competitive marketplace, while also providing enforcement authorities with the right tools and processes to boost consumer confidence. | | |
| 2.2 | The challenges presented by fragmented and overlapping enforcement powers, with multiple laws often applying to a single product. This complexity can cause delay and confusion for businesses, for whom it can create unnecessary administrative burdens, hindering economic growth. | | |
| 2.3 | As technology evolves, particularly with the integration of software and Artificial Intelligence into products, the regulatory framework must remain agile and responsive to new risks and developments. | | |
| 2.4 | To consolidate enforcement powers, introduce civil monetary penalties as an alternative to criminal prosecution, and ensure that the system meets the challenges of modern supply chains and emerging technologies | | |
| 3.0 | Key issues | | |
| 3.1 | Simplify and consolidate enforcement powers to create a comprehensive, coherent, and effective regulatory environment. | | |
| 3.2 | Widen the available options for civil sanctions by introducing monetary penalties, reducing reliance on criminal prosecution. | | |
| 3.3 | Address enforcement challenges posed by online and international supply chains. | | |
| 3.4 | Allow enhanced information sharing between relevant authorities, establishing clear statutory powers to facilitate the secure and effective exchange of data for the purposes of product regulation, safety, and compliance. | | |
| 3.5 | Enhance consumer protection by enabling quicker, more cost-effective action against unsafe and non-compliant products. | | |

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| 3.6 | Support business compliance with clearer, more consistent enforcement and penalties. |
| 3,7 | Promote proportionality by aligning sanctions with the severity of breaches. |
| 3.8 | The unique position of NI requiring alignment with both EU and UK markets and legislative requirements need to be taken into consideration as this is key to the achievement of business compliance and avoiding potential divergence issues for NI businesses. |
| 4.0 | Recommendations |
| 4.1 | Members are asked to approve the submission of the consultation response to the department for Business and Trade on proposals on a new, modernised and enhanced reforms to UK product regulation market surveillance and enforcement. (Appendix A) |
| 5.0 | Resource implications |
| 5.1 | None |
| 6.0 | Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections) |
| 6.1 | <i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i> |
| | It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 6.2 | <i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i> |
| | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | If yes, please complete the following: |
| | The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6.3 | <i>Proposal initiating consultation</i> |
| | 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"/> |
| | Consultation period will be 12 weeks <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | <i>Rationale:</i> |
| 7.0 | Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply) |

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| 7.1 | <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> |
| | <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/></p> |
| | <p>If no, please complete the following:</p> |
| | <p>The policy / strategy / plan / public service is not influenced by rural needs <input type="checkbox"/></p> |
| 8.0 | Appendices |
| 8.1 | Appendix 1 – Environmental Health Departments Market Surveillance and Enforcement Framework Consultation response |
| 9.0 | Background Documents |
| 9.1 | None |

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| Consultation Questions | |
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| Proposal B1 Consolidating and Modernising Powers | |
| B1a. Do you agree that the UK product regulation market surveillance and enforcement legislation should be reformed to establish a single, coherent set of enforcement powers available regardless of where it might be utilised within the product journey (e.g. at the border)? | |
| Strongly agree | X |
| Somewhat agree | |
| Neither agree nor disagree | |
| Somewhat disagree | |
| Strongly disagree | |
| B1b. Please explain your answer | |
| <p>The current enforcement framework is disjointed, inconsistent, often confusing and difficult to navigate with multiple pieces of legislation providing varying powers dependant on the product type and point in the supply chain. One single set of powers would provide greater consistency and transparency for both enforcing authorities and businesses.</p> <p>Merging the current framework to a simplified enforcement toolkit would also improve officer confidence when taking enforcement action, meaning it is more likely that officers will utilise their suite of resources. At present the need to correctly identify applicable product specific legislation, and match this to appropriate relevant enforcing legislation can act as a barrier to enforcement, and in some cases officers are discouraged from taking formal action due to the complication of interpreting available powers.</p> <p>Northern Ireland District Councils welcome the proposal of one single set of enforcement regulations that apply across GB and Northern Ireland equally.</p> <p>A single framework would support more effective and proportionate enforcement.</p> | |

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| B2a. Do you agree this new enforcement 'toolkit' should apply to product regulation more widely, beyond product safety? For example, should apply to measuring instruments and non-automatic weighing instruments (but not to other metrology legislation e.g. specified quantities) | |
| Strongly agree | x |
| Somewhat agree | |
| Neither agree nor disagree | |
| Somewhat disagree | |
| Strongly disagree | |
| B2b. Please explain your answer | |
| <p>Although District Councils in NI do not enforce weights and measures legislation, extending the toolkit beyond product safety would promote consistency with other areas such as construction products. It would also help address enforcement gaps that have been identified in practice, for example during the introduction of the Single Use Vape legislation.</p> | |
| B3. What challenges might there be in having fewer, more flexible, consolidated, enforcement powers for product regulations? | |
| <p>A proposed single enforcement framework must be capable of being used equally by Northern Ireland District Councils, including for the enforcement of EU Directives and Regulations that continue to apply in Northern Ireland. Without this, enforcement officers would face significant practical challenges in carrying out their regulatory functions.</p> <p>The framework should also address existing variations in enforcement powers between the Consumer Rights Act 2015 and the Market Surveillance (Northern Ireland) Regulations, where the latter currently provide broader and more effective powers.</p> | |
| B4. What additional reforms to existing powers would improve enforcement of metrology legislation? | |
| <p>District Councils in Northern Ireland do not enforce metrology legislation.</p> | |

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B5a. Which provisions in product regulation legislation create unnecessary administrative process? Please describe and explain any administrative burdens you are aware of.

The exercise of powers of entry, including determining when such powers are appropriate, together with the additional requirement to provide a notice of powers and rights under PACE, introduces additional complexity during enforcement visits.

A simplified approach, while still ensuring compliance with PACE requirements, would reduce the risk of enforcement action or prosecution being undermined due to delay or the incorrect application of these provisions.

B5b. Please provide what you think could be an alternative.

The use of notices similar to those available within health and safety and food functions, such as improvement notices, prohibition notices, or remedial action notices would provide an efficient and proportionate mechanism for taking immediate enforcement action.

Similarly, the availability of compliance notices under the Market Surveillance Regulation allows formal enforcement action to be taken without the need to progress directly to prosecution, mirroring the principles underpinning enforcement undertakings discussed later in the consultation. This approach supports timely compliance while reserving prosecution for the most serious or persistent breaches.

When creating a single enforcement framework, consideration must also be given to the powers available in respect of goods not yet in circulation, such as those at ports and borders, or in transit, to ensure that appropriate and equivalent enforcement options are available across all stages of the supply chain.

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B6. How could we simplify enforcement provisions (including for market surveillance) across the UK to establish a coherent and consistent UK-wide framework that supports effective enforcement in both Great Britain and Northern Ireland, in line with the government's Windsor Framework obligations?

Enforcement regulations and officer powers need to be consistent across legislative regimes. At present, discrepancies exist for enforcement authorities in Northern Ireland depending on whether they are enforcing the Consumer Rights Act or the Market Surveillance (NI) Regulations.

For example, the Market Surveillance (NI) Regulations provide stronger powers to obtain products, including test purchases, for the purposes of determining non-compliance. Importantly, these powers may be exercised by officers acting under a cover identity, whereas comparable powers are not available under the current Consumer Rights Act 2015.

To assist Northern Ireland District Councils, the powers contained within the Market Surveillance (Northern Ireland) Regulations should be replicated or consolidated into a single set of regulations that can be uniformly enforced in Northern Ireland. Where this is not possible, clear, accurate and transparent guidance on which products fall within the scope of each regulatory regime is essential to support consistent and effective enforcement.

Proposal B2 Addressing the enforcement challenges of global and online supply chains

B7. What bespoke powers are required to enforce against online and overseas supply chain actors, in addition to the broad powers outlined under Proposal B1?

A requirement for businesses to have a verifiable presence in the UK or Northern Ireland, including a confirmed name, physical address and (where applicable) a Companies House registration, with an identifiable person responsible for product safety, is essential to enable effective enforcement.

District Councils have repeatedly received referrals where the provided business address, when investigated, is found to be vacant, non-existent, or a shared mailing address with no identifiable responsible person. Such arrangements significantly hinder enforcement action and regulatory engagement.

District Councils in Northern Ireland have observed an increase in these occurrences, particularly since EU Exit, highlighting the need for strengthened requirements to ensure accountability within online and overseas supply chains.

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| B8a. To what extent do you agree with this approach of categorising offences? | |
| Strongly agree | |
| Somewhat agree | x |
| Neither agree nor disagree | |
| Somewhat disagree | |
| Strongly disagree | |
| B8b. Please explain your answer. | |
| <p>The distinction between pre-market and on-market responsibilities is generally clear for businesses to understand. However, some of the pre-market requirements listed relate primarily to technical or labelling irregularities rather than product safety concerns. As a result, it is difficult to justify this division solely on the basis of risk.</p> <p>Overall, the approach provides a strong and appropriate framework for proportionate enforcement, aligned with the regulators code, but its effectiveness will rely on consistent implementation, clear guidance and sufficient resources. Clear guidance will be required to assist enforcement authorities with this proposed approach.</p> | |
| B9a. Do you agree that this approach enables the application of proportionate penalties? | |
| Strongly agree | |
| Somewhat agree | |
| Neither agree nor disagree | x |
| Somewhat disagree | |
| Strongly disagree | |

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| B9b. Please explain your answer. | |
| As stated above, while the intention behind this division is understood, some pre-market requirements relate primarily to technical or labelling irregularities rather than product safety concerns. As a result, it is difficult to justify this distinction solely on the basis of risk. Clear and well-defined categories will therefore be required to support consistent and effective enforcement. | |
| Consideration must also be given to the fact that each Council operates under its own enforcement policy, and any proposed approach must be sufficiently flexible to operate effectively within these existing frameworks. | |
| B10a. Should enforcement undertakings be available across all product regulations | |
| Yes | x |
| No | |
| Don't know | |
| B10b. if no, what products, regulatory obligations or types of non-compliance should be excluded and why. | |
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| B11a. Should we consider whether to accept undertakings that seek to benefit those affected by the non-compliance? | |
| Yes | |
| No | x |
| Don't know | |
| B11b. Please explain your answer. | |
| It is unclear from the consultation document what is meant by the term "benefit those affected by the non-compliance". | |

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Compensation is outside the scope of product safety legislation, and its inclusion may encourage the use of enforcement undertakings in circumstances where they are not the most appropriate or proportionate enforcement response.

The provision of compensatory or other benefits could place officers in a position where they feel obliged, due to moral considerations or consumer pressure, to accept an enforcement undertaking, even where further formal enforcement action or prosecution would be more appropriate.

Councils recognise that undertakings can be a proportionate and efficient alternative to formal enforcement, and this approach is consistent with the Council's enforcement policy. Councils also consider it important to support businesses and contribute to economic growth.

However, authorities must retain the ability to escalate enforcement where undertakings are breached or where a serious risk exists.

Proposal B4 Civil monetary penalties

B12. Which instances of product regulation non-compliance would you consider fixed monetary penalties a useful, proportionate and effective response?

Civil monetary penalties are not currently used by Northern Ireland councils, so we do not have direct experience with this enforcement mechanism. However, we would welcome their introduction if they prove to be an effective tool for securing compliance. If such a system were to be introduced in Northern Ireland, careful consideration would be needed on how the framework would be implemented, as these powers do not presently exist in NI.

This would be most appropriate for simple, clear-cut offences where non-compliance is easily evidenced and the burden of proof is straightforward, allowing proportionate enforcement without unnecessary complexity.

B13. For which instances of product regulation non-compliance would you consider variable monetary penalties a useful, proportionate and effective response?

Fees should be set consistently within the legislative framework to ensure transparency and fairness.

However, there may be scope to consider whether fees could appropriately reflect the size and turnover of a business, in order to maintain proportionality.

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| B14. In which circumstances would you consider an escalating monetary penalty system a useful, proportionate and effective response? | |
| Fees should be set consistently within the legislative framework to ensure transparency and fairness. | |
| B15. To what extent do you agree / disagree that monetary penalties should be escalated by a pre-set amount, or by a percentage of the original penalty? | |
| Strongly agree | |
| Somewhat agree | |
| Neither agree nor disagree | x |
| Somewhat disagree | |
| Strongly disagree | |
| B15b. Please explain and give examples to illustrate your answer. | |
| <p>Civil monetary penalties are not currently used by Northern Ireland councils, so we do not have direct experience with this enforcement mechanism. If such a system were to be introduced in Northern Ireland, careful consideration would be needed on how the framework would be implemented, as these powers do not presently exist in NI.</p> <p>Detailed guidance would be required to ensure this is implemented fairly and proportionately.</p> | |
| B16. Please list any other form of civil sanction that may be appropriate for either product safety, or broader product regulations. | |
| <p>Fixed penalty notices may be beneficial for clear cut or absolute offences. Fixed Penalty Notices could be an effective civil sanction for low-level, clear-cut breaches of product safety or wider product regulations where there is minimal risk and no evidence of deliberate or persistent non-compliance. FPNs provide a swift, proportionate and resource-efficient enforcement option, encouraging early compliance without the need for more formal or punitive action.</p> | |

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| Proposal B5 Cost recovery framework | |
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| B17a. To what extent would you agree / disagree that cost recovery would be an appropriate or beneficial feature within the UK product regulation enforcement regime? | |
| Strongly agree | |
| Somewhat agree | |
| Neither agree nor disagree | x |
| Somewhat disagree | |
| Strongly disagree | |
| B17b. Please explain and give examples to illustrate your answer. | |
| <p>Should cost recovery be introduced, its application would need to be carefully considered by individual District Councils. However, we would welcome its introduction if it proves to be an effective tool for securing compliance. Where a statutory service is being provided, Councils may be unable to recover costs unless this is expressly enabled within the legislative framework.</p> <p>While cost recovery may not be appropriate for the routine delivery of statutory functions, there may be merit in permitting cost recovery where non-compliance is identified, during the investigation of non-compliance, or for disposal of non-compliant goods. Models such as the Health and Safety Executive's "fee for intervention" approach demonstrate how cost recovery can assist in recouping enforcement costs and incentivising compliance.</p> | |
| B18a. Please list principles you consider should guide the design of any potential cost recovery provisions for product regulation enforcement. | |
| <p>To implement cost recovery effectively, councils would require additional capacity and resources, including administrative and debt-recovery support. Clear provision within the legal framework would therefore be essential to ensure cost recovery powers are within the legislative framework, proportionate and practical to administer.</p> | |
| B18b. Please explain and give examples to illustrate your answer. | |

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| <p>Cost recovery is not currently used by Northern Ireland councils in regard to Consumer Protection, so we do not have direct experience with this enforcement mechanism, however we welcome its introduction if it proves to be an effective tool.</p> | |
| <p>Proposal B6. Information Sharing</p> | |
| <p>B19a. To what extent would you agree / disagree that, there is a need for greater powers are needed, beyond establishing a legal framework, to facilitate sharing information between relevant authorities, emergency services, and specified persons for product regulation, safety, and compliance?</p> | |
| <p>Strongly agree</p> | <p>x</p> |
| <p>Somewhat agree</p> | |
| <p>Neither agree nor disagree</p> | |
| <p>Somewhat disagree</p> | |
| <p>Strongly disagree</p> | |
| <p>B19b. Please explain and give examples to illustrate your answer. (optional)</p> | |
| <p>This is essential to ensure efficient enforcement, and we strongly agree that greater powers are needed beyond the establishment of a legal framework to facilitate effective information sharing between relevant authorities, emergency services and specified persons for product regulation, safety and compliance. Information sharing between port authorities, MS authorities and other authorities such as Fire and Rescue Services will greatly assist consistent enforcement, particularly in Northern Ireland due to the small geographical area and the routine nature of collaborative working.</p> <p>Greater powers to facilitate information sharing with neighbouring member states in particular ROI would also greatly assist with cooperation when dealing with business that operate cross border and complaints regarding these businesses.</p> <p>Experience demonstrates that practical and operational barriers, such as data protection concerns, interpretations of information-sharing powers, and a lack of statutory duties to share information, often inhibit timely and effective collaboration. These barriers can delay interventions where there is a serious or emerging risk to safety, particularly in fast-moving product safety incidents.</p> | |

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| <p>B20a. Please list the information you consider should be made available for the purposes of product enforcement.</p> |
| <p>For the purposes of effective product enforcement, relevant authorities should have access to comprehensive information including complaint history, number of complaints received, action taken to date, product identification and traceability details; manufacturer, importer and distributor data; compliance and conformity documentation; incident, injury and risk information; product risk assessment, enforcement and compliance history; recall and corrective action data; and intelligence relating to supply chains, online marketplaces and distribution networks.</p> |
| <p>B20b. Please list which bodies or persons such information should be shared between to ensure effective market surveillance and enforcement.</p> |
| <p>Information relevant to product regulation, safety and enforcement should be shared between local authority enforcement bodies (including Environmental Health, Trading Standards and port health authorities); central government departments and national regulators responsible for product safety and standards; emergency services, including fire and rescue services and ambulance services; border, customs and import control authorities; and other relevant sector regulators.</p> <p>Information from emergency services, port authorities and other regulators should also be available to support early identification of risks, coordinated intervention and proportionate enforcement action, subject to appropriate safeguards and data protection requirements.</p> <p>Information sharing should also extend, where appropriate, to online marketplaces, fulfilment service providers, manufacturers, importers, distributors, conformity assessment bodies, and consumer protection organisations, as well as between enforcement authorities across regional and national boundaries. This joined-up approach is essential to support timely intelligence-led interventions, coordinated action on emerging risks, and consistent, proportionate enforcement.</p> |
| <p>B21a. Please list any additional safeguards you would wish to see within information sharing arrangements to prevent the improper use of data.</p> |

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Information-sharing arrangements should include clear statutory limits on the purpose and use of data, supported by data minimisation principles to ensure only necessary and proportionate information is shared.

Clear retention and disposal policies should also be in place to ensure information is held only for as long as required and is securely disposed of in accordance with data protection requirements.

B21b. Please explain and give examples to illustrate your answer.

Role-based access controls, secure IT systems, audit trails and clear retention and disposal policies should be in place to prevent misuse of information.

The use of government security classifications on all correspondence should also be required.

These safeguards should operate alongside defined governance arrangements, staff training and full compliance with UK GDPR and data protection legislation.

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| Report to: | Sustainability and Environment Committee |
| Date of Meeting: | 20 May 2026 |
| Subject: | Consultation on The Fire Safety of Domestic Upholstered Furniture |
| Reporting Officer (Including Job Title): | Sinead Trainor, Assistant Director: Environment |
| Contact Officer (Including Job Title): | Geraldine O'Callaghan, SEHO (Health and Safety, Consumer Safety and Tobacco Control) |

| For decision | X | For noting only | |
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| 1.0 | | | Purpose |
| 1.1 | | | The purpose of this report is to seek Committee approval to submit the consultation response, drafted by the Environmental Health Department, on behalf of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to the Governments proposals on new regulations around the safety of domestic upholstered furniture. |
| 2.0 | | | Background |
| 2.1 | | | This consultation follows the Government's policy paper The Fire Safety of Upholstered furniture, published in January 2025, which noted that the Furniture and Furnishings (Fire) (Safety) Regulations 1988 (the FFRs), are out of step with modern approaches to product safety and are increasingly a potential barrier to innovation and the circular economy. |
| 2.2 | | | This consultation builds on all the views and evidence expressed over the last few years, including through the 2025 consultation process, to propose comprehensive reform of the FFRs. |
| 3.0 | | | Key issues |
| 3.1 | | | Currently there is a level of uncertainty for businesses and ever-growing concerns about the health and environmental impacts of high chemical flame-retardant use. The proposals aim to maintain a high level of fire safety while meaningfully reducing chemical flame-retardant use. |
| 3.2 | | | The proposal aims to introduce new furniture fire safety requirements based on a smoulder test, put in place pragmatic testing solutions to facilitate innovation and make proportionate scope adjustments. |
| 3.3 | | | The proposals aim to maintain a high level of fire safety, while meaningfully reducing the reliance on chemical flame retardants brought about by the FFRs – a reliance which has not been seen elsewhere. |
| 3.4 | | | The unique position of NI requiring alignment with both EU and UK markets and legislative requirements needs to be taken into consideration as this is key to the achievement of business compliance and avoiding potential divergence issues for NI businesses. |
| 4.0 | | | Recommendations |
| 4.1 | | | Members are asked to approve the consultation response on Fire Safety of Domestic Upholstered Furniture to the Department for Business and Trade, as detailed in Appendix 1 of this report. |

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| 5.0 | Resource implications |
| 5.1 | None |
| 6.0 | Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections) |
| 6.1 | <i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i> |
| | It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 6.2 | <i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i> |
| | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | If yes, please complete the following: |
| | The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6.3 | <i>Proposal initiating consultation</i> |
| | <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</p> <p>Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided)</p> |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | <i>Rationale:</i> | |
| 7.0 | Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply) | |
| 7.1 | <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> | |
| | Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | If no, please complete the following: | |
| | The policy / strategy / plan / public service is not influenced by rural needs | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8.0 | Appendices | |
| 8.1 | Appendix 1 – Environmental Health Departments Consultation response on Fire Safety of Domestic Upholstered Furniture | |
| 9.0 | Background Documents | |
| 9.1 | None | |

Appendix A

| Consultation Questions | |
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| 1. Do you agree with the proposal to introduce reformed furniture fire safety sector legislation, based on a smoulder test? | |
| Agree | Yes |
| Neither agree nor disagree | |
| Disagree | |
| You can provide comments in the space below. | |
| <p>This proposed approach addresses the potential concerns of chemical flame retardants (CFR's) and their impact on health as there is evidence that they may migrate from products onto surfaces and into house dust as well as contributing to an increase in smoke toxicity. Furthermore, removing such chemicals should make furniture easier to recycle and re-use and for its safer disposal at end of life. It will also bring the UK into line with the legislative requirements already in place in the EU and US.</p> | |
| 2. Do you agree with the proposal to allow businesses to use composite/ representative sample testing or component testing to demonstrate compliance with the new regulations? | |
| Agree | Yes |
| Neither agree nor disagree | |
| Disagree | |
| You can provide comments in the space below. | |
| <p>The proposal allows flexibility for manufacturers to decide how they demonstrate their products are safe and compliant avoiding the burden of additional and often unnecessary testing. There should be clear, documented guidelines/standards for manufacturers that will define how to achieve and demonstrate compliance with either testing option. This clearly defined guidance would also provide for consistent enforcement encouraging a level playing field whilst also maintaining consumer safety.</p> <p>We are of the view that this would encourage innovation and future proof for advances in science and technology.</p> | |

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| 3. Do you agree with the proposal to use the General Product Safety Regulations to regulate re-upholstery and repair of upholstered furniture? | |
| Agree | Yes |
| Neither agree nor disagree | |
| Disagree | |
| You can provide comments in the space below. | |
| <p>Re-upholsterers advised they would like clear advice as the guidance previously issued was confusing. Hence the provision of clear definitions and guidelines as to what constitutes upholstery, repair and a safe product under GPSR will reduce the risk of inadvertent non-compliance, support small businesses and enhance consumer safety and regulator confidence in product safety.</p> <p>This is essential to support these small, often independent businesses and provide confidence to the public and regulators that the products are safe. It will also prevent any confusion or ambiguity from the outset for all stakeholders</p> <p>The unique situation of NI having to be aligned to both EU and UK markets and legislative requirements needs to be taken into consideration as this is key to enforcement, the achievement of business compliance and will avoid any potential divergence issues.</p> | |
| 4. Do you agree with the proposal to use the General Product Safety Regulations to regulate second-hand upholstered furniture? | |
| Agree | Yes |
| Neither agree nor disagree | |
| Disagree | |
| You can provide comments in the space below. | |

Appendix A

Using the General Product Safety Regulations (GPSR) to regulate second-hand upholstered furniture is appropriate, provided clear and proportionate guidance is issued. This would protect consumers from unsafe products while recognising the practical challenges faced by charities, re-use organisations and small second-hand retailers. The increase in reliance on charity and second-hand shops was an issue already identified by the 11 Councils in Northern Ireland who have produced guidance for this sector, and we feel that having clear guidance/a checklist for second hand upholstered furniture would be extremely beneficial as clear criteria for assessing safety will be essential to support compliance and consistent enforcement.

The unique situation of NI having to be aligned to both EU and UK markets and legislative requirements needs to be taken into consideration as this is key to enforcement, the achievement of business compliance and will avoid any potential divergence issues.

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| Report to: | Sustainability & Environment |
| Date of Meeting: | 20 th May 2026 |
| Subject: | Sustainability Memberships and SLAs |
| Reporting Officer (Including Job Title): | Conor Sage, Assistant Director Sustainability |
| Contact Officer (Including Job Title): | Eamonn Keaveney, Head of Sustainability |

Confirm how this Report should be treated by placing an x in either: -

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| For decision | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | For noting only | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| 1.0 | Purpose and Background |
| 1.1 | To consider and agree to provide financial support to Sustainable NI, Keep NI Beautiful and NI Resource Network for support to Council on Sustainability, Climate Change, Eco-Schools, Live Here Love Here and Circular Economy initiatives for 2026-27 year. |
| 2.0 | Key issues |
| 2.1 | <p>Sustainable NI (SNI)</p> <p>Sustainable NI is a charity set up to advance the pursuit of sustainable development by local authorities and others.</p> <p>Sustainable NI manages the Local Government Sustainable Development Forum and provides expert advice, networking and support to Council on Sustainability.</p> <p>Council have previously agreed to pay an annual subscription to Sustainable NI and currently contribute at Accelerator Membership Level - £10,000</p> <p>SNI have recently assisted Council to develop its Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan with Workshops and advice on the Climate Action Plan.</p> <p>An Annual Report on SNI activities is provided in Appendix 2.</p> |
| 2.2 | <p>Keep NI Beautiful (KNIB)</p> <p>Council's support to KNIB allows them to deliver the Eco Schools, Live Here Love Here (LHLH) and Green Flag Awards programmes.</p> <p>LHLH delivers a media campaign including billboards and TV and Radio adverts, a volunteering support programme and a small grants scheme for local community groups.</p> <p>Eco Schools has seen great success in recent years with 47% of NMD schools achieving a Green Flag in 2025, up from 44% in 2024.</p> <p>Green Flag Awards - Funding has been requested to host and run the Green Flag Awards ceremony locally in NMD district awards schools from across the district who have earned the Green Flag for their school's eco-action achievements.</p> |

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| | <p>Live Here Love Here funding request is for a total of £32,500 Part A - Media campaign and campaigns = £16,250 Part B – Small Grants programme = £16,250</p> <p>Eco Schools Programme funding – there are 2 options:</p> <p>Option 1 (preferred option) is £3,100 and funds support for schools to deliver the Eco Schools programme</p> <p>Option 2 is £11,400 and includes enhanced support for schools with additional local campaigns such as the 'Wheelie Big Campaign'</p> <p>Green Flag Awards costs are £4,170 – covers costs to organise and host the Green Flag Awards Event locally</p> |
| | <p>NI Resource Network</p> <p>It is proposed that the Council fund membership of the Northern Ireland Resource Network to support the development and participation in Circular Economy and Waste Prevention initiatives.</p> <p>This year Council has already secured funding from NIRN to develop and run 2 pilot circular economy projects in the district –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 'Old to Gold' Workshops in partnership with LCCL Downpatrick (Life Change Changes Lives) – 4 days of Workshops on Furniture Up-Cycling and Sewing/Mending skills for community, residents. 2. 'Christmas Toys Recycling project' with Habitat for Humanity Store in Newry. <p>Annual Membership for Councils of NIRN is £400.</p> <p>A Business case for Membership of NIRN is attached – Appendix 9</p> |
| 3.0 | Recommendations |
| 3.1 | To consider the report and approve the following: |
| 3.2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide support to SNI at Accelerator Membership Level £10,000 and approve signing of an SLA with Sustainable NI for 2026-27 year. |
| 3.3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide support to KNIB of £39,770 – includes as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Eco Schools at Option 1 Basic Level = £3,100, ○ Live Here Love Here support at = £32,500 ○ Green Flag Awards support at = £4,170. and approve signing of an SLA with Keep NI Beautiful for 2026-27 year. |
| 3.4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To pay membership of the NI Resource Network at £400 for support with Circular Economy and Waste Prevention initiatives |
| 4.0 | Resource implications |
| 4.1 | All associated costs have been included within 26/27 Sustainability revenue resources. |

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| 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>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> |
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| 7.0 | Appendices |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appendix 1 SNI Subscription request • Appendix 2 SNI Annual Report 2024/25 • Appendix 3 Letter request support for Eco Schools • Appendix 4 Letter request support for LHLH • Appendix 5 Eco Schools Impact Card 2024/25 |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appendix 6 Eco Schools Added Value Impact Card 2024/25• Appendix 7 NMD LHLH Impact Card 2025• Appendix 8 NIRN Membership Request 26/27• Appendix 9 NIRN Members Business Case 2026 to 29 |
| 8.0 | Background Documents |
| | None |



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18 December 2025

Dear Marie,

Sustainable NI – Subscription Request 2026/27

Thank you for your continued support of Sustainable NI. Please find attached a copy of our latest Annual Report summarising the work carried out in 2024/25. This progress would not have been possible without your Council's contribution.

Summary of Activities 2024/25

- **5 strategies/plans developed** – We supported the development of sustainability and climate action plans, assisting organisations in meeting Climate Change (Reporting Bodies) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2024.
- **955 individuals trained** – We delivered **28** climate / sustainability workshops and training events to staff within local government and the wider the public sector.
- **12 consultation responses submitted** – We submitted responses on key policy consultations, including the establishment of a Just Transition Commission.
- **21 resources published** – We compiled and published best practice guidance, case studies, and articles to build knowledge and capability within partner organisations and wider society.
- **5 forum meetings convened** – We hosted quarterly in-person Sustainable Development Forum meetings, including two site visits, and one virtual meeting to review draft climate change reporting templates.
- **8 All-Party Group on Climate Action meetings convened** – Among a wide range of issues, we facilitated discussions around the development of a Private Members' Bill on Strengthening Protections for Trees and Ancient Woodland.
- **Sustainability Screening Tool** – We developed and introduced a new online tool – the Sustainability Compass - to support the screening of decisions for sustainability, which all our supporters have year-round access to.

Outcomes

Sustainable NI provides coordination and collaboration between Northern Ireland councils and public bodies, supporting collective progress on sustainability. A summary of our partner organisations' progress is included in the Annual Report.

In a recent survey, our partners rated the extent to which Sustainable NI has helped them deliver change as 8 out of 10, on average. Further detail on our 2024/25 deliverables and partner progress is available in the Annual Report 2024/25.

Support Packages for 2026/27

Three support packages are available next year.

The **Supporter Package** (£6,000 per annum) includes:

- Organisation-wide access to our Sustainability Compass
- Organisation-wide access to our online training programme (Lunch & Learn sessions on net zero, climate and sustainability)
- Year-round access to the Sustainable Development Forum which includes quarterly in-person meetings that facilitate collaboration between sustainability leads in councils and public bodies
- Consultation responses on key government policies
- SNI representation at meetings or events, including briefings for elected members or senior management upon request
- Access to an impartial Sustainability Advisor for policy review and document appraisal

The **Accelerator Package** (£10,000 per annum) includes all of the above, plus bespoke in-person training - up to one day in duration - which can be delivered over one, two or three separate sessions.

The **Accelerator Plus Package** (£15,000 per annum) includes all of the above, plus dedicated consultancy support over 12 months to create a bespoke strategy, action plan, policy, project proposal and/or funding application.

*Please note, our fees will be subject to an annual inflation-linked increase from 2027.

Next Steps

If you wish to continue receiving support services from Sustainable NI, please confirm your intended level of financial support by **31 January 2026**. A Service Level Agreement (SLA) will then be drafted to govern the partnership, and we will issue an invoice on 1 April. We would be grateful, where possible, if you could seek the necessary budgetary approvals by 31 March 2026.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries. I look forward to continuing our work together in the coming financial year.

Yours sincerely,



Nichola Hughes
Executive Director

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BEHIND THE COVER

This image on the cover shows three people who are active in Northern Ireland. It is a timely reminder of how crucially our localised organisations are in protection and empowerment. The early years narrative tells us of the (l) of humanity of risk. By creating a more sustainable narrative, we can reduce power imbalance and influence and address these primary and structural inequalities, presenting critical advice resources for all the forms



Sustainable NI is a charity dedicated to inspiring and supporting action for a sustainable Northern Ireland where people, nature and the economy thrive together.

We work with councils, government, and businesses to influence policy, deliver projects, and inspire change through education, advocacy, and practical solutions.

Our vision is a thriving Northern Ireland that lives in balance with nature, where communities prosper and future generations can flourish.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



DR RACHAEL SINGLETON
Lecturer at Ulster University
Business School

Rachael is currently the Chair of the Sustainable 301 Board. She is an experienced behavioural scientist who worked for the Northern Ireland Civil Service Innovation Lab where she applied psychology to the design and implementation of policy to solve key societal challenges such as climate change. She is currently a lecturer at Ulster University Business School.



ROBERT CLEMENTS
Head of Sustainable Development
at B2 Housing Estate/Live

Robert is Head of Sustainable Development at the Northern Ireland Housing Executive, the largest social housing provider in Northern Ireland, where he leads the team responsible for residential energy efficiency, decarbonisation and mitigating fuel poverty.



ALAN MCVICKER
Head of Council Support Unit
at 361 Stage, Development Board

Alan is Head of the Strategic Government Board's Council Support Unit which supports councils in the delivery of their capital programmes, with a particular emphasis on works and the circular economy.



JILL LAUGHLIN
Lecturer at Ulster University
Business School

Jill is an experienced lawyer having practised as a corporate solicitor for 20 years. She is currently a lecturer in Corporate Governance and Corporate Compliance at Ulster University.



ALISON CURTIS
Head of Administration at
Ards and North Down
Borough Council

Alison is Head of Administration for Ards and North Down Borough Council. She is responsible for corporate governance, risk management, customer service and democratic services and has a background in waste management.



JAC CALLAN
Sustainability & Impact
Manager at Visit Belfast

Jac is Sustainability & Impact Manager for Visit Belfast, where she works alongside Belfast City Council and tourism stakeholders to help Belfast become a leading sustainable tourism and events destination.



KEITH PATTERSON
Senior Specialist at Waste and
Recycling at WRAP Northern
Ireland

Keith is a waste and recycling specialist at WRAP where he uses an evidence-based approach to develop resource management strategies, behaviour change campaigns, tools, and resources aimed at maximising the value and use of materials.



LEIGH GREER
Head of Security of Supply
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Leigh is currently Head of Security of Supply and Markets Regulation at the Utility Regulator, and has worked as a regulatory affairs specialist within the energy industry for 15 years.

TEAM MEMBERS



NICHOLA HUGHES
Executive Director

Nichola is an experienced climate scientist, policy adviser and communicator and is dedicated to channeling her energy for environmental and social justice. With a BSc in Biological Sciences from Queen's University Belfast and a MSc in Climate Change from University of East Anglia, her early career focussed on sustainability and climate action within local government before taking up a position as a Scientific Officer supporting the Climate Change Advisory Council of Ireland. She became Executive Director of Sustainable NI in 2007.



DR AMY GARBETT
Sustainability Advisor

Amy is dedicated to driving impactful change towards a net zero future through collaboration, evidence-based policy and strategic partnerships. With a PhD in Biological Sciences and over a decade of experience in ecological research and environmental management, she is committed to advancing sustainability initiatives that create lasting positive impact.



AIDEN STEPHENS
Project Support Officer

Aiden currently leads the prominent strand of the collaborative project 'Net Zero Derry & Strabane: From Ambitions to Action'. Her background is in environmental education within the non-profit sector. Previously she was the Support Centre Coordinator Wildlife Rescue Association of British Columbia. She has an MSc in Spatial Planning with Sustainable Urban Design and a BA in Geography and Environmental Science.



DR FRANCESCA DI PALO
Head of Public Service Strategy

Francesca is an environmental scientist and ecologist focusing on natural carbon sinks. The desire to merge academia with a hands-on career built on enhancing environmental attributes and promoting positive behaviour change has led her to develop expertise and experience in a range of areas from conservation to education for sustainable development at international level.

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1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In this report, we showcase our efforts to promote and support action for a sustainable Northern Ireland. We look back on the progress made in 2024 and share updates on the projects and partnerships we've carrying forward into 2025, which continues to deliver meaningful impact.

This year marked a pivotal moment for Sustainable NI as we launched our new strategy and website following a comprehensive review of our brand, mission, aims, services and values. Our latest Strategy, Building a Brighter Future – the Sustainable Northern Ireland Strategy 2025-2035, reaffirms not only our commitment to sustainable development but also collaboration as a powerful mechanism for change. In a landscape where so other organisations provide the same combination of impartial expertise, policy insight, and hands-on support, Sustainable NI has become a vital resource for councils, government, and businesses striving to respond to the climate and nature crises. Our unique position as a trusted connector and coordinator means that we are often the first port of call for organisations seeking clarity, collaboration, and solutions.

At Sustainable NI our staff are our primary asset. This year, we strengthened our team with new expertise: Aidan Stephens joined as Project Support Officer, helping to deliver an innovative UK-funded project with Derry City and Strabane District Council, while Dr. Amy Garrett joined as our new Sustainability Advisor for the Public Sector. Together, they bring a diverse range of skills and experience to the team.

Advocacy remains central to delivering our mission. Through evidence-based consultation responses we are influencing and shaping policy decisions that will shape Northern Ireland for decades to come. Our role in co-ordinating the All-Party Group on Climate Action continues to be one of the most effective cross-party platforms for climate dialogue. Chaired by Deputy County MLA, the group continues to grow in attendance and profile. The Board recognises that this strand of work has not currently benefit from ring-fenced funding. Securing a more stable and predictable financial base for this work is therefore a strategic priority going forward.

We continue to lead the way in helping decision-makers put sustainability principles into practice. In 2025 we launched our new tool, the **Sustainability Compass** – a one-of-a-kind resource to help public sector organisations embed sustainability into project planning and decision making.

Our Sustainable Development Forum remains the backbone of support for local government and public bodies driving collective climate action across the region. In addition to Forum meetings, we offered our members a half-day Sustainable Procurement course in partnership with SNI's Social Value Unit, who co-delivered the training to over 90 council officers and civil servants.

Sustainable NI directly supported five local authorities in developing their Sustainability and Climate Action Strategies / Plans.

Beyond government, Sustainable NI has continued to broaden its reach, speaking and exhibiting at local and regional sustainability events and youth-led events, inspiring both current and future generations. Our presence at events has helped raise awareness, challenge assumptions, and strengthen momentum for change.

Organisational resilience and growth remain a priority. The Board recognises the need to diversify and strengthen our funding base in order to sustain current activity and secure the long-term future of our work. This year we submitted a number of funding applications to diversify our income, including a successful Ulster University-led PEACERUS bid. This funding will enable us to deliver an exciting new programme of sustainability workshops for SMEs next year, extending our reach into the private sector at a time when business leadership on sustainability is more vital than ever.

All of this work takes place against the backdrop of a worsening planetary emergency. WUI, 2024 recorded as the hottest year on record, surpassing the 1.5°C warning threshold for the first time, the urgency of our mission has never been clearer. The scale of the climate challenge in Ireland – and Northern Ireland – cannot afford to fall behind.

As we move into 2025, Sustainable NI will continue to prioritise its resources where they can have the greatest impact. With a Climate Change Act and Public Body Reporting Regulations now in place, our role as an independent, expert partner is more critical than ever. We will continue to challenge decision makers, build alliances, and provide the trusted guidance that Northern Ireland needs to secure a fairer, greener, and more resilient future.

2 IMPACT SUMMARY

Deliverables this year:



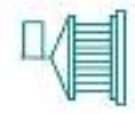
1
SUSTAINABLE
PROCUREMENT
STRATEGY



4
CLIMATE ACTION
PLANS



955
PEOPLE TRAINED



12
CONSULTATION
RESPONSES



28
WORKSHOPS
OR EVENTS



21
LEARNING
RESOURCES

955
People trained

5,730
Visitors on our website

62



2 IMPACT SUMMARY

Impact measurement is challenging as progress on sustainability reflects many factors beyond our support. This snapshot of our partners' sustainability practices acts as a proxy measure of our indirect impact, forming a baseline which we will measure progress against annually. We aim to improve how we measure our impact going forward.



100% BUY RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY



64% INVESTED IN RENEWABLE ENERGY



73% INVESTED IN LOW-CARBON FLEET VEHICLES



91% PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL



100% REDUCED SINGLE-USE PLASTICS



51% OF SENIOR MANAGERS ARE FEMALE



100% SWITCHED TO LED LIGHTING



82% PLANTED MORE TREES

OTHER PROGRESS REPORTED BY OUR PARTNERS:

91% **82%**

have Climate Action Plans in place

are measuring Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions



15% average reduction in GHG emissions in the last 6 years



64% have plans to measure Scope 3 emissions



73% have participated in carbon literacy training

OUR VALUE

We asked our partners the degree to which Sustainable NI has either directly or indirectly supported or accelerated their sustainability goals.

The average rating was: **8** out of 10



3 OUR NEW STRATEGY

This year we worked with the Board and Staff to develop a new Strategic Plan: 'Towards a Brighter Future 2025 – 2030'. Following a series of workshops involving a competitor and stakeholder needs analysis, we reached a consensus about our purpose, value proposition and strategic aims for the next five years.

MISSION

Inspiring and supporting action for a sustainable Northern Ireland where people, nature and the economy thrive together.

OUR WORK

We work with councils, government, and businesses to influence policy, deliver projects, and inspire change through education, advocacy, and practical solutions.

VALUES

Whilst what we do is vitally important, how we do it is equally important. Our values guide the way we behave and the decisions we make. They underline what is important to us as an organisation. We are Sustainable NI and we are:

- Trusted
- Passionate
- Collaborative
- Fair

VISION

A thriving Northern Ireland that lives in balance with nature, where communities prosper and future generations can flourish.

STRATEGIC AIMS

1. **Inform people to make better choices**
Inspire and encourage positive environmental and social action through events, communications and forums.
2. **Reform policy to ensure it supports sustainability objectives**
Act as secretariat for the All-Party Group on Climate Action and provide contributions that assist in the development of local and national energy and environmental policy and legislation.
3. **Transform how organisations deliver sustainability**
Provide practical advice and support to organisations so that they fully embrace sustainability and embed it in everything they do.
4. **Grow our capacity and influence**
Grow our resources, skills and capacity as an organisation so that we can have a bigger impact.

4 EDUCATION & AWARENESS

We work to create positive environmental and social change through our education and awareness activities. In 2024/25 these included:

DISSEMINATING INFORMATION

We used a variety of platforms to inform and influence others including:

- Digital newsletter (300+ subscribers)
- Social media (2.5K followers)
- Webinars (5.75K total clicks)

Case studies developed this year:

- MCU Student Union - example of a sustainable building
- Lancaster Park - example of a Treehaven certified housing development in Blackfen Inland
- ES&W People - example of a zero Ultra-Low Emission Fleet in Walls
- One Planet Mtd - example of a sustainable clothing brand fighting against fast fashion

Tools developed / shared this year:

- Sustainability Compare, Inspiration, Video & Example Projects
- Sustainability Calendar, 2023/2026
- Guidance for the Thermal Upgrade of Transitional Buildings
- Climate Action Plan Checklist
- Six Ways to Change Heats and Minds about Climate Change
- Navigating the Net Zero Energy Transition A Toolkit for Local Authorities
- Social Value in Procurement Guidance
- Sustainable Consumption Guide

Presentations and talks delivered this year:

- SOLACE NI meeting
- Derry City & Strabane District Council Climate Commission Conference
- Auds and North Down Borough Council Committee Meeting
- AFSE NI Conference
- BE-ACT Festival

PROVIDING HIGH QUALITY AND DIVERSE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

We delivered 688 workshops this year including:

- Derry City & Strabane District Council Procurement Transformation Workshop
- Rewley, Moore & Down District Council Climate Action Plan Staff Workshop
- Auds & North Down Borough Council Climate Action Plan Staff Workshop
- Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council Climate Action Plan Staff Workshop
- Derry City & Strabane District Council Supply Workshop
- Sustainable Procurement Metrics
- Sustainable Procurement Training for NI Councils

PROVIDING THE SECRETARIAT FOR THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FORUM

The mission of the Sustainable Development Forum is to co-ordinate and support local government and public bodies to lead transformative sustainable change and measure the climate action across the region.

Membership is exclusive to the public sector. As a member, public bodies have year-round access to an annual programme of meetings, webinars and policy briefings. There are currently 11 Forum members. Members also benefit from expertise from a dedicated Advisor at Sustainable NI. This year, Emma Adair from Ards and North Down Borough Council stepped down as Chair of the Sustainable Development Forum. Claire Elliott from Belfast City Council took up the role of Chair.

This year, five meetings of the Sustainable Development Forum were held:

- 13 June 2024 - Site Visit (Belfast Transport Museum)
- 4 September 2024 - Site Visit (Sturminster, Gosportony NI)
- 8 October (Virtual)
- 11 December 2024 (AGM) SNI Office, Belfast
- 13 March 2024 (Council Office, Craigavon)





5 POLICY & ADVOCACY

We advocate for ambitious legislative and regulatory change in support of our mission through our policy and advocacy work. In 2024/25 this included:

ACTIVELY ENGAGING IN POLICY FORMULATION, APPRAISAL AND LOBBYING

As political appetite for the green economy continues to grow, knowledge needs to be nurtured and shared to ensure we make the correct policy choices to achieve net zero by 2050. This year we requested to **12 government consultations**:

- Review of SPPS on Renewable and Low Carbon Energy
- Rethinking our Resources - Measures for Climate Action and a Circular Economy in NI
- Developing Biomethane Production in Northern Ireland
- Draft Programme For Government
- Support for low carbon heating in residential buildings
- Draft Environmental Principles Policy Statement
- Just Transition Commission
- Review of Environmental Governance in NI
- Excessed Socialisation of Connection Costs in the Electricity Distribution Network
- Using Pathways to Transition Away from Fossil Fuels
- Private Member's Bill on Improving Tree Protections in NI
- Fuel Poverty Strategy for NI

In addition to providing written consultation responses, we participated in **two government policy forums**:

- DEARA Public Body Reporting Regulations Stakeholder Forum
- DfE meeting on Energy and Carbon Data Repository

PROVIDING THE SECRETARIAT FOR THE ALL-PARTY GROUP ON CLIMATE ACTION

The All-Party Group on Climate Action is a forum for discussion between politicians, business leaders, NGOs and academics to drive forward conversations on Climate Action in Northern Ireland.

Sustainable NI provides the secretariat for the group. Membership is cross-party and includes representatives from the NI Assembly and local councils. At the AGM in October 2024, Dairín Donohoe MLA was reappointed as Chair.

For this 180+ observers, it is a great way to keep abreast of climate policy developments and influence policymakers at the highest level. Meetings are held online and the recordings are shared with all stakeholders.

The APG held **eight meetings** in 2024/25, including:

- 3 April 2024 (Ireland's Public Body Reporting Duty, Competition and Markets Authority)
- 3 May 2024 (DAERA Minister: Just Transition: Keep Recycling Local)
- 7 June 2024 (Independent EPA)
- 2 August 2024 (The Regulation of Green Claims in Advertising: General Comment No.26 on Children's Rights and the Environment)
- 6 September 2024 (Site Visit to Passivhaus Certified Housing Development)
- 4 October 2024 (AGM, Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health: Update on Air Pollution in the UK)
- 6 December 2024 (DAERA Update on Just Transition Commission)
- 28 February 2025 (Private Members Bill on Strengthening Protections for Trees and Ancient Woodland)

Attendance at the APG meetings remains excellent with 28 stakeholders on average attending each meeting.

PRIORITIES FOR THE ALL-PARTY GROUP IN 2024/2025:

- Improving environmental governance**

Northern Ireland does not have independent impartial oversight and enforcement of environmental laws, free from political influence. Sustainable NI has called for an independent Environmental Protection Agency to correct this and one meeting of the APG on Climate Action was dedicated to this issue.
- Ensuring young people have a say in climate conversations**

This year we invited the NI Commissioner for Children and Young People to invite young people in a meeting of the APG on Climate Action to discuss the UN's General Comment No.26 on Children's Rights and the Environment.
- Promoting the wider benefits of climate action**

We linked up with Air Quality champions and proponents of Passivhaus design and construction methods to promote public health and financial incentives for low-carbon measures.
- Promoting just transition principles**

We held two meetings involving DAERA and the Minister to discuss the importance of a fair transition to net zero and ways of achieving this.



We provide practical support to help organisations achieve their sustainability goals. Our advisory services include strategy development, audits and communications.

STRATEGIES AND ACTION PLANS

Sustainability has become increasingly critical for organisations to remain relevant and competitive. Like digital transformation, driving sustainability requires organisations to transform every department, making sustainability an integral part of corporate strategy. This year, we helped five public sector organisations develop their sustainability and climate plans, each one tailored to the individual client's support needs:

- Ards and North Down Borough Council
- Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council
- Bally, Mourne and Down District Council
- Northern Ireland Assembly Commission
- Derry City and Strabane District Council

Some of the above organisations received workshops as well as consultancy support to feed the development of their Sustainability or Climate Action Plans, helping them meet the requirements of the Climate Change (Reporting Bodies) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2024.

PARTNERSHIPS

The power of partnership working cannot be understated. Partnerships build momentum, accelerating action between organisations and allowing opportunities to exchange views, support innovation and provide momentum to get things done. Partnerships that Sustainability NI has been involved in this year are:

- Sustainable Development Forum
- Circular Economy Coalition
- Northern Ireland IV Consortium
- Climate Coalition NI
- Environmental Justice Network Ireland
- Derry & Strabane Climate Commission

PROJECTS

We were a delivery partner in the following projects this year:

- **Net Zero Derry & Strabane: From Ambition to Action** - Sustainability NI was a delivery partner on an Innovation UK funded project to realise the ambition of a net zero climate resilient City and District by 2045 through transformational systems including SMART climate action plans underpinned by place-based insights, collaboration and capacity building. We are providing expertise and guidance on sustainable procurement and monitoring stage 3 emissions. More information available at: <https://www.sustainabilityni.com/news/2024-07-27-net-zero-derry-strabane-from-ambition-to-action>
- **CECA Expert Group - Sustainability NI alongside other expert groups supported CECA to review a Northern Ireland Key Stage 2 curriculum objective on sustainable development.**

PROJECT: NET ZERO - DERRY & STRABANE

Sustainability NI was a delivery partner on the Net Zero - Derry & Strabane: From Ambition to Action programme from 2023 to 2025. Enabled through a grant from InnovateUK, the programme brought together academic, local authority and community sector stakeholders to embed best practice in procurement, policymaking, citizen engagement, and financing to inform development of SMART climate action plans and plans for the City & District. Our contribution was the delivery of a Regional Procurement Strategy and Action Plan for the Council and Tender Checklist.

We delivered two stakeholder workshops to involve staff and suppliers in the development of these documents. We also produced the Monitoring and Evaluation Report for the programme. Other key outputs of the project included development of a Climate Mitigation Plan and establishment of a Sustainability and Climate Commission for Derry & Strabane. More information on the project is available at:

<https://www.sustainabilityni.com/news/2024-07-27-net-zero-derry-strabane-from-ambition-to-action>

1. BUILDING AWARENESS

As a result of our procurement workshop and training interventions, council staff and suppliers gained greater understanding and awareness of the transformation role procurement has in delivering net zero objectives and opportunities to drive positive environmental and social impact when buying products and commissioning services.

2. EMBEDDING SUSTAINABILITY IN PROCUREMENT

The Responsible Procurement Strategy will ensure all purchasing decisions align with the Council's net zero and sustainability objectives. By prioritising environmentally and socially responsible suppliers, the strategy will reduce the Council's carbon footprint, promote the use of sustainable materials, and linear innovation in green technologies.

3. DRIVING ACTION

The Action Plan set clear, actionable steps for council staff while the Tender Checklist will ensure that sustainability criteria are consistently applied across all tenders, driving positive environmental and social outcomes.

4. INSPIRING OTHERS

As the first local council with a Responsible Procurement Strategy and Action Plan in Northern Ireland, we believe this comprehensive approach will not only support Derry City and Strabane District Council's long-term sustainability goals but also demonstrate leadership in responsible procurement practices inspiring other councils to follow their example.



7 GOVERNANCE & STANDARDS

We are always striving to ensure good governance, excellent standards and continuous improvement to provide the best service to our partners.

ENSURING GOOD GOVERNANCE

This year we said goodbye to two board members. Razvan 'Rove' Popovici resigned on 10 December 2024 and Andrew Bantick resigned on 11 March 2025. We welcomed Aileen Curtis, Leigh Gower and Jill Douglas on the same date. All trustees receive an induction pack, assurance training and complete a skills audit when they join the Board.

Four board meetings took place this year, including:

- 28 June 2024
- 17 September 2024
- 20 December 2024 (AGM)
- 11 March 2025

SUPPORTING THE WORKFORCE

Working on the weekend was a key priority. This year we recruited two new staff members:

- Aulian Stephens, Sustainability Project Support Officer, who replaced Chris Fleming
- Dr Amy Garbutt, Sustainability Adviser, who replaced Dr Francesca Di Palo

Training was provided through the year to advance the professional development of the board and staff. This includes:

- Governance for New or Newly Elected Trustees
- Carbon Literacy Facilitator Training
- NRCVA Purchasing Training
- Webex CMS Training

AWARDS

Sustainable NI won the small business category of the Tyronek Justo Aduwo Travel Challenge, an initiative that encourages employees to switch up their usual routine and try walking, cycling or taking public transport as a clearer, greener way to travel.

NEW WEBSITE

We were pleased to launch the new look Sustainable NI website in Q3 of 2025. With a host of new features, including a Knowledge Hub and dedicated page to advertise training events, it helps raise the profile of the organisation by combining academic content (policy responses), practical engagement tools (webinars, training, guides), and a compelling narrative of our values and mission. See: sustainableni.com

INNOVATION: SUSTAINABILITY COMPASS

This year we launched a new digital tool to support assessable decision-making. The Sustainability Compass is a web-based decision tool for public bodies to assess the environmental and social implications of proposed projects or decisions.

WHY SCREENING IS IMPORTANT

It is important for public sector organisations to assess their decisions and investments for environmental and social implications because they have a duty of care to the public in maximising long-term societal outcomes. It supports compliance with the Sustainable Development Strategy Duty and statutory climate targets.

A TOOL TO HELP PUBLIC BODIES

Our sustainability compass supports climate change compliance by helping public bodies screen projects and investments for climate, environment and social impacts.

By carrying out the screening at proposal stage, it ensures sustainability considerations are incorporated into the project's design, preventing unnecessary harm and maximising environmental and social outcomes across decisions and investments.

KEY FEATURES OF THE TOOL

- Completely interactive web-based platform
- Real-time electronic based on climate and environmental impacts
- Includes social impact screening for a comprehensive view of a proposal's level of sustainability
- User-friendly graphical representation of sustainability impacts
- Provides recommendations to enhance a project's sustainability
- Provides a more in-depth analysis for capital projects
- Allows for reassessment after implementing changes
- Simple to download a summary report



8 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We would like to place on record our gratitude to all the organisations and individuals who continue to support the work of this organisation. Our work would not be possible without the support of our clients and funders. We also want to thank the volunteers who freely give their time to help the charity, funders this year were:



9 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Extracted Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2025

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year.

Sustainable Northern Ireland Statement of Financial Activities (Including Income and Expenditure Account) for the year ended 31st March 2025

| | Notes | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total 2025 £ | Total 2024 £ |
|--|-------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Income | | | | | |
| from donations and legacies | | - | - | 0 | - |
| • Donations | 3 | 30,019 | - | 30,019 | 72,449 |
| • Grants | 3 | - | - | - | - |
| from charitable activities | | 1,180 | - | 1,180 | 21,050 |
| • Business income and sponsorship | 3 | 1,180 | - | 1,180 | 21,050 |
| • Other sources | 3 | 95,000 | - | 95,000 | 60,000 |
| from other activities | | 397 | - | 397 | 459 |
| • Investment income | 3 | 397 | - | 397 | 459 |
| Total income | | 126,596 | 0 | 126,596 | 153,958 |
| Expenditure | | | | | |
| on raising funds | | - | - | 0 | 179 |
| • Promotional costs | 4 | - | - | - | 179 |
| on charitable activities | | 107,368 | - | 107,368 | 143,898 |
| • Employee costs | 4 | 6,878 | - | 6,878 | 5,474 |
| • Premises costs | 4 | 724 | - | 724 | 1,319 |
| • Travel & training costs | 4 | 6,011 | - | 6,011 | 21,899 |
| • General administration costs | 4 | 2,472 | - | 2,472 | 1,356 |
| • Programme costs | 4 | 4,095 | - | 4,095 | 9,625 |
| On other items | | 161 | - | 161 | 742 |
| • Legal & professional fees | 4 | 161 | - | 161 | 742 |
| • Other expenses | 4 | - | - | - | - |
| • Depreciation of assets | 4 | - | - | 0 | - |
| Total expenditure | | 127,709 | 0 | 127,709 | 184,302 |
| Net income / (expenditure) for the year | | (1,113) | 0 | (1,113) | (30,344) |
| Transfers between funds | 10 | - | - | 0 | - |
| Net movement in funds for the year | | (1,113) | 0 | (1,113) | (30,344) |
| Reconciliation of funds | | | | | |
| • Fund balances brought fwd at 1st April | | 45,629 | - | 45,629 | 75,973 |
| • Fund balances carried fwd at 31st March | | 44,516 | 0 | 44,516 | 45,629 |

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year.

9 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Statement of Financial Position as at 31 March 2025

The organisation remains committed to growth and to delivering impact through a diversified and sustainable funding model. While our current activities are supported through a range of funding sources, additional investment will be required to maintain our present level of activity and to meet future ambitions. In particular, our policy and advocacy work does not currently benefit from ring-fenced funding. Securing a more stable and predictable financial base for this work is therefore a strategic priority. The Board recognises both the challenges and opportunities ahead and is confident that, with proactive engagement and the development of new partnerships, the organisation will be well positioned to strengthen its financial resilience and extend its influence in the years to come.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 9 December 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Alex McVicker
Interim Chair

Keith Patterson
Treasurer

Sustainable Northern Ireland Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet) as at 31st March 2025

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|--|----------------|-----------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Fixed Assets | | |
| • Tangible assets | 0 | 0 |
| Current Assets | | |
| • Receivables | 780 | 2,130 |
| • Cash at bank and in hand | 45,570 | 59,000 |
| | 46,350 | 61,130 |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | (1,842) | (16,389) |
| Net current assets | 44,508 | 44,741 |
| TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES | 44,508 | 44,741 |
| Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year | - | - |
| Net assets | 44,508 | 44,741 |
| The funds of the charity | | |
| Unrestricted income funds | | |
| • General funds | 44,508 | 44,741 |
| Restricted income funds: | | |
| • Single Use Plastic (SUP) Project | - | - |
| • Environmental Fund | - | - |
| Total funds | 44,508 | 44,741 |



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17 October 2025

Dear Council and Eco-Schools Partner,

Request for support for the Eco-Schools Programme in 2026/27

With your help Northern Ireland has become the second country globally to reach 50% of schools accredited as Eco-Schools.

This achievement emphasises the importance of Eco-Schools and its established role in providing high quality environmental education in Northern Ireland. Educating young people about environmental issues, empowering them to make informed choices and take positive action is more important than ever.

Your generous support remains vital to maintaining the staff and programme costs needed to build upon Eco-Schools' current levels of success. The need to renew Green Flag status every two years means ongoing support to schools is an important part of the Eco-School journey. We are also grateful for your consideration about how you can provide additional support to provide an annual award event to take place, celebrating the many achievements Eco-Schools facilitates.

Moving forward, we will be refocusing our efforts to support teachers, making it as easy as possible for them to access high quality environmental education resources linked to the curriculum. Through [myEARTH](#) teachers, school staff, and pupils can explore a wide range of opportunities while enjoying an easy-to-use online platform for recording and sharing their Eco-School journeys.

Eco-Schools Report

Along with this letter we attach the annual Eco-Schools report for the 2024-25 academic year and Eco-School impact card.

Alongside the core Eco-Schools team, we continue to provide Field Officer support to the schools in your area. This on the ground presence means direct support to schools in the form of workshops, practical advice and support in person and in online sessions.

As a result, in June 2025, 47% of schools in the Newry Mourne and Down Council area have achieved Green Flag status. This is a notable increase from 44% in June 2024. We believe the most significant contributor to this strong performance is direct Field Officer engagement, supplemented by the presence of the Eco Schools team.

We are delighted that your council now has five Ambassador Schools. This is another result of our team's direct engagement. Ambassador Eco-Schools are flagship schools driving their

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environmental message further into the community and mentoring other schools in their area.

We are committed to the current level of direct support. However, we believe that significantly enhanced Eco-Schools Team and Field Officer support and an associated rise in Green Flag applications can be achieved through increasing the level of support to Option One.

Selecting this level of support would result in our Eco Schools team directly engaging with you about how we can best tailor Eco-Schools support in your council area. This may mean delivery of Wheelie Big Challenge and its 20 workshops delivered direct to schools in your area. Wheelie Big Challenge has proven to be a highly successful vehicle for encouraging schools to participate in the Eco-Schools programme.

Or, if you have ideas about how we can provide more specific Eco-Schools support to schools, teachers and pupils in your area, we will work with you to develop that.

Through this increased engagement, your schools will receive enhanced support to embed sustainability-focused educational initiatives, ultimately leading to a higher number of schools achieving Green Flag accreditation.

We invite you to review the following 2 options and take note of the awards ceremony plans for next year. **Please refer to the Matrix Grid below to compare options.**

All amounts are exclusive of VAT.

Eco-Schools June September 2026 to June 2027 Academic Year

Option 1: Enhanced Eco-Schools Engagement

Support of the Eco-Schools Programme at a cost of **£11,400**. As well as covering all core costs, this option means we will engage you directly about how Eco-Schools support will be delivered in your council area. This may mean delivery of Wheelie Big Challenge or other bespoke support. This option equates to an investment of approximately **35 pence per pupil** in your council area.

Option 2: Core Eco-Schools

Support of the Eco-Schools Programme at a cost of **£3,100** would equate to an investment of approximately **10 pence per pupil** in your council area.

Additional Eco-Schools Award Ceremony

After the success of our Eco-School Awards in 2025 we hope you will support the next annual ceremony in 2026. We are keen work with you to deliver an event showcasing and celebrating the achievements of pupils and schools. We present two event options.

Event Option A: Full delivery of the 2026 Awards event: £4,170

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Organisation and promotion of Eco-School's Award Ceremony Invitations, rsvp, dietary requirements, comms | £885 |
|---|-------------|

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| | |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| Venue, Catering and refreshments | £2085 |
| Photographer/videographer | £625 |
| Guest speaker | £150 |
| Staffing | £425 |

Or

Event Option B: £2,085 plus your council organises the venue and catering.

To help you select your option please see the attached Eco-Schools Support Request Form. I would be very grateful if you could provide the necessary Purchase Order number by the end of January 2026 to ensure we can deliver the full benefits of the programme during the whole academic year.

If you have any questions or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me or the Eco Schools Team, details listed below. I am happy to facilitate a meeting with councillors or council staff to the programme's impact and the options.

We look forward to continuing our Eco-Schools partnership.

Yours Sincerely

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Matrix for Council's Eco-Schools Support options

| Deliverable | Option 1 | Option 2 |
|--|----------|----------|
| Participation in this prestigious international environmental education programme. Being part of Eco-Schools, headed by the Foundation for Environmental Education, one of the world's largest Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) organisations, with over 100 members active in 79 countries around the world. | X | X |
| Enhanced Eco-Schools and Field Officer support in your council area , providing more on the ground support to schools. We will engage you directly about how to achieve your Eco-School goals. This may include Wheelie Big Challenge, but we will also work with you about what Eco-Schools support means specific to your area. | X | |
| Wheelie Big Challenge: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivery of our successful schools' workshop programme, and project specific PR • Workshops/webinars and teacher support • Administering competition entries and organise invitations to the final award event • Activities contribute to successful Eco-Schools applications • An end of project report to be included with your Eco-Schools report in July | | |
| Provision of annual Green Flag assessments and flags for successful schools. | X | X |
| Our commitment to your Council's support for young people's environmental education and leadership development. | X | X |
| Regular Eco-Schools updates to all schools in your council area. | X | X |
| Direct Support: assisting schools' access to Eco-Schools resources and applications on myEARTH NI the new online platform supporting all Eco-Schools activity. | X | X |
| Support councils in educating and raising awareness on litter, waste and avoidable single use plastics, contributing to achieving council delivery of their waste and litter prevention programmes and landfill reduction targets. | X | X |
| Top tier promotion of your council campaigns and activities every month through our communication channels: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • through the monthly Eco-Schools newsletter • Sharing relevant social media posts through Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful social media channels • Enhanced levels of support promoting council initiatives and activities on myEARTH • Signposting schools to relevant council contacts on the Eco-Schools website (www.eco-schools.ni.org) | X | |
| Opportunity to promote campaigns, events and activities in the monthly Eco-Schools newsletter. Posts and article must be provided in full. | | X |
| Organisation of 1 Cluster Group meeting and 1 Green Flag Clinic for teachers in the council area, building relations with teachers and providing platform for your council to promote your own projects. | X | X |
| Development of the Ambassador Eco-School network in your Council area - Ambassador Eco-Schools are flagship schools driving their environmental message further into the community and mentoring other schools in their area. | X | X |
| Providing reports and statistics on schools in your Council area about the Eco-Schools programme. Annual report to supporting councils. | X | X |

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The logo consists of the text 'KEEP NORTHERN IRELAND BEAUTIFUL' in a bold, sans-serif font, enclosed within a thin, rounded rectangular border.

Marie Ward
Chief Executive

Newry, Mourne & Down Council,
Monaghan Row,
Newry,
BT35 8DJ

15th August 2025

Dear Marie

This year, the programmes that Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful (KNIB) run in partnership with Councils in Northern Ireland have made great strides in our aim to educate, engage and empower communities to care for their local environment.

Newry, Mourne & Down Council has played an essential role in helping Northern Ireland's most extensive civic pride campaign grow and achieve exceptional results. This success demonstrates the power of collaboration. Together, we have made great strides in protecting our environment and building resilience in communities. And we don't intend to slow down, there is so much more to be done.

My reason for writing is to share these successes with you, explain more about the programmes we operate, and make our request for funding for 2026/27. All successful campaigns need to evolve and step up the progress. In my first year as Chief Executive, I am determined to broaden our impact and build on the value that all our programmes provide.

I have outlined the highlights of the impacts achieved in each Council area in 2024-25 below. This covers all the work that is directly funded by the Council, and many others that align with our collective aims however which we do not ask Councils to contribute towards them financially.

Across Northern Ireland we are delighted to be able to celebrate some major landmarks:

Northern Ireland is the second country globally to reach 50% of schools accredited as Eco Schools.

The Live Here Love Here (LHLH) campaign has achieved an all-time high public recognition rate of 78%.

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We have also reached 118 parks and open spaces registered under the Green Flag accreditation scheme, the highest number to date.

And then there are the dozens of events and thousands of interactions that help to inspire action and build communities.

Impact in the Newry, Mourne & Down Council area in 2024/25

We are in the process of compiling our impact cards for 2024/5. The purpose of which is to communicate the value of our work. Once these are fully completed, we will share these with you and elected members. Here are the highlights Newry, Mourne & Down Council:

- **Live Here Love Here Small Grants Scheme:**
 - 16 projects delivered
 - £28,647 awarded by the council *includes accruals from previous years
 - £1410 additional investment from NIHE
- **Adopt a Spot:**
 - 189 groups
 - 3422 volunteers supported
- **Eco Schools:**
 - 58 green flag Eco Schools
 - 44% of schools accredited as Eco-Schools (48% in 2025/26)
 - 43 school support visits and events
- **Local Environmental Quality**
 - 3 Blue Flags for beaches and marinas
 - 8 Green Flags for Parks and Outdoor spaces
 - 120 surveys to monitor and help tackle the litter problem

Our programmes

I wanted to take this opportunity to provide a detailed account of the work we do. The first three programmes listed receive financial contributions from most Councils and form part of our core Environment Fund grant from DAERA. The rest are funded through a variety of funding streams. While we do not generally ask for financial support for these other programmes, all of what we do helps contribute towards better local civic and environmental engagement.

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Live Here Love Here

Live Here Love Here consists of the following programmes:

- A substantial NI-wide high-profile litter media campaign
- Adopt a Spot – Civic pride programme enabling volunteers to adopt and maintain local green spaces
- Big Spring Clean – NI’s largest volunteer litter picking campaign
- Healthy Oceans Healthy Minds - An annual suite of events reconnecting people to blue spaces, highlighting environmental protection & health benefits. Cognisence Insights Report – annual survey and analysis into public attitudes and behaviour change towards littering
- Connecting Communities events – bringing communities together to share ideas and opportunities about environmental action.
- Community Awards – Annual high profile award ceremony to celebrate volunteering excellence
- Small Grants Scheme – a hugely popular legacy funding stream supporting practical volunteering projects

LHLH is part funded within our five-year DAERA Environment Fund grant. DAERA contribute approximately 70% of the staff costs and media campaign. We also receive £20,000 from the NI Housing Executive who are formally part of the LHLH partnership, and this year; Belfast Harbour Commission has contributed £18,000 toward Healthy Oceans Healthy Minds and Small Grants; and Power NI sponsored £1500 towards the Community Awards. The balance paid by Councils levers all this support as part of a match-funding agreement that results in excellent value for money to all LHLH partners. Our aim is to keep adding value and growing the impact that this dynamic programme brings.

Eco Schools

The Eco Schools programme inspires young people to care for their environment. DAERA contribute 70% of the staff costs and some programme costs. Eco Schools is supported by KNIB Field Officers, who help schools achieve their Eco School’s accreditations. These accreditations support schools to actively engage pupils in environmental education, and this leads directly to positive action now and into the future.

This programme is also funded through various sponsors and partners such as the NI Housing Executive and Trocaire.

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Councils generously contribute just under £3,000 towards the annual awards ceremonies. We are also very grateful to the Councils who contribute an additional £10,975 to avail of the Wheelie Big Challenge workshops for schools. This is a great way to embed a recycling culture at an early age and is a very welcome contribution towards the cost of the Field Officer who operates in that Council area.

Local Environmental Quality (LEQ)

The Blue Flags, Seaside Awards and Green Flags programmes have grown each year. Our aim is to encourage people to enjoy open spaces and for these to be managed to high environmental and safety standards.

Councils contribute an amount per amenity accredited, which reduces as the number of sites increase beyond various thresholds. KNIB administers Community Green Flags

At no additional cost. Our LEQ team also hosts the NI Environmental Quality Forum three times a year, bringing together Council Enforcement Officers to discuss common issues and share best practices.

We also produce the annual Cleaner Neighbourhoods Report for DAERA. This gives a snapshot of the state of cleanliness across the whole of Northern Ireland. While there is no cost to Councils towards this report, we would encourage councils to avail of the Borough Cleanliness Surveys which give a more in-depth picture of littering in individual Council areas. There is an additional cost to councils for this service.

Each year, we also work with Translink to administer the Spirit of Translink Awards to assess the quality of 37 stations in Northern Ireland.

Other KNIB programmes that benefit the Council

This is not an exhaustive list but outlines key work that KNIB carries out which isn't usually funded by Councils but align closely with our shared values.

Field Officers

We currently employ six field officers across NI. These people are our community weavers who work on the ground to encourage participation in all areas of KNIB's activity.

Field Officers are directly responsible for working with schools to help with their Eco Schools accreditations and environmental education activities, for instance directly supporting teachers completing applications and delivering recycling and reuse workshops. They conduct litter and marine surveys and assess Blue and Green Flags. They work with community organisations involved in small grants, Big Spring Cleans and Adopt a Spot Groups.

KNIB funds most of the cost of field officers directly.

MyEARTH myearth.org.uk

In June this year we launched myEARTH, a new sector wide partnership funded by the National Lottery Dormant Accounts grant. MyEARTH is a website platform that brings together around 30 delivery partners to offer environmental activities and resources to the public. The aim for myEARTH is to be the go-to place for anyone interested in local environmental activities.

Many Councils have already become delivery partners and use myEARTH to promote events, actions, activities and opportunities to the public. MyEarth is an innovative initiative and aligns perfectly with all of the activities we carry out in partnership with councils. At present, we don't ask councils for payment towards myEARTH.

30 Under 30

This year we will be launching our fourth 30 Under 30 programme, inviting 30 more young environmental sustainability professionals to engage in an intensive 8 month course to help develop themselves as practitioners in this field.

Several councils have availed of this programme and used it as a chance to develop up and coming staff. Our aim is to encourage our future leaders to think positively about incorporating sustainable principles at the core of their work.

Climate Awareness

This is a programme funded by DAERA through the Carrier bag Levy. We have a team of four people who produce and deliver climate awareness resources tailored to a wide range of community settings. We are involved in training everyone from the Civil Service to businesses, community groups and schools. We use evidence-based and up-to-date information to help participants understand the science of climate change and create safe spaces for people to discuss implications and address the climate emergency through their own actions.

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This service is available to councils and to communities across Northern Ireland at no cost.

Biodiversity

KNIB employs a biodiversity specialist to assist in all the work we do. One exciting development this year has been to launch Generation Nature, delivering outdoor teaching resources and a new teaching facility at Stranmillis University College to upskill qualifying teachers in so that they can bring sustainability to life in the schools they work in.

Charges for funding towards 2026/27

To ensure that Live Here Love Here continues well into the future I need to address the financial contribution that councils make to this partnership for the next financial year. After ten years of maintaining the same annual cost, we have to face the reality that an increase is necessary for the programme's sustainability.

I hope that you will see that our aim is to bring exceptional value for money to the Council through the variety of programmes and work that we deliver.

Our primary aim is to make Live Here Love Here sustainable and to grow it in the coming years. To enable this, we need to increase our ask for 2026/27. We are also particularly keen to change the structure of the small grants fund to allow it to grow, both from contributions from the Council and from third party sponsors such as Belfast Harbour Commissioners. To do this we propose to split our request into two parts.

Part A. This will include all the benefits of LHLH outside of Small Grants,. Namely, the NI wide media campaign, Cognisence insight survey, Adopt a Spot, Big Spring Clean, Community Awards, Connecting Communities and Healthy Oceans Healthy Minds.

Part B is for Small Grants. The reason for splitting it this way is to cover the unfunded grant assessment costs and to create greater operational flexibility. We will take a 20% admin fee to fund grant assessment. Our aim is to grow this grant scheme, and this arrangement will allow us to increase the resources to administer the grant accordingly. The balance will be directed as previous to community groups and if you contribute the amount requested, the grant fund paid to communities will stay the same. This arrangement allows for the possibility for you to grow the small grants independently of the rest of the LHLH programme.

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We also plan to review the possibility of groups receiving longer-term support. We would like to be able to see groups progressively develop programmes, enabling us to direct them towards other resources and support. We understand that councils may not be able to guarantee a three-year commitment to us, so we understand that any arrangements of this nature would be dependent on continued Council funding.

In order to maintain a sustainable approach across all our projects going forward, I propose that we request a cost of living increase each year using the average Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflationary adjustment.

Our request for Live Here Love Here 2026 / 27

£16, 250 for Part A and £16, 250 for Part B (small grants)

We will provide a draft Service Level Agreement to cover the arrangements to all Councils for 2026/27.

Thank you for reaching the end of this extensive letter. We wanted to include as much detail and context as possible alongside a narrative to explain the rationale for increasing our prices.

This partnership matters enormously to us and those who benefit from it and I look forward to working with you well into the future.

If you have any questions, seek clarification or wish to provide feedback, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Eric Randall

Chief Executive

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Newry Mourne and Down District Council: facts and figures 2024-25

62 schools with current Green Flags (47%)



15,116 pupils reached in schools with active green flags



131 Number of schools registered in council area

32,159 Total number of pupils in council area

65% schools retained their 2023 green flag

- Ambassador Schools**
-  Cumran Primary School (new 2016/17)
 -  St Bronagh's Primary School (new 2017/18)
 -  Down High School (new 2019/20)
 -  St Brigid's Primary School (new 2023/24)
 -  St Clares Abbey Primary School (new 2023/24)

20 teachers attended the Cluster Group Meeting

8 Workshops delivered

35 Teacher Meetings



Financial support to schools through project funding

| Project name | Schools | Funding |
|--------------|--|---------|
| Wrigley LLC | St Brigid's Primary School, Drumilly | £100 |
| | Holy Cross Primary School | £100 |
| | Our Lady and St Patrick Primary School | £100 |

Special Awards

- **Eco-School of the Year** – Saintfield High School
- **Eco Pupil of the Year** – Sara Iva Ivanov, Sacred Heart Grammar
- **Eco Teacher of the Year** – Leverne Murphy, St Malachy's Primary School



Eco-Schools: added value

1. Regular email updates with 100% of schools in your council area

100%

3. Financial Incentives for schools participating:

Up to **£100** for the Wrigley Litter Less Challenge

4. Teacher resources across all Key stages



7. 5.2K+ followers and growing on Facebook



2. In person and online workshops available to help engage dormant schools:

- Tackling Fast Fashion
- Climate Campaigning
- Wheelie Big Challenge
- Young Reporters for the Environment
- Cluster Group Meetings
- Action Plan Clinics
- Application Clinics
- Teacher Resource Training Clinics

Up to **£100** for Young Reporters for the Environment



Young Reporters for the Environment

Up to **£500 & a laptop** in our NIHE School's Energy Competition

5. A team of dedicated Field Officers out on the ground supporting schools through the Eco-Schools programme

6. Online webinars and training sessions to help teachers and delivery partners effectively lead and deliver our programme.

Plus many other opportunities:

Radius Housing projects, grants etc.

8. Individual Council Eco-School's Award Ceremonies



9. Carbon Literacy Training for teachers

Carbon Literacy

Programmes



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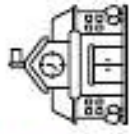
ECO-SCHOOLS



Eco-Schools: facts & figures



1,225



Schools

21,803



Teachers

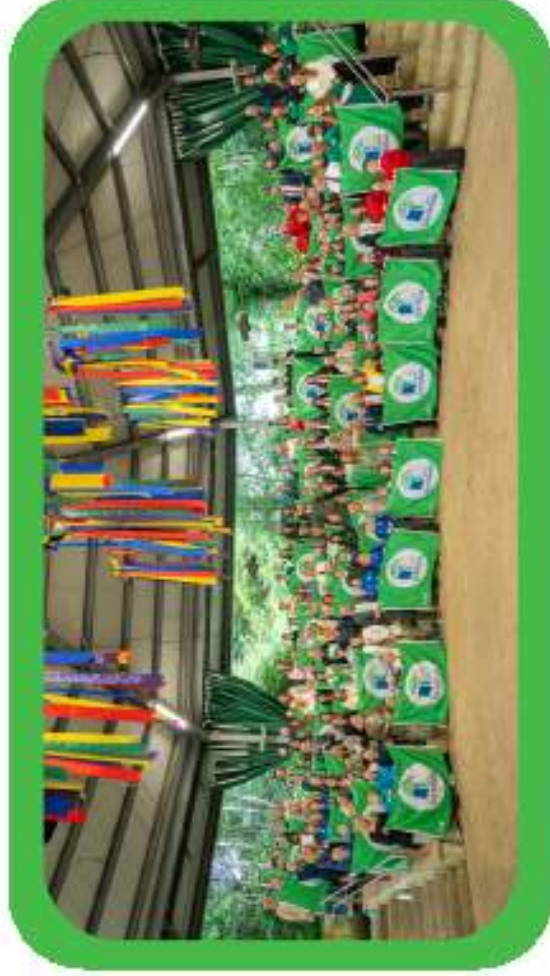
354,780



Young People

The world's largest pupil led environmental education programme in:

79 countries with
20 million+ pupils in
60,000+ schools



50%

schools in NI with an active Green Flag. 5 years ahead of UNESCO target!

11 topics



2,618

total Green Flags to date

561

'live' green flags

48

delivery partners work together

11



Councils support Eco-Schools in NI.



ECO-SCHOOLS

www.eco-schoolsni.org



132,780

RESOURCE
DOWNLOADS



85%

increased student
leadership on issues



66%

Schools felt being
involved in Eco-School's had a positive
impact on their ETI Inspection rating

eti

The Education and Training Inspectorate
Promoting Improvement!

5.2K+

FOLLOWERS



1520

Bags of litter
collected



93%

Improvement in overall
wellbeing of children as a
result of the Eco-School's
Programme

87%
of schools feel it
positively impacts
children's physical
health



Eco-Schools: impact measurements 2024-25

11,552

sustainable
journeys
made



55%

schools studying
Biodiversity.
Increase of 4 schools
• up to 168 schools



55%

schools studying
Healthy Living.
Increase of 29 schools
• up to 155 schools



212,034 Kg

total saving
of CO2
recorded



90%

of schools feel it
positively
impacts children's
mental health



51%

schools studying
Waste. Increase of
13 schools
• up to 157 schools



53%

increase in
knowledge of
climate change



These figures are drawn from results submitted by schools to the Eco-Schools Data Zone in 2024/25 and are calculated on the basis that every school/pupil in Northern Ireland return the same results as submitted in the Data Zone in 2024/25



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Capturing Our Impact Celebrating Your Story

£4.65

return on every
£1 invested by
the council

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The Schomberg Society

The Schomberg Society engaged 28 volunteers in creating wooden planters, bins, window boxes, bug hotels, and bird feeders for public spaces in Killeel. The project benefited 1,000 people and improved 0.25 hectares of land. By enhancing local wildlife habitats and improving community areas, the initiative fostered civic pride and practical volunteer action. The project's lasting impact includes providing sustainable items for the community to enjoy and care for, strengthening local connections and support for the environment. The Schomberg Society expressed deep gratitude for the grant, which enabled the project's success.



Live Here Love Here Small Grants Scheme



16 projects delivered
£228,647 amount awarded by the council*

*this includes accruals from previous years

£1,410 additional investment from other LHLH partners



189 groups
Adopt A Spot 3,422 volunteers supported

Education and engagement



58 Green Flag Eco-Schools
43 School support visits and events
14,867 pupils engaged through accredited Eco Schools

Find out more

Check out projects supported by Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful in your council area here.



7% of Northern Ireland's 30 Under 30 Climate Change Makers were from Newry, Mourne and Down

81 Awards across the council

120 surveys to monitor and help tackle the litter problem

2,298 hectares of land improved

Contributing to the Global SDG's



Supporting Local Delivery

- Living Well Together: A Community Plan for Newry, Mourne & Down to 2030
- Regeneration & Economic Development Strategy 2020-2025
- Local Biodiversity Action Plan
- Single Use Plastics Action Plan

Across Northern Ireland...

123 projects enabled with grant support to take pride in their place

115 small grants projects across Northern Ireland

302 events to support communities who love where they live



2,816 participants in Climate Change Awareness Training with...
5,069 estimated tonnes of CO2 savings

153 partnerships to achieve a world where people and nature thrive

78% of public aware of Live Here Love Here

NI Media Reach and Value

990,197

1,615,806

£188,208

£412,208





NIRN Local Authority/Affiliate Membership Renewal Form 2026/27

Please complete the following details to renew your membership for the 2026/27 period.

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| 1. Contact Information | 1 |
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1. Contact Information

Email Address:

1. Local Authority Name: _____

2. Main Contact Name: _____

3. Main Contact Job Title: _____

4. Main Contact Email Address:

5. Main Contact Telephone Number:

6. Secondary Contact Name:

7. Secondary Contact Job Title:

8. Secondary Contact Email Address:

9. Contact name and email address for finance queries (*NIRN internal use only*):



Reuse & Repair Activities

10. Please tick the activities your local authority directly offers in the reuse & repair sector (tick all that apply).

Member activities are promoted on the NIRN website.

- Bike Donation Point
- Bike Hire
- Bike Maintenance Workshops
- Bike Repair
- Bike Resale
- Car Boot / Bring and Buy Sales
- Charity Shop
- Cloth Nappy / Real Nappy Scheme
- Community Fridge
- DIY Workshops
- Food
- Food Bank
- Furniture Donation Point
- Laptop Repair/donations
- Laptop Reuse Scheme
- Lending Library
- Paint Donation Point
- Recycling Centre
- Refill Shop
- Repair Café
- Sewing Machine Donation Point
- Sewing Machine Repair
- Spectacle Donation Point
- Surplus Food Project
- Textile / Sewing Workshops
- Textile Donation Point
- Tool Donation Point



- Training- practical repair, Circular Economy studies etc
- White Goods collection/drop off resale
- Other: _____

11. In addition to any activities you have selected above, is there anything else you would like to share about your council's ongoing reuse or repair initiatives?

12. Details of reuse opportunities at HWRCs: Details provided here will be highlighted on the NIRN website. Please provide details of the reuse collections at each of your council's Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) and state if these are ongoing or temporary (e.g., seasonal toy collections).

Communications & Declarations

2.1 NIRN E-bulletins: NIRN sends fortnightly e-bulletins and newsletters with information on the network and wider Circular Economy news. Do you consent to opting-in to receiving these via email?

Yes No

2.2 NIRN Membership Code of Practice & Declaration: By signing below, our organisation agrees to abide by the NIRN Code of Practice. Members are requested to:

- Support the network's mission and objectives and actively promote them.
- Demonstrate a commitment to the principles of the Circular Economy.
- Provide annual metrics to NIRN (environmental, social, and economic outputs).
- Share knowledge and collaborate with NIRN and its members.
- Strive to be well governed and managed organisations.
- Declare any conflict of interest as soon as it arises.
- Respect organisation and individual confidentiality.
- Seek to operate in a sustainable and ethical manner.
- Support the creation of local employment and volunteering opportunities.

I am authorised to apply for membership on behalf of the above organisation:

Signature: _____ Date: _____



2.3 Data Protection: Information on this form will be stored for the duration of your membership in compliance with current Data Protection Legislation. Do you agree?

Yes No

Purchase Order

3.0 Purchase Order - Please note the purchase order below or forward directly to catherine@ni-rn.org

Thank you for completing the NIRN Local Authority/Affiliate Membership Renewal form.



Northern Ireland Resources Network Business Case 2026–2029

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1. Introduction

In 2019, the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) published *Stop Waste in its Tracks*, Northern Ireland's waste prevention programme. The programme set out 22 actions designed to reduce waste and promote sustainable resource use. One of these actions was for DAERA to undertake a feasibility study into the benefits of establishing a reuse and repair network in Northern Ireland and, if found to be viable, to develop further. This served as the catalyst for the creation of the Northern Ireland Resources Network.

Since then, NIRN has grown into the leading voice for reuse and repair in Northern Ireland, bringing together more than 50 members including all 11 local authorities to an inspiring mix of social enterprises, charities, and community groups. The network spans charity shops, repair cafés, lending libraries, men's sheds, and community fridges. Between 2020 and 2024, NIRN members diverted nearly **23,000 tonnes of material from waste**, preventing over **126,000 tonnes of carbon emissions**, sustaining more than **1,200 jobs**, engaging over 7,000 volunteers, generating **£44 million in turnover**, and benefiting **almost one million people**. Members also delivered 3,687 education and training opportunities, strengthening skills and community resilience.

As well as supporting members and their growth, NIRN has delivered initiatives such as Repair Week NI, the Circular Schools programme, and the "From Niche to Normal" conference at Stormont, while projects like Artitude use the arts to engage communities in climate action.

2. Vision and Purpose

NIRN's vision for this next phase is simple but ambitious: to make reuse and repair integrated into everyday life across Northern Ireland. We want communities to value resources, people to choose repair over replacement, and policy to prioritise prevention and reuse before recycling.

The purpose of this business case is to drive change by strengthening the NIRN's foundation, expanding its membership, enhancing engagement with communities and continuing to advocate for the policies and systems needed to enable greater support of reuse and repair activities and a circular economy

For 2026–2029, NIRN will pursue four core objectives:

- **Build a Strong and Sustainable NIRN** with strengthened governance, processes and procedures and staffing to ensure the organisation can deliver sustainably at scale.
- **Raise the Profile of the Reuse and Repair Sector** with ambition to move from awareness to normalisation by embedding reuse and repair into everyday culture through campaigns, communications, education and cultural partnerships.
- **Grow and Strengthen** by expanding membership, increasing support to members through training, funding alerts and peer-learning, and scale initiatives such as repair cafés, lending libraries and the Circular Resources Library.
- **Advocate and Lead in Policy and Partnerships** and champion reuse and repair, and the work of our members, as a key driver of Northern Ireland's transition to a circular economy through strong policy engagement, procurement influence, and cross-border and international partnerships
- **Build a Strong and Sustainable NIRN** with strengthened governance, processes and procedures and staffing to ensure the organisation can deliver sustainably at scale.

3. Raise the Profile of the Reuse and Repair Sector

NIRN has made major strides in raising awareness of reuse and repair through initiatives such as Repair Week NI, Circular Schools and Councils, and the Artitude project. These programmes have not only inspired communities but also caught the attention of policymakers, media, and funders. The next step is to move from awareness to normalisation embedding reuse and repair into how people think, learn, and act.

We will continue to grow Repair Week and expand to also include reuse activity. The ambition is to make this a high-profile, nationwide event taking place in all eleven council areas.

The Circular Schools pilot will continue to grow, promoting waste prevention and circular economy through interactive workshops, hands-on activities, and creative learning. Building on the pilot, the programme will expand across more council areas.

In parallel, NIRN will introduce the Circular Councils programme, reflecting the crucial role of local authorities in driving waste prevention. Councils collectively spend around £170 million annually on household waste management, underlining the potential savings from prevention and reuse. Working through the Local Authority Forums, NIRN will co-create awareness and training sessions for council staff to build understanding of the circular economy and waste hierarchy.

Following the success of Northern Ireland's first Repair Week, NIRN will expand this into an annual NI Reuse and Repair Week. It will engage communities across NI through events in community spaces, schools, libraries, shopping centres, and public spaces, making reuse and repair visible and accessible to everyone. NIRN will also continue its active participation in EWWR, linking Northern Ireland's progress to wider European action and highlighting member achievements on an international stage.

Throughout the year, NIRN will support a series of public awareness campaigns aligned with major environmental days such as the International Day of Zero Waste, Zero Waste Week, No Disposable Cup Day, International E-Waste Day, and International Repair Day. In collaboration with DAERA and partners, NIRN will coordinate local engagement, create toolkits, and develop creative content to amplify messaging. Building on the success of Artitude, future campaigns will use art, illustration, storytelling, and podcasts to make reuse and repair and circular economy relatable and engaging.

Our communications strategy will keep developing, with a focus on storytelling, member led content, and digital engagement. Through regular newsletters, social media updates, podcasts, and media partnerships, NIRN will showcase member success stories and amplify local innovation.

Together, these programmes will ensure that reuse, repair, and resourcefulness become not just recognised, but part of everyday life across Northern Ireland by connecting creativity, education, and community action to drive lasting cultural change.

4. Grow and Strengthen

NIRN's strength lies in its members and the people, and communities driving real change across Northern Ireland. Over the next few years, we will focus on growing and strengthening the network, not just in numbers, but in connection, and collective impact. We want all members to feel supported, and equipped to make reuse and repair part of everyday life.

At the same time, NIRN will work to expand regional reuse and repair activity, making sure opportunities to take part are visible, accessible, and inclusive across all eleven council areas. By linking membership growth with on-the-ground action, we will build stronger local partnerships.

This objective has two connected strands. First, NIRN will continue to support and strengthen existing members through a structured programme of engagement including tailored training, peer learning, site visits, and forums based on shared activity (eg, food, clothing, electrical). We will keep members informed and inspired through monthly bulletins, shared case studies, and regular updates, while using tools like the Circular Resources Library to connect people and share ideas. By listening to feedback and celebrating success, we'll help members grow their activity, build resilience, and make their voices heard.

Second, we will deliver community programmes that take reuse and repair beyond the membership and into everyday spaces. Building on the success of initiatives like Reuse and Repair Week, Circular Schools, and the development of new initiatives such as Circular Communities Programme, we will bring local opportunities to learn, share, and act. Working closely with members, these programmes will turn awareness into action in homes, schools, and communities across Northern Ireland.

5. Advocate and Lead in Policy and Partnerships

NIRN will continue to champion reuse and repair and the work of our members as a vital part of Northern Ireland's role in reducing waste and transiting to a circular economy. Our role is not only to contribute to policy but to make sure that the experience, and innovation of our members help shape decisions across government, local councils, education and funding.

Our focus will be on building influence and collaboration at every level. We will work with governmental departments including DAERA, to support delivery of their Waste Prevention Programme and Environmental Improvement Plan and with the Department for Economy on their Circular Economy ambitions.

We will continue to position reuse and repair and members activities as contributors not just to environmental and economic outcomes, but to community wellbeing and social cohesion in Northern Ireland's Just Transition framework

Local government will remain a key partner and we will support councils to connect waste and community priorities and show how repair cafés, lending libraries and community fridges can reduce waste while creating social and economic value.

NIRN will keep building strong links with academia, particularly Ulster University, Queen's University Belfast, and further education colleges.

Beyond Northern Ireland, we will continue to work closely with Community Resources Network Ireland (CRNI) and Circular Communities Scotland (CCS), sharing ideas and good practice. NIRN will play an active role in RREUSE, making sure Northern Ireland's voice is heard in European discussions on the circular economy.

6. Build a Strong and Sustainable NIRN

Over a short period, NIRN has grown from three to eight staff, increasing our capacity to deliver for members and funders. Our focus over the next 3 years will balance continued delivery and the introduction of new initiatives with ensuring the team has time to

embed, bond, and operate sustainably. As we all work remotely, action to ensure regular online and in person meetings alongside team bonding events will be a priority.

Investment will continue strengthening governance, systems, and board development. Policies and procedures have been comprehensively updated, with annual and biennial review cycles established. The board of seven members will receive ongoing training and development, with succession planning ensuring a strong, diverse, and independent leadership team.

Funding will allow NIRN to strengthen its core team through training, mentoring, and team-building, ensuring that staff remain motivated and skilled.

As the organisation continues to grow, future staffing needs may include an additional Community Network Manager or Programme Manager, introduced in line with sector priorities and organisational capacity.

7. Summary

The next three years represent a turning point for NIRN. We have proven what's demonstrated with modest investment how to transform reuse and repair from niche activity into a recognised movement. Now is the time to scale up, embed it in communities, and make reuse and repair part of everyday life in Northern Ireland. As Minister Muir put it at NIRN's 2025 Repair Week launch *"Recycling is good, but repair is better."*

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| Report to: | Sustainability & Environment Committee |
| Date of Meeting: | 20 th May 2026 |
| Subject: | NMDDC Draft Off-Street Parking (Public Car Parks) Order |
| Reporting Officer | Mr Conor Sage Assistant Director, Sustainability |
| Contact Officer | Mr Gary McCurry Duty Manager, Off-Street Parking Function |

Confirm how this Report should be treated by placing an x in either:-

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| 1.0 | Purpose and Background |
| 1.1 | <p>The purpose of this report is to update members on a particular aspect of the Off-Street Parking Function, which was transferred to local Councils following Local Government Reform in 2015. Specifically, this report focuses on the issue of the legislative Parking Order governing the use of NMDDC Off-Street car parks and the progress of the following document:</p> <p>1. Newry Mourne & Down District Council, Draft, Off-Street Parking (Public Car Parks) Order 2026.</p> |
| 2.0 | Key issues |
| 2.1 | <p>Presently, Council controlled car parks operate under varying pieces of legislation. The 39 Off-Street car parks transferred from The Department for Infrastructure (DFI) are legislated for under the Off-Street Parking (NI Order) 2000. This Order is a DFI enacted legislative document, hence greatly restricts Council ability to alter various aspects therein.</p> <p>Other sites are governed by Council Byelaws, which provide challenges around enforcing contraventions and several are devoid of any element of legislative cover.</p> |
| 2.2 | <p>Post the transfer of the Off-Street Parking Function from DFI to Councils in 2015, Council entered an Agency Agreement with DFI for Enforcement and associated operational responsibilities. The present Off-Street Parking Order provided an adequate legal umbrella to permit an effective delivery of the service during these initial years and afforded Council the opportunity to grasp the complexities of the function.</p> <p>Over the years, the Off-Street Parking landscape has evolved, with Councils moving away from the DFI centric model and formulating their own enforcement contracts in conjunction with meeting other demands to effectively manage available parking provision. This has driven the necessity for Councils to develop their own individual Parking Orders.</p> |

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| | <p>Discussions with DFI Transport Legislation Branch and separate legal opinion, have confirmed that the two parking orders could not be enacted at the same time. The DFI Off-Street Parking Order would always be deemed as the primary legislation.</p> <p>It is therefore essential that all Councils have their Parking Orders progressed and agreed prior to any revocation by DFI. Failure to do so would result in a legislative void, thus preventing Councils from enforcing within their suite of car parks. In order to facilitate an efficient transition, it was agreed that Councils make the minimum number of changes to the existing Order, within their Draft Orders. Proposed amendments would benefit Councils but have minimal legislative change to enable Councils to adopt a position of readiness when DFI are ready to revoke the Off-Street Parking (NI) Order 2000.</p> <p>The main core of the draft NMDDC Off-Street Parking Order (Appendix 1) will remain unchanged from the existing Order in force. The key proposed changes are outlined in 2.3 and 2.4 below.</p> |
| 2.3 | <p>1. Arrange for the suspension of car parking places for works, or events beneficial to the community or where deemed reasonable.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Council frequently receives requests to allow third parties to use car parks or part thereof, for purposes other than parking. b) The draft Order includes provisions for the Council to suspend the use of car parking in specific circumstances to facilitate other temporary uses. c) There would be a process developed to administer all requests, taking into consideration the scheme of delegation, which would involve legal drafting of licence agreements for such purposes. d) This would provide the necessary powers to Council under delegated authority to make such decisions expediently and provide a wider scope of permitted activities, which is presently quite restrictive under the current legislation. |
| 2.4 | <p>2. Inclusion of additional car parks into the Order.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) All car parks included within the Draft Order can be found at Appendix 2 - Schedule 1, Parking Places. b) As previously alluded to, some of these sites presently fall under a Council byelaw, which makes enforcing parking contraventions, cumbersome, resource intensive and expensive to pursue, as any legal action falls under Criminal Law and requires progress via The Magistrate's Court. Inclusion within the Draft Order would enable Traffic Attendant's to enforce on the spot and the matter would proceed via civil law mechanisms. c) Leisure Centres and Sports Facilities have also been included, which currently have no legislative protection for parking abuse. A high level of inconsiderate parking prevails around these facilities, with vehicles regularly parking in Accessible parking bays without displaying a blue badge, non-electric cars parking in EV charging bays, obstructive pavement parking and parking in set down / drop off lanes. <p>It is therefore vitally important that the Draft Order is agreed to ensure readiness for a possible revocation of the DFI Order, as having this legislative framework in place provides the ability to effectively enforce parking contraventions within our Off-Street car parks. DFI have indicated that they would not revoke their order until such times as all Councils have</p> |

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| | <p>prepared and are ready to enact their respective Parking Orders. It is envisaged that all Councils will be ready to proceed with their Orders by October 2026 at the latest. It will then be a matter for DFI to initiate the process at a time convenient to them thereafter.</p> <p>Once member approval is provided, the Draft Order will be released for Public Consultation for the statutory 12 week period, with the responses and findings being examined prior to return to Committee to seek sign off. This would then enable the new Order to be in a state of readiness for Enactment, once DFI table their Off-Street Parking Order for revocation.</p> | |
| 3.0 | Recommendations | |
| 3.1 | To progress the matter, it is proposed that members agree upon the Newry Mourne & Down District Council 'DRAFT' Off-Street Parking (Public Car Parks) Order and authorise release for the Public Consultation process. | |
| 4.0 | Resource implications | |
| 4.1 | The document preparation and subsequent Public Consultation process involves collaborative working between several different Council Departments; hence all resources are drawn from the existing pool, with no additional personnel or financial burden. | |
| 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>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> | |

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| 5.3 | <p>Proposal initiating consultation</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 checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be 12 weeks <input checked="" 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> | |
| 6.0 | <p>Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)</p> | |
| 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> | |
| | <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> | |
| 7.0 | <p>Appendices</p> | |
| 7.1 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Newry Mourne & Down DRAFT Off-Street (Public Car Parks) Order 2026. 2. Schedule 1 Parking Places. 3. Schedule Tariffs. | |
| 8.0 | <p>Background Documents</p> <p><i>This relates to meeting requirements outlined in Part 8 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014, Access to Meetings and Documents, wherein for four years after a meeting the following must be available at the Council Offices and on the website:</i></p> <p><i>Background papers which are defined as those documents relating to the subject matter of a report which:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) <i>Disclose any facts or matters which in the opinion of the Chief Executive, the report or an important part of the report is based upon; and</i> b) <i>Have, in the Chief Executive's opinion, been relied upon to a material extent in preparing the report.</i> <p><i>These are documents on which the report, or an important part of the report, is based upon and have been relied upon to a material extent in preparing the report.</i></p> | |
| 8.1 | <p>None</p> | |

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Newry Mourne and Down District Council Draft Off Street Parking (Public Car Parks) Order

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SCHEDULE 1 — PARKING PLACES

SCHEDULE 2 — TARIFFS

Newry Mourne and Down District Council (1) makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 10, 11, 13, 14 and 26(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997(2) and Article 43 of the Traffic Management (Northern Ireland) Order 2005(3) and now vested in it (4).

The Council has consulted such persons as the Council considered appropriate in compliance with paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 4 to that Order.

PART 1 PRELIMINARY

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as Newry Mourne and Down District Council Off - Street (Public Car Parks) Order 2026 and shall come into operation on ^{xx} day of 202

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

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- (1) S.I. 1999/283 (N.I. 1) Article 3(1)
 - (2) S.I. 1997/276 (N.I. 2)
 - (3) S.I. 2005/1964 (N.I. 14)
 - (4) S.R. 1999 No. 481 Article 6(d) and Schedule 4 Part IV

"charging hours" means the period during which the driver is required to pay a charge for the use of a parking place specified in column 1 of Schedule 1 in accordance with the scale of charges set out in column 6 of Schedule 1;

"bus" or "coach" means a public service vehicle which seats more than 8 passengers in addition to the driver and is used for hire or reward;

"caravan" means any structure designed or adapted for human habitation which is capable of being moved from one place to another (whether by being towed, or by being transported on a motor vehicle or trailer) and any motor vehicle so designed or adapted to provide mobile living accommodation for its users.

"Council" means Newry Mourne and Down District Council;

"disabled persons vehicle" means a vehicle lawfully displaying a blue badge

"driver" means the person who whether as owner or otherwise has the charge or control of a vehicle or being present is entitled to give orders to the person having charge or control thereof;

"electric vehicle" means any vehicle which uses one or more electric motors for propulsion;

"electric vehicle charging post" means apparatus which supplies electricity for the charging of electric vehicles;

"hand-held device" means apparatus used by a traffic attendant which is programmed to interface with the telephone parking system;

"intoxicating liquor" means spirits, wine, beer, cider and any fermented, distilled or spirituous liquor with an alcohol content exceeding 1.2 per cent by volume;

"light goods vehicle" means a motor vehicle, constructed or adapted for use for the carriage of goods, the permissible maximum weight of which does not exceed 3.5 tonnes and for the purposes of this Order includes an electric vehicle of this type;

"Mobility Vehicle" means a mechanically propelled vehicle the weight of which unladen does not exceed 254 kilograms and which is specially designed and constructed, and not merely adapted, for the use of a person suffering from some physical defect or disability and is used solely by such a person;

"motor car" means a mechanically propelled vehicle constructed solely for the carriage of passengers and their effects, seating not more than 6 persons in addition to the driver and for the purposes of this Order includes an electric vehicle of this type;

"motor cycle" means a mechanically propelled vehicle not being an invalid carriage or motor car having fewer than 4 wheels and the weight of which unladen does not exceed 410 kgs;

"parking bay" means a space which is marked out in a parking place for the leaving of a vehicle;

"parking charge" means any charge set by the Council for leaving a vehicle in a parking place authorised by this Order.

"parking ticket" means a ticket issued by a ticket machine relating to any parking place for which a charge is made identified in Schedule 1;

"pay and display parking place" means an off-street parking place authorised by this Order where permitted vehicles may park with a parking ticket issued by a ticket machine and displayed in the manner specified in Article 16 or whose driver is a registered driver who has paid the relevant fee via the telephone parking system.

"public service vehicle" means a mechanically propelled vehicle constructed or adapted to carry more than 8 seated passengers in addition to the driver, and used in standing or plying for hire, or used to carry passengers for hire;

"registered driver" means the driver of a vehicle who has, prior to leaving their vehicle in a pay and display parking place, had registered so many of their personal details with a service provider as that service provider may require to enable the telephone parking system to be activated in favour of said driver;

"service provider" means a person or company providing services to or on behalf of the Council

"telephone parking system" means a system to facilitate and monitor any parking charge paid using any telephone or internet enabled device via communication with the service provider in accordance with instructions indicated on signs located at each pay and display parking place where the system is operational; and

"ticket machine" means an apparatus designed to issue a ticket indicating payment of a charge and the day and time at which it was issued and the number of hours for which it is valid or the date and time at which the ticket expires.

"disabled persons vehicle" means a vehicle lawfully displaying a blue badge;

"blue badge" means a badge of a form prescribed under section 14(1) of the [1978 c. 53.] Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Northern Ireland) Act 1978;

PART 2

USE OF PARKING PLACES

Specified parking places

3. Each area of land specified by name in column 1 of Schedule 1 may be used subject to the provisions of this Order as a parking place for such classes of vehicles during such hours on such days as are specified in relation to that area in Schedule 1.

Vehicles of a specified class

4. Where in Schedule 1 a parking place is described as available for vehicles of a specified class, the driver of a vehicle shall not permit it to wait in that parking place unless it is of the specified class.

Position in which a vehicle may wait

5. The driver of a vehicle shall not permit it to wait in a parking place other than in a position wholly within a parking bay where such has been marked out.

Parking bays for disabled persons' vehicles.

6. The driver of a vehicle, other than a disabled person's vehicle shall not permit it to wait in a parking bay indicated by a sign or surface marking as being reserved for a disabled person's vehicle.

Parking bays for electric vehicles

7. – (1) The driver of a vehicle, other than an electric vehicle, shall not permit it to wait in a parking bay indicated by a sign or surface marking of the bay as being reserved for an electric vehicle.

(2) An electric vehicle waiting in a parking bay indicated by a sign or surface marking as being reserved for an electric vehicle shall do so only if it is connected to an electric vehicle charging post

Parking bays for motorcycles

8. The driver of a vehicle, other than a motorcycle, shall not permit it to wait in a parking bay indicated by a sign or surface markings as being reserved for a motorcycle.

Parking bays for buses / coaches

9. The driver of a vehicle, other than a bus / coach, shall not permit it to wait in a parking bay indicated by a sign or surface markings as being reserved for a bus / coach.

Parking bays for Caravans

10. The driver of a vehicle, other than a caravan, shall not permit it to wait in a parking bay indicated by a sign or surface markings as being reserved for a caravan.

Maximum period for which a vehicle may wait

11. The driver of a vehicle shall not permit it to wait in a parking place for longer than the maximum period permitted for waiting specified in column 5 of Schedule 1 in relation to that parking place.

Use of parking place other than for parking

12. - (1) The use of part of the parking places specified in Schedule 1 for the collection of recyclable materials is prohibited unless authorised in accordance with a licence issued by the Council under 13(1).

(2) The use of part of the parking places specified in Schedule 1 for advertising is prohibited, unless authorised in accordance with a licence issued by the Council under Article 13(2).

(3) The use of part of the parking places specified in Schedule 1 for displaying information to the public is prohibited, unless authorised in accordance with a licence issued by the Council under Article 1(3).

(4) The use of part of the parking places specified in Schedule 1 for any other use is prohibited. The Council may consider applications by a person or persons for permission to use part of a parking place for such other reasonable use or purpose, as determined by The Council, and in accordance with a licence issued by the Council under Article 13(4).

Issue of licences

13(1) - A registered charity may apply to the Council for the issue of a licence authorising the use of part of a parking place specified in Schedule 1 for the collection of recyclable materials.

(2) A person may apply to the Council for the issue of a licence authorising the use of part of a parking place specified in Schedule 1 for advertising.

(3) A person may apply to the Council for the issue of a licence authorising the use of part of a parking place specified in Schedule 1 for displaying information to the public.

(4) A person may apply to the Council for the issue of a licence authorising the use of part of a parking place specified in Schedule 1 for any reasonable use or purpose or in such circumstances as the Council considers reasonable.

(5) The Council may require an applicant in any particular case to submit such additional information or documents as the Council determines are necessary to determine the application.

(6) On receipt of an application made under paragraph (1), (2) (3) or (4) the Council, upon being satisfied that the use of part of the parking place referred to in that application for the purpose referred to in that application will not adversely affect or adversely interfere with the provision of parking spaces in that parking place, may issue a licence in accordance with Article 13(15) of the Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 authorising the use by the applicant of part of that parking place for that purpose.

In this Article –

"registered charity" means a charity registered in the register of charities required to be kept by the Charity Commission by virtue of section 16(1) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (e)

Surrender and revocation of licences

14 (1) A person to whom a licence is issued ("a licensee") may surrender a licence to the Council at any time.

(2) The Council may serve on the licensee a notice revoking a licence, stating the reasons for the revocation if it appears to the Council that one of the events set out in paragraph (4) has occurred, and the revocation shall take effect on the expiration of the period of one month from the service of that notice.

(3) A notice under paragraph (2) shall be served by delivering it to the person to whom it is addressed at their proper address, or by sending it to such address by telefacsimile or other electronic means, or by post.

(4) The events referred to in paragraph (2) are—

- (a) if the licensee fails to comply with any condition of the licence;
- (b) if the Council considers the withdrawal of the licence is necessary for the purpose of the exercise of its statutory functions.

PART 3
TARIFFS AND TICKETS IN PAY AND DISPLAY CAR PARKS

Requirement to pay appropriate tariff

15. The driver of a vehicle using a parking place during charging hours shall pay the appropriate tariff set out in Schedule 2 in accordance with the scale of charges specified in column 6 of Schedule 1 in relation to that parking place.

Payment of charges

16.—(1) Save as provided for in Article 21 the driver of a vehicle leaving it in a parking place specified in column 1 of Schedule 1 during the days and hours specified in columns 3 and 4 in relation thereto shall pay the appropriate charge in accordance with the scale of charges specified in column 6 in relation thereto and set out in Schedule 2.

(2) Charges may be paid by—

- (a) inserting into a ticket machine a coin or combination of coins of appropriate denominations;
- (b) inserting into a ticket machine a credit or debit card of a type indicated, and following the instructions displayed, on the machine;
- (c) the purchase of a pre-paid charge card for use in a ticket machine; or
- (d) the use of pre-paid tickets; or
- (e) a registered driver using the telephone parking system.
- (f) Use of Direct Debit where available

(3) Telephone and credit/debit card charges incurred in the course of making any parking payment transaction shall be the responsibility of the registered driver.

Pre-paid tickets

17. In the case of pre-paid tickets, the instructions given on the tickets in respect of making distinct perforations in the tickets or taking other appropriate action to clearly indicate the date and time of arrival shall be carried out by the driver as soon as he takes up position in the parking place.

Use of telephone parking system

18. If at any time a vehicle is left in a parking place during the specified hours and a check is carried out by, or on behalf of, the Council and no indication that a parking charge has been paid using the telephone parking system in respect of that vehicle for that controlled parking zone appears on a traffic attendant's hand-held device it shall be presumed, unless the contrary is proved that either—

- (a) a parking charge had not been paid in respect of that vehicle; or
- (b) the parking period for which payment was made had already expired.

Display of printed tickets

19. – (1) The driver shall attach the ticket issued by a ticket machine or a pre-paid ticket duly perforated on the inside surface of the windscreen or a side window facing the kerb or place the ticket on the dashboard area immediately below the windscreen so that the

particulars recorded on the front of the ticket are clearly visible to a person standing at the front or side of the vehicle.

(2) In the case of a motor cycle the ticket shall be displayed in a conspicuous position in a ticket holder or in front of the driver's seat

Particulars of tickets

20.—(1) Where a vehicle is left parked in a parking place where charges may be collected by means of a ticket machine and the particulars on the ticket indicate that the period in respect of which payment was made has expired, for the purposes of any appeal under Articles 13, 16 or 28 of the Traffic Management (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 it shall be presumed, unless the contrary is proved, that said particulars are evidence of the expiry of such period.

(2) Where a vehicle is left parked in a parking place where charges may be collected by means of a ticket machine, and a ticket is not displayed in accordance with the provisions of Articles 16 or 18 (6) for the purposes of any appeal under Articles 13, 16 or 28 of the Traffic Management (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 it shall be presumed, unless the contrary is proved, that the absence of a ticket is evidence of the fact that a ticket has not been purchased.

Season tickets

21.— (1) The Council or their service provider may on application from the driver or owner of a vehicle sell to that person a season ticket on payment of the appropriate tariff referred to in Article 12.

(2) A season ticket shall be valid only in respect of such parking places as are specified thereon for the period for which it is issued and for the vehicle in respect of which it is issued.

(3) The Council or their service provider may by notice in writing served on the season ticket holder by recorded delivery post to the address stated on the season ticket holder's application, require the surrender of a season ticket where:

- (a) the season ticket holder has not complied with the relevant Off-Street Parking Order; or
- (b) a season ticket has been issued upon receipt of a cheque and the cheque is subsequently dishonoured; or
- (c) the season ticket holder has ceased to have an interest in the vehicle in respect of which the season ticket was issued;

and the season ticket holder shall surrender the season ticket to the Council or their service provider within forty-eight hours of the receipt of the said notice.

(4) The issue of a season ticket shall not guarantee that any parking place will be available for the use of the season ticket holder.

(5) A season ticket shall include the following particulars:

- (i) the registration mark of the vehicle in respect of which the season ticket has been issued;
- (ii) the period during which the season ticket shall remain valid; and
- (iii) the names of the parking places for which the season ticket is valid.

(6) Where a vehicle in respect of which a season ticket has been issued is left parked in a parking place the driver shall display the ticket in a conspicuous position behind the windscreen of that vehicle so as to be clearly visible to the parking attendant.

PART 4
RESTRICTION ON USE OF VEHICLES AND PARKING PLACES

Requirement to stop the engine of a vehicle

22. The driver of a vehicle using a parking place shall stop the engine as soon as the vehicle is in position in the parking place and shall not start the engine except when about to change the position of the vehicle in or to depart from the parking place.

Trading in a parking place

23. — (1) Subject to paragraph (2) and save as provided in Article 24 of the Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997, a person shall not use a parking place in connection with the sale of anything to persons in or near the parking place or in connection with the selling or offering for hire of their skill or services unless the person holds a valid trading licence for the location issued by the Council under the Street Trading Act (Northern Ireland) 2001.

(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply in respect of any fee payable for the use of an electric vehicle charging post.

Sounding of horn

24. The driver of a vehicle using a parking place shall not sound any horn or other similar instrument except when about to change the position of the vehicle in or to depart from the parking place.

Driving in a parking place

25. A person shall not, except with the permission of any person duly authorised by the Council, drive any vehicle in a parking place other than for the purpose of leaving that vehicle in the parking place in accordance with the provisions of this Order or for the purpose of departing from the parking place.

Ball games

26. A person shall not play any ball game in a parking place

27. A person shall not use any part of a parking place or any vehicle left in a parking place

- (a) for sleeping or camping purposes
- (b) for eating or cooking purposes
- (c) for the purposes of servicing or washing any vehicle or part thereof other than is reasonably necessary to enable that vehicle to depart from the parking place.

Means of passage

28. A person shall not use a parking place as a means of passage from one road to another road or to any premises unless a right of way has been granted in writing by the Council

Consumption of intoxicating liquor

29. A person shall not use any of the parking places specified in Schedule 1, or any vehicle in any of those parking places, for the purpose of consuming intoxicating liquor.

Use of entrances and exits, and direction of travel

30. Where in a parking place signs are erected or surface markings are laid for the purpose of—

- (a) indicating the entrance to or exit from the parking place; or
- (b) indicating that a vehicle using the parking place shall proceed in a specified direction within the parking place,

a person shall not drive or cause or permit to be driven any vehicle—

- (i) so that it enters the parking place otherwise than by an entrance, or leaves the parking place otherwise than by an exit, so indicated; or
- (ii) in a direction other than that specified, as the case may be.

Erection of structures and lighting of fires

31. In a parking place a person shall not—

- (a) erect or cause or permit to be erected any tent, booth, stand, building or other structure without the written consent of the Council;
- (b) light or cause to be lit any fire.

Supermarket trolleys

32. (1) A person shall not cause or permit a supermarket trolley to enter a parking place in or under a building, and any supermarket trolley left there may be removed by a person authorised by the Council.

(2) A person shall not cause or permit a supermarket trolley to be left in any other parking place, other than in an area set aside for that purpose, and any supermarket trolley so left may be removed by a person authorised by the Council.

Reserving a parking bay

33. A person shall not reserve a parking bay in a parking place.

Suspension of parking places

34. (1) The Council may suspend the use of a parking place or any part of it in the following circumstances:

- (a) Upon request from a statutory agency, utility operator, contractor or similar body;
- (b) For the making of a film in or adjacent to a car parking place;
- (c) For any sporting event, social event, entertainment event or other activity deemed to be to the benefit of the public;

(d) Upon request from any person for any other use or purpose or in such circumstances as the council considers reasonable.

35. Use of car park or sections of for the purposes of temporary meeting place

No persons shall use a parking place as a meeting place or point unless authorised by the Council in writing in advance.

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| Parking Place Name | Classes of Vehicles | Days of operation of Parking Place | Hours of Operation of Parking Place | Maximum period for which a vehicle may wait | Scale of Charges |
|--|--|---|--|--|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Quay Street, Ardglass | Motor car, motor cycle, mobility vehicle and light goods vehicle | All days | All hours | 12 hours | No charge |
| 2. Phennick Marina, Ardglass | Motor car, motor cycle, mobility vehicle and light goods vehicle | All days | All hours | 12 hours | No charge |
| 3. Antrim Road, Ballynahinch | Motor car, motor cycle, mobility vehicle and light goods vehicle | All days | All hours | 12 hours | No charge |
| 4. Lisburn Street (North Side), Ballynahinch | Motor car, motor cycle, mobility vehicle and light goods vehicle | All days | All hours | 12 hours | No charge |
| 5. Lisburn Street (South Side), Ballynahinch | Motor car, motor cycle, mobility vehicle and light goods vehicle | Monday to Saturday | 8.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. | 10 hours | Tariff TL5 as set out in Schedule 2 |
| | | Sunday | All hours | 12 hours | No charge |
| 6. Windmill Street, Ballynahinch | Motor car, motor cycle, mobility vehicle and light goods vehicle | Monday to Saturday | 8.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. | 10 hours | Tariff TL5 as set out in Schedule 2 |
| | | Sunday | All hours | 12 hours | No charge |

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| 7. Bann Road, Castlewella | Motor car, motor cycle, mobility vehicle and light goods vehicle | All days | All hours | 12 hours | No charge |
| 8. Upper Square, Castlewella | Motor car, motor cycle, mobility vehicle and light goods vehicle | All days | All hours | 12 hours | No charge |
| 9. The Square, Crossgar | Motor car, motor cycle, mobility vehicle and light goods vehicle | All days | All hours | 12 hours | No charge |
| 10. Ballymote Sports Centre, Downpatrick | Motor car, motor cycle, mobility vehicle, light goods vehicle and bus | All days when facility open | All hours when facility open | Only during facility opening hours | No charge |
| 11. Church Street, Downpatrick | Motor car, motor cycle, mobility vehicle and light goods Vehicle | Monday to Saturday | 8.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. | 10 hours | Tariff TL5 as set out in Schedule 2 |
| | | Sunday | 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 a.m. | 14 hours | No charge |
| 12. Down County Museum Car Park | Motor car, motor cycle, mobility vehicle and light goods vehicle | All days | All hours | 14 hours | No charge |

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| | Motor car, motor cycle, mobility vehicle, light goods vehicle and bus | All days when facility open | All hours when facility open | Only during facility opening hours | No charge |
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| 13. Down Leisure Centre, Downpatrick | | | | | |
| 14. Irish Street, Downpatrick | Motor car, motor cycle, mobility vehicle and light goods vehicle | Monday to Saturday | 8.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. | 10 hours | Tariff TL5 as set out in Schedule 2 |
| | | | 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 a.m. | 14 hours | No charge |
| | | Sunday | All hours | 12 hours | No charge |
| 15. Market Street (North), Downpatrick | Motor car, motor cycle, mobility vehicle and light goods vehicle | All days | All hours | 12 hours | No charge |
| 16. Market Street (South), Downpatrick | Motor car, motor cycle, mobility vehicle and light goods vehicle | All days | All hours | 12 hours | No charge |
| 17. Meadowlands, Downpatrick | Motor car, motor cycle, mobility vehicle and light goods vehicle | All days | All hours | 12 hours | No charge |
| 18. Mount Crescent, Downpatrick | Motor car, motor cycle, mobility vehicle and light goods vehicle | All days | All hours | 12 hours | No charge |
| 19. Quocile Recreation Area, Downpatrick | Motor car, motor cycle, mobility vehicle and light goods vehicle | All days | All hours | 6 hours | No charge |
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| 20. Scotch Street, Downpatrick | Motor car, motor cycle, mobility vehicle and light goods vehicle | Monday to Saturday | 8.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 a.m. | 10 hours 14 hours | Tariff TL5 as set out in Schedule 2 No charge |
| | | Sunday | All hours | 12 hours | No charge |
| 21. The Grove, Downpatrick * On lease to CPS who currently charge on this site | Motor car, motor cycle, mobility vehicle and light goods vehicle | All days | All hours | 14 hours | No charge |
| 22. Ben Crom Place, Kilkeel | Motor car, motor cycle, mobility vehicle and light goods vehicle | All days | All hours | 14 hours | No charge |
| 23. Bridge Street, (Lower Square), Kilkeel | Motor car, motor cycle, mobility vehicle and light goods vehicle | All days | All hours | 14 hours | No charge |
| 24. Harbour Road, Kilkeel | Motor car, motor cycle, mobility vehicle and light goods vehicle | All days | All hours | 14 hours | No charge |
| 25. Kilkeel Leisure Centre, Kilkeel | Motor car, motor cycle, mobility vehicle, light goods vehicle and bus | All days when facility open | All hours when facility open | Only during facility opening hours | No charge |
| 26. Newry Street, Kilkeel | Motor car, motor cycle, mobility vehicle and light goods vehicle | All days | All hours | 14 hours | No charge |

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| 27. Blackrock pool, Newcastle | Motor car, motor cycle, mobility vehicle and light vehicle | All days | All hours | 12 hours | No charge |
| 28. Bloody Bridge, Newcastle | Motor car, motor cycle, mobility vehicle and light goods vehicle | All days | All hours | 12 hours | No charge |
| 29. Castle Park, Newcastle | Motor car, motor cycle, mobility vehicle and light goods vehicle | All days | All hours | 12 hours | No charge |
| 30. Causeway Road, Newcastle | Motor car, motor cycle, mobility vehicle and light goods vehicle | All days | All hours | 12 hours | No charge |
| 31. Donard Park, Newcastle | Motor car, motor cycle, mobility vehicle, light goods vehicle and bus | All days | All hours | 12 hours | No charge |
| | Caravan | All days | Between 6.00am to 11.00pm | 12 hours | No charge |
| 32. Donard Park overflow | Motor car, motor cycle, mobility vehicle and light goods vehicle | All days | All hours | 12 hours | No charge |
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| 33. Downs Road, Newcastle | Motor car, motor cycle, mobility vehicle and light goods vehicle | All days | All hours | 12 hours | No charge |
| 34. Glen River, Newcastle | Motor car, motor cycle, mobility vehicle and light goods vehicle | All days | All hours | 12 hours | No charge |
| 35. Newcastle Centre, Newcastle | Motor car, motor cycle, mobility vehicle and light goods vehicle | All days | All hours | 12 hours | No charge |
| 36. Shimna Road, Newcastle | Motor car, motor cycle, mobility vehicle and light goods vehicle | All days | All hours | 12 hours | No charge |
| 37. Abbeyway / Lower Water Street, Newry | Motor car, motor cycle, mobility vehicle and light goods vehicle | Monday to Saturday | 8.30am to 6.30pm | 10 hours | Tariff TL5 as set out in Schedule 2 |
| | | | 6.30pm to 8.30am | 14 hours | No charge |
| | | Sunday | All hours | 12 hours | No charge |
| 38. Basin Walk, Newry | Motor car, motor cycle, mobility vehicle and light goods vehicle | Monday to Saturday | 8.30am to 6.30pm | 10 hours | Tariff TL5 as set out in Schedule 2 |
| | | | 6.30pm to 8.30am | 14 hours | No charge |
| | | Sunday | All hours | 12 hours | No charge |
| 39. Bridge Street, Newry | Motor car, motor cycle, mobility vehicle and light goods vehicle | All days | All hours | 12 hours | No charge |

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| 40. Canal Bank 1, Newry | Motor car, motor cycle, mobility vehicle and light goods vehicle | Monday to Saturday | 8.30am to 6.30pm | 10 hours | Tariff TL5 as set out in Schedule 2 |
| | | Sunday | 6.30pm to 8.30am | 14 hours | No charge |
| 41. Canal Bank 2, Newry | Motor car, motor cycle, mobility vehicle and light goods vehicle | Monday to Saturday | 8.30am to 6.30pm | 10 hours | Tariff TL5 as set out in Schedule 2 |
| | | Sunday | 6.30pm to 8.30am | 14 hours | No charge |
| 42. Canal Bank 3, Newry | Motor car, motor cycle, mobility vehicle and light goods vehicle | Monday to Saturday | 8.30am to 6.30pm | 10 hours | Tariff TL5 as set out in Schedule 2 |
| | | Sunday | 6.30pm to 8.30am | 14 hours | No charge |
| 43. Downshire Road, Newry | Motor car, motor cycle, mobility vehicle and light goods vehicle | All days | All hours | 12 hours | No charge |
| | | All days | All hours | 12 hours | No charge |
| 44. Edward Street, Newry | Motor car, motor cycle, mobility vehicle and light goods vehicle | All days | All hours | 12 hours | No charge |
| | | All days | All hours | 12 hours | No charge |
| 45. Kilmorey Street East, Newry | Motor car, motor cycle, mobility vehicle and light goods vehicle | All days | All hours | 12 hours | No charge |
| | | All days | All hours | 12 hours | No charge |

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| 46. Monaghan Street, Newry | Motor car, motor cycle, mobility vehicle and light goods vehicle | Monday to Saturday | 8.30am to 6.30pm | 10 hours | Tariff TL5 as set out in Schedule 2 |
| | | | 6.30pm to 8.30am | 14 hours | No charge |
| 47. Newry Leisure Centre, Newry | Motor car, motor cycle, mobility vehicle, light goods vehicle and bus | Sunday | All hours | 12 hours | No charge |
| | | All days when facility open | All hours when facility open | Only during facility opening hours | No charge |
| 48. New Street, Newry | Motor car, motor cycle, mobility vehicle and light goods vehicle | Monday to Sunday | 8.30am to 6.30pm | 10 hours | Tariff TL5 as set out in Schedule 2 |
| | | | 6.30pm to 8.30am | 14 hours | No charge |
| 49. New Street Amenity Area, Newry | Motor car, motor cycle, mobility vehicle and light goods vehicle | Sunday | All hours | 12 hours | No charge |
| | | All days | All hours | 12 hours | No charge |
| 50. North Street, Newry | Motor car, motor cycle, mobility vehicle and light goods vehicle | All days | All hours | 12 hours | No charge |
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| 51. River Street, Newry | Motor car, motor cycle, mobility vehicle and light goods vehicle | All days | All hours | 14 hours | No charge |
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| 52. St. Colman's Sports Centre, Newry | Motor car, motor cycle, mobility vehicle, light goods vehicle and buses | All days when facility open | All hours when facility open | Only during facility opening hours | No charge |
| 53. The Square, Rostrevor | Motor car, motor cycle, mobility vehicle and light goods vehicle | All days | All hours | 14 hours | No charge |
| 54. Downpatrick Street, Saintfield | Motor car, motor cycle, mobility vehicle and light goods vehicle | All days | All hours | 12 hours | No charge |
| 55. East Street, Warrenpoint | Motor car, motor cycle, mobility vehicle and light goods vehicle | All days | All hours | 14 hours | No charge |
| 56. Havelock Place, Warrenpoint | Motor car, motor cycle, mobility vehicle and light goods vehicle | All days | All hours | 14 hours | No charge |
| 57. King's Lane, Warrenpoint | Motor car, motor cycle, mobility vehicle and light goods vehicle | All days | All hours | 14 hours | No charge |
| 58. Mary Street, Warrenpoint | Motor car, motor cycle, mobility vehicle and light goods vehicle | All days | All hours | 14 hours | No charge |
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PARKING PLACES

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| 59. Newry Street, Warrenpoint | Motor car, motor cycle, mobility vehicle and light goods vehicle | All days | All hours | 14 hours | No charge |
| 60. Osbourne Terrace, Warrenpoint | Motor car, motor cycle, mobility vehicle and light goods vehicle | All days | All hours | 14 hours | No charge |
| 61. The Square, Warrenpoint | Motor car, motor cycle, mobility vehicle and light goods vehicle | All days | All hours | 14 hours | No charge |
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SCHEDULE 2
TARIFFS

Tariff TL5: Motor Cars, Motor Cycles, Mobility Vehicles and Light Goods Vehicles

| | |
|---|----------------|
| Up to 1 hour | 50p |
| Over 1 hour and not exceeding 2 hours | £1.00 |
| Over 2 hours and not exceeding 3 hours | £1.50 |
| Over 3 hours and not exceeding 4 hours | £2.00 |
| Over 4 hours and not exceeding 5 hours | £2.50 |
| Over 5 hours and not exceeding 6 hours | £3.00 |
| Over 6 hours and not exceeding 7 hours | £3.50 |
| Over 7 hours and not exceeding 8 hours | £4.00 |
| Over 8 hours | £4.50 |
| Within 1 hour of closing | 50p |
| 4 WEEK SEASON TICKET: (Valid Monday- Friday) | £63.00 |
| 12 WEEK SEASON TICKET: (Valid Monday-Friday) | £153.00 |

Tariff TL6: Motor Cars, Motor Cycles, Mobility Vehicles and Light Goods Vehicles

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|---|----------------|
| Up to 1 hour | 60p |
| Over 1 hour and not exceeding 2 hours | £1.20 |
| Over 2 hours and not exceeding 3 hours | £1.80 |
| Over 3 hours and not exceeding 4 hours | £2.40 |
| Over 4 hours and not exceeding 5 hours | £3.00 |
| Over 5 hours and not exceeding 6 hours | £3.60 |
| Over 6 hours and not exceeding 7 hours | £4.20 |
| Over 7 hours and not exceeding 8 hours | £4.80 |
| Over 8 hours | £5.40 |
| Within 1 hour of closing | 60p |
| 4 WEEK SEASON TICKET: (Valid Monday- Friday) | £75.60 |
| 12 WEEK SEASON TICKET: (Valid Monday-Friday) | £183.60 |

SCHEDULE 2
TARIFFS

Tariff TL7: Motor Cars, Motor Cycles, Mobility Vehicles and Light Goods Vehicles

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| Up to 1 hour | 70p |
| Over 1 hour and not exceeding 2 hours | £1.40 |
| Over 2 hours and not exceeding 3 hours | £2.10 |
| Over 3 hours and not exceeding 4 hours | £2.80 |
| Over 4 hours and not exceeding 5 hours | £3.50 |
| Over 5 hours and not exceeding 6 hours | £4.20 |
| Over 6 hours and not exceeding 7 hours | £4.90 |
| Over 7 hours and not exceeding 8 hours | £5.60 |
| Over 8 hours | £6.30 |
| Within 1 hour of closing | 70p |
| 4 WEEK SEASON TICKET: (Valid Monday- Friday) | £88.20 |
| 12 WEEK SEASON TICKET: (Valid Monday-Friday) | £214.20 |

Tariff TM6: Motor Cars, Motor Cycles, Mobility Vehicles and Light Goods Vehicles

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| Up to 1 hour | 60p |
| Over 1 hour and not exceeding 2 hours | £1.20 |
| Over 2 hours and not exceeding 3 hours | £1.80 |
| Over 3 hours and not exceeding 4 hours | £2.40 |
| Over 4 hours and not exceeding 5 hours | £3.00 |
| Over 5 hours and not exceeding 6 hours | £4.00 |
| Over 6 hours and not exceeding 7 hours | £5.00 |
| Over 7 hours and not exceeding 8 hours | £6.00 |
| Over 8 hours | £7.00 |
| Within 1 hour of closing | £1.20 |

SCHEDULE 2
TARIFFS

Tariff TM7: Motor Cars, Motor Cycles, Mobility Vehicles and Light Goods Vehicles

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| Up to 1 hour | 70p |
| Over 1 hour and not exceeding 2 hours | £1.40 |
| Over 2 hours and not exceeding 3 hours | £2.10 |
| Over 3 hours and not exceeding 4 hours | £2.80 |
| Over 4 hours and not exceeding 5 hours | £3.50 |
| Over 5 hours and not exceeding 6 hours | £4.50 |
| Over 6 hours and not exceeding 7 hours | £5.50 |
| Over 7 hours and not exceeding 8 hours | £6.50 |
| Over 8 hours | £7.50 |
| Within 1 hour of closing | £1.40 |

TARIFF TM8: Motor Cars, Motor Cycles, Mobility Vehicles and Light Goods Vehicles

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| Up to 1 hour | 80p |
| Over 1 hours and not exceeding 2 hours | £1.60 |
| Over 2 hours and not exceeding 3 hours | £2.40 |
| Over 3 hours and not exceeding 4 hours | £3.20 |
| Over 4 hours and not exceeding 5 hours | £4.00 |
| Over 5 hours and not exceeding 6 hours | £5.00 |
| Over 6 hours and not exceeding 7 hours | £6.00 |
| Over 7 hours and not exceeding 8 hours | £7.00 |
| Over 8 hours | £8.00 |
| Within 1 hour of closing | £1.60 |

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TARIFF TM10: Motor Cars, Motor Cycles, Mobility Vehicles and Light Goods Vehicles

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| Up to 1 hour | £1.00 |
| Over 1 hour and not exceeding 2 hours | £2.00 |
| Over 2 hours and not exceeding 3 hours | £3.00 |
| Over 3 hours and not exceeding 4 hours | £4.00 |
| Over 4 hours and not exceeding 5 hours | £5.00 |
| Over 5 hours and not exceeding 6 hours | £6.00 |
| Over 6 hours and not exceeding 7 hours | £7.00 |
| Over 7 hours and not exceeding 8 hours | £8.00 |
| Over 8 hours | £9.00 |
| Within 1 hour of closing | £2.00 |

TARIFF TM12: Motor Cars, Motor Cycles, Mobility Vehicles and Light Goods Vehicles

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| Up to 1 hour | £1.20 |
| Over 1 hour and not exceeding 2 hours | £2.40 |
| Over 2 hours and not exceeding 3 hours | £3.60 |
| Over 3 hours and not exceeding 4 hours | £4.80 |
| Over 4 hours and not exceeding 5 hours | £6.60 |
| Over 5 hours and not exceeding 6 hours | £8.40 |
| Over 6 hours and not exceeding 7 hours | £10.20 |
| Over 7 hours and not exceeding 8 hours | £12.00 |
| Over 8 hours | £13.80 |
| Within 1 hour of closing | £2.40 |

TARIFF TS4: Motor Cars, Motor Cycles, Mobility Vehicles and Light Goods Vehicles

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| Up to 3 hours | 40p |
| Over 3 hours and not exceeding 6 hours | 80p |
| Over 6 hours | £1.20 |
| After 5pm until closing | 40p |
| 4 Week Season Ticket (Valid Monday – Friday) | £19.00 |
| 12 Week Season Ticket (Valid Monday – Friday) | £46.00 |

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| Report to: | Sustainability and Environment Committee |
| Date of Meeting: | 20 th May 2026 |
| Subject: | Climate Adaptation Report to DAERA |
| Reporting Officer (Including Job Title): | Conor Sage, Assistant Director, Sustainability |
| Contact Officer (Including Job Title): | Eamonn Keaveney, Head of Sustainability |

Confirm how this Report should be treated by placing an x in either: -

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| For decision | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | For noting only | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| 1.0 | Purpose and Background |
| 1.1 | The purpose of this report is for members to consider and approve the submission of the attached Climate Change Adaptation Report as required by The Climate Change (Reporting Bodies) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2024. Suggested changes or additions can be added and will be passed on to DAERA to be included in the report. |
| 2.0 | Key issues |
| 2.1 | The Climate Change (Reporting Bodies) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2024 place climate change reporting duties on specified public bodies, as required under section 42 of the Climate Change Act (Northern Ireland) 2022. The specified public bodies include all 11 NI Councils. |
| 2.2 | The 1st report on Climate Change Adaptation was submitted to meet the deadline of 31 st March 2026. Reports are required to include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance, Objectives and Strategies addressing Climate Adaptation • Methodology used to Identify and Assess Climate Change Impacts • Climate Risks Identified • Any Climate Adaptation Actions proposed Subsequent Reporting will be required every 5 years. |
| 2.3 | Newry, Mourne and Down District Council have been working with Climate NI and the other NI Councils as part of the Local Government Climate Action Network (LGCAN) for several years to develop our Local Climate Adaptation Plan. <p>Council has established a Climate Adaptation Staff Working Group from key Departments and services across the Council including Sustainability and Environment, Facilities, Maintenance, Capital Projects, Economic Development, Regeneration and Tourism, Geoparks, Waste, Leisure, Fleet, and Planning.</p> <p>The Council has followed the Methodology developed in the NI Adapts Planning Toolkit and worked closely as a member of LGCAN facilitated by Climate NI on behalf of DAERA, supported by the Met Office to assess the risks and impacts affecting the Council from</p> |

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| | Climate Change, and to develop its Climate Adaptation Plan and an Action Plan to address the current and future impacts. |
| 2.4 | <p>Information submitted in the report included policy and objectives relating to climate adaptation which are contained in the Council's Corporate Plan, Community Plan and Performance Improvement Plan.</p> <p>Proposed Themes, objectives and actions contained in the Council's Draft Climate Change Adaptation Strategy were also included in the report.</p> <p>Any draft themes, objectives and actions submitted in the report which are taken from the Council's Draft Climate Change Adaptation Plan are subject to final confirmation by Committee and full Council when they approve the final Plan.</p> |
| 2.5 | <p>The Council's Draft Climate Adaptation Plan will be finalised and presented to Committee and Council for approval this year (2026/27).</p> <p>The Climate Adaptation Plan will guide the Council's approach to developing resilience and ensuring our buildings, services and staff are able to function in the face of future predicted climate impacts.</p> <p>Future developments will include how we work in partnership with other agencies and communities to develop local resilience to climate impacts such as flooding, storms and coastal erosion/sea level rise.</p> |
| 2.6 | The DAERA Report also contains 2 short Case Studies of climate adaptation related activities which the Council has delivered recently. |
| 2.7 | As this is the first year of the reporting process there is some flexibility with the accuracy of the information submitted. Councils and other public reporting bodies will work to improve their data and information gathering and develop their climate adaptation actions in future years. |
| 2.8 | The Council's report was submitted on 31 st March 2026 on DAERA's online Reporting Portal to meet the required deadline for reporting. |
| 2.9 | A copy of the submitted report is available (Appendix 1) for Members to consider and to advise of any comments or suggested changes. Any agreed changes will be submitted to DAERA for addition to the report. |
| 3.0 | Recommendations |
| 3.1 | It is recommended that members consider and approve submission of the report to DAERA and to allow DAERA to analyse and publish information from the submitted report as required by the Climate Change (Reporting Bodies) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2024. |
| 4.0 | Resource implications |
| 4.1 | There are no resource implications in relation to submission of the report. |
| 4.2 | There are likely to be resource implications in meeting future climate action activities. Further resources and significant budget are expected to be required in order to deliver climate action for the council. |

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| 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>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" 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> |
| 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 checked="" 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: Council's Climate Change Adaptation Report submitted on the DAERA online Reporting Portal |
| 8.0 | Background Documents |
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Summary

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| Report | Adaptation |
| Submission year | 2026 |
| Organisation | Newry, Mourne and Down District Council |
| Status | Started |

Part 1 - Report setup and profile

Report set up

1.1 (a) - Is this a report for a single organisation, or more than one organisation (i.e. a joint report)?

Single organisation

Profile

1.2 (a) - Contact name

Eamonn Keaveney

Contact number

0330 137 4000 or 07735983172

Contact email address

eamonn.keaveney@nmandd.org

1.2 (b) - Name of the organisation

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

1.2 (c) - Is your organisation required to report under the Regulations, or is the organisation reporting voluntarily?

Required to report under the Regulations

1.2 (d) - Organisation type

Local government (Council)

1.2 (e) - Average number of full-time equivalent staff employed (in Northern Ireland) (Specify the average number of staff for the most recently completed financial year - 1st April to 31st March)

1000.00

Part 2 - Governance, objectives and strategies

Climate change governance structures

2.1 (a) - Does the organisation currently have any climate change adaptation governance structures in place?

Yes

2.1 (b) - How is climate change adaptation governed within the organisation?

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council is committed to meeting its responsibilities in terms of sustainable development and climate change (mitigation and adaptation), according to national and regional climate legislation and ambitions. The Council is also actively participating in the DAERA Mitigation and Adaptation Public Body Reporting process. The Council's Corporate Plan 2024–2027 contains the Organisation's Strategic Objectives and Key Actions. We have adopted eight strategic objectives. These are aligned to the five themes of the Community Plan and will be delivered in collaboration and partnership with a range of stakeholders. One of our 8 Key Strategic Objectives is "Protect and enhance our environment to secure a sustainable future" Some of the areas for Action in the Corporate Plan linked to this objective include: Develop and implement a: • Climate Change and Sustainability Strategy • Local Climate Change Adaptation Plan • Biodiversity Strategy • Tree Strategy. • Undertake a baseline assessment of the Council's carbon footprint and set targets to reduce our carbon emissions. • Support the implementation of new Electric Vehicle (EV) charging points. • Keep under review the actions to address sustainability and the climate change emergency declared by Council. • Contribute to the delivery of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Management Action Plans and the Marine Protected Area Management Plans In the Council's Corporate Plan The Chairperson and Chief Executive Foreword includes the following lines: "Sustainability and the climate change emergency continues to be a key driver and we look forward to delivering on important benefits for our district and are confident that we will adapt to new opportunities and challenges as they emerge, all with the key objective of improving the lives and livelihoods of the people who live and work here." The Council has developed a Draft Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy 2026-2030 which will be published in May

2026. The Strategy will deliver action on sustainable development and climate change (mitigation and adaptation) during the 2026 – 2030 period. The Council has developed a Draft Climate Adaptation Plan. The Council followed the NI Adapts Toolkit developed by Climate NI and supported by the Local Government Climate Action Network (LGCAN) and DAERA. The Plan refers to the aims and objectives of NICCAP 2. The Council's governance structure and strategy will ensure accountability and is organised as follows: Full Council (Elected Members) • Sustainability and Environment Committee • Senior Management Team (SMT) • Director of Sustainability and Environment • Assistant Director of Sustainability - Head of Sustainability • Sustainability Team A copy of the governance structure for Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation is attached.

2.1 (c) - Provide a summary of how the organisation monitors, reports on and manages its climate change adaptation decision-making at a senior staff level e.g. the responsibilities for the organisation's senior managers, departmental heads, etc.

NMDDC's Sustainability & Environment Department oversees Climate Change policy and action for both mitigation and adaptation. The Council has developed a Draft Sustainability and Climate Change Plan 2026–2030 and a Draft Adaptation Plan 2026 to 2030. Council has put in place processes for monitoring, reviewing, updating and reporting on their Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy and Climate Adaptation Plan based on the governance structure discussed above and in the attached structure/plan. The Climate Strategy and Adaptation Plan both interlink with Council's Corporate Plan and Community Plan, and other Council strategies and sets out objectives and actions for the next five years, which will be embedded into relevant departmental business plans. The Climate Strategy and the Adaptation plan will be monitored and reviewed on an annual basis and will be overseen by the Sustainability and Environment Committee. The Sustainability team will lead on the development and implementation of the Strategy and Adaptation Plan and on communicating with other teams on a cross departmental basis. The Director of Sustainability and Environment will have overall responsibility and oversight for Climate action, supported by the Assistant Director of Sustainability. The Head of Sustainability will manage the Sustainability team and the day to day implementation, monitoring and review of climate action and adaptation. The team will also continue to collect data on carbon emissions and climate impacts and report on an annual basis to the Sustainability and Environment Committee and to Full Council on the Council's carbon emissions and progress on climate mitigation and adaptation. Actions from the Strategy and Adaptation Plan will also be included in the Council's Performance Improvement Review process.

2.1 (d) - If available, provide a PDF document of a diagram/chart outlining the climate change adaptation governance and responsibility structures within the organisation, including senior

management, departmental heads, etc. (Please do not provide names of individuals)

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| Filename | Climate Mitigation and Adaptation Governance NMDDC.pdf |

Climate change objectives and strategies

2.2 (a) - Does the organisation currently have any high-level, strategic objectives (goals) for climate change adaptation?

Yes

2.2 (b) - Provide the objective(s) title, description and where the objective is documented and can be sourced (the relevant PDF document can be provided, if available)

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| Filename | N/A |
| Title of the climate change adaptation objective | NMD Community Plan – Living Well Together - Objective: Key Outcome 3 - All people in Newry, Mourne and Down benefit from a clean, quality and sustainable environment. |
| Description of the climate change adaptation objective | Community Planning is about creating a shared plan to make life better for everyone in our district. It means councils, public services, and local people working together to improve our area. The aim is to make the best use of money and resources and to help with the things that matter most — like health, education, jobs, safety and the environment. In short, Community Planning is everyone joining forces to make real improvements for local people. Newry, Mourne and Down District has published its Community Plan – Living Well Together (to 2030) Sustainability and Environment is included in one of our 4 |

key Outcomes from the Community Plan:
Community Plan Key Outcome 3: All people in Newry, Mourne and Down benefit from a clean, quality and sustainable environment. The Environment and spatial Thematic Working Group is responsible for developing sustainable practices under the following 5 Themes: Level of connectivity; Level of sustainable energy; Level of quality housing; Level of quality living Environment; Level of rich, diverse, natural environment.

Name of document and page number where the objective is located

Located in the Council's Community Plan published on the Council's website www.newrymournedown.org

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N/A

Title of the climate change adaptation objective

Corporate Plan Key Strategic Objective 3: "Protect and enhance our environment to secure a sustainable future"

Description of the climate change adaptation objective

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council's Corporate Plan 2024–2027 contains the Organisation's Strategic Objectives and Key Actions. We have adopted eight strategic objectives. These are aligned to the five themes of the Community Plan and will be delivered in collaboration and partnership with a range of stakeholders. One of our 8 Key Strategic Objectives is "Protect and enhance our environment to secure a sustainable future" Some of the areas for Action in the Corporate Plan linked to this objective include: Develop and implement a: • Climate Change and Sustainability Strategy • Local Climate Change Adaptation Plan • Biodiversity Strategy • Tree Strategy. • Undertake a baseline assessment of the Council's carbon footprint and set targets to reduce our carbon emissions. • Support the implementation of new Electric Vehicle (EV) charging points. •

Keep under review the actions to address sustainability and the climate change emergency declared by Council. • Contribute to the delivery of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Management Action Plans and the Marine Protected Area Management Plans Sustainability and Climate Change feature prominently in the Council's Corporate Plan. The Chairperson and Chief Executive Foreword includes the following lines: "Sustainability and the climate change emergency continues to be a key driver and we look forward to delivering on important benefits for our district and are confident that we will adapt to new opportunities and challenges as they emerge, all with the key objective of improving the lives and livelihoods of the people who live and work here."

Name of document and page number where the objective is located

Located in the Council's Corporate Plan 2024-2027 published on the Council's website www.newrymournedown.org

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N/A

Title of the climate change adaptation objective

Council's Performance Improvement Plan 2025/26 Performance Improvement Objective 4: We will improve our sustainability and reduce our impacts in relation to climate change

Description of the climate change adaptation objective

This is one of 5 key Performance Improvement Objectives set by Council in its performance Improvement Plan 2025/26. Our climate is changing, and we need to prepare. Greenhouse gas emissions cause the Earth's atmosphere to hold more radiation from the sun which increases the overall temperature of the planet. This change in temperature is altering our climate and causing one of the greatest threats of our time. In October 2019

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council declared a 'Climate Emergency'. NMDDC is acutely aware of how intrinsic sustainability and care of our district is to its future. Within our new Council structure, a Sustainability Department has been created. This is led by a dedicated Assistant Director with responsibility for issues such as Energy, Council Fleet, Facilities Maintenance and Biodiversity. Environmental sustainability has become a key objective in the development of our capital projects, providing economic growth for the region in an inclusive and sustainable way. Newry, Mourne and Down District Council aims to embed the ethos of sustainability throughout its operations and to provide leadership for the community. The Council also forms part of the Local Government Climate Action Network which is helping to deliver the NI Climate Change Adaptation Programme. This network will enable us to collaborate with other Councils and relevant statutory partners to develop a strategic approach for climate action.

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| Name of document and page number where the objective is located | Located in the Council's Performance Improvement Plan 2025/26 published on the Council's website www.newrymouredown.org |
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| Title of the climate change adaptation objective | Theme 1: People & Policy - Objective: • Mainstream Climate Adaptation into Council Policies and the planning process, through Community Planning, Corporate Planning and District Planning |
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| Description of the climate change adaptation objective | Theme 1: People & Policy Objective: • Mainstream Climate Adaptation into Council Policies and the planning process, through Community Planning, Corporate Planning and District Planning |
| Name of document and page number where the objective is located | Newry, Mourne and Down district Council Draft Climate Adaptation Plan 2026 to 2030 |

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| Filename | N/A |
| Title of the climate change adaptation objective | Theme 1: People & Policy Objective: • Prepare and equip Council staff to respond to the effects of climate change |
| Description of the climate change adaptation objective | Theme 1: People & Policy Objectives: • Prepare and equip Council staff to respond to the effects of climate change |
| Name of document and page number where the objective is located | Newry, Mourne and Down district Council Draft Climate Adaptation Plan 2026 to 2030 |

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| Filename | N/A |
| Title of the climate change adaptation objective | Theme 2: Operations & Services Objective: • Ensure continued service delivery and maintaining Council operations through developing resilience to climate change impacts |

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| Description of the climate change adaptation objective | Theme 2: Operations & Services Objective: • Ensure continued service delivery and maintaining Council operations through developing resilience to climate change impacts |
| Name of document and page number where the objective is located | Newry, Mourne and Down district Council Draft Climate Adaptation Plan 2026 to 2030 |

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| Filename | N/A |
| Title of the climate change adaptation objective | Theme 3: Assets & Capital Development Objective: • Plan ahead and Prepare for the future impacts of climate change ensuring protection of Council assets, property and infrastructure |
| Description of the climate change adaptation objective | Theme 3: Assets & Capital Development Objective: • Plan ahead and Prepare for the future impacts of climate change ensuring protection of Council assets, property and infrastructure |
| Name of document and page number where the objective is located | Newry, Mourne and Down district Council Draft Climate Adaptation Plan 2026 to 2030 |

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| Filename | N/A |
| Title of the climate change adaptation objective | Theme 4: Green Infrastructure & Natural Capital Objective: • Prioritise Green Infrastructure and protect, enhance and make use of Nature based solutions for climate |

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| | adaptation across Council property, protected areas and the wider district |
| Description of the climate change adaptation objective | Theme 4: Green Infrastructure & Natural Capital Objective: • Prioritise Green Infrastructure and protect, enhance and make use of Nature based solutions for climate adaptation across Council property, protected areas and the wider district |
| Name of document and page number where the objective is located | Newry, Mourne and Down district Council Draft Climate Adaptation Plan 2026 to 2030 |

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| Filename | N/A |
| Title of the climate change adaptation objective | Theme 5: Economic Development & Tourism Objective: • Identify threats and opportunities arising from climate change and ensure local businesses are informed and prepared for Climate Adaptation. |
| Description of the climate change adaptation objective | Theme 5: Economic Development & Tourism Objective: • Identify threats and opportunities arising from climate change and ensure local businesses are informed and prepared for Climate Adaptation. |
| Name of document and page number where the objective is located | Newry, Mourne and Down district Council Draft Climate Adaptation Plan 2026 to 2030 |

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| Title of the climate change adaptation objective | Theme 5: Economic Development & Tourism Objective: • Develop our Tourism sector and assets to be resilient to threats and make use of opportunities arising from climate change |
| Description of the climate change adaptation objective | Theme 5: Economic Development & Tourism Objectives: • Develop our Tourism sector and assets to be resilient to threats and make use of opportunities arising from climate change |
| Name of document and page number where the objective is located | Newry, Mourne and Down district Council Draft Climate Adaptation Plan 2026 to 2030 |

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| Filename | N/A |
| Title of the climate change adaptation objective | Theme 6: Heritage & Culture Objectives: • Identify and address the impacts, risks and opportunities of climate change to local heritage assets, collections, cultural programs, festivals and events |
| Description of the climate change adaptation objective | Theme 6: Heritage & Culture Objectives: • Identify and address the impacts, risks and opportunities of climate change to local heritage assets, collections, cultural programs, festivals and events |
| Name of document and page number where the objective is located | Newry, Mourne and Down district Council Draft Climate Adaptation Plan 2026 to 2030 |

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| Title of the climate change adaptation objective | Theme 7: Planning & Building Control Objectives: • Ensure that all new build developments and land use across the District will be designed and built to adapt to climate change. |
| Description of the climate change adaptation objective | Theme 7: Planning & Building Control Objectives: • Ensure that all new build developments and land use across the District will be designed and built to adapt to climate change. |
| Name of document and page number where the objective is located | Newry, Mourne and Down district Council Draft Climate Adaptation Plan 2026 to 2030 |

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| Filename | N/A |
| Title of the climate change adaptation objective | Theme 8: Delivery & Partnership Objectives: • Ensure we have good governance and adequate resources in place within Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to ensure good adaptation planning and effective actions. |
| Description of the climate change adaptation objective | Theme 8: Delivery & Partnership Objectives: • Ensure we have good governance and adequate resources in place within Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to ensure good adaptation planning and effective actions. |
| Name of document and page number where the objective is located | Newry, Mourne and Down district Council Draft Climate Adaptation Plan 2026 to 2030 |

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| Filename | N/A |
| Title of the climate change adaptation objective | Theme 8: Delivery & Partnership Objectives: • To work with others in partnership locally and regionally including on a cross border basis to strengthen the resilience of the district and its people. |
| Description of the climate change adaptation objective | Theme 8: Delivery & Partnership Objectives: • To work with others in partnership locally and regionally including on a cross border basis to strengthen the resilience of the district and its people. |
| Name of document and page number where the objective is located | Newry, Mourne and Down district Council Draft Climate Adaptation Plan 2026 to 2030 |

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| Filename | N/A |
| Title of the climate change adaptation objective | Theme 9: Awareness & Communication Objectives: • Raise awareness and increase understanding of climate change to empower Council and Communities to adapt effectively |
| Description of the climate change adaptation objective | Theme 9: Awareness & Communication Objectives: • Raise awareness and increase understanding of climate change to empower Council and Communities to adapt effectively |
| Name of document and page number where the objective is located | Newry, Mourne and Down district Council Draft Climate Adaptation Plan 2026 to 2030 |

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| Filename | N/A |
| Title of the climate change adaptation objective | Theme 10: Knowledge & Information Objectives: • Ensure we use sound data and the correct information in order to have a good understanding of climate change impacts so we can deliver the most effective adaptation solutions. |
| Description of the climate change adaptation objective | Theme 10: Knowledge & Information Objectives: • Ensure we use sound data and the correct information in order to have a good understanding of climate change impacts so we can deliver the most effective adaptation solutions. |
| Name of document and page number where the objective is located | Newry, Mourne and Down district Council Draft Climate Adaptation Plan 2026 to 2030 |

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| Filename | N/A |
| Title of the climate change adaptation objective | Theme 10: Knowledge & Information Objectives: . • Continually review and update our information to ensure we are well informed and best prepared to withstand the impacts of climate change |
| Description of the climate change adaptation objective | Theme 10: Knowledge & Information Objectives: • Continually review and update our information to ensure we are well informed and best prepared to withstand the impacts of climate change |

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| Name of document and page number where the objective is located | Newry, Mourne and Down district Council Draft Climate Adaptation Plan 2026 to 2030 |
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Part 3 - Climate change impact assessment

Functions considered

3.1 (a) - Provide a list or table of the organisation's functions, assets, and services considered by its climate change impact assessment

Climate Change Impact Assessment Functions considered NMDDC.pdf

Methodology

3.2 (a) - Describe the methodology used to identify and assess the organisation's current and predicted climate change impacts (risks and opportunities) in relation to its functions

Full Methodology details are provided under Question 3.2(b) via a PDF Upload.

3.2 (b) - Upload a PDF document describing the methodology used to identify and assess the organisation's current and predicted climate change impacts (risks and opportunities) in relation to its functions

NMDDC Methodology used to identify and assess Climate Change impacts.pdf

Findings

3.3 (a) - Enter findings from the applied climate change impact assessment methodology covering current and future risks and opportunities in relation to the organisation's functions

Increasing frequency and intensity of precipitation resulting in greater flood risk

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| If applicable, state the theme or category assigned to the risk/opportunity | Operations & Services |
| Is it a risk, an opportunity, or both? | Risk |
| Does the risk or opportunity align with, or is it the same as, any identified in the most recent UK climate change risk assessment – summary for Northern Ireland? | Yes |
| Selected titles | Infrastructure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R: I2. Infrastructure services - river, surface water and groundwater flooding |
| Is the impact of the risk or opportunity current, predicted, or both in relation to the organisation's functions? | Current and predicted |
| Describe the potential current and/or predicted impacts of the risk or opportunity on the organisation's functions | Increasing frequency and intensity of precipitation resulting in greater flood risk affecting Council assets and operations leading to financial losses, increased insurance costs and additional resource |
| Has the organisation considered if the risk or opportunity may change in the future in relation to | Yes |

impacts on the organisation's functions?

Describe how the risk or opportunity may change in the future in relation to impacts on the organisation's functions?

Become more frequent and extreme or impactful.

If the organisation has assigned a priority level to the risk or opportunity in relation to impacts on its functions, describe the level and explain why it was assigned

Level = 12 High Frequency and High Impact

Is the management of the risk or opportunity fully within the organisation's control?

No

State the organisation(s) which the management of the risk or opportunity depends on, and briefly describe the nature of the dependency

DFI Local Government resilience group
 Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue service
 MET office Rivers Agency Roads Service
 Forest Service Rural Regional Community Resilience group
 MET Office British Red Cross Southern & South Eastern Health and Social Care NI
 Housing Exec Coast Guard NI Ambulance Service Executive Office

Additional comments

N/A

Increasing frequency of flood events disrupting transport, energy, water and communication

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| If applicable, state the theme or category assigned to the risk/opportunity | Operations and services |
| Is it a risk, an opportunity, or both? | Risk |
| Does the risk or opportunity align with, or is it the same as, any identified in the most recent UK climate change risk assessment – summary for Northern Ireland? | Yes |
| Selected titles | Infrastructure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R: I1. Infrastructure networks (water, energy, transport, ICT) - cascading failures |
| Is the impact of the risk or opportunity current, predicted, or both in relation to the organisation's functions? | Current and predicted |
| Describe the potential current and/or predicted impacts of the risk or opportunity on the organisation's functions | Increasing frequency of flood events disrupting transport, energy, water and communication infrastructure and local communities requiring Council response and support |
| Has the organisation considered if the risk or opportunity may change in the future in relation to | Yes |

impacts on the organisation's functions?

Describe how the risk or opportunity may change in the future in relation to impacts on the organisation's functions?

increase in frequency and impact

If the organisation has assigned a priority level to the risk or opportunity in relation to impacts on its functions, describe the level and explain why it was assigned

Level = 15. Impact is high and frequency is high

Is the management of the risk or opportunity fully within the organisation's control?

No

State the organisation(s) which the management of the risk or opportunity depends on, and briefly describe the nature of the dependency

DFI Local Government resilience group
 Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue service
 MET office Rivers Agency Roads Service
 Forest Service Rural Regional Community Resilience group
 MET Office British Red Cross Southern & South Eastern Health and Social Care NI
 Housing Exec Coast Guard NI
 Ambulance Service Executive Office

Additional comments

N/A

Heatwaves and Hot Weather resulting in damage to Council staff, property, and assets.

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| If applicable, state the theme or category assigned to the risk/opportunity | Green Infrastructure and Natural Capital |
| Is it a risk, an opportunity, or both? | Risk |
| Does the risk or opportunity align with, or is it the same as, any identified in the most recent UK climate change risk assessment – summary for Northern Ireland? | Yes |
| Selected titles | Health, Communities and the Built Environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R: H1. Health and wellbeing - high temperatures |
| Is the impact of the risk or opportunity current, predicted, or both in relation to the organisation's functions? | Current and predicted |
| Describe the potential current and/or predicted impacts of the risk or opportunity on the organisation's functions | Heatwaves and Hot Weather resulting in damage to Council staff, property, and assets leading to financial losses, increased insurance costs and additional resource. Impacts on residents, Council support required. |
| Has the organisation considered if the risk or opportunity may change in the | Yes |

future in relation to impacts on the organisation's functions?

Describe how the risk or opportunity may change in the future in relation to impacts on the organisation's functions?

Likely to get more frequent and more intense

If the organisation has assigned a priority level to the risk or opportunity in relation to impacts on its functions, describe the level and explain why it was assigned

Level = 9 - Medium frequency and medium impact

Is the management of the risk or opportunity fully within the organisation's control?

No

State the organisation(s) which the management of the risk or opportunity depends on, and briefly describe the nature of the dependency

DFI Local Government resilience group
 Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue service
 MET office Rivers Agency Roads Service
 Forest Service Rural Regional Community
 Resilience group MET Office British Red
 Cross Southern & South Eastern Health and
 Social Care NI Housing Exec Coast Guard NI
 Ambulance Service Executive Office

Additional comments

N/A

Hot weather and heatwaves resulting in disruption to service delivery

If applicable, state the theme or category assigned to the risk/opportunity Operations and services

Is it a risk, an opportunity, or both? Risk

Does the risk or opportunity align with, or is it the same as, any identified in the most recent UK climate change risk assessment – summary for Northern Ireland? Yes

Selected titles **Health, Communities and the Built Environment**
 • R: H1. Health and wellbeing - high temperatures

Is the impact of the risk or opportunity current, predicted, or both in relation to the organisation's functions? Current and predicted

Describe the potential current and/or predicted impacts of the risk or opportunity on the organisation's functions Hot weather and heatwaves resulting in disruption to service delivery

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| <p>Has the organisation considered if the risk or opportunity may change in the future in relation to impacts on the organisation's functions?</p> | <p>Yes</p> |
| <p>Describe how the risk or opportunity may change in the future in relation to impacts on the organisation's functions?</p> | <p>Likely to increase in frequency and intensity</p> |
| <p>If the organisation has assigned a priority level to the risk or opportunity in relation to impacts on its functions, describe the level and explain why it was assigned</p> | <p>Level = 9 - Medium frequency and medium impact</p> |
| <p>Is the management of the risk or opportunity fully within the organisation's control?</p> | <p>No</p> |
| <p>State the organisation(s) which the management of the risk or opportunity depends on, and briefly describe the nature of the dependency</p> | <p>DFI Local Government resilience group Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue service MET office Rivers Agency Roads Service Forest Service Rural Regional Community Resilience group MET Office British Red Cross Southern & South Eastern Health and Social Care NI Housing Exec Coast Guard NI Ambulance Service Executive Office</p> |

Additional comments

N/A

Hot weather and heatwaves disrupting transport, energy, water, communications and communities

If applicable, state the theme or category assigned to the risk/opportunity

Operations and services

Is it a risk, an opportunity, or both?

Risk

Does the risk or opportunity align with, or is it the same as, any identified in the most recent UK climate change risk assessment – summary for Northern Ireland?

Yes

Selected titles

Infrastructure

- R: I1. Infrastructure networks (water, energy, transport, ICT) - cascading failures

Is the impact of the risk or opportunity current, predicted, or both in relation to the organisation's functions?

Current and predicted

Describe the potential current and/or predicted impacts of the risk or opportunity on

Hot weather and heatwaves disrupting transport, energy, water and communication infrastructure and local communities requiring Council response and support

the organisation's functions

Has the organisation considered if the risk or opportunity may change in the future in relation to impacts on the organisation's functions?

Yes

Describe how the risk or opportunity may change in the future in relation to impacts on the organisation's functions?

Likely to increase in frequency and impact

If the organisation has assigned a priority level to the risk or opportunity in relation to impacts on its functions, describe the level and explain why it was assigned

Level = 9 - Medium frequency and medium impact

Is the management of the risk or opportunity fully within the organisation's control?

No

State the organisation(s) which the management of the risk or opportunity depends on, and briefly describe the nature of the dependency

DFI Local Government resilience group
Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue service
MET office Rivers Agency Roads Service
Forest Service Rural Regional Community Resilience group
MET Office British Red Cross Southern & South Eastern Health and Social Care NI Housing Exec Coast Guard NI Ambulance Service Executive Office

Additional comments

N/A

Increased frequency and intensity of storms resulting in damage to council assets

If applicable, state the theme or category assigned to the risk/opportunity

Assets and Capital Development

Is it a risk, an opportunity, or both?

Risk

Does the risk or opportunity align with, or is it the same as, any identified in the most recent UK climate change risk assessment – summary for Northern Ireland?

Yes

Selected titles

Infrastructure

- R: I1. Infrastructure networks (water, energy, transport, ICT) - cascading failures
- R: I3. Infrastructure services - coastal flooding and erosion
- R: I10. Energy - high and low temperatures, high winds, lightning
- R: I12. Transport - high and low temperatures, high winds, lightning

Is the impact of the risk or opportunity current, predicted, or both in relation to the

Current and predicted

organisation's functions?

Describe the potential current and/or predicted impacts of the risk or opportunity on the organisation's functions

Increased frequency and intensity of storms resulting in damage to council assets leading to financial losses, increased insurance costs and additional resource

Has the organisation considered if the risk or opportunity may change in the future in relation to impacts on the organisation's functions?

Yes

Describe how the risk or opportunity may change in the future in relation to impacts on the organisation's functions?

Likely to increase in frequency and impact

If the organisation has assigned a priority level to the risk or opportunity in relation to impacts on its functions, describe the level and explain why it was assigned

Level = 15 - High frequency and high impact

Is the management of the risk or opportunity fully within the organisation's control?

No

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| State the organisation(s) which the management of the risk or opportunity depends on, and briefly describe the nature of the dependency | DFI Local Government resilience group Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue service MET office Rivers Agency Roads Service Forest Service Rural Regional Community Resilience group MET Office British Red Cross Southern & South Eastern Health and Social Care NI Housing Exec Coast Guard NI Ambulance Service Executive Office |
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Increased frequency and intensity of storms resulting in disruption to service delivery

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| If applicable, state the theme or category assigned to the risk/opportunity | Operations and services |
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| Is it a risk, an opportunity, or both? | Risk |
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| Does the risk or opportunity align with, or is it the same as, any identified in the most recent UK climate change risk assessment – summary for Northern Ireland? | Yes |
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| Selected titles | <p>Infrastructure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R: I1. Infrastructure networks (water, energy, transport, ICT) - cascading failures • R: I10. Energy - high and low temperatures, high winds, lightning • R: I12. Transport - high and low temperatures, high winds, lightning |
| Is the impact of the risk or opportunity current, predicted, or both in relation to the organisation's functions? | Current and predicted |
| Describe the potential current and/or predicted impacts of the risk or opportunity on the organisation's functions | Increased frequency and intensity of storms resulting in disruption to service delivery |
| Has the organisation considered if the risk or opportunity may change in the future in relation to impacts on the organisation's functions? | Yes |
| Describe how the risk or opportunity may change in the future in relation to impacts on the organisation's functions? | Likely to become more frequent and more impactful |
| If the organisation has assigned a priority level to the risk or opportunity in relation to | Level = 15 High frequency and High impact |

impacts on its functions, describe the level and explain why it was assigned

Is the management of the risk or opportunity fully within the organisation's control? No

State the organisation(s) which the management of the risk or opportunity depends on, and briefly describe the nature of the dependency DFI Local Government resilience group
Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue service
MET office Rivers Agency Roads Service
Forest Service Rural Regional Community Resilience group MET Office British Red Cross Southern & South Eastern Health and Social Care NI Housing Exec Coast Guard NI Ambulance Service Executive Office

Additional comments N/A

Increasing frequency and intensity of storms disrupting transport, energy, comms & communities

If applicable, state the theme or category assigned to the risk/opportunity Awareness and Communication

Is it a risk, an opportunity, or both? Risk

Does the risk or opportunity align with, or is it the same as, any identified in the most recent UK Yes

climate change risk assessment – summary for Northern Ireland?

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| Selected titles | Health, Communities and the Built Environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R: H3. People, communities and buildings - flooding |
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| Is the impact of the risk or opportunity current, predicted, or both in relation to the organisation's functions? | Current and predicted |
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| Describe the potential current and/or predicted impacts of the risk or opportunity on the organisation's functions | Increasing frequency and intensity of storms disrupting transport, energy, water and communication infrastructure and local communities requiring Council response and support |
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| Has the organisation considered if the risk or opportunity may change in the future in relation to impacts on the organisation's functions? | Yes |
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| Describe how the risk or opportunity may change in the future in relation to impacts on the organisation's functions? | Likely to increase in frequency and intensity and impact |
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| If the organisation has assigned a priority level to the risk or opportunity | Level = 15 - high frequency and high impact |
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in relation to impacts on its functions, describe the level and explain why it was assigned

Is the management of the risk or opportunity fully within the organisation's control? No

State the organisation(s) which the management of the risk or opportunity depends on, and briefly describe the nature of the dependency DFI Local Government resilience group
Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue service
MET office Rivers Agency Roads Service
Forest Service Rural Regional Community Resilience group MET Office British Red Cross Southern & South Eastern Health and Social Care NI Housing Exec Coast Guard NI Ambulance Service Executive Office

Additional comments N/A

) Increased frequency and intensity of storms resulting in damage and tree fall

If applicable, state the theme or category assigned to the risk/opportunity Green Infrastructure and Natural Capital

Is it a risk, an opportunity, or both? Risk

Does the risk or opportunity align with, or is it the same as, any identified in the Yes

most recent UK climate change risk assessment – summary for Northern Ireland?

Selected titles

Natural Environment and Assets

- R: N1. Terrestrial species and habitats - changing climatic conditions and extreme weather events
- R&O: N17. Coastal species and habitats - flooding, erosion and climate factors
- R&O: N18. Landscape character

Is the impact of the risk or opportunity current, predicted, or both in relation to the organisation's functions?

Current and predicted

Describe the potential current and/or predicted impacts of the risk or opportunity on the organisation's functions

Increased frequency and intensity of storms resulting in damage and tree fall

Has the organisation considered if the risk or opportunity may change in the future in relation to impacts on the organisation's functions?

Yes

Describe how the risk or opportunity may change in the future in relation to impacts on the organisation's functions?

Likely to increase in frequency and intensity and impacts

If the organisation has assigned a priority level to the risk or opportunity in relation to impacts on its functions, describe the level and explain why it was assigned Level = 15 - High frequency and high impact

Is the management of the risk or opportunity fully within the organisation's control? No

State the organisation(s) which the management of the risk or opportunity depends on, and briefly describe the nature of the dependency DFI Local Government resilience group
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Additional comments N/A

cold snaps resulting in damage to Council property and assets

If applicable, state the theme or category assigned to the risk/opportunity Assets and Capital Development

Is it a risk, an opportunity, or both? Risk

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| <p>Does the risk or opportunity align with, or is it the same as, any identified in the most recent UK climate change risk assessment – summary for Northern Ireland?</p> | <p>Yes</p> |
| <p>Selected titles</p> | <p>Infrastructure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R: I10. Energy - high and low temperatures, high winds, lightning • R: I12. Transport - high and low temperatures, high winds, lightning |
| <p>Is the impact of the risk or opportunity current, predicted, or both in relation to the organisation's functions?</p> | <p>Current and predicted</p> |
| <p>Describe the potential current and/or predicted impacts of the risk or opportunity on the organisation's functions</p> | <p>cold snaps resulting in damage to Council property and assets leading to financial losses, increased insurance costs and additional resource.</p> |
| <p>Has the organisation considered if the risk or opportunity may change in the future in relation to impacts on the organisation's functions?</p> | <p>Yes</p> |
| <p>Describe how the risk or opportunity may change in the future in relation to</p> | <p>The risk may decrease in future</p> |

impacts on the organisation's functions?

If the organisation has assigned a priority level to the risk or opportunity in relation to impacts on its functions, describe the level and explain why it was assigned Level = 9 - medium frequency and medium impact

Is the management of the risk or opportunity fully within the organisation's control? No

State the organisation(s) which the management of the risk or opportunity depends on, and briefly describe the nature of the dependency DFI Local Government resilience group
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Additional comments N/A

Cold snaps resulting in disruption to service delivery

If applicable, state the theme or category assigned to the risk/opportunity Operations and Services

Is it a risk, an opportunity, or Risk

both?

Does the risk or opportunity align with, or is it the same as, any identified in the most recent UK climate change risk assessment – summary for Northern Ireland?

Yes

Selected titles

Infrastructure

- R: I1. Infrastructure networks (water, energy, transport, ICT) - cascading failures
- R: I10. Energy - high and low temperatures, high winds, lightning
- R: I12. Transport - high and low temperatures, high winds, lightning

Is the impact of the risk or opportunity current, predicted, or both in relation to the organisation's functions?

Current and predicted

Describe the potential current and/or predicted impacts of the risk or opportunity on the organisation's functions

Cold snaps resulting in disruption to service delivery

Has the organisation considered if the risk or opportunity may change in the future in relation to impacts on the organisation's functions?

Yes

Describe how the risk or opportunity may change in the future in relation to impacts on the organisation's functions?

Likely to decrease in frequency

If the organisation has assigned a priority level to the risk or opportunity in relation to impacts on its functions, describe the level and explain why it was assigned

Level = 9 Medium frequency and medium impact

Is the management of the risk or opportunity fully within the organisation's control?

No

State the organisation(s) which the management of the risk or opportunity depends on, and briefly describe the nature of the dependency

DFI Local Government resilience group
 Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue service
 MET office Rivers Agency Roads Service
 Forest Service Rural Regional Community
 Resilience group MET Office British Red
 Cross Southern & South Eastern Health and
 Social Care NI Housing Exec Coast Guard NI
 Ambulance Service Executive Office

Additional comments

N/A

Cold snaps disrupting transport, energy, water and communication infrastructure & communities

If applicable, state the theme or

Awareness and Communication

category assigned to the risk/opportunity

Is it a risk, an opportunity, or both? Risk

Does the risk or opportunity align with, or is it the same as, any identified in the most recent UK climate change risk assessment – summary for Northern Ireland? Yes

Selected titles **Infrastructure**

- R: I1. Infrastructure networks (water, energy, transport, ICT) - cascading failures
- R: I10. Energy - high and low temperatures, high winds, lightning
- R: I12. Transport - high and low temperatures, high winds, lightning

Is the impact of the risk or opportunity current, predicted, or both in relation to the organisation's functions? Current and predicted

Describe the potential current and/or predicted impacts of the risk or opportunity on the organisation's functions Cold snaps disrupting transport, energy, water and communication infrastructure and local communities requiring Council response and support

Has the organisation considered if the risk or opportunity may change in the Yes

future in relation to impacts on the organisation's functions?

Describe how the risk or opportunity may change in the future in relation to impacts on the organisation's functions?

Likely to decrease in frequency

If the organisation has assigned a priority level to the risk or opportunity in relation to impacts on its functions, describe the level and explain why it was assigned

Level = 9 - medium frequency and medium impact

Is the management of the risk or opportunity fully within the organisation's control?

No

State the organisation(s) which the management of the risk or opportunity depends on, and briefly describe the nature of the dependency

DFI Local Government resilience group
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 Forest Service Rural Regional Community Resilience group
 MET Office British Red Cross Southern & South Eastern Health and Social Care NI
 Housing Exec Coast Guard NI Ambulance Service Executive Office

Additional comments

N/A

Flooding & coastal erosion from rising sea levels causing damage to Council land, property & assets

If applicable, state the theme or category assigned to the risk/opportunity

Assets and Capital Development

Is it a risk, an opportunity, or both?

Risk

Does the risk or opportunity align with, or is it the same as, any identified in the most recent UK climate change risk assessment – summary for Northern Ireland?

Yes

Selected titles

Infrastructure

- R: I3. Infrastructure services - coastal flooding and erosion

Is the impact of the risk or opportunity current, predicted, or both in relation to the organisation's functions?

Current and predicted

Describe the potential current and/or predicted impacts of the risk or opportunity on the organisation's functions

Flooding and coastal erosion resulting from rising sea levels resulting in damage to Council land, property and assets leading to financial losses, increased insurance costs and additional resource.

Has the organisation

Yes

considered if the risk or opportunity may change in the future in relation to impacts on the organisation's functions?

Describe how the risk or opportunity may change in the future in relation to impacts on the organisation's functions?

Increasing frequency and impact on coastal areas and assets

If the organisation has assigned a priority level to the risk or opportunity in relation to impacts on its functions, describe the level and explain why it was assigned

Level = 25 - High Frequency and high impact

Is the management of the risk or opportunity fully within the organisation's control?

No

State the organisation(s) which the management of the risk or opportunity depends on, and briefly describe the nature of the dependency

DFI Local Government resilience group
 Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue service
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 Forest Service Rural Regional Community
 Resilience group MET Office British Red
 Cross Southern & South Eastern Health and
 Social Care NI Housing Exec Coast Guard NI
 Ambulance Service Executive Office

Additional comments

N/A

Flooding or road closures resulting in disruption to service delivery

If applicable, state the theme or category assigned to the risk/opportunity Operations and Services

Is it a risk, an opportunity, or both? Risk

Does the risk or opportunity align with, or is it the same as, any identified in the most recent UK climate change risk assessment – summary for Northern Ireland? Yes

Selected titles **Infrastructure**
 • R: I3. Infrastructure services - coastal flooding and erosion

Is the impact of the risk or opportunity current, predicted, or both in relation to the organisation's functions? Current and predicted

Describe the potential current and/or predicted impacts of the risk or opportunity on the organisation's functions Flooding or road closures resulting in disruption to service delivery

Has the organisation Yes

considered if the risk or opportunity may change in the future in relation to impacts on the organisation's functions?

Describe how the risk or opportunity may change in the future in relation to impacts on the organisation's functions?

Likely to increase in frequency and impacts

If the organisation has assigned a priority level to the risk or opportunity in relation to impacts on its functions, describe the level and explain why it was assigned

Level = 9 Medium frequency and medium impact

Is the management of the risk or opportunity fully within the organisation's control?

No

State the organisation(s) which the management of the risk or opportunity depends on, and briefly describe the nature of the dependency

DFI Local Government resilience group
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 Forest Service Rural Regional Community
 Resilience group MET Office British Red
 Cross Southern & South Eastern Health and
 Social Care NI Housing Exec Coast Guard NI
 Ambulance Service Executive Office

Additional comments

N/A

Flooding and damage to infrastructure disrupting transport, energy, water, comms and communities

If applicable, state the theme or category assigned to the risk/opportunity

Awareness and Communication

Is it a risk, an opportunity, or both?

Risk

Does the risk or opportunity align with, or is it the same as, any identified in the most recent UK climate change risk assessment – summary for Northern Ireland?

Yes

Selected titles

Infrastructure

- R: I3. Infrastructure services - coastal flooding and erosion

Is the impact of the risk or opportunity current, predicted, or both in relation to the organisation's functions?

Current and predicted

Describe the potential current and/or predicted impacts of the risk or opportunity on the organisation's functions

Flooding and damage to infrastructure disrupting transport, energy, water and communication infrastructure and local communities requiring Council response and support

Has the organisation

Yes

considered if the risk or opportunity may change in the future in relation to impacts on the organisation's functions?

Describe how the risk or opportunity may change in the future in relation to impacts on the organisation's functions?

Likely to increase in frequency and impact

If the organisation has assigned a priority level to the risk or opportunity in relation to impacts on its functions, describe the level and explain why it was assigned

Level = 25 - high frequency and high impact

Is the management of the risk or opportunity fully within the organisation's control?

No

State the organisation(s) which the management of the risk or opportunity depends on, and briefly describe the nature of the dependency

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 Social Care NI Housing Exec Coast Guard NI
 Ambulance Service Executive Office

Additional comments

N/A

3.3 (b) - Full findings from the applied climate change impact assessment methodology can be uploaded here as a PDF document

NMDDC Climate Risk Register Draft.pdf

Information gaps**3.4 (a) - Comments may be provided here on any information gaps related to the climate change impact assessment**

NA

Supporting the next UK climate change risk assessment**3.5 (a) - Are there any risks or opportunities not covered in the current UK climate change risk assessment - summary for Northern Ireland which could be considered for inclusion in the next assessment?**

No

Part 4 - Climate change adaptation actions**Targets****4.1 (a) - Does the organisation have any adaptation targets?**

No - under consideration or development

4.1 (c) - Additional comments

The Council has not fully developed its Targets under Climate Adaptation. This will be finalised in the Draft Climate Adaptation Plan which is being finalised and will be published in 2026.

Actions**4.2 (a) - Describe the actions the organisation is undertaking to adapt to climate change in regard to its functions?**

Sustainability & climate change are guiding principle in Council Plans, Policies and Strategies

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| Action description | Ensure that sustainability and climate change are used as a guiding principle in Council Plans, Policies and Strategies |
| Action status | Planned/under development |
| Implementation start date | N/A |
| Indicative completion date | N/A |
| Related performance indicators | N/A |
| Risk/opportunity addressed | Action not yet clearly linked to a risk/opportunity |
| Does the action relate to the Northern Ireland Climate Change Adaptation Programme (NICCAP)? | Yes - Relates to NICCAP2 only |
| Appropriate option relating to desirability of co-ordinating the action with corresponding proposals, policies, or actions by others in Northern Ireland, other parts of the UK, Republic of Ireland, or elsewhere | No - not desirable and not co-ordinated |

Additional comments

N/A

Include environmental, sustainability and social value weightings in procurement policy

Action description Include environmental, sustainability and social value weightings in procurement policy

Action status Planned/under development

Implementation start date N/A

Indicative completion date N/A

Related performance indicators N/A

Risk/opportunity addressed Action not yet clearly linked to a risk/opportunity

Does the action relate to the Northern Ireland Climate Change Adaptation Programme (NICCAP)? Yes - Relates to NICCAP2 only

Appropriate option relating to desirability of co-ordinating the action with corresponding proposals, policies, or actions by others in Northern Ireland, other parts of the UK, Republic of No - not desirable and not co-ordinated

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Additional comments

N/A

Ensure that Climate Change risks are addressed within the Council's risk management process

Action description Ensure that Climate Change risks are addressed within the Council's risk management process – Climate Change risk to be included in the Council's risk register

Action status Started/ongoing

Implementation start date 01/04/2026

Indicative completion date 31/03/2027

Related performance indicators N/A

Risk/opportunity addressed Action not yet clearly linked to a risk/opportunity

Does the action relate to the Northern Ireland Climate Change Adaptation Programme (NICCAP)? Yes - Relates to NICCAP2 only

Appropriate option relating to desirability of co-ordinating the action with corresponding proposals, policies, or actions No - not desirable and not co-ordinated

by others in Northern Ireland, other parts of the UK, Republic of Ireland, or elsewhere

Additional comments

N/A

Provide climate change training to employees on the risks of climate change and how can take action

Action description

Provide climate change training to employees on the risks of climate change and how we can take action

Action status

Planned/under development

Implementation start date

N/A

Indicative completion date

N/A

Related performance indicators

N/A

Risk/opportunity addressed

Action not yet clearly linked to a risk/opportunity

Does the action relate to the Northern Ireland Climate Change Adaptation Programme (NICCAP)?

No - Does not relate

Appropriate option relating to desirability of co-ordinating the action with

No - not desirable and not co-ordinated

corresponding proposals, policies, or actions by others in Northern Ireland, other parts of the UK, Republic of Ireland, or elsewhere

Additional comments N/A

Provide climate change training and engage with senior leaders and elected representatives.

Action description Provide climate change training and engage with senior leaders and elected representatives.

Action status Planned/under development

Implementation start date N/A

Indicative completion date N/A

Related performance indicators N/A

Risk/opportunity addressed Action not yet clearly linked to a risk/opportunity

Does the action relate to the Northern Ireland Climate Change Adaptation Programme (NICCAP)? No - Does not relate

Appropriate option relating to No - not desirable and not co-ordinated

desirability of co-ordinating the action with corresponding proposals, policies, or actions by others in Northern Ireland, other parts of the UK, Republic of Ireland, or elsewhere

Additional comments

N/A

Develop cross departmental collaboration across Council to source funding for Climate Action

Action description Develop cross departmental collaboration across Council to assist with sourcing funding for Climate Action

Action status Planned/under development

Implementation start date N/A

Indicative completion date N/A

Related performance indicators N/A

Risk/opportunity addressed Action not yet clearly linked to a risk/opportunity

Does the action relate to the Northern Ireland Climate Change Adaptation Programme (NICCAP)? No - Does not relate

Appropriate option relating to desirability of co-ordinating the action with corresponding proposals, policies, or actions by others in Northern Ireland, other parts of the UK, Republic of Ireland, or elsewhere No - not desirable and not co-ordinated

Additional comments N/A

Undertake audit of Council properties & assets – and assess their risk from flooding, heat, storms.

Action description Undertake audit of Council properties & assets – and assess their risk from flooding, heat, storms.

Action status Planned/under development

Implementation start date N/A

Indicative completion date N/A

Related performance indicators N/A

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| Risk/opportunity addressed | Action not yet clearly linked to a risk/opportunity |
| Does the action relate to the Northern Ireland Climate Change Adaptation Programme (NICCAP)? | No - Does not relate |
| Appropriate option relating to desirability of co-ordinating the action with corresponding proposals, policies, or actions by others in Northern Ireland, other parts of the UK, Republic of Ireland, or elsewhere | No - not desirable and not co-ordinated |
| Additional comments | N/A |

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| Update business continuity plans to include climate risks | |
| Action description | Update business continuity plans to include climate risks |
| Action status | Planned/under development |
| Implementation start date | N/A |
| Indicative completion date | N/A |
| Related performance | N/A |

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Risk/opportunity addressed Action not yet clearly linked to a risk/opportunity

Does the action relate to the Northern Ireland Climate Change Adaptation Programme (NICCAP)? No - Does not relate

Appropriate option relating to desirability of co-ordinating the action with corresponding proposals, policies, or actions by others in Northern Ireland, other parts of the UK, Republic of Ireland, or elsewhere No - not desirable and not co-ordinated

Additional comments N/A

New Council buildings to be designed to incorporate climate resilience and flood proofing measures

Action description New Council buildings to be designed to incorporate climate resilience and flood proofing measures

Action status Planned/under development

Implementation start date N/A

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| Indicative completion date | N/A |
| Related performance indicators | N/A |
| Risk/opportunity addressed | Action not yet clearly linked to a risk/opportunity |
| Does the action relate to the Northern Ireland Climate Change Adaptation Programme (NICCAP)? | Yes - Relates to NICCAP2 only |
| Appropriate option relating to desirability of co-ordinating the action with corresponding proposals, policies, or actions by others in Northern Ireland, other parts of the UK, Republic of Ireland, or elsewhere | No - not desirable and not co-ordinated |
| Additional comments | N/A |

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| Explore 'Greening' and increased climate resilience of existing buildings | |
| Action description | Explore 'Greening' and increased climate resilience of existing buildings |
| Action status | Planned/under development |

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| Implementation start date | N/A |
| Indicative completion date | N/A |
| Related performance indicators | N/A |
| Risk/opportunity addressed | Action not yet clearly linked to a risk/opportunity |
| Does the action relate to the Northern Ireland Climate Change Adaptation Programme (NICCAP)? | No - Does not relate |
| Appropriate option relating to desirability of co-ordinating the action with corresponding proposals, policies, or actions by others in Northern Ireland, other parts of the UK, Republic of Ireland, or elsewhere | No - not desirable and not co-ordinated |
| Additional comments | N/A |

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| Ensure the Council estate is more climate resilient through embracing green spaces, urban greening | |
| Action description | Ensure the Council estate is more climate resilient through embracing green spaces, |

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| | urban greening and adaptable planting regimes |
| Action status | Planned/under development |
| Implementation start date | N/A |
| Indicative completion date | N/A |
| Related performance indicators | N/A |
| Risk/opportunity addressed | Action not yet clearly linked to a risk/opportunity |
| Does the action relate to the Northern Ireland Climate Change Adaptation Programme (NICCAP)? | Yes - Relates to NICCAP2 only |
| Appropriate option relating to desirability of co-ordinating the action with corresponding proposals, policies, or actions by others in Northern Ireland, other parts of the UK, Republic of Ireland, or elsewhere | No - not desirable and not co-ordinated |
| Additional comments | N/A |

Council Tree Plan – Plant 2800 Native trees annually across Council estate

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| Action description | Council Tree Plan – Plant 2800 Native trees annually across Council estate |
| Action status | Started/ongoing |
| Implementation start date | 01/04/2026 |
| Indicative completion date | N/A |
| Related performance indicators | N/A |
| Risk/opportunity addressed | Action not yet clearly linked to a risk/opportunity |
| Does the action relate to the Northern Ireland Climate Change Adaptation Programme (NICCAP)? | No - Does not relate |
| Appropriate option relating to desirability of co-ordinating the action with corresponding proposals, policies, or actions by others in Northern Ireland, other parts of the UK, Republic of Ireland, or elsewhere | No - not desirable and not co-ordinated |

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| Additional comments | N/A |
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| Explore planting in open spaces owned or managed by Council that is drought resistant | |
| Action description | Explore planting in open spaces owned or managed by Council that is drought resistant and requires less watering |
| Action status | Planned/under development |
| Implementation start date | N/A |
| Indicative completion date | N/A |
| Related performance indicators | N/A |
| Risk/opportunity addressed | Action not yet clearly linked to a risk/opportunity |
| Does the action relate to the Northern Ireland Climate Change Adaptation Programme (NICCAP)? | No - Does not relate |
| Appropriate option relating to desirability of co-ordinating the action with corresponding proposals, policies, or actions by others in Northern Ireland, other parts of the | No - not desirable and not co-ordinated |

UK, Republic of Ireland, or elsewhere

Additional comments N/A

Reduce mowing frequency on parks and green spaces owned or managed by Council

Action description Reduce mowing frequency on parks and green spaces owned or managed by Council

Action status Planned/under development

Implementation start date N/A

Indicative completion date N/A

Related performance indicators N/A

Risk/opportunity addressed Action not yet clearly linked to a risk/opportunity

Does the action relate to the Northern Ireland Climate Change Adaptation Programme (NICCAP)? No - Does not relate

Appropriate option relating to desirability of co-ordinating the action with corresponding proposals, policies, or actions by others in No - not desirable and not co-ordinated

Northern Ireland, other parts of the UK, Republic of Ireland, or elsewhere

Additional comments N/A

Encourage Re-wilding in parks and green spaces owned or managed by Council.

Action description Encourage Re-wilding in parks and green spaces owned or managed by Council.

Action status Planned/under development

Implementation start date N/A

Indicative completion date N/A

Related performance indicators N/A

Risk/opportunity addressed Action not yet clearly linked to a risk/opportunity

Does the action relate to the Northern Ireland Climate Change Adaptation Programme (NICCAP)? No - Does not relate

Appropriate option relating to desirability of co-ordinating the action with corresponding proposals, No - not desirable and not co-ordinated

policies, or actions by others in Northern Ireland, other parts of the UK, Republic of Ireland, or elsewhere

Additional comments N/A

Increase wildflower planting and wildflower meadows in parks and green spaces

Action description Increase wildflower planting and wildflower meadows in parks and green spaces owned or managed by Council

Action status Planned/under development

Implementation start date N/A

Indicative completion date N/A

Related performance indicators N/A

Risk/opportunity addressed Action not yet clearly linked to a risk/opportunity

Does the action relate to the Northern Ireland Climate Change Adaptation Programme (NICCAP)? No - Does not relate

Appropriate option relating to desirability of co-ordinating the No - not desirable and not co-ordinated

action with corresponding proposals, policies, or actions by others in Northern Ireland, other parts of the UK, Republic of Ireland, or elsewhere

Additional comments

N/A

Provide opportunities for outdoor activities, access to nature and promote health/env'l benefits

Action description Provide opportunities for outdoor activities and access to nature and promote the health and environmental benefits of this

Action status Planned/under development

Implementation start date N/A

Indicative completion date N/A

Related performance indicators N/A

Risk/opportunity addressed Action not yet clearly linked to a risk/opportunity

Does the action relate to the Northern Ireland Climate Change Adaptation Programme (NICCAP)? No - Does not relate

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| Appropriate option relating to desirability of co-ordinating the action with corresponding proposals, policies, or actions by others in Northern Ireland, other parts of the UK, Republic of Ireland, or elsewhere | No - not desirable and not co-ordinated |
| Additional comments | N/A |

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| Explore Nature based solutions to address flooding and drainage issues | |
| Action description | Explore Nature based solutions to address flooding and drainage issues |
| Action status | Planned/under development |
| Implementation start date | N/A |
| Indicative completion date | N/A |
| Related performance indicators | N/A |
| Risk/opportunity addressed | Action not yet clearly linked to a risk/opportunity |
| Does the action relate to the Northern Ireland Climate Change Adaptation | No - Does not relate |

Programme (NICCAP)?

Appropriate option relating to desirability of co-ordinating the action with corresponding proposals, policies, or actions by others in Northern Ireland, other parts of the UK, Republic of Ireland, or elsewhere

No - not desirable and not co-ordinated

Additional comments

N/A

Ensure env'l regeneration and public realm improvements contribute to climate action and adaptation

Action description Ensure environmental regeneration, town centre and public realm improvements contribute to climate action and adaptation by reducing emissions, investing in active travel, low carbon transport and creating green spaces

Action status Planned/under development

Implementation start date N/A

Indicative completion date N/A

Related performance indicators N/A

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| Risk/opportunity addressed | Action not yet clearly linked to a risk/opportunity |
| Does the action relate to the Northern Ireland Climate Change Adaptation Programme (NICCAP)? | No - Does not relate |
| Appropriate option relating to desirability of co-ordinating the action with corresponding proposals, policies, or actions by others in Northern Ireland, other parts of the UK, Republic of Ireland, or elsewhere | No - not desirable and not co-ordinated |
| Additional comments | n/A |

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| Increase the Sustainability of Council events and make them more resilient to Climate Change impacts | |
| Action description | Increase the Sustainability of Council's events and make them more resilient to Climate Change impacts |
| Action status | Planned/under development |
| Implementation start date | No response |
| Indicative completion date | No response |

Related performance indicators No response

Risk/opportunity addressed Action not yet clearly linked to a risk/opportunity

Does the action relate to the Northern Ireland Climate Change Adaptation Programme (NICCAP)? No - Does not relate

Appropriate option relating to desirability of co-ordinating the action with corresponding proposals, policies, or actions by others in Northern Ireland, other parts of the UK, Republic of Ireland, or elsewhere No - not desirable and not co-ordinated

Additional comments No response

Through the Sustainable Food Places Partnership develop initiatives for more local food growing

Action description Through the Sustainable Food Places Partnership develop initiatives to encourage more local food growing, more community owned food partnerships and to improve local food supply chains

Action status Planned/under development

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| Implementation start date | No response |
| Indicative completion date | No response |
| Related performance indicators | No response |
| Risk/opportunity addressed | Action not yet clearly linked to a risk/opportunity |
| Does the action relate to the Northern Ireland Climate Change Adaptation Programme (NICCAP)? | No - Does not relate |
| Appropriate option relating to desirability of co-ordinating the action with corresponding proposals, policies, or actions by others in Northern Ireland, other parts of the UK, Republic of Ireland, or elsewhere | No - not desirable and not co-ordinated |
| Additional comments | No response |

Encourage people to shop local/buy local to improve local food resilience

Action description Encourage people to shop local/buy local to improve local food resilience

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| Action status | Planned/under development |
| Implementation start date | No response |
| Indicative completion date | No response |
| Related performance indicators | No response |
| Risk/opportunity addressed | Action not yet clearly linked to a risk/opportunity |
| Does the action relate to the Northern Ireland Climate Change Adaptation Programme (NICCAP)? | No - Does not relate |
| Appropriate option relating to desirability of co-ordinating the action with corresponding proposals, policies, or actions by others in Northern Ireland, other parts of the UK, Republic of Ireland, or elsewhere | No - not desirable and not co-ordinated |
| Additional comments | No response |

Increased use of SuDs for dealing with surface water for all new capital development proposals

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| Action description | Increased use of SuDs for dealing with surface water for all new capital development proposals |
| Action status | Planned/under development |
| Implementation start date | No response |
| Indicative completion date | No response |
| Related performance indicators | No response |
| Risk/opportunity addressed | Action not yet clearly linked to a risk/opportunity |
| Does the action relate to the Northern Ireland Climate Change Adaptation Programme (NICCAP)? | No - Does not relate |
| Appropriate option relating to desirability of co-ordinating the action with corresponding proposals, policies, or actions by others in Northern Ireland, other parts of the UK, Republic of Ireland, or elsewhere | No - not desirable and not co-ordinated |
| Additional comments | No response |

Promote and carry out cross-sector and cross border engagement and collaboration on climate action.

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| Action description | Promote and carry out cross-sector and cross border engagement and collaboration on climate action. |
| Action status | Planned/under development |
| Implementation start date | No response |
| Indicative completion date | No response |
| Related performance indicators | No response |
| Risk/opportunity addressed | Action not yet clearly linked to a risk/opportunity |
| Does the action relate to the Northern Ireland Climate Change Adaptation Programme (NICCAP)? | No - Does not relate |
| Appropriate option relating to desirability of co-ordinating the action with corresponding proposals, policies, or actions by others in Northern Ireland, other parts of the UK, Republic of Ireland, or elsewhere | No - not desirable and not co-ordinated |

Additional comments No response

Collaborate with neighbouring local authorities to map out future climate risk across the region.

Action description Collaborate with neighbouring local authorities to map out future climate risk across the region.

Action status Planned/under development

Implementation start date No response

Indicative completion date No response

Related performance indicators No response

Risk/opportunity addressed Action not yet clearly linked to a risk/opportunity

Does the action relate to the Northern Ireland Climate Change Adaptation Programme (NICCAP)? No - Does not relate

Appropriate option relating to desirability of co-ordinating the action with corresponding proposals, policies, or actions by others in Northern Ireland, other parts of the No - not desirable and not co-ordinated

UK, Republic of Ireland, or elsewhere

Additional comments No response

Raise awareness of Sustainability and Climate Change with Communities through talks, events & PR

Action description Raise awareness of Sustainability and Climate Change issues with Communities through talks, events and PR/Media messages and information

Action status Started/ongoing

Implementation start date No response

Indicative completion date No response

Related performance indicators No response

Risk/opportunity addressed Action not yet clearly linked to a risk/opportunity

Does the action relate to the Northern Ireland Climate Change Adaptation Programme (NICCAP)? No - Does not relate

Appropriate option relating to desirability of co-ordinating the action with corresponding proposals, No - not desirable and not co-ordinated

policies, or actions by others in Northern Ireland, other parts of the UK, Republic of Ireland, or elsewhere

Additional comments No response

Work with partners to respond to severe weather events and increase community resilience

Action description Work with Multi-agency partners to increase capacity to respond to severe weather events and increase community resilience

Action status Started/ongoing

Implementation start date No response

Indicative completion date No response

Related performance indicators No response

Risk/opportunity addressed Action not yet clearly linked to a risk/opportunity

Does the action relate to the Northern Ireland Climate Change Adaptation Programme (NICCAP)? No - Does not relate

Appropriate option relating to desirability of co-ordinating the Yes - desirable but not yet co-ordinated / co-ordination under development

action with corresponding proposals, policies, or actions by others in Northern Ireland, other parts of the UK, Republic of Ireland, or elsewhere

Additional comments

No response

Support Communities to build local resilience through community-led resilience hubs

Action description Support Communities to build local resilience through community-led resilience hubs including the ability to respond to climate change risks

Action status Planned/under development

Implementation start date No response

Indicative completion date No response

Related performance indicators No response

Risk/opportunity addressed Action not yet clearly linked to a risk/opportunity

Does the action relate to the Northern Ireland Climate Change Adaptation Programme (NICCAP)? No - Does not relate

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| Appropriate option relating to desirability of co-ordinating the action with corresponding proposals, policies, or actions by others in Northern Ireland, other parts of the UK, Republic of Ireland, or elsewhere | Yes - desirable but not yet co-ordinated / co-ordination under development |
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| Additional comments | No response |
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Provide timely assessments of potential impacts from weather events and provide info for residents

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| Action description | Provide timely assessments of potential impacts from weather events and provide information on protection measures for residents |
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| Action status | Started/ongoing |
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| Implementation start date | No response |
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| Indicative completion date | No response |
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| Related performance indicators | No response |
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| Risk/opportunity addressed | Action not yet clearly linked to a risk/opportunity |
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| Does the action relate to the Northern Ireland | No - Does not relate |
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Climate Change Adaptation Programme (NICCAP)?

Appropriate option relating to desirability of co-ordinating the action with corresponding proposals, policies, or actions by others in Northern Ireland, other parts of the UK, Republic of Ireland, or elsewhere Yes - desirable but not yet co-ordinated / co-ordination under development

Additional comments No response

Create a system to record/quantify financial impacts on Council operations from severe weather

Action description Create a system to record and quantify financial impacts on Council business operations from severe weather – carry out a Pilot based on NILGA guidance

Action status Planned/under development

Implementation start date No response

Indicative completion date No response

Related performance indicators No response

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| Risk/opportunity addressed | Action not yet clearly linked to a risk/opportunity |
| Does the action relate to the Northern Ireland Climate Change Adaptation Programme (NICCAP)? | No - Does not relate |
| Appropriate option relating to desirability of co-ordinating the action with corresponding proposals, policies, or actions by others in Northern Ireland, other parts of the UK, Republic of Ireland, or elsewhere | No - not desirable and not co-ordinated |
| Additional comments | No response |

Regard to the Northern Ireland climate change adaptation programme

4.3 (a) - Provide details on how the organisation's adaptation actions relate to NICCAP2

Sustainability & climate change are guiding principle in Council Plans, Policies and Strategies

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| Does the action align with any of NICCAP2's outcomes and objectives? | No |
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Does this action relate to any of NICCAP2's delivery plan actions? No

New Council buildings to be designed to incorporate climate resilience and flood proofing measures

Does the action align with any of NICCAP2's outcomes and objectives? Yes

NICCAP2 Outcome and Objectives • P1: We have people, homes, buildings and communities that are resilient to the impacts of flooding and extreme of weather

Does this action relate to any of NICCAP2's delivery plan actions? No

Ensure the Council estate is more climate resilient through embracing green spaces, urban greening

Does the action align with any of NICCAP2's outcomes and objectives? Yes

NICCAP2 Outcome and Objectives • P1: We have people, homes, buildings and communities that are resilient to the impacts of flooding and extreme of weather

Does this action relate to any of NICCAP2's delivery plan actions? No

Include environmental, sustainability and social value weightings in procurement policy

Does the action align with any of NICCAP2's outcomes and objectives? No

Does this action relate to any of NICCAP2's delivery plan actions? No

Ensure that Climate Change risks are addressed within the Council's risk management process

Does the action align with any of NICCAP2's outcomes and objectives? No

Does this action relate to any of NICCAP2's delivery plan actions? No

4.3 (b) - Provide details on how the organisation's adaptation actions relate to NICCAP3

No response.

Co-ordination of actions

4.4 (a) - For each action, describe the co-ordination with corresponding proposals, policies, or actions by others in Northern Ireland, other parts of the UK, Republic of Ireland, or elsewhere

No response

Part 5 - Adaptation case studies

Case studies

5.1 (a) - Does the organisation wish to provide any case studies which illustrate best practice that it is undertaking / has undertaken in relation to its adaptation actions?

Yes

5.1 (b) - Provide details of the organisation's case studies, up to a maximum of five, which illustrate best practice that it is undertaking / has undertaken in relation to its adaptation actions

Information

Filename Part 5 NMDDC Case Studies X 3.pdf

Title of case study Case Study 1 – Irish Black Honey Bees project:

Description of case study Alongside a wide range of initiatives to support ecology and biodiversity improvements, such as local wildflower management and dune restoration, a number of high-profile projects have been progressed by our Council. This includes a project where Council worked with County Louth Beekeepers Association to place four beehives on our disused Aughnagun Landfill Site to support the native Irish black honeybees, which are endangered locally. Honey was collected and either donated to local food banks or sold to raise money for the Council Chairperson's chosen charities. The project won a number of high profile national awards and featured on BBC1's 'The One Show'. The project aligned with Council's

commitment to the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan, bringing awareness of the importance of pollinators to a local and national audience. The project also helped promote recovery of the numbers of this important pollinator and provide additional habitat for the bees. As well as helping a species adapt to climate impacts this project contributes to food security through promoting pollinators.

Provide the organisation's generic contact details for the case study

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
Email: besustainable@nmandd.org Tel: 0330 137 4000

Information

Filename

N/A

Title of case study

Case Study 2 – The CANN Project:

Description of case study

The CANN project is another example of a high-profile cross-border environmental project, which aimed to improve the condition of protected habitats and to support priority species found within Northern Ireland, the Border Region of Ireland and Western Scotland. Newry, Mourne and Down District Council were the lead partner for this project, which received around €9m of funding from the INTERREG VA programme, with match funding provided by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in Ireland, by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) in Northern Ireland, and by Nature Scot in Scotland. This project included initiatives to restore peatland and so is particularly relevant given advice from the Climate Change Committee (CCC), that more than half of peatland in Northern Ireland should be under restoration by 2030, in addition to that already under sympathetic management. Peat bogs are recognised as globally important carbon

sinks contributing to carbon sequestration and also as contributing to adaptation as nature based solutions due to their role in flood attenuation by holding back flood waters and also their role in preserving biodiversity in the face of climate impacts. The project also carried out important work on fire management on sites. A new similar 'legacy' EU Funded Partnership project called 'PEAT+', has just commenced with the same group of Partners involved which will continue with peatland restoration work similar to the CANN Project. Newry, Mourne and Down District Council are a Delivery Partner in the PEAT+ project also.

Provide the organisation's generic contact details for the case study

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
 Email: besustainable@nmandd.org Tel: 0330 137 4000

Information

Filename N/A

Title of case study Case Study 3 – UNESCO Global Geopark:

Description of case study In 2023, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council's bid for full UNESCO Global Geopark status for Mourne Gullion Strangford was awarded, recognising this area's unique landscape and geology. This landscape is varied and beautiful, shaped over aeons by the collision of continents, the appearance and disappearance of oceans, through tumultuous volcanic events, and the rough treatment of ice ages. It has shaped a rich biodiversity and a vibrant cultural life, which the new Geopark will celebrate. This recognition reflects over a decade of work carried out by the Geopark project team within Council, in partnership with the Geological Survey Northern Ireland (GSNI), with support and engagement from residents and

stakeholders. A Geopark is a landscape that is managed holistically for the protection of its geology, the education of its people and visitors, and the sustainable development of its businesses. The Mourne Gullion Strangford UNESCO Global Geopark is about working together to make the most of our beautiful landscape through sustainable tourism, biodiversity improvements, geological education and sustainably managed outdoor recreation. Council will continue to progress these actions through our Geopark's 10-year Masterplan and consider options to develop further work in this area, including Geofood and climate adaptation activities across the habitats and communities in the Geopark.

Provide the organisation's generic contact details for the case study

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
Email: besustainable@nmandd.org Tel: 0330 137 4000

Part 6 - Validation and authorisation

Validation of data

6.1 (a) - Has the organisation applied any validation process to the contents of this report?

Yes

6.1 (b) - What was the type, or source of the validation?

Internal validation

6.1 (c) - Provide details of the validation which the organisation considers relevant e.g. which information was validated, etc.

The information in the entire Report submission was internally validated by the Assistant Director of Sustainability.

6.1 (d) - Any additional comments the organisation may wish to provide in relation to its selected option under question 6.1(a) - enter them here

No response

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Authorisation for submitting the report

6.2 (a) - Is the organisation, at the time of this submission, providing confirmation that they have obtained their own appropriate internal approval of the content of this report and the authorisation for it to be analysed and published by DAERA?

No

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| Report to: | Sustainability & Environment Committee |
| Date of Meeting: | 20 May 2026 |
| Subject: | Houses in Multiple Occupancy – Updated Service Level Agreements |
| Reporting Officer | Sinead Trainor, Assistant Director; Environment |
| Contact Officer | James Campbell Head of Environmental Health (Residential) |

| For decision | X | For noting only |
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| 1.0 | | Purpose and Background |
| 1.1 | | The purpose of this report is to seek committee approval of the Service Level Agreements between Newry Mourne and Down District Council and Belfast City Council in relation to HMO service, as detailed in Appendices 1-3 of this report. |
| 1.2 | | Belfast City Council's NIHMO service, on behalf of each of the 11 Northern Ireland Councils is responsible for managing the HMO Licensing Scheme application process, which includes processing all licence requests, validating the requests, checks and inspections of HMO properties, issuing enforcement notices and dealing with breaches of licensing conditions. The granting, refusal, variation or revocation of an HMO licence rests with Newry, Mourne and Down District Council. |
| 1.3 | | Previous Service level agreements with Newry Mourne and Down District Council and Belfast City Council in relation to HMOs were approved by Council in 2019. These were written in the future tense before the NIHMO service was operating. The new updated SLAs now reflect the operation of the NIHMO service. |
| 2.0 | | Key issues |
| 2.1 | | <p>The SLA's detailed in Appendices 1-3 of this report set out clearly roles and responsibilities for the different partners in delivering the HMO Act. Their signing permits the work to progress.</p> <p>Service level agreements (SLA's) have been prepared with respect to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Legal Services specifically for HMO Licensing matters and to include training of elected members and the provision of legal advice and attendance where necessary at committee meetings (Appendix 1) 2. The provision of ICT hardware, software and ICT support to ensure the effective delivery of the HMO service (Appendix 2), and 3. The Roles, Responsibilities and obligations of Regional Lead, Sub Regional Leads and cluster Councils in the delivery of the HMO Licensing scheme (Appendix 3) |
| 3.0 | | Recommendations |
| 3.1 | | <p>Members are requested to approve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Service Level Agreements between Newry Mourne and Down District Council and Belfast City Council in relation to HMO service, detailed in Appendices 1-3 of this report. |

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| 4.0 | Resource implications |
| 4.1 | None |
| 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>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" 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> |
| 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> |

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| | Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7.0 | Appendices | |
| 7.1 | Appendix 1 - SLA Legal Services Appendix 2 - SLA All Councils Appendix 3 - SLA ICT | |
| 8.0 | Background Documents | |
| 8.1 | None | |

MEMBERS' MONTHLY BULLETIN

The purpose of this Bulletin is to provide Members with an executive summary of the various agenda items which will be considered by the Joint Committee at its forthcoming meeting.

The titles highlighted in blue relate to the various agenda items.

Item 1 - Conflicts of Interest, Gifts and Hospitality

The Joint Committee is reminded of their personal responsibilities and asked to declare any conflicts of interest that might arise during the meeting. Members are also reminded of their personal responsibilities as to declaring within 28 days any gifts and hospitality offered or received in relation to arc21 and associated waste-related matters.

Item 2 - Apologies**Item 3 - Minutes of Joint Committee Meeting 103 held on 26 February 2026****For approval**

The Joint Committee's approval is sought for the minutes of the meeting JC103 held on 26 February 2026.

Item 4 - Matters Arising**'IN COMMITTEE' - COMMERCIALY CONFIDENTIAL****Item 5 - Minutes of Joint Committee Meeting 103 held on 26 February 2026 'in committee'****For approval**

The Joint Committee's approval is sought for the minutes of the meeting JC103 held on 26 February 2026 'in committee'.

Item 6 - Matters Arising

Item 7 - Residual Waste Treatment Project

For approval

Procurement – the public procurement process for the Residual Waste Treatment Project is paused pending a final planning determination.

Planning – technical meetings to extinguish remaining concerns of NIEA and NI Water have been held and solutions agreed in outline. Bi-lateral written exchanges still need to finalise agreed details prior to including them in the 10th Addendum to the Environmental Statement and submitting this volume to DfI Planners.

Communications & Stakeholder Engagement – Options for visit by the Joint Committee to operational waste treatment facilities in ROI and the timing of a presentation by the bidding consortium to the Joint Committee led by Indaver are still being considered.

Hightown Quarry post development of waste infrastructure – two potential follow-on projects consistent with arc21's mandate and purpose and waste hierarchy and circular economy principles using the infrastructure created by the RWT project at Hightown Quarry are currently being explored.

The Joint Committee is asked to approve arc21 Officers engaging with third parties and their potential investors on follow on projects and note the contents of the rest of the report.

Item 8 - Commercially Sensitive Contract and Procurement Issues

For approval

In terms of the ongoing litigation in relation to the Interim Residual Waste Treatment Contract, Contract A, there has been no change with regards to the documents disclosed and a draft undertaking is currently in circulation.

Regarding a further writ, also received in relation to the Interim Residual Waste Treatment Contract, Contract A, no further correspondence has been received.

In terms of the writ issued for Call-off Competition, Interim Residual Waste Treatment Contract, Contract I, being run for use by Newry Mourne and Down District Council, further correspondence was issued rebutting the claims and RiverRidge have once again been invited to withdraw their proceedings.

An overview of the gate fee rebate and revenue share is provided, the gate fee rebate fell slightly as the tonnage delivered was less than it had been in the previous year whilst third party revenue increased slightly.

Members are asked to approve the recommendations to extend contracts for the supply of services relating to the loading, haulage and transfer of residual municipal, co-mingled dry recyclable, organic, street sweepings and bulky wastes – Lots 1 and 2 and the contract for the supply of services relating to the treatment and energy recovery/disposal of residual waste arisings – Contract A.

Members are also asked to approve an extension to the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council contract for the receipt, storage and transfer of mixed dry recyclable material until September which was authorised by the Acting Chief Executive using his delegated authority last month due to no Joint Committee meeting being held.

Finally, Members are asked to approve a number of high level assumptions associated with the re-procurement of services for the receipt and transfer of mixed dry recyclables for use by Newry Mourne and Down District Council, subject to officers confirming that the services are required.

The Joint Committee is asked to approve the recommendations within this report and to note the remainder of its content.

Item 9 - Audit Committee Meeting Report – 24 March 2026

For noting

The Audit Committee is a sub-committee of the Joint Committee, and its purpose is to provide an independent assurance on the adequacy of arc21's risk management framework and associated control environment. The Audit Committee also oversees arc21's financial reporting process.

The Joint Committee is updated regularly on the business that the Audit Committee undertakes, and this report sets out the business conducted at the recent meeting.

The Joint Committee is asked to note the contents of the report.

OUT OF COMMITTEE

Item 10 - Contracts & Operations Briefing Report

For noting

The report contains details about contract performance for the full 2025/26 year along with specific performance in March 2026.

A contract initiation meeting was held with ReGen Waste Limited (ReGen) in March the new residual waste contract, primarily for waste arising from the legacy Newry area. Services then commenced on 1 April 2026.

The report contains a high-level overview of the 19 health and safety incidents/near misses in the 2025/26 year and confirms there were no reported health and safety incidents or near misses in March 2026. The external health and safety audit programme continued with site visits to ReGen. No actions arose out of the review.

There were two loads rejected by Bryson Recycling during March 2026.

Details of the tonnages delivered in March 2026 for the main contracts are provided, along with a comparison against the same period last year.

Details of some of activities undertaken by NWP are provided along with an update on environmental benefits associated in using the compost produced by them.

A summary of orders and deliveries of supplies for March 2026 is included.

The Joint Committee is asked to note the contents of the report.

Item 11 - Waste Tonnage Trends

For noting

The report is split into two parts:

Part A shows the tonnage comparisons for material processed through arc21 contracts.

Part B provides details of the annual tonnages by council.

The Joint Committee is asked to note the report.

Item 12 - Rethinking Our Resources: Northern Ireland Resources and Waste Management Strategy Consultation

For approval

The report relates to the current consultation on the Northern Ireland Resource & Waste Management Strategy.

arc21 officers have engaged with council officers and have drafted a response for consideration by the Joint Committee.

The Joint Committee is asked to consider the response and to approve the recommendation

Item 13 - Governance Report

For approval

For the last number of years, the Chartered Institution of Wastes Management (NI) Recycle NI have held a conference on resources and waste management which has proven successful in covering issues of local and regional importance.

This year, given the Rethinking our Resources consultation exercise undertaken by DAERA, the launch of PackUK and ongoing developments in the circular economy, there is a considerable agenda to cover.

Consequently, Members are requested to retrospectively approve attendance of the Acting Chief Executive and Chair of arc21 (or their nominees) at this event.

I have also received a request from Indaver to present to the Joint Committee as well as an invitation for Members to attend their facilities in Duleek. Members are requested to consider these prospects.

Item 14 - AOB

Item 15 - Next Meeting Thursday 28 May 2026 at 10.30am using MS Teams - for noting

In Committee

Item 16 - Update on the Recruitment of the post of Chief Executive - written report, for approval

OUT OF COMMITTEE

ITEM 3
ARC21 JOINT COMMITTEE
Meeting No 103
MINUTES
Thursday 26 February 2026
Using MS Teams

Members Present:

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| Councillor A Bennington (<i>Chair</i>) | Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council |
| Councillor E Thompson | Ards & North Down Borough Council |
| Councillor J Cochrane | Ards & North Down Borough Council |
| Alderman O Gawith | Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council |
| Councillor A Givan | Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council |
| Councillor T Andrews | Newry, Mourne & Down District Council |
| Councillor D Lee-Surginor | Newry, Mourne & Down District Council |

Members' Apologies:

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| Councillor M Goodman | Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council |
| Councillor H Cushinan | Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council |
| Councillor C Blaney | Ards & North Down Borough Council |
| Councillor M Collins | Belfast City Council |
| Councillor E McDonough-Brown | Belfast City Council |
| Alderman S Skillen | Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council |
| Councillor G McKeen (<i>Deputy Chair</i>) | Mid & East Antrim Borough Council |
| Councillor R Quigley | Mid & East Antrim Borough Council |
| Alderman M Morrow | Mid & East Antrim Borough Council |
| Councillor J Brennan | Newry, Mourne & Down District Council |

Officers Present:

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| T Walker | arc21 |
| H Campbell (<i>Secretary</i>) | arc21 |
| K Boal | arc21 |
| J Green | arc21 |
| M Lavery | Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council |
| G Bannister | Ards & North Down Borough Council |
| K Patterson | Ards & North Down Borough Council |
| S Leonard | Belfast City Council |
| W Muldrew | Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council |
| D Carey | Mid & East Antrim Borough Council |
| S Murphy | Newry, Mourne & Down District Council |

Officers' Apologies:

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| A McCann | Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council |
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Item 1 - Conflicts of Interest Statement

The Chair read out the Conflicts of Interest Statement, and none were noted.

Action: Noted

Item 2 - Apologies

Apologies were noted.

Action: Noted

Item 3 - Minutes of Joint Committee Meeting 102 held on 29 January 2026

The Joint Committee approved the minutes. Proposed by Ald Gawith, seconded by Cllr Thompson, and agreed by all.

Action: Agreed

Item 4 - Matters Arising

Any matters arising were dealt with under the main agenda items.

Action: Noted

IN COMMITTEE

The Chair recommended that the meeting would now move "*In Committee*" which was agreed. Proposed by Cllr Givan and seconded by the Chair.

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*", there were five matters discussed.

Item 5 - Minutes of Joint Committee Meeting 102 held on 29 January 2026 'in committee' - approved

Item 6 - Matters Arising - noted

Item 7 - Residual Waste Treatment Project - noted

Item 8 - Commercially Sensitive Contract & Procurement Issues - approved

Item 9 - Tender Report – Supply of Services Relating to the Treatment and Energy Recovery/Disposal of Residual Waste Arisings - Dynamic Purchasing System, Lot 3 - Contract H - approved

OUT OF COMMITTEE

Proposed by Ald Gawith and seconded by Cllr Thompson.

Item 10 - Contracts & Operations Briefing Report

Ms Boal presented a report to provide the Joint Committee with an update in relation to contracts and operations.

Service Status

She stated that all services had performed well throughout January, with ReGen continuing to use their site at Derryboy Road to accept waste from several arc21 contracts.

Performance

She provided an update on contractor performance across all the contracts in January and highlighted where some service credits had been applied for turnaround times, the number of overweight vehicles, reporting issues by contractors, and the bring contracts rectification requests issued and serviced.

Health & Safety

Ms Boal reported that during January there had been one health and safety incident relating to a potential fire issue. She advised that council officers had been requested to coordinate with their health and safety officers and operational managers, including those from external contractors, to ensure that all operational teams are aware of their health and safety responsibilities and comply with the site rules at each location.

She mentioned that arc21 had recently met with the recycling officers to discuss communication strategies regarding what items should be placed in bins. Additionally, there was a request for clearer information for service providers on battery collection, specifically concerning which types of batteries can and cannot be collected. Alongside addressing issues that may lead to fires, she noted that there was an effort to identify target materials that may not be collected as frequently as anticipated based on the composition of incoming materials.

She noted that arc21 aims to increase awareness about compost and food waste during Compost Awareness Week, while being mindful that this topic has already been prioritised within the NCAP program.

Audits

Ms Boal reported that the external health and safety audit programme continues with a recent visit to Bryson Recycling at their site in Mallusk.

She noted that the report had been shared with the contractor with some actions identified and arc21 was working closely with all parties to complete these as soon as possible.

Rejected Loads

She reported that in January there were no rejected loads.

arc21 Contract Tonnages

Details of the tonnages delivered in January for the main contracts were provided, along with a comparison against the same period last year.

Supplies

A summary of the orders and deliveries of supplies for January 2026 was included in Ms Boal's report and she noted that there had been one non-compliance in regard to a delivery arriving a day late.

Following discussion, the Joint Committee noted the report. Proposed by Cllr Givan and seconded by Ald Gawith.

Action: Noted

Item 11 - Waste Tonnage Trends

Ms Boal presented a report showing the tonnage comparisons for material received through the arc21 contracts over the last four years, and she discussed the increases and decreases in the tonnage trends.

She highlighted the following:

- the total residual is approximately where arc21 anticipated, with the majority of the material being redirected from landfill;
- the organic waste tonnage (type 1) was slightly lower than it was in January of last year; and (type 2) great similarity across the years which is an indication of the amount of food waste. She noted that there will be interest in the findings of the compositional study currently being conducted by the Department to determine the extent of food waste present in bins;
- the quantity of material delivered to Bryson was slightly lower in December and January when compared to previous years, and for MRF Lot 2, the figures were similar to those of two out of the last four years. She also mentioned that arc21 anticipate a decrease in tonnages due to the effects of Extended Producer Responsibility, and the implementation of DRS in 2027, which will influence some of the more higher value materials and these will be considered in our upcoming contracts;
- for street sweepings she noted that there had been a significant fall off against what we were collecting in 2023/24 and similar to 2024/25;
- the textiles had spiked and of concern to the contractor and something they are trying to manage.

Following discussion, the Joint Committee noted the report. Proposed by the Chair and seconded by Cllr Thompson.

Action: Noted

Item 12 - Rethinking Our Resources: Northern Ireland Resources and Waste Management Strategy Consultation

Ms Boal presented slides with an overview of progress with the proposed arc21 consultation response.

She also provided an overview of the Strategy discussion at the recent Government Waste Working Group meeting for information as follows:

- the consultation had been extended from 8 April to 6 May which had been generally welcomed by councils, as some were finding it challenging to process all the information required for committee approvals;
- it was clarified that the high-level strategy did not include infrastructure development or enforcement and certain aspects mentioned would depend on revised legislation, which raised uncertainty about whether the legislation could be established before setting the targets. As a result, she noted that it was possible that some targets may not be achievable due to the absence of the necessary legislative framework;
- the Group addressed ongoing considerations regarding data collection across various waste categories, noting that reliable data for commercial, industrial, and agricultural waste remains lacking. This data is crucial for determining how targets will be met;

- an intention to launch an eight-week consultation related to a waste prevention programme, coinciding with the consultation closure date of May 6. However, councils expressed concerns about timing in relation to their internal cycles, leading to a potential extension to a 12-week consultation period, which the Department acknowledged;
- in reviewing the recent Northern Ireland Audit Office recommendations concerning waste, particularly the Waste Strategy, it was noted that they recommended that the Strategy should support stakeholders in making timely, cost-effective decisions and align any targets with other environmental objectives, such as achieving net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. However, it was unclear how effectively these principles were reflected in the current document;
- there was mention of a lack of long-term plans prioritising waste prevention and tracking performance against waste prevention targets. The consultation did not present substantial actions in this regard. It was recognised that a review of the waste prevention programme should have been conducted to evaluate its performance, but many targets were not clearly quantitative, complicating performance tracking;
- recommendations included a continued emphasis on waste prevention within the new Strategy by establishing clear, measurable targets;
- collaboration was identified as another important recommendation, but it appeared that this had not been sufficiently prioritised in the high-level strategy;
- in considering further context, reference was made to the WRAP report published in 2020, which suggested how a municipal recycling rate of 65% could be achieved, indicating that a public sector target of 58% would be necessary, with the rest needing to come from other sources. It was noted that the draft strategy had still not set targets for each sector and that achieving targets would require new policy measures to incentivise and facilitate the necessary changes in practice;
- commitment to funding support for change was noticeably absent;
- the initial analysis focused on evaluating the targets, considering their measurability, and the division of responsibilities related to those targets.

She advised that there were a number of items that arc21 might have expected to see in this Strategy which appear to have been omitted and which has informed our thinking when working through the report with the Steering Group officers.

She noted that there had been two engagement sessions to date with the Steering Group officers and some of the high level themes coming out of this included:

- no further clarity on requirements for councils in relation to targets and activities regarding household waste and the non-household municipal waste;
- interface with councils Local Area Development Plans and the arc21 Waste Management Plan;
- requirement to understand targets and to have clear objectives. It was noted that a number of target dates in the document had already passed or will have passed by the time this document comes out;
- issue of guidance - only really going to be useful if it is statutory as opposed to it being guidance, could potentially lead to challenge;
- the strategy has been drafted in the absence of up-to-date information on tonnage streams and composition;
- absence of any plan to fund change;
- the role and effectiveness of the Waste Management Plan;
- lack of direction in terms of enforcement and monitoring;
- lack of priority within the document, argument that focus should be on where the biggest gains could be made but main focus still seems to be on councils;
- going forward, it does not seem to rely on information from Digital Waste Tracking;

- absence of market analysis regarding capacity for recyclates etc. noting target to collect flexible plastics in the absence of a market;
- role of export not articulated or justified within the strategy, concern on interface with other policy positions in terms of self-sufficiency and proximity; and
- interface with other programmes.

Ms Boal noted that arc21's intention is to continue to engage with the Steering Group officers to prepare a draft response, with the intention to bring a final draft to the April Joint Committee meeting for consideration ahead of submission.

The Chair noted that she had asked Mr Walker to draft a strategy for the arc21 councils for guidance and a strategic way forward and advised that it would also need to reflect the issues raised in Ms Boal's report.

Following discussion, the Joint Committee noted the report. Proposed by the Cllr Andrews and seconded by Cllr Givan.

Action: Noted

Item 13 - AOB

Mr Walker reminded Members of the arc21 annual webinar, scheduled on 31 March 2026 from 10-12.30.

He stated that he had assembled speakers who will address topics including an update on Extended Producer Responsibility, Circular Economy, and the management of specific waste streams or planning for future infrastructure needs, and encouraged all to attend.

He noted that further details would be circulated shortly and asked all Members to note their diaries accordingly.

The Chair suggested that the councillors from all 11 councils should be invited, and Mr Walker indicated that he would do so accordingly.

Action: Mr Walker

Item 14 - Next Meeting (hybrid) Thursday 26 March 2026 at 10.30am to be hosted by Newry, Mourne and Down District Council, in The Council Chamber, Downshire Civic Centre, Ardglass Road, Downpatrick BT30 6RA

The Chair advised that the next meeting was scheduled for Thursday 26 March 2026 hosted by NMDDC and encouraged all to attend and to confirm their attendance with Ms Campbell in advance of the meeting.

Action: ALL

Date: 30 April 2026

Chair:

A Bennington

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| Report to: | Sustainability & Environment Committee |
| Date of Meeting: | 20 May 2026 |
| Subject: | Annual report on NIHMO Service activity from 2025 to 2026 |
| Reporting Officer | Sinead Trainor, Assistant Director, Environment |
| Contact Officer | James Campbell Head of Environmental Health (Residential) |

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| For decision | For noting only | X |
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| 1.0 Purpose and Background | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 1.1 | The report is intended to give members an update on the activity of the NIHMO service during the financial year 2025/26. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1.2 | Belfast City Council's NIHMO service, on behalf of each of the 11 Northern Ireland Councils is responsible for managing the HMO Licensing Scheme application process, which includes processing all licence requests, validating the requests, checks and inspections of HMO properties, issuing enforcement notices and dealing with breaches of licensing conditions. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1.3 | The granting, refusal, variation or revocation of an HMO licence rests with Newry, Mourne and Down District Council. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2.0 Key issues | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | HMO Licensing | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2.1 | Table 1 provides a summary of the number of HMO's licensed on 31 March 2026 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Row Labels | Count by Council Permitted Occupancy | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Area | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Antrim and Newtownabbey | 15 | 70 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ards and North Down | 13 | 80 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Armagh City Banbridge and Craigavon | 59 | 331 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Lisburn and Castlereagh | 9 | 46 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Mid and East Antrim | 12 | 76 |
| Mid Ulster | 18 | 120 |
| Newry Mourne and Down | 18 | 97 |
| Grand Total | 3609 | 15950 |

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Table 2 provides a summary of the number of licenses granted and renewed during the financial year 2025/26.

Table 2

| Row Labels | New Applications | Renewal Application | Total by Council Area |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Antrim and Newtownabbey | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ards and North Down | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Armagh City Banbridge and Craigavon | 12 | 5 | 17 |
| Belfast | 150 | 578 | 728 |
| Causeway Coast and Glens | 16 | 44 | 60 |
| Derry City and Strabane | 44 | 33 | 77 |
| Fermanagh and Omagh | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Lisburn and Castlereagh | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mid and East Antrim | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Mid Ulster | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Newry Mourne and Down | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Grand Total | 228 | 663 | 891 |

Note: New applications include those properties which had a license in the name of a different licensee and were subsequently sold / transferred.

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Table 3 provides a summary of the number of HMO licence applications that have not been successful (by reason) during the financial year 2025/26

Table 3

| | Not received from owner | Breach of planning control | Documentation | Notice of Publication | Overprovision Fee not Paid | Fit & proper person | Grand total |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Council | | | | | | | |
| Antrim and Newtownabbey | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Ards and North Down | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Armagh City Banbridge and Craigavon | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Belfast | 0 | 4 | 10 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 22 |
| Causeway Coast and Glens | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 5 |
| Derry City and Strabane | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 5 |
| Fermanagh and Omagh | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lisburn and Castlereagh | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mid and East Antrim | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mid Ulster | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Newry Mourne and Down | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Grand Total | 1 | 4 | 11 | 8 | 3 | 5 | 34 |

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HMO Inspections

Table 4 provides a summary of the number of inspections (by type) undertaken during the financial year 2025/26

Table 4

| Council | No Access | Licensing Inspections | Interim (WIP) | Final | Enforcement | Grand Total |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|---------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| Antrim and Newtownabbey | 2 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 22 | 28 |
| Ards and North Down | 0 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 15 |
| Armagh City Banbridge and Craigavon | 1 | 13 | 1 | 5 | 32 | 52 |
| Belfast | 37 | 869 | 12 | 262 | 235 | 1415 |
| Causeway Coast and Glens | 0 | 71 | 0 | 24 | 6 | 101 |
| Derry City and Strabane | 13 | 95 | 3 | 48 | 16 | 175 |
| Fermanagh and Omagh | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 6 |
| Lisburn and Castlereagh | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 10 |
| Mid and East Antrim | 1 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 23 | 32 |
| Mid Ulster | 0 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 14 |
| Newry Mourne and Down | 3 | 17 | 0 | 2 | 11 | 33 |
| Grand Total | 58 | 1088 | 18 | 347 | 370 | 1881 |

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HMO Enforcement

Table 5 provides a summary of enforcement action taken in Newry, Mourne and Down District Council.

Table 5

| Notice type | Count |
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| Section 5(2) Evidence of household notice | 2 |
| Section 72 - Power to require persons connected to premises to produce documents | 1 |
| Section 78: Powers of Entry without warrant | 1 |
| Grand Total | 4 |

Key

Section 5(2) – Evidence of household notice

Section 72 – Power to require persons connected to the premises to produce documents

Section 78 – Powers of entry without warrant

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| 2.6 | During the financial year 2025/26 a total of £175,600 was paid following the issue of fixed penalties notices across all Northern Ireland Councils. There were no fixed penalty notices paid in Newry, Mourne and Down District Council. |
| 3.0 | Recommendations The Committee is asked to note the activity of the NIHMO service during the financial year 2025/26 |
| 4.0 | Resource implications |
| 4.1 | None |
| 5.0 | Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections) |
| 5.1 | <i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i> It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5.2 | <i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, please complete the following: The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/> The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5.3 | <i>Proposal initiating consultation</i> 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"/> Consultation period will be 12 weeks <input type="checkbox"/> Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Rationale:</i> |
| 6.0 | Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply) |
| 6.1 | Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service |

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| | <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/></p> |
| 7.0 | Appendices |
| 7.1 | None |
| 8.0 | Background Documents |
| 8.1 | None |

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| Report to: | Sustainability and Environment Committee |
| Date of Meeting: | 20 May 2026 |
| Subject: | Update on Tobacco and Vapes Act |
| Reporting Officer (Including Job Title): | Sinead Trainor, Assistant Director: Environment |
| Contact Officer (Including Job Title): | Geraldine O'Callaghan, SEHO (Health and Safety, Consumer Safety and Tobacco Control) |

| For decision | | For noting only | | X |
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| 1.0 | Purpose | | | |
| 1.1 | The purpose of this report is to update the Council on the enactment of the Tobacco and Vapes Act which received Royal Assent on 29 th April 2026, and to outline the key provisions of the legislation and its implementation arrangements in Northern Ireland. | | | |
| 2.0 | Background | | | |
| 2.1 | The Act represents a significant public health intervention and introduces wide-ranging measures aimed at reducing tobacco and nicotine-related harm, particularly among children and young people. | | | |
| 2.2 | Smoking remains the leading cause of preventable illness and premature death in Northern Ireland, accounting for over 2,000 deaths annually. It is also a major driver of health inequalities, with lung cancer rates in the most deprived areas two and a half times higher than in the least deprived communities. The rise in vaping among young people has also been identified as a significant concern. In Northern Ireland, 15% of all 11–18-year-olds vape, with evidence suggesting a gateway effect between vaping and subsequent cigarette use. | | | |
| 2.3 | The Tobacco and Vapes Act support the long-term vision of the Ten-Year Tobacco Control Strategy for Northern Ireland, which aims to create a tobacco-free society. Following enactment of the legislation, the Department of Health will develop a successor strategy, with an expanded scope to include vapes and other nicotine products. | | | |

| 3.0 | Key issues |
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| 3.1 | <p>The Act introduces a smoke-free generation by making it illegal to sell tobacco products, herbal smoking products or cigarette papers to anyone born on or after 1 January 2009, with this provision taking effect from 1 January 2027. While adults who can legally purchase tobacco today will still be able to do so, current smokers are being strongly encouraged to quit.</p> |
| 3.2 | <p>From 29th October 2026, it will also be illegal to sell non-nicotine vapes and other nicotine products to under 18s. There will also be a ban on proxy purchasing of vaping and nicotine products on behalf of under 18s. The legislation will provide new powers to reduce the harm from second-hand smoke and improved regulation of retailers of vapes and nicotine products.</p> |
| 3.3 | <p>The tobacco vending machine ban will also be extended to include cigarette papers, vapes and other nicotine products along with the introduction of a ban on the free distribution and discounting of vapes and nicotine products</p> |
| 3.4 | <p>On a date to be appointed by the Northern Ireland Health Minister, the Northern Ireland Tobacco Retailers Register will be extended to include businesses selling vapes and other nicotine products. In the longer term, further retail licensing provisions will be introduced.</p> |
| 3.5 | <p>The Public Health Agency continues to commission stop smoking services across Northern Ireland through community pharmacies, GP practices and local Health and Social Care Trusts. In 2024/25, a total of 9,587 people were reported to have set a quit date through PHA-funded stop smoking services. Further information and local support are available at:</p> <p>https://www.stopsmokingni.info</p> |
| 3.6 | <p>The Tobacco and Vapes Act represent a significant step forward in protecting public health, reducing health inequalities and preventing nicotine addiction among future generations. Further information on the Tobacco and Vapes Act including the implementation arrangements for each phase can be accessed using the link below:</p> <p>https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/publications/tobacco-and-vapes-bill-documents</p> |
| 3.7 | <p>Representatives from Councils, including Fermanagh and Omagh District Council are currently working at pace with the Department of Health and Public Health Agency through a Tobacco and Vapes Joint Implementation Group to prepare for the implementation of the phases of the Act and associated regulations.</p> |

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| 4.0 | Recommendations |
| 4.1 | <p>The Council is asked to note the enactment of the Tobacco and Vapes Act as it strengthens the Council's ability to protect public health, particularly by preventing children and young people from starting to smoke or vape.</p> <p>For local government, the Act provides a clearer legislative framework for enforcement, enabling Enforcement officers to take earlier and more effective action to safeguard communities and promote healthier lives for current and future generations.</p> |
| 5.0 | Resource implications |
| 5.1 | None - The new legislation will be enforced using the existing EH staff resource, which includes the Tobacco Control Officer role, currently funded by the Public Health Agency. |
| 6.0 | Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections) |
| 6.1 | <p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> |
| 6.2 | <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> |

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| | <p><i>Rationale:</i></p> |
| <p>7.0</p> | <p>Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)</p> |
| <p>7.1</p> | <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/></p> |

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| | <p>If no, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy / strategy / plan / public service is <input type="checkbox"/> not influenced by rural needs</p> |
| 8.0 | Appendices |
| 8.1 | None |
| 9.0 | Background Documents |
| 9.1 | <p>https://www.stopsmokingni.info</p> <p>https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/publications/tobacco-and-vapes-bill-documents</p> |