

May 3rd, 2024

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend the meeting to be held on **Wednesday, 8th May 2024** at **7:00 pm** in **Church Street, Newtownards.**

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Not included

ARDS AND NORTH DOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL

1 May 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

You are hereby invited to attend a meeting of the Environment Committee of Ards and North Down Borough Council in the Council Chamber, 2 Church Street, Newtownards on **Wednesday, 8 May 2024** commencing at **7.00pm**.

Yours faithfully

Susie McCullough
Interim Chief Executive
Ards and North Down Borough Council

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MEMBERSHIP OF ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE (16 Members)

Alderman Armstrong-Cotter	Councillor Kerr
Councillor Blaney	Alderman McAlpine
Councillor Boyle	Councillor McKee
Alderman Cummings (Vice Chair)	Councillor McKimm
Councillor Cathcart	Councillor Morgan (Chair)
Councillor L Douglas	Councillor Rossiter
Councillor Edmund	Councillor Smart
Councillor Harbinson	Councillor Wray

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ITEM 3**Ards and North Down Borough Council**

Report Classification	Unclassified
Exemption Reason	Not Applicable
Council/Committee	Environment Committee
Date of Meeting	08 May 2024
Responsible Director	Director of Environment
Responsible Head of Service	Head of Waste and Cleansing Services
Date of Report	24 April 2024
File Reference	43600
Legislation	Local Government Act 2014
Section 75 Compliant	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> If other, please add comment below:
Subject	Waste and Cleansing Services Annual Service Plan 2024 - 2025
Attachments	Appendix 1 - Copy of Waste and Cleansing Services Annual Service Plan

Since 2017/18 Service Plans are produced by each Service in accordance with the Council's Performance Management policy.

Plans are intended to:

- Encourage compliance with the new legal, audit and operational context
- Provide focus on direction
- Facilitate alignment between Corporate, Service and Individual plans and activities
- Motivate and develop staff.
- Promote performance improvement, encourage innovation and share good practice.
- Encourage transparency of performance outcomes.
- Better enable us to recognise success and address under performance.

Not Applicable

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The Draft Waste and Cleansing Services Plan for 2024/25 year is attached at Appendix 1.

The plan has been developed to align with outcomes of the Big Plan for Ards and North Down and with our draft Corporate Plan 2024-28, 'Towards a Sustainable Borough'.

The Service Plan highlights where the services contribute to the Corporate Priorities as set out in the draft Corporate Plan 2024-28 Towards a Sustainable Borough and, where this is the case, sets out the objectives of the service for the 2024/25 year. It further identifies the performance measures used to illustrate the level of achievement of each objective, and the targets that the Service will try to attain along with key actions required to do so.

The Service Plan also identifies key risks to the services along with analysis of these and necessary actions to mitigate/manage risks. Key risks impacting the services are mapped to the Corporate Risk Register.

The plan is based on the agreed budget for 2024/25. It should be noted that, should there be significant changes in-year (e.g., due to Council decisions, budget revisions or changes to the community planning legislation) the plans may need to be revised. The Committee will be provided with half yearly update reports on performance against the agreed plans.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council adopts the attached plan.

WASTE & CLEANSING SERVICES

Service Plan: 01 April 2024 – 31 March 2025

16 JANUARY 2024



Ards and
North Down
Borough Council

APPROVALS

Prepared By	Peer Reviewed By	Approved By
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Head of Waste & Cleansing Services	Head of Assets and Property Services	Director of Environment

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1. Introduction to Service

Name of Service	<i>Waste and Cleansing</i>
Directorate	<i>Environment</i>
Introduction and Reflection	<p><i>The primary function of the services is to ensure the effective management of municipal solid waste produced within the Borough, to protect the local environment. Secondly, the Council has a statutory duty under the Litter (NI) Order and the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act, to keep adopted streets and roads clean and free from litter.</i></p> <p><i>With Council services returning to largely normal, post pandemic, recycling rates have recovered to previous levels and overall waste arisings have also decreased.</i></p> <p><i>The new HRC booking system was introduced in September 2023 and this has helped to manage and control household waste received through the HRCs. This has contributed positively to both the recycling rate and the reduction in overall waste arisings.</i></p> <p><i>Five Council Public Conveniences were entered in the annual British Toilet Association Cleanliness Awards. All received Platinum Awards, the highest standard awarded.</i></p> <p><i>With waste collection, disposal and recycling costs continuing to increase, there is an ongoing review of the Council's kerbside collection service, to look at options to enhance recycling and reduce the overall cost of service delivery.</i></p>

2. Context, Challenges and Key Assumptions

The combination of financial pressures faced by the Council, new and pending legislation, coupled with the public's expectations regarding service requirements, makes future service planning difficult. It is therefore anticipated that much of the forthcoming year will be spent on the implementation of the outcomes of the major review of kerbside collection services.

PESTLE Analysis

Political	<p>Delay in implementation of legislation on account of collapse of NI Assembly including new NI Waste Management Strategy, but hopefully with the restoration, the backlog will be addressed soon.</p> <p>The financial cuts faced by DfI Roads has resulted in various issues being pushed towards the Council including clearance of seaweed from public roads, weed growth, gulley clearance and the cleaning of Comber Greenway. All these activities if accepted will have financial implications for the Council in terms of service delivery.</p>
Economical	<p>Market conditions for recycled materials in NI remain difficult due to both limited demand and the closure of local re-processors. The current cost of living crisis has seen a reduction in household waste arisings as the public 'tighten their belts'.</p>
Social	<p>The Covid-19 pandemic highlighted how sociocultural and economic factors can directly impact waste management, with lockdowns, home working and schooling, online shopping, reduced travel, and home improvement projects all contributing to a large increase in household waste arisings. Similarly, the post pandemic cost of living crisis has had the opposite impact with a sharp decrease in waste arisings.</p>
Technological	<p>The use of technology to enhance and improve waste collection and street cleansing services is important moving forward. This includes route planning, vehicle tracking and moving to an online customer interface where the public can directly purchase replacement bins, request bulky collections, report issues, etc, to reduce the workload pressure on Admin support staff.</p> <p>The online HRC Booking system has helped to control both abuse by the commercial sector and waste tourism, while ensuring access to Borough householders without the need to queue.</p> <p>The maintenance of Public Realm works has seen the need to adapt services to new technological cleaning solutions.</p>
Legal	<p>The Waste Industry is heavily regulated on account of the significant environmental impact unregulated waste disposal can have. Tender processes are also subject to regular legal challenges by unsuccessful tenderers.</p>
Environmental	<p>Poorly managed and unregulated waste disposal has the potential to cause significant environmental damage. The presence of 'forever chemicals' in everyday household items is adding to the problem with new and pending legislation banning products containing them from landfill. All the services contribute directly to the draft Corporate Plan (2024 – 2029) Priorities and Outcomes.</p>

During the next 12 months (April 2024 – March 2025) the services will face several ongoing challenges highlighted below. A SWOT analysis highlights those identified.

Strengths	Weaknesses
<p>The Council has been at the forefront of using technological solutions to improve and enhance services. Initiatives include the Bin-ovation App, WEBASPX Route planning software, CCTV and tracking on vehicles and the introduction of online booking system to discourage the commercial sector non-residents from using the Council’s HRCs.</p> <p>The Council has returned to the top quartile of NI Councils in terms of its current recycling rate.</p> <p>The HRC online booking system has helped to address common problems faced by all councils especially use by the commercial sector.</p> <p>The Council’s inhouse training programme for Category C Drivers has helped deal with the UK wide problem of driver recruitment while giving employees an opportunity of career progression.</p>	<p>The lack of Government until recently, meaning that new NI Waste Management Strategy and other legislation has been delayed, making forward planning difficult.</p> <p>Delay in establishing a residual waste treatment contract, due to legal challenge, placing the Council at risk of not meeting pending legislative requirements on products no longer allowed to be disposed of at landfill.</p> <p>The lack of suitable legislation means the Council cannot deal with the growing problem of residents leaving waste receptacles on footpaths on non-collection days.</p> <p>Traffic Management Regulations make the litter picking/cleaning of high-speed roads (>30mph) an expensive and difficult process, involving other agencies.</p>
Opportunities	Threats
<p>The current WRAP Review of the Council’s kerbside collection services has identified the potential for savings, improving recycling and future proofing the service in respect of forthcoming legislation.</p> <p>The services have an important role in helping the Council transition to net zero in terms of carbon emissions and meet several of the priorities and outcomes set out in the new (draft) Corporate Plan for 2024 - 2029.</p>	<p>The weakness of the NI recycling market means an increasing reliance on overseas re-processors.</p> <p>The identification of “forever chemicals” or Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) in a wide range of everyday household items has the potential to significantly alter how these items are collected, transported, and disposed of.</p>

3. Service Improvement

Service development/ improvement 2024/25?	Which of the specified aspects will this improve?	Rationale	Responsible Officer(s)	Who do we need to help us? (Internal and/ or External partners) Please specify
Deliver a new kerbside collection model	Sustainability	As kerbside recycling has developed in a piecemeal fashion, with new materials added on at different stages, this has led to an imbalance in the capacity offered for residual waste – v – recyclables. The current study aims to help address this by creating a more effective and efficient service.	Head of Service and Waste Collections Manager	Communications (Internal) Waste Recycling/Education Team (Internal) WRAP (External) DAERA (External)
Embed and expand the recycling model at events	Sustainability	Historically tourism and cultural events have generated large volumes of litter and waste. Through targeted separate bin provision and monitoring, most waste generated can be recycled if segregated with staffing costs offset by landfill savings	Waste Collection Manager	Waste & Cleansing staff Waste Recycling/Education Team Tourism and Events staff Communication (all internal)
Develop a Council Strategy for the future provision of Household Recycling Centres	Service Quality	Seven of the Council's 9 HRCs are more than 20 years old and considered no longer fit for purpose on account of the lack of space to provide the full range of materials recycling needed. A strategy for future provision needs to be agreed by Council, to enable Officers to move forward with the rationalisation of the service.	Head of Service and Waste Contracts & Resources Manager	Waste Recycling Team, Planning (Internal) DAERA (External) WRAP (External)
Commence new kerbside textiles collection service	Sustainability	Textile production has a massive carbon footprint, and their recycling will contribute to carbon reduction	Head of Service and Waste Collections Manager	Communications Waste Recycling/Education Team (internal)

Monitoring and Review

Monitoring Method	Frequency	Responsible Officer
Standing Committee (Environment)	6 Monthly	Head of Service and SUMs
Team Meeting	Monthly	Head of Service and SUMs
<i>Other if applicable</i>		

4. Service Risks Register

Service Risk Register should align with the Corporate Risk Management Strategy.

When completing your Service Plan, you must review and consider your current Service Risk Register. Please confirm this has been completed. **Yes**

5. Key Activities (KPIs) for 2024/25

Please ensure Service development/ improvements detailed above are included as KPIs.

Performance Measures <small>Should include improvement actions outlined above and relevant measures both existing and new.</small>	Is the KPI Mandatory/ Statutory/ Service led	Reporting frequency (6 Monthly/ Year-end)	Outcome	Corporate Priority	2024/25 Reporting						
					2022/23 Actual	2023/24 Target	2023/24 YTD End of Q3	2024/25 Target	Reporting end of Q2	Reporting end of Q4	Cumulative or Fixed
% Spend against budget	Mandatory	6-Monthly	7	Economic	104	100	101	100	100	100	Cumulative
% Staff attendance	Mandatory	6-Monthly	7	Economic	92	95	93	95	95	95	Fixed
% of completed Employee Appraisals in the period September 2023 to March 2025	Mandatory	Year-end	7	Economic	N/A	95	60	95	50	95	Cumulative
% of local authority collected municipal waste (LACMW) recycled, composted and reused as a % of arisings	Statutory	6-Monthly	2	Environmental	52.56	60	58.22	60	60	60	Fixed
Tonnes of LACMW sent to landfill	Statutory	6-Monthly	2	Environmental	35,876	35,000	23,814	31,500	16,500	31,500	Cumulative
Achieve 100% success in Loo of the Year Awards (Gold or Platinum Award)	Service Led	Year-end	7	Social	5	5	5	5	0	5	Fixed

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					2022/23 Actual	2023/24 Target	2023/24 YTD End of Q3	2024/25 Target	Reporting end of Q2	Reporting end of Q4	Cumulative or Fixed
Tonnes of textiles diverted from landfill through new kerbside collection service	Service Led	Year-end	2	Environmental	N/A	N/A	N/A	250	100	250	Cumulative
Improve recycling rate (%) at Council HRCs	Service Led	6-monthly	2	Environmental	64.9	65	70	70	70	70	Fixed
Achieve or exceed the NI average LEAMS Cleanliness Index Score	Service Led	6-monthly	2	Environmental	74	80	73	75	75	75	Fixed

6. What Services/ Activities will be stopped

Please add detail of KPI's that have previously been monitored that will no longer be reported on for 2024/25.

What service/ activities will we be stopping/ changing in 2024/2025	Reason for stopping / changing activity	Savings	Impact on Performance	Impact on the Public	Impact on staffing

Unclassified

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ITEM 4**Ards and North Down Borough Council**

Report Classification	Unclassified
Exemption Reason	Not Applicable
Council/Committee	Environment Committee
Date of Meeting	08 May 2024
Responsible Director	Director of Environment
Responsible Head of Service	Head of Waste and Cleansing Services
Date of Report	22 April 2024
File Reference	69001
Legislation	
Section 75 Compliant	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> If other, please add comment below:
Subject	Proposed Corporate Response to Consultation on "Rethinking our Resources: Measures for Climate Action and a Circular Economy in NI".
Attachments	Consultation Questions and Draft Response

The Consultation was launched on 7 March 2024 and sets out proposals aimed at improving the quantity and quality of household waste and business waste of a similar nature recycled in Northern Ireland ([Rethinking Our Resources - Measures for Climate Action and a Circular Economy in NI \(daera-ni.gov.uk\)](https://daera-ni.gov.uk)).

There are twelve proposals relating to household waste and fourteen relating to business waste. Each individual proposal seeks a response through a series of questions as set out in the attached Appendix. Members should note that several of the proposals are directly related to our current kerbside collection review that commenced last September, especially in relation to reducing residual waste capacity to encourage better recycling and more segregation of recyclable waste materials at source to improve their quality (and marketability).

Not Applicable

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There are a number of proposals within the Consultation that would raise concerns for Councils in NI and the way in which the questions are structured does not allow views to be fully expressed. These include the Department prescribing how recyclable waste is to be collected, bearing in mind Councils have many years' experience in terms of what works on the ground and a recognition that there is no "one size fits all" collection method. Similarly, in the Consultation it would appear that the Department does not recognise that the private sector rather than Councils provide most collection services to businesses and that in a lot of cases small businesses do not have the storage space for multiple containers to ensure the full segregation of the core set of materials to be recycled.

Both NILGA and arc21 will also be submitting a response on behalf of member Councils and are currently seeking a 1-month extension to the consultation period to ensure the views of all Councils can be collected and a consensus agreed.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council agrees the attached response for submission to DAERA.



Rethinking Our Resources:

Measures for Climate Action
and a Circular Economy in NI

March 2024

Questions



Department of
**Agriculture, Environment
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working, active landscape
valued by everyone.*

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Annex - Questions posed via Citizen Space for consultation.

GENERAL

1. What is your name?

Nigel Martin

2. What is your email address?

nigel.martin@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk

3. Are you responding to this consultation representing an organisation you work or volunteer for?

- Yes. Skip to Question 5
- No

4. You selected "no" to Question 3. This means that you are responding to the consultation as an individual householder/member of public. If this statement does not describe how you wish to respond, please amend your answer to Question 3. If you are happy to proceed, please select Yes. If you select No, the survey process will end.

- Yes. I am responding as a householder/member of public. Please proceed to Proposal 1.
- No

5. Which category best represents you from the list below?

Category	Please Select
Trade Body (Waste Sector)	
Local Council	x
Local Council Sector Body	
Waste Management Company (Collectors, Sorters, Infrastructure Operators of Treatment Facilities for various streams)	
Reprocessors (End Destination)	
Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO)	
Businesses and Non-Household Municipal (NHM) producing organisations	
Trade Body (representing business sectors)	
Other	

If applicable, please state the name of the organisation you are responding on behalf of.

Ards and North Down Borough Council

Part 1: Proposals to improve commonality in recycling from households

Proposal 1: To restrict the residual waste capacity for households in Northern Ireland to a maximum of 90 litres per week, delivered either via a 180-litre wheeled bin collected fortnightly or a 240 litre wheeled bin collected every three weeks. Councils would decide on the most appropriate methodology for their own circumstances.

1. Do you agree with the proposal to restrict the capacity of residual waste for average households to a maximum of 90 litres per week? Some households may require additional containment or alternative arrangements. See question 6.

- Yes - agree
- No
- If no, your response should include clear evidence as why residual waste capacity should not be restricted. Evidence with justification to extend timescales should be provided, if appropriate.
- Unsure

2. Some Councils may not be able to restrict the capacity of residual waste by the date proposed (within 24 months of notification of a statutory requirement). In this table we set out some circumstances which may delay changes to residual waste restriction. Please complete the table, providing evidence with justification as to why timescales should be extended, as appropriate.

Not all rows need to be completed. Please use N/A where not applicable.	
Contracts for residual waste treatment	N/A
Procurement processes for new containers	N/A
Manufacturing capacity for new containers	N/A
Projects outcomes from residual waste reduction action	N/A
Cost burdens	N/A
Ability to resource & mobilise within the required timescale	N/A
Other - please describe Getting Council and the public's buy-in to what is likely to be a major change to a frontline service used by almost every household.	

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3. If the proposal to restrict the capacity of residual waste for households is adopted, what is your preference for how this should be delivered? If other, please provide an explanation in the box below.

- 180 litre capacity bins collected fortnightly.
 240 litre capacity bins collected three weekly.
 Other
 Unsure

If you responded other, please set out your reasons, with clear evidence in the box below.

4. Do you agree that forms of restricted capacity for residual waste collections should apply to all households, including those dwellings such as flats and houses in multiple occupation where citizens share a communal bin?

- Yes
 No
 Unsure

If you disagree with this proposal, please provide the reason for your response below. Your response should include clear evidence, relating to collection of residual waste from communal settings, such as residual waste yields per dwelling per year and learnings or project outcomes from action to reduce residual waste in communal settings.

5. Do you agree that restricted capacity for residual waste collections should be rolled out across NI simultaneously (or as near as possible) to assist local councils with communicating the changes to households?

- Yes
 No
 Unsure

If you disagree with this proposal, please provide the reason for your response below. Your response should include clear evidence as to why a staggered roll out is preferable.

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6. Do you agree that households who demonstrate that they meet the following criteria could be provided with more than the maximum of 90 litres per household per week?

	Yes agree	No disagree		Unsure
Household comprises more than 6 residents.	Yes (provided they fully engage in available recycling services).	If selected, please define the number of citizens in a household where exclusions should apply, with evidence to justify your response.		
Households where citizens have medical conditions which produce additional waste, such as produce to manage incontinence.	Yes.	If selected, please provide evidence to justify your response.		
Households where there are more than two children using disposable nappies.	Yes.	If selected, please provide evidence to justify your response.		
All households in the collection subsequent to the Christmas break, where presentation of a restricted amount of side waste is acceptable.		If selected, please provide evidence to justify your response, including details on the quantity of side waste that could be accepted.	No, such an arrangement discourages recycling and poor segregation of recyclables.	
Other (Please detail). If selected, please provide evidence to justify your response.				

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Proposal 2: To require local Councils to collect a core set of dry recyclables from households to help avoid confusion and improve consistency and the quality of recyclable material.

1. Do you agree that the core set of materials comprising dry recycling collections by councils should comprise as the list below, as a minimum?

	Agree. All items listed in the row should be included	Disagree. All items listed in the row should not be included. Please state which ones and why.	Unsure
Paper and card, including newspaper, cardboard packaging, writing paper etc.	Agree.		
Glass bottles and jars - including drinks bottles, condiment bottles, jars, etc. and their metal lids.	Agree.		
Metal packaging: aluminium cans, foil and aerosols, and steel cans [and aerosols], aluminium tubes.	Agree.		
Plastic: bottles including drinks bottles, detergent/ shampoo/ cleaning products; pots, tubs, and trays; plus cartons (such as Tetrapak®).	Agree.		

2. Do you agree with our proposal that will require the kerbside collection of the core set of dry recyclables within 24 months of notification of a statutory requirement?

- Yes
- No - If no, your response should include clear evidence as to which materials you consider should not be incorporated within the list and why. Evidence with justification to extend timescales should be provided, if appropriate.
- Unsure

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3. Some Councils may not be able to collect the core set of dry recyclables by the date proposed. In the table below we set out some circumstances which may delay changes to recycling collections. Please provide evidence with justification why timescales should be extended, as appropriate.

Not all rows need to be completed. Please use N/A where not applicable.	
Contracts for dry recyclable collection.	N/A
Sorting or reprocessing.	N/A
Procurement processes for new containers or vehicles.	N/A
Manufacturing capacity for new containers or vehicles.	N/A
MRF infrastructure or capacity.	N/A
Container distribution	N/A
End Market volatility/lack of end markets.	X
Other - please describe. The lack of local end markets and competition means NI councils are increasingly reliant on overseas markets for re-processing capacity.	

Proposal 3: That additional materials are added to the core set over time when feasible, with flexible plastic packaging set to be collected from households by the end of the financial year 2026/2027.

1. As plastic films will need to be added to the core set of dry recyclables by no later than 31st March 2027, please state how you propose plastic films should be collected at the kerbside, ensuring quality and quantity of other dry recyclables. Select one of the options below (tick box).

- Collected as a separate stream from all other recyclables, and from residual waste i.e., in a dedicated bag or container.
- Collected in a container alongside other plastics - bottles, pots, tubs, and trays.
- Collected mixed with other dry recyclables in the same container.
- Unsure.
- Other (please detail and explain your reasoning for this proposal with supporting evidence).

2. Collecting plastic films by the 31st March 2027 may be challenging for some Councils. In this table we set out some circumstances which could affect a Council's ability to collect plastic film by this date. Please provide evidence with justification detailing why this timescale will be challenging.

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Not all rows need to be completed. Please use N/A where not applicable.	
Contracts for plastic film collection.	N/A
Sorting or reprocessing.	No local re-processing capacity
Procurement processes for new containers or vehicles.	N/A
Manufacturing capacity for new containers or vehicles.	N/A
MRF infrastructure or capacity.	May require modifications.
Container distribution.	N/A
End Market volatility/lack of end market.	May be an issue.
Factors relevant to collections from flats and houses in multiple occupation, where citizens share communal containers.	N/A
Other - please describe	

3. Do you agree that the list of materials to be collected as a minimum by councils should be regularly reviewed, and providing certain conditions met, expanded?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

If you disagree with this proposal then please provide the reason for your response below with clear evidence on why you do not agree with regular reviews of the minimum list and why the list should not be expanded, provided certain conditions are met.

4. If the proposal for a minimum list of materials to be collected for dry recycling were to be adopted and regularly reviewed, do you agree that the frequency of review should be every two years.

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

If you answered "No," then please provide the reason for your response below. Your response should include clear evidence as to what frequency of review would be more appropriate.

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5. What, if any products or materials do you consider should be also included in the core list of materials to be collected by councils? Please provide your response in the box below as to why the list should include the material(s).

Consideration should be given to textiles on account of their Carbon impact and their potential contribution to achieving net zero (refer to Table 3 - WRAP's Carbon Warm Metric in the RIA Document).

6. Do you agree that the materials comprising the items below should be excluded currently from the minimum list of materials for collection by councils within dry recycling collections?

Type	Examples	Agree. Items listed in the row should be excluded from recycling	Disagree. Items listed in the row should be included for recycling. Please state which items should be included and why	Unsure
Glass	Ceramics, for example crockery, earthenware Drinking glasses Flat glass Glass cookware including Pyrex® Light bulbs and tubes Microwave plates Mirrors Vases Window glass.	Agree.		
Metal	Laminated foil, for example pet food pouches, coffee pouches. General kitchenware, for example cutlery, pots, and pans. Any other metal items, for example kettles, irons, pipes, white goods.	Agree.		
Plastic	Any plastic packaging or non-packaging items labelled as "compostable" or "biodegradable" (including but not limited to coffee pods and cutlery) with the exception of food waste	Agree.		

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Type	Examples	Agree. Items listed in the row should be excluded from recycling	Disagree. Items listed in the row should be included for recycling. Please state which items should be included and why	Unsure
	<p>caddy liners in food waste recycling collections.</p> <p>Plastic pouches with laminated foil layer for example pet food pouches, coffee pouches.</p> <p>Plastic bottles containing white spirits, paints, engine oils and anti-freeze.</p> <p>Bulky rigid plastics such as garden furniture, bins, and plastic toys.</p> <p>Polystyrene (expanded and high impact).</p> <p>Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) packaging.</p>			
Paper and card	<p>Absorbent hygiene products (AHPs) including nappies, period products and incontinence items.</p> <p>Cotton wool, make up pads.</p> <p>Tissue/toilet paper.</p> <p>Wet wipes for example for nappy changing times, kitchen/ bathroom cleaning.</p>	Agree.		
Any other items - please state which items and why they should be specifically excluded from recycling.				

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7. Do you agree that the core list of materials in the dry recycling stream should apply to all households, including flats and houses in multiple occupation, where citizens share communal containers?

- Yes
 No
 Unsure

If you disagree with this proposal, please provide the reason for your response below. Your response should include clear evidence, relating to issues with collection of named materials from communal settings such as containment, contamination, engagement with citizens.

Proposal 4: To highlight NI's unique legislation on the quality of dry recyclable materials, the proposed term QualiTEE should be adopted to describe the exceptions to collecting dry recyclable materials separately.

1. Do you agree with our proposal that the term QualiTEE should be used to describe the process of determining if there may be an exception to collecting dry recyclable materials separately?

- Yes
 No - If no, your response should include clear evidence as to why the term QualiTEE is not your preference. Evidence with justification for alternative terminology should be provided.
 Unsure

We believe that it should be left to the re-processors and end markets to define what is acceptable in terms of meeting quality standards. If modern MRFs can achieve effective materials recovery to meet the requirements of re-processors, then commingled collections should also be deemed acceptable. Ultimately, the choice of collection system should remain a matter for councils to decide.

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Proposal 5: The default position for collection of dry recyclables from households is in four separate streams.

1. As per the default position do you agree that councils should be required to collect “multi-stream,” with at least: (i) fibres (paper/card), (ii) plastics, (iii) metals, and (iv) glass separately from each other in the dry recycling collection?

- Yes
 No
 Unsure

If you disagree with this proposal, then please provide the reason for your response below. Ideally, your response should include clear evidence of how recyclables streams can be successfully collected including methods to preserve quality for recycling, the quantities and proportions of materials sent for recycling, both for closed and open loop processing.

We see no logic in collecting metals and plastics separately, as the technology exists to ensure 100% separation in a MRF. Similarly mixed metals (aluminium and steel) and mixed plastics (HDPE, MDPE and LDPE) still need to be separated for end markets.

2. Do you agree with our proposal that will require the core set of dry recyclables to be collected separately from each other in the dry recycling collection (i.e., multi-stream) within 24 months of notification of a statutory requirement and/ or notification of Extended Producer Responsibility funding allocation?

- Yes
 No
 Unsure

If you disagree with this proposal, then please provide the reason for your response below. Your response should include clear evidence as to why the dry recyclables cannot be collected separately from each other within the proposed timeframe. Evidence with justification to extend timescales should be provided, if appropriate.

We do not accept the need for separate collections of the 4 core materials, as per the previous response.

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Proposal 6: Standardised written assessments are prepared by councils where two or more dry recyclables are mixed during the collection process, evidencing why separate collections are not practicable and that co-collection delivers recyclable material of comparable quality.

1. Where councils cannot collect each dry recyclable waste stream separately, do you agree that the council should produce a written assessment and make available to the NI Environment Agency to outline the exception (s) to the requirement, on the basis of Comparable Quality, Technical Feasibility, Economic Costs and Environmental Outcomes (QualiTEE).

- Yes
 No
 Unsure

If you disagree with this proposal, then please provide the reason for your response below.

We believe it should be down to the MRF Operators and the Re-processors to define what is acceptable in terms of quality and for councils to adopt and develop their collection systems accordingly without the need for assessments.

2. Where councils cannot collect the dry recyclable waste streams separately, do you agree that the council should provide a written assessment based on the template shown in Appendix 2 to outline the exception(s) to the requirement?

- Yes
 No - further content should be added.
 No - content should be removed.
 Unsure

If you disagree with this proposal then please provide the reason for your response below, including your suggested amendments to the template.

As per previous response.

3. Do you agree or disagree with the recommendation that Councils should review and re-submit written assessments at least every 7 years?

- Yes
 No
 Unsure

If you disagree, please select one of the following statements that best describes why:

- Revising written assessments every 7 years is too frequent (please state how frequently you think they should be revised and evidence why).

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Revising written assessments at least every 7 years is too infrequent (please state how frequently you think they should be revised and evidence why).

Other (please detail).

We consider the provision of written assessments to justify the delivery of collection services unnecessary bureaucracy and resources would be better spent on recycling education and enforcement to improve quality.

Proposal 7: A set of conditions should be set out that define comparable quality, best environmental outcome, technical feasibility and disproportionate economic cost-“QualiTEE”. Where conditions are met, an exception may apply, and two or more recyclable waste streams may be collected together from households.

Proposal 7a: Similar guidance on MRF sampling, to that used in England and Wales, should be introduced in NI to ensure that the quality of input and outputs for MRFs can be quantified.

1. In terms of disproportionate economic costs, to demonstrate if there is an excessive cost to collect recyclable waste in separate waste streams, do you agree that the following factors should be provided and evidenced by the council:

Factors	Yes agree	No disagree. If you disagree, please provide information as to why you disagree, providing clear evidence of why the factors should be included/ excluded.	Unsure
Gate fees and material income.	Yes.		
Salaries and staff numbers - including supervision.	No.	Supervisory and support staff carry out a range of duties and it is difficult to apportion costs relating to recycling collections.	
Container costs, numbers, and replacements.	Yes.		
Vehicle types, costs, finance, depreciation, hire, running costs.	Yes.		
Quantities of materials collected, frequency of collection.	Yes.		
Associated overheads including depot costs.	No.	Shared facility with other Council service areas, so difficult to apportion costs across the various services.	
Contract length, penalties associated with variations.	Yes.		
Other (please detail).			

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2. Do you agree that the following factors should be considered when evaluating economic costs:

Factors	Yes agree	No disagree. If you disagree, please provide information as to why you disagree, providing clear evidence of why the factors should be included/ excluded.	Unsure
Adverse environmental costs.	Yes.		
Adverse health impacts.	Yes.		
Potential for efficiency improvements.	Yes.		
Revenues from sales of secondary raw materials.	Yes.		
Application of the polluter pays principle.	Yes.		
Application of Extended Producer Responsibility.	Yes.		
Other (please detail).			

3. Do you agree that economic costs could be considered to be disproportionately excessive on a method of calculating an average cost per household deviation from a standard separate collection system cost?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

If no, please provide information as to why you disagree, providing clear examples of alternative approaches to define excessive cost differences between systems, including a value you consider appropriate to differentiate economic impacts.

4. Please detail examples of technical challenges, with any supporting evidence, which you believe demonstrate that a separate collection of dry recyclables will not be feasible in circumstances for some or all properties.

Limited storage space for multiple separate waste containers, isolated rural properties meaning excessive downtime when vehicles are required to empty. Provision of additional storage space for separate wastes when direct delivery to the re-processors is impractical.

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5. In order to make the case that separate collection does not deliver the best Environmental Outcome compared to the collection of recyclable waste streams together, do you agree that the overall impact of the management of the household waste stream evidence should be provided on the measures listed but not limited to the following:

Measures	Yes - agree	No disagree - please provide information as to why you disagree, providing clear evidence	Unsure
Quantities of materials classed as contamination and not recycled.	No.	The design of current MRF reception area means that materials received from individual councils is not separated, so contamination figures are an average across all councils using the facility.	
Quantities of materials lost from sorting processes at a MRF.	Yes.		
Vehicle emissions from collection rounds.	Yes.		
Vehicle emissions from bulk transportation to sorting and reprocessing both in NI and overseas.	Yes.		
Emissions from disposal/ treatment including savings arising from landfill diversion; and	Yes.		
Carbon savings from using recycled materials rather than virgin materials.	Yes.		
Other factor to be added - please describe.			

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6. Do you agree that the following evidence factors should be provided by a Council to demonstrate that materials are of comparable quality.

Evidence Factors	Yes - agree	No disagree - please provide information as to why you disagree, providing clear evidence	Unsure
Comparable quantities (+/-2%) of each material stream sent for closed loop recycling.	Yes.		
Comparable quantities (+/- 5%) of each material stream sent for open loop recycling.	Yes.		
Other factor to be added - please describe.			

7. Do you agree standard default values and data that have clearly referenced sources (that cover comparable Quality of materials, Environmental outcomes, Technical feasibility or Economic Costs) which could be used to support a written assessment, would be useful?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

If you disagree, please provide the reason for your response.

8. Do you agree with the principle that MRFs in NI should follow the same input and output sampling guidance used as part of Environmental Permitting Regulations in England and Wales?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure
- If no, your response should include clear evidence as to why similar sampling protocols to England and Wales should not be followed in NI?

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Proposal 8: The quality of recycle for reprocessing is important and needs to be improved through changes to collections and clear measures should be set to describe quality.

1. Which of the following options are your most preferred scenarios concerning the mixing of materials? Please rank the following options 1 (most preferred) to 4 (least preferred). If you consider that some options are not viable, please do not include these in your ranking, in which case, please rank only one, two or three option(s). Please focus on comparable quality of materials, rather than economic costs or technical feasibility of collections. You will note that we have set out clearly in the options which streams are separate, and which are mixed. If you are not sure or have no preference, please skip this question.

Options	Ranking (1 - most preferred; 4 - least preferred). Leave blank for option(s) you consider are not viable	Please provide clear evidence in support of your selection for this ranking
Option A - "three stream" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Separate stream of glass bottles & jars; with Separate stream of paper & card; with Mixed stream of: metal packaging and plastics bottles, tubs, and trays 	1.	As a result of breakages glass has the greatest potential to cause cross-contamination issues and should be collected separately.
Option B - "two stream: fibres out" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Separate stream of paper & card; with Mixed stream of: metal packaging, plastic bottles, tubs and trays and glass bottles & jars 	3.	Broken glass shards could lead to cross-contamination of plastics.
Option C - "two stream: glass out" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Separate stream of glass bottles and jars; with Mixed stream of: metal packaging, plastics bottles, pots & trays, and paper & card 	2.	Plastic bottles and metal cans can often contain traces of liquid that can increase the moisture content of paper/card resulting in rejected loads by re-processors.
Option D - "fully co-mingled" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mixed stream of: metal packaging plastics bottles, pots, tubs & trays, paper, card, and glass bottles & jars 	4.	Glass likely to cause cross-contamination issues and recovered glass may not be of sufficient quality for closed loop recycling.

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Proposal 9: Commingled collection of plastics and metals should be exempt from requirements to collect these materials as separate fractions.

1. Do you agree that Councils may have an exemption from the regulations where they mix plastics and metals, thus should not be required to prepare a written assessment to seek an exception from the regulations where these two materials are collected together? Note that a Council may still select to collect these recyclable waste streams as separate materials.

- Yes
 No - all material streams should be collected separately.
 No - more mixing of materials should be permissible.
 Unsure

If you answered no, please provide information as to why you disagree, providing clear evidence as to why you consider all material streams should be collected separately, or more mixing should be permissible.

2. What other exemptions would you propose to the requirement to collect the recyclable waste streams separately, where it would not significantly reduce the potential for recycling? Please provide your evidence in the box below.

Collection model as per the 3-stream model described in Proposal 8.

Proposal 10: Revisions to household food waste collections to increase capture rates and improve the diversion of food waste from disposal should be introduced, ensuring all householders, including those living in flats, can recycle more and in time have access to separate, weekly food waste recycling collections.

1. We have listed possible collection methods for food waste from kerbside properties below, some of which we consider are suitable short term. How would you rank the following options for food waste collections, where 1 is most preferred and 4 is least preferable? If you consider that some options are not viable, please do not include these in your ranking, in which case, please rank only one, two or three option(s).

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Options	Ranking (1 - most preferred; 4 - least preferred). Leave blank for option(s) you consider are not viable	Please provide clear evidence or statements in support of your preferred selection for your ranking
A separate weekly collection of food waste with additional arrangements for garden waste.	3.	Additional containers, vehicles and crew needed with little evidence of increased capture rates.
A weekly mixed food and garden waste collection.	2.	Additional vehicles and crews needed with little evidence for increased capture rates.
A separate fortnightly collection of food waste with additional arrangements for garden waste.	4.	Likely to result in lower capture rates than currently achieved.
A fortnightly mixed food and garden waste collection.	1.	Council's current collection model that consistently achieves high capture rates for food waste.
Other - please detail.		

2. Do you agree with our proposal that all kerbside properties should in future have access to a least a weekly collection for food waste to increase capture rates of food waste?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

If you disagree with this proposal, please provide the reason for your response below, with clear evidence.

We remain to be convinced that weekly food waste only collections achieve higher yields and similarly are not convinced the additional costs (financial and environmental) of providing a weekly service achieve carbon savings. Availability of local AD Treatment Facility may also be an issue.

3. Do you agree that all households, including those dwellings such as flats and houses in multiple occupation where citizens share a communal bin should have access to at least a weekly collection for food waste?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

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If you disagree with this proposal, please provide the reason for your response below, with clear evidence.

As for Q. 2. above.

4. Do you agree that councils should be required to implement a weekly food waste collection service from kerbside properties, keeping food and garden waste separate, by the points in time listed below?

Time Period	Yes	No	If you answered no, please provide the reason for your response with clear evidence such as collection contracts, treatment contracts, treatment infrastructure capacity (AD/IVC), cost burden, reprocessing, end markets.	Not sure
24 months from notification of a statutory requirement.		x	Current organics contract runs until 2029	
3 to 4 years from notification of a statutory requirement.		x	Introduction would require a complete service re-design.	
More than 4 years from notification of statutory requirement.		x	We believe that the environmental and financial cost of implementation would outweigh any improvement in capture rates.	
Never.	x			
Other - please detail.				

5. Do you agree that guidance should be provided on caddy liners, including on caddy liner material types?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

If you disagree with this proposal, please provide the reason for your response below, with clear evidence.

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6. Do you agree that caddy liners should be provided free of charge to citizens that participate in food waste collection? (Please select only one option).

(1) Yes, via Council offices, libraries, leisure centres etc.	
(2) Yes, as in (1) and via citizens adding their own note to their food waste containers to request new liners which crews deliver.	
Yes, as in (1) and via a tag supplied in the roll of caddy liners that is attached to the food waste container by the citizen when their supply is low. Crews deliver new liners.	
Other method - please detail. Annual free delivery with option to purchase additional liners at cost.	
No - citizens should purchase their own liners.	
Not sure.	

If you disagree with this proposal, please provide the reason for your response below, with clear evidence.

Proposal 11: Through collaboration with Councils, we will set out proportionate and robust guidelines for compliance and enforcement that enable Councils to enhance their waste and recycling services.

1. Do you agree that section 21 of the Waste and Contaminated Land (Northern Ireland) Order 1997, as amended, should be clarified to set out the circumstances in which Councils can enforce householders to place items of waste and recycling in certain receptacles and the levels of fixed penalty notice that could be levied where householders do not comply?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

If you disagree with this proposal, please provide the reason for your response below, with clear evidence.

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2. Do you agree that the following options should be adopted to help to improve the quality of recycling collected from households:

	Yes	No - if no, please state why	Unsure
Issuing standardised information in the form of leaflets to citizens at least annually.	x		
Crew training on how to manage containers with the wrong items.	x		
Oversight of crew working practices.	x		
Better support to crews and recognition of their work.	x		
Clear and updated visually appealing websites.	x		
Other - please detail.			

3. If a Fixed Penalty Notice system were to be levied where people continue to put the wrong items in their recycling containers, which of the values proposed for the Fixed Penalty Notice do you consider to be appropriate?

	About right	Too low	Too high	Unsure
£50		x		
£75		x		
£100 (existing value)	x			
£150			x	
£200			x	
Other value you feel is appropriate - please detail.				

Any other comments - please detail.

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Proposal 12: Non-Statutory Guidance will be provided to councils to expand the opportunities to recycle more materials and to embed best practice in existing services.

1. Do you agree that Non-Statutory Guidance would be useful as a framework on good practice collections from kerbside and communal dwellings, HWRCs and bring sites?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

If you disagree with this proposal, please provide the reason for your response below, with clear evidence.

2. Do you agree that the following topics should be included in Non-Statutory Guidance to Councils on collections:

Topic	Yes	No - if no, please provide details on why you consider this topic not to be relevant.	Unsure
Collection of hazardous waste from HWRCs.	x		
Collection of textiles, batteries, WEEE from the kerbside and communal properties.	x		
Collection of cooking and engine oil from the kerbside.		No, would require additional investment in vehicles and staff for small return.	
Collection of AHPs (nappies, incontinence products) from the kerbside.	x		
Standardised arrangements for assisted collections from the kerbside.	x		
Standardised price ranges and arrangements for bulky waste collections.	x		
Standardised arrangements for replacement containers.	x		
Standardised arrangements for excess recycling.	x		
Other - please detail.			

Part 2: Proposals to improve consistency in recycling from businesses and the wider NHM sector

Proposal 13: The scope of the revised definition of municipal waste would include mixed waste and separately collected waste from other sources, where such waste is similar in nature and composition to waste from households. Specifically, wastes from production, agriculture, forestry, fishing, septic tanks and sewage network and treatment, including sewage sludge, end-of-life vehicles or waste generated by construction and demolition activities, are excluded.

1. Do you agree with the list of out-of-scope waste producers, who will not be obligated to segregate a core set of dry recyclables from their residual waste?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

If you disagree with this proposal, please provide the reason for your response below, with clear evidence.

Proposal 14: Businesses and the wider non-household municipal (NHM) sector will be required to segregate from residual waste a core set of dry recyclables, to improve recycling behaviour and activity and ensure consistency between what people can recycle at home, at school and at work.

1. Do you agree with the contents of the list below, detailing the materials that should be included in the core set of recyclable streams collected separately from businesses and NHM producing premises by waste collectors, as a minimum?

	Agree. All items listed in the row should be included.	Disagree. All items listed in the row should not be included for recycling. Please state which ones should be excluded and why.	Unsure
Paper and card, including newspaper, cardboard packaging, office, writing paper etc.	x		

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	Agree. All items listed in the row should be included.	Disagree. All items listed in the row should not be included for recycling. Please state which ones should be excluded and why.	Unsure
Glass bottles and jars - including drinks bottles, condiment bottles, jars etc and their metal lids.	x		
Metals: aluminium cans, foil and aerosols, and steel cans [and aerosols], aluminium tubes.	x		
Plastic bottles - including drinks bottles, detergent/ shampoo/ cleaning products; pots, tubs, and trays plus cartons (such as Tetrapak).	x		

2. Do you agree with the contents of the list below, detailing those materials that should be excluded currently from the core set of dry recyclables and therefore not collected by waste collectors from obligated businesses, public bodies, and other organisations, as a minimum?

Material	Items proposed to be excluded.	Agree. All items listed in the row should be excluded from recycling.	Disagree. Items listed in the row should be included for recycling. Please state which items should be included and why.	Unsure
Glass	Ceramics, e.g., Crockery or earthenware Drinking glasses Flat glass Glass cookware including Pyrex Light bulbs and tubes Microwave plates Mirrors Vases	x		

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Material	Items proposed to be excluded.	Agree. All items listed in the row should be excluded from recycling.	Disagree. Items listed in the row should be included for recycling. Please state which items should be included and why.	Unsure
Metal	<p>Laminated foil i.e., pet food pouches, coffee pouches.</p> <p>General kitchenware i.e., cutlery, pots, and pans.</p> <p>Any other metal items, i.e., kettles, irons, pipes, white goods.</p>	x		
Plastic	<p>Any plastic packaging or non-packaging items labelled as "compostable" or "biodegradable" (including but not limited to coffee pods and cutlery) with the exception of food waste caddy liners in food waste recycling collections.</p> <p>Plastic pouches with laminated foil layer i.e., pet food pouches, coffee pouches.</p> <p>Plastic bottles containing white spirits, paints, engine oils and antifreeze.</p> <p>Bulky rigid plastics such as garden furniture, bins, and plastic toys.</p> <p>Polystyrene (expanded and high impact) Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) packaging.</p>	x		

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Material	Items proposed to be excluded.	Agree. All items listed in the row should be excluded from recycling.	Disagree. Items listed in the row should be included for recycling. Please state which items should be included and why.	Unsure
Paper and card	Absorbent hygiene products (AHPs) including nappies, period products and incontinence items Cotton wool, make up pads. Tissue/toilet paper. Wet wipes for example for nappy changing times, kitchen/ bathroom cleaning .	x		

3. Do you agree that the list of materials to be collected as a minimum should be regularly reviewed, and providing certain conditions met, expanded?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

If you disagree with this proposal, then please provide your reason with supporting evidence in the box below.

4. If the proposal for a minimum list of dry recyclable materials to be collected for recycling were to be adopted and regularly reviewed, do you agree that the frequency of review should be every two years.

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

If you answered "No" please provide the reason for your response. Your response should include clear evidence as to what frequency of review would be more appropriate.

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5. What, if any, other products or materials do you consider should be also included in the minimum list of materials to be collected by waste collectors from obligated businesses, public bodies, and other organisations? Please provide your response in the box below and clear evidence as to why the list should include the material(s).

Other types of packaging waste not listed including flexible plastics and wood (pallets)

Proposal 15: Subject to the costs being covered by packaging EPR (pEPR) and confirmation that the material can reasonably be collected for recycling, additional materials will be added to the core set over time, with businesses and NHM producing premises to be required by legislation to segregate flexible plastic packaging for recycling no later than March 31st 2027.

1. Do you have any views on how plastic film should be collected from obligated businesses, public bodies, and other organisations?

- Collected as a separate stream from all other recyclables, and from residual waste i.e., in a dedicated bag or container.
- Collected in a container alongside other plastics - bottles, pots, tubs, and trays.
- Collected mixed with other dry recyclables in the same container.
- Other (please detail and explain your reasoning for this proposal with supporting evidence).
- Unsure.

2. Collecting plastic films from all obligated businesses, public bodies and other organisations by the 31st March 2027 may be challenging. Using the list below please select those reasons which you believe will affect the ability to collect plastic film by this timeframe from businesses and NHM producing premises.

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Please provide evidence with justification, as appropriate. Not all rows need to be completed. Please use N/A where not applicable.	
Collection and treatment contract limitations.	x
MRF infrastructure and/or capacity.	x
Inability to resource and mobilise within the timeframe.	x
Cost Burden to obligated businesses, and NHM producing premises.	N/A
Reprocessing availability.	x
End Market volatility/lack of end markets.	x
Other - please describe.	

Proposal 16: The Food Waste Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 will be revised to require all NHM premises which generate food waste, to be required to segregate food waste from their residual waste for recycling. An additional two years to implement such changes will be granted for small and micro sized businesses.

1. Do you agree with our proposal that will require the separate collection of food waste from all businesses and the wider NHM sector within 24 months of notification of a statutory requirement?

- Yes
- No - If no, your response should include clear evidence as to which materials you consider should not be incorporated within the list and why. Evidence with justification to extend timescales should be provided, if appropriate.
- Unsure

2. Do you agree that the Food Waste Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 should be extended to require all obligated businesses, public bodies, and other organisations to segregate food waste for separate collection?

- Yes, I agree - the Regulations should be extended to cover all obligated businesses, public bodies and other organisations, no matter of their size or nature. (If yes, go to Q7).
- No, I disagree - the Regulations should not be extended to cover all obligated businesses, public bodies or other organisations, no matter of their size or nature, some exemptions or phasing should apply.
- Unsure

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3. If you disagreed, do you believe that exemptions to the Regulations should apply based on the amount of food waste produced by obligated businesses, public bodies, or other organisations?

- Yes
- No (If no, go to Q5).
- Unsure

If you have answered no, please explain why you have this view, supplying evidence to justify your opinion.

4. If you believe that exemptions to the Regulations should apply based on the amount of food waste produced by obligated businesses, public bodies, or other organisations, what parameter should be used to determine the de minimis amount? Please select from the list provided.

- 0-5kg of food waste per week.
- 5kg+ food waste per week.
- Other (please specify and provide evidence to support your proposal).

5. If you disagreed, do you believe that exemptions or phasing should be applied to the amended Food Waste Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 for some obligated businesses, public bodies, and other organisations? Please select the option that most closely represents your view and provide evidence to support your comments.

- Option 1** - All obligated small (businesses, public bodies and other organisations that employ between 10-50 FTEs) and micro-firms (businesses, public bodies and other organisations that employ up to 9 FTEs) should be exempt from any requirement to segregate food waste from other waste streams.
- Option 2** - All obligated small (businesses, public bodies and other organisations that employ between 10-50 FTEs) and micro-firms (businesses, public bodies and other organisations that employ up to 9 FTEs) should be given two additional years to comply with the new requirements (i.e., compliant 4 years post the legislative enactment).

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If neither of the above options represents your view, please detail your view providing the reason for your response, and indicate if appropriate how long obligated businesses, public bodies, and other organisations, would require before they can segregate a core set of recyclables for recycling.

6. If you disagreed, do you believe that some obligated businesses, public bodies, or other organisations should not be required to segregate food waste for collection due to their nature, please detail the reason for this view, supplying evidence to justify your opinion.

7. To what extent do you agree that the measures we have proposed will increase the recycling of food waste from obligated businesses, public bodies, and other organisations? Please provide evidence to support your answer if possible.

- Strongly agree.
- Agree.
- Neither agree nor disagree.
- Disagree.
- Strongly disagree.
- No opinion.

Food waste is generally heavy/dense waste and therefore it does not take the presence of many employees to generate several kgs per week.

8. Are there any further measures that you would like to see included over and above our proposals that would improve the recycling of food waste by obligated businesses, public bodies, and other organisations? Please provide supporting evidence for any proposed measures.

Businesses, public bodies and organisations should be required to make an annual return to the Department stating who collects their food waste and where it is sent for treatment, with periodic audits.

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Proposal 17: For separately collected food waste from businesses and the wider NHM sector, anaerobic digestion is our preferred method of treatment.

1. We propose that anaerobic digestion is the preferred method for treating separately collected food waste, where suitable, but composting is also permitted. Do you agree with this view?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

If you disagree, please explain why you have this view and provide supporting evidence.

Proposal 18: Recyclables produced by businesses and the NHM sector should be collected separately from residual waste, and separately from each other, unless comparable quality is achieved through co-collection of materials beyond plastics and metals only, and separate collection is not technically feasible, incurs disproportionate economic costs or does not deliver the best environmental outcome; or if a permitted exemption to this requirement is set out in legislation.

1. Do you agree that obligated businesses, public bodies, and other organisations should be required to segregate each of the following dry recyclables for collection and recycling?

Core dry recyclable	Example	Yes, agree	No, disagree	Unsure/ no opinion
Separate glass bottles and containers	Including drinks bottles, condiment bottles, jars, etc.	x		
Separate Paper and card	Including newspaper, cardboard packaging, writing paper, etc.	x		
Separate Plastics and metals	Including drinks containers, detergent, shampoo and cleaning products, pots, tubs & trays, etc. Steel and aluminium tins and cans, including aerosols Drinks cartons (i.e., Tetrapak)	x		

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2. Do you have any other comments to make on the separate collection of dry recycling from businesses and the NHM sector?

In many cases small businesses will not have sufficient storage space to separate containers and may require more frequent collections.

Proposal 19: Proposals on conditions where an exception may apply, and two or more recyclable waste streams may be collected together from businesses and the wider NHM sector, which would be required two years following a requirement in legislation to collect NHM recycling separately. In the interim, waste carriers would be encouraged to have regard to the principle of QualiTEE.

1. Please detail examples of technical challenges, with any supporting evidence, which you believe demonstrate that a separate collection of dry recyclables will not be feasible in circumstances for some or all NHM sector premises.

Where storage space is not available for the range of containers needed (e.g. 1st floor businesses) or where collection service providers cannot offer more frequent collections to meet the needs of the business.

2. To make the case that separate collection does not deliver the best Environmental Outcome compared to the collection of recyclable waste streams together, do you agree that evidence on the overall impact of the management of the NHM sector waste stream should be provided on the measures listed but not limited to the following:

	Yes - agree	No disagree - please provide information as to why you disagree, providing clear evidence.	Unsure
Quantities of materials collected;	x		
Quantities of materials classed as contamination and not recycled;	x		
Quantities of materials lost from sorting processes at a MRF;	x		
Vehicle emissions from collection rounds;	x		
Vehicle emissions from bulk transportation to sorting and reprocessing both in NI and overseas;	x		

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	Yes - agree	No disagree - please provide information as to why you disagree, providing clear evidence.	Unsure
Emissions from disposal/ treatment including savings arising from landfill diversion; and	x		
Carbon savings from using recycled materials rather than virgin materials.	x		
Other factors to be added - please describe.			

3. Do you agree that the following evidence factors should be provided by a waste carrier to demonstrate that NHM sector recyclable materials are of comparable quality?

	Yes - agree	No disagree - please provide information as to why you disagree, providing clear evidence.	Unsure
Comparable quantities (+/-2%) of each material stream sent for closed loop recycling.	x		
Comparable quantities (+/- 5%) of each material stream sent for open loop recycling.	x		
Other factors to be added - please describe.			

4. Do you agree with the distance factor of more than 3 miles from another obligated NHM organisation, whereby collectors should not be required to collect recycling separately?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

If no, your response should include evidence as to why the distance factor is not appropriate and if relevant, supply information on an alternative distance.

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5. Do you agree that if the quantity of all core materials for collection is less than 3kg per week from one NHM organisation, then collectors should not be required to collect recycling separately?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

If no, your response should include evidence as to why the quantity is not appropriate and if relevant, supply information on an alternative amount.

6. Which is your preferred option for collectors when requested to collect recycling where the distance to an obligated NHM organisation is above 3 miles or where the quantity of all core materials is less than 3kg per week? Please rank your preference where 1 is most preferred:

Mixed recycling collections.	1
Separate recycling collections using different coloured "survival sacks" which are collected in the same vehicle as residual waste, then managed apart from the residual waste after the vehicle tips off.	1 3
No recycling collections required, and a collector could direct organisations to alternative facilities.	1 2
Something else - please detail.	

7. Do you agree standard default values and data that have clearly referenced sources (that cover comparable Quality of materials, Environmental outcomes and Technical feasibility) which could be used to support a written assessment, would be useful?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

If you disagree, please provide the reason for your response.

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Proposal 20: Written assessments should be completed by waste collectors that co-collect dry recyclables from NHM premises, evidencing why separate collections are not practicable and that co-collection delivers recyclable materials of comparable quality to those collected as separate fractions. Collectors must ensure that where they deviate from a standardised template, their output information attains the same evidential threshold. Regular reviews of such assessments should be undertaken to ensure that they remain accurate and up to date.

1. Where waste collectors do not collect dry recyclable waste in the permitted three segregated streams, do you agree that the collector should produce a written assessment based on the template shown in Appendix 3 to outline the exception (s) to the requirement?

- Yes
- No - further content should be added to the template.
- No - content should be removed from the template.
- Unsure

If you responded No, please provide the reason for your response below, including your suggested amendments to the template.

It should be the business's responsibility to either complete the template or segregate their waste. Collectors will be reluctant to provide the service if it involves completing templates on behalf of customers. As councils are obligated to provide a commercial waste collection service on request, they will end up with all the customers with difficult circumstances.

2. Do you agree that reference to standard default values and data that have clearly referenced sources, which could be used to support a written assessment, would be useful?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

If you disagree, please provide the reason for your response with supporting evidence in the box below.

3. Do you agree that waste carriers for NHM recycling should be encouraged to have regard to the principle of QualiTEE (and not required to conduct a written assessment) during the first two years following the introduction of legislation requiring separate NHM recycling collections?

- Yes
- No

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Unsure

If no, please provide information as to why you disagree.

4. Do you agree with the recommendation that waste collectors should review and re-submit written assessments at least every 2 years?

Yes

No

Unsure

If you disagree, please select one of the following statements that best describes why:

Revising written assessments every 2 years is too frequent (please state how frequently you think they should be revised and evidence why).

Revising written assessments at least every 2 years is too infrequent (please state how frequently you think they should be revised and evidence why).

Written assessments should be revised every time changes are made to the collection services delivered by the waste collector or the treatment facility, they use i.e., collection methodology utilised, access to a new recycling facility.

Other (please detail providing evidence to support your opinion).

5. Using a template to produce a written assessment and using standardised data should reduce the burden on waste collectors. What other ways to reduce the burden on waste collectors should we consider for the written QualiTEE assessment?

If a significant administrative burden is placed on waste collectors, this will be reflected by a large increase in the costs of commercial waste collection services and as previously indicated councils will end up with all the awkward scenarios.

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6. Do you agree with the content of the written assessment template for collection of waste from obligated businesses, public bodies or other organisations as provided at Appendix 3?

- Yes
 No
 Unsure

If you disagree, please select any of the following that best describe why:

- Further content should be added (please comment).
 Content should be removed (please comment).
 Other (please comment).

Responsibility for completion of the template should rest with the waste producer and not the waste collector.

7. Do you have any other comments on the content for the written assessment template for non-household municipal collections?

No.

8. We are proposing that a waste collector should only need to produce one written assessment for each set of premises or rurality that they intend to employ an exception for. For 'set of premises', we have suggested that this would include at a national level, groups of premises on a collection route or type of premises, for example hospitality premises. Do you agree with the examples listed for 'set of premises'?

- Yes
 No
 Unsure (please comment).

If you disagree, please select one of the following statements that best describes why:

- Other examples should be added to the list (please comment).
 Examples should be removed from the list (please comment).
 Other (please comment).

The duty should rest with the waste producer and not the waste collector. This requirement would have an educational purpose as many businesses have no understanding of the volumes (and weight) of waste they generate.

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9. What other factors, if any, should be taken into consideration and included in the written assessment? For example, different premise type in a service/geographical area, costs of breaking existing contractual arrangements and/or access to treatment facilities.

It is not clear how commercial waste services, the majority of which are provided by private waste management companies will be policed to ensure compliance with the proposed measures and bearing in mind the limited data held on NI commercial waste arisings.

Proposal 21: To introduce, or where existing, improve NHM recycling collections.

1. Do you agree that the range of proposals set out by DAERA in this consultation once implemented, will sufficiently ensure that NHM recycling collections focus on segregating recyclable waste from residual waste alongside improving the quality and quantity of recycling?

- Yes
- No - If no, your response should include clear evidence as to why you have this.
- Unsure

Proposal 22: We will continue to review and investigate options to reduce costs for businesses and NHM premises where possible to maximise their recycling behaviour and activity.

1. What are the main barriers that obligated businesses (small and micro-firms in particular), public bodies and other organisations face when trying to recycle? Please select one option for each barrier listed.

	Major Barrier	Some Barrier	Little/No Barrier	No opinion
Financial		x		
Contractual			x	
Space	x			
Engagement		x		
Location		x		
Time and expense of staff training.		x		

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	Major Barrier	Some Barrier	Little/No Barrier	No opinion
Enforcement	x			
Lack of awareness or understanding of how to recycle more waste.	x			
Other				

Please provide further detail of these barriers and how you believe they can be overcome alongside any supporting evidence.

Business owners are often not present and low payed staff with no incentive or training are left to sort waste often resulting in contamination issues. When bins are rightly left by the collection team, the owners expect the Council to sort it out, enforcement and financial penalties needed to educate business owners to the issues.

2. Which type(s) of business support do you believe would be most useful for obligated businesses, public bodies, and other organisations to ensure they understand their obligations and enable them to recycle more of their waste? (Select any number of responses).

	Very useful	Useful	Neutral	Not useful	No opinion
1:1 support provided/offered to obligated businesses and organisations.		x			
National, regional, or local communications campaigns.		x			
National guidance and good practice case studies.		x			
Dedicated website including online business support tools (e.g., online calculator and good practice guidance).		x			
Other (please specify).	Ability to take enforcement action against businesses who persistently present contaminated waste for collection. Translation services to help businesses owned by ethnic groups who struggle to understand instructions and guidance in English.				

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3. If adopted, and it became a legal requirement for obligated businesses, public bodies, and other organisations to segregate a core list of dry recyclables for collection alongside food waste, how do you believe such regulatory change should be promoted or communicated?

	Please tick all that apply
National, regional, and local communications campaigns i.e., TV adverts, social media campaigns, adverts in trade, national or local press, webinars.	x
Guidance and/or notification provided directly to all obligated businesses and organisations via the relevant regulatory bodies (local councils, NIEA) i.e., emails, written notification.	x
Guidance and/or notification provided to obligated businesses and organisations via their existing waste or recycling collector.	x
Guidance and/or notification provided to obligated businesses and organisations via relevant trade bodies or umbrella associations, Chambers of Commerce etc. i.e., newsletters, social media, workshops, conferences, or webinars.	x
Other (please specify).	

4. Do you have any views on how Government could support businesses, public bodies, or other organisations to procure waste management services more collaboratively?

	Tick all the options which you think should be considered
Promote existing collaborative opportunities relating to waste management so that businesses and NHM producers can access these easier.	
Develop new procurement framework opportunities for waste management services that businesses and NHM producers can use collaboratively to gain best value.	
Develop standard contract templates that businesses and NHM producers can utilise to collaboratively source waste management services.	
Collaborate with key industry organisations or accredited associations to develop waste management framework opportunities suitable to specific industry sectors i.e., transport, retail, hospitality.	
Other (please detail and provide examples if possible). Educate businesses that waste created by their activities is an intricate part of their business and dealing with it must be considered as part of their business model including adequate storage arrangements.	

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Proposal 23: Businesses and the NHM sector will be provided with a minimum two-year notification of a statutory requirement to collect dry recyclables as separate streams, segregated from residual waste, with a further phasing of such legislative requirements for small and micro businesses producing NHM waste.

1. Do you agree with our proposal that will require the separate collection of the core set of dry recyclables within 24 months of notification of a statutory requirement?

Yes

No - If no, your response should include clear evidence as to which materials you consider should not be incorporated within the list and why. Evidence with justification to extend timescales should be provided, if appropriate.

Unsure

2. Do you agree that small and micro firms should be required to implement a separate collection of the core set of dry recyclables, by the points in time listed below? Tick the point in time which you think should apply.

	Yes	No	If you answered no, please provide the reason for your response with clear evidence detailing why small and micro firms need more time to accommodate the changes.	Not sure
24 months from notification of a statutory requirement.	x			
3 to 4 years from notification of a statutory requirement.				
More than 4 years from notification of statutory requirement.				
Never.				
Other - please detail.				

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3. Are there any other obligated businesses, public bodies or other organisations in your opinion that should be exempt from the proposed requirements?

Please provide evidence to support your view.

No, - "Polluter pays" principle should apply in all cases.

4. Some waste collectors may not be able to collect the required dry recyclable streams from all obligated businesses, public bodies and other organisations within the timeframe proposed. In this table we set out some circumstances which may delay changes to dry recycling collections. Please select the circumstances which you believe will create challenges and provide evidence with justification detailing why timescales should be extended, as appropriate.

Not all rows need to be completed. Please use N/A where not applicable.	
Collection and treatment contract limitations.	N/A
MRF infrastructure and/or capacity.	N/A
Container procurement and distribution challenges.	N/A
Reprocessing availability.	N/A
End market volatility/lack of end markets.	x
Cost burdens to collectors of setting up new or expanded collection services.	N/A
Other - please describe.	

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Proposal 24: To review collection zoning and franchising to reduce costs to businesses and NHM premises.

1. Which recyclable waste streams do you believe should be included under a potential franchising/zoning scheme available for use by obligated businesses, public bodies, and other organisations?

For each option, please select whether you agree, disagree, or are not sure/do not have an opinion/not applicable.

	Agree	Disagree	Not sure/No opinion/Not applicable.	No opinion
Dry recyclable material streams (glass, metal, plastic, paper, and card).			X	
Food Waste.	X			
Other Items, for example oils, hazardous waste, bulky waste (please specify).			X	

2. Which of the below options, if any, is your preferred for zoning and/or collaborative procurement? Please select only one option that most closely aligns with your preference.

- Encouraging two neighbouring businesses to share the same containers under a contract.
- Encouraging businesses to use shared facilities at a site/estate or equivalent.
- Business Improvement Districts/partnerships tendering to offer a preferential rate (opt-in).
- Co-collection - the contractor for household collection services also delivers the NHM service.
- Framework zoning - shortlist of suppliers licensed to offer services in the zone.
- Material specific zoning - one contractor collects food waste, one dry recyclables, one residual waste.
- Exclusive service zoning - one contractor delivers the core recycling and residual collection waste services for the zone.
- None of the above.
- Other (please detail)

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3. Do you have any views on the roles of stakeholders in implementing a potential zoning/franchising scheme. Please tick where you think the named stakeholder should have a role in each of the following activities:

	DAERA	NIEA	Councils	Business Improvement Districts	Environmental Non-Governmental Organisations	Waste producers i.e., businesses, public bodies etc	Trade body, Umbrella Associations, Accredited bodies	Other - please detail
Procurement of services.						x		
Scheme/collection service design.			x			x		Private waste Mgt companies
Admin and day to day management.						x		
Enforcement (ensuring zoning rules are adhered to).		x						
Business support/advice.	x	x	x				x	Private waste Mgt companies
Development of tools & guidance.	x		x					
Delivery of communications campaigns.	x	x						
Other activities (please detail).								

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4. If you think that there is a role for any other stakeholders not already listed, please name the stakeholder below and state what activities you believe they should be involved in.

As many small businesses already use private waste management companies for their commercial waste collections, they will have an important role in ensuring suitable collection arrangements can be put in place.

5. Do you have any further views on how a potential waste or recycling collection franchising or zoning scheme could be implemented?

It is probable that such a scheme will face a legal challenge under procurement legislation if public bodies are involved in establishing it.

Proposal 25: To establish commercial waste bring sites and/or to increase the access to HWRCs for businesses, public bodies, and other organisations to encourage more recycling and better waste management.

1. Do you agree that obligated businesses, public bodies, and other organisations would find the provision of commercial waste bring sites useful to facilitate an increase in recycling?

- Yes
 No
 Unsure

If you disagree, please explain why you have this view and provide supporting evidence.

Unmanned Bring Sites would attract fly tipping and contamination. Some small businesses already abuse street litter bins to dispose of commercial waste and also try to pass it off as household waste at HWRCs.

2. Are there any barriers which we should be aware of, regarding the creation and operation of commercial waste bring sites?

- Lack of suitable location(s) to accommodate commercial waste bring sites.
 Access restrictions - time, availability, vehicular access, noise.
 Risk of abuse which may cause recycling containers to fill up quickly.
 Risk of contamination to recyclables meaning collected materials are less likely to be recycled.
 Sites encourage fly-tipping or litter.
 Other (please specify).

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3. Do you agree that obligated businesses, public bodies, and other organisations should be permitted to use HWRC's to dispose of their waste or recyclables?

- Yes
- No Most existing sites were not designed to handle large volumes of commercial waste.
- Unsure

If you disagree, please detail the reason for this view, supplying evidence to justify your opinion.

If you agree, what benefits do you believe access to HWRCs will provide to obligated businesses, public bodies, or other organisations? (Select as many benefits as are appropriate)

- HWRC access will provide a trusted, legitimate disposal route for our waste and recyclables.
- HWRC access will provide a cost-effective disposal route for our waste and recyclables.
- HWRCs will provide access to disposal routes for our waste and recyclables at times which suit our organisation (in line with the opening hours of the facility).
- HWRC access will enable us to recycle more of our waste due to the range of accepted materials.
- Other (please specify).

4. Are there any barriers, which we should be aware of, should HWRCs be made accessible to obligated businesses, public bodies, and other organisations?

- HWRC network has limited capacity for waste or recyclable storage - would be unable to accept predicted increase in volumes.
- Council(s) has/have insufficient resources to handle the anticipated increase in numbers of visits, waste volumes, payments or permits needed to cope with acceptance of commercial waste or recyclables.
- Existing Environmental Permit or planning condition for HWRC network would not permit a service expansion.
- Other (please specify).

It would increase the likely hood of disputes, abuse of HRC staff and arguments over the origin of waste - commercial -v- household. Councils have a long history of trying to restrict commercial waste with limited legislative powers. Certain business will go to great lengths to avoid commercial waste charges.

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Proposal 26: Amendments will be made to Article 5 of The Waste and Contaminated Land (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 to ensure compliance with the post-consultation requirements to segregate a core set of dry recyclables and food waste by obligated businesses and the wider NHM sector.

1. Do you agree that our proposal to extend Article 5 of the Waste & Contaminated Land (NI) Order 1997 will be sufficient to ensure compliance with the proposed requirements to segregate a core set of dry recyclables and food waste by obligated businesses, public bodies, and other organisations?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

If you disagree, please explain why you have this view and provide supporting evidence.

There is no indication as to how the proposals will be audited and enforced with it applying to 1000s of obligated businesses, the vast majority of whom have no concept of what is required by them.

2. Do you agree that the existing penalty of £300 for non-compliance for obligated businesses, public bodies and other organisations is severe enough to ensure compliance?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

If you have answered No, what value do you feel the fixed penalty notice for non-compliance should be increased to?

Proposed new penalty value	Please select one answer
£400	
£500	
£600	
£700	

If you believe another value should apply to fixed penalty notices for non-compliance, please specify the value you feel the fixed penalty should be set at and explain why, as well as providing supporting evidence.

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ITEM 5**Ards and North Down Borough Council**

Report Classification	Unclassified
Exemption Reason	Not Applicable
Council/Committee	Environment Committee
Date of Meeting	08 May 2024
Responsible Director	Director of Environment
Responsible Head of Service	Head of Waste and Cleansing Services
Date of Report	24 April 2024
File Reference	71012
Legislation	
Section 75 Compliant	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> If other, please add comment below:
Subject	Enforcement Against Bin Obstruction of Footpaths - Update Report
Attachments	Appendix 1 - Letter to DAERA Permanent Secretary Appendix 2 - Letter of Response from DAERA Permanent secretary Appendix 3 - DAERA Minister's Written Response to Stormont Question

Further to a Notice of Motion agreed by the Council, the Council wrote to the DAERA Permanent Secretary (Appendix 1) seeking the introduction of enforcement powers for Councils to deal with instances of bins being left on streets for prolonged periods, causing undue obstruction. A response was received from the Permanent Secretary (Appendix 2).

A question was subsequently asked of the DAERA Minister at Stormont on this subject, and the Minister's written response is attached at Appendix 3.

In view of the Minister's response, it is proposed that the Council formally writes to the other NI Councils, asking for their support in collectively petitioning the

Not Applicable

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Department to consider amending the Waste and Contaminated Land Order (Northern Ireland) 1997 to provide additional regulatory powers for all Councils.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approves to write to the other NI Councils as indicated in this report.

Our ref: 71012

12 December 2023

Ms Katrina Godfrey
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Dear Katrina

Reference: Wheeled Bins Causing Obstruction on Footpaths


I would refer to the above and previous correspondence with the Department for Infrastructure regarding problems with some householders persistently leaving their wheeled refuse bins out on the public footpath for prolonged period; thus, giving rise to complaints of obstruction and nuisance from neighbours and others using the footway.

In responses (attached) DfI had offered to support the introduction of enforcement powers aimed at addressing the issue, but in their most recent letter on the matter (also attached), DfI has indicated that this is not an issue for that Department but rather should be addressed to DAERA.

I am now therefore writing on behalf of the Council to request that your Department looks at progressing the introduction of new enforcement powers, using the powers available to Waste Collection Authorities in England under Section 46A of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 as a template.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely



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06 April 2023

Dear Stephen,

Unclaimed Bins on Public Footways

Thank you for your letter of 13 March 2023 regarding the issue of bins being left on footways within the Ards and North Down Borough Council Area Borough.

I understand there has been previous correspondence on this issue between Council and the Department.

I appreciate this can be a problematic issue, in so far as many individuals have no other reasonable alternative due to limitations on or the absence of outside storage capacity within the confines of their property.

The Department considers that only those bins which are 'placed' on public roads or footways on a permanent basis, or are not removed or retrieved for long periods after they have been emptied, are considered to represent an obstruction, especially if the footways or roads are limited in width.

Causing an obstruction of the public road, including a footway, is an offence under Article 88 of The Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1993. However, enforcement under this Article is a matter for the PSNI. As such, the Department is not in a position to actively carry out enforcement.

The Department does, and will continue to, encourage individuals who 'place' bins on roads or footways where they have the potential to cause an obstruction, to remove them in a timely manner or locate them as considerately as possible. As refuse collection is a council function, there is also an onus on councils to ensure their operatives take sufficient time to return the empty bins in an orderly and considerate fashion after they have been emptied and to remind the public of the need to remove

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Dear Denis

Unclaimed Bins on Footpaths

May I firstly extend my congratulations to you on your appointment to the position of Permanent Secretary at the Department for Infrastructure.

I would refer to the above and further to Julie Harrison's letter of 6 April 2023 regarding the above subject, the Council noted your offer to consider the introduction of enforcement powers aimed at addressing the issue of unclaimed bins on footpaths.

The Council has directed me to request that the Department look at progressing the introduction of new enforcement powers, using the powers available to waste collection Authorities in England under Section 46A of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 as a template.

I look forward to your attention and update on this matter.

Yours sincerely



Stephen Reid
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From the Permanent Secretary
Dr Denis McMahon

Your Reference: 71012
Our Reference: SCORR-0417-2023

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2 November 2023

Dear Stephen

UNCLAIMED BINS ON PUBLIC FOOTWAYS

Thank you for your letter of 12 October 2023 regarding the issue of bins being left on footways within the Ards and North Down Borough Council Area Borough, in reply to correspondence issued by my predecessor Dr Julie Harrison.

Thank you also for your warm words regarding my appointment as Permanent Secretary at the Department for Infrastructure

I understand it can be often difficult for people to store bins on their property, especially if they don't have much outdoor space. However, while the Department does, and will continue to, encourage the prompt removal of bins following scheduled collection, in order to prevent obstruction, the Department is not responsible for enforcing same.

I would therefore reiterate my predecessor's position that the Department would be happy to support councils with the promotion of any campaign to raise awareness of the issue and would also be happy to support councils' efforts to have enforcement powers introduced by those responsible for such matters.

Yours sincerely

DR DENIS McMAHON
DfI Permanent Secretary



From the Permanent Secretary
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24 November 2023

Dear Stephen,

UNCLAIMED BINS ON PUBLIC FOOTWAYS

Thank you for your letter of 14 November 2023 requesting that the Department legislates to provide enforcement powers for councils in Northern Ireland to take action against individuals who leave bins on public roads and footways after their collection date.

As advised in my previous letter to you of 2 November 2023, the Department for Infrastructure is not responsible for enforcing such matters.

As waste management functions are the responsibility of the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA), you may wish to engage with that Department regarding legislation in relation to this issue.

Yours sincerely,

DR DENIS McMAHON
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From the Permanent Secretary
Katrina Godfrey



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14 December 2023

Dear Stephen

WHEELED BINS CAUSING OBSTRUCTION ON FOOTPATH

Thank you for your correspondence dated 12 December 2023. I appreciate that households leaving bins on pavements and roads for protracted periods of time can be very frustrating for those using the public footpaths.

As you have highlighted in your letter, we do not have equivalent powers in NI legislation which would allow an enforcement model like that set out in the Environmental Protection Act 1993. The decision to bring forward any new legislation or policy in this area would be a decision for an incoming Minister and may require Executive approval.

Until such a time as we have Ministers in place, I would like to offer the Department's support and guidance to help address this problem. A forum such as the National Communications Action Plan (NCAP) could be a good starting point for messaging which will support behaviour change in this area and raise awareness of the issues that leaving bins out can cause for footway and road users. NCAP has representation from recycling and communications officers across councils and provides an opportunity for councils to discuss and develop joined up communications across NI on issues related to resource and waste management.

The next NCAP meeting is due to take place on 31 January 2024 and we would be happy to add this issue to the agenda for discussion.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katrina Godfrey".

KATRINA GODFREY

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27th March 2024
AQW 9320/22-27

To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs pursuant to AQW 5563/22-27, to detail what action his Department plans to take on this matter

Article 20 of the Waste and Contaminated Land Order (Northern Ireland) 1997 places a duty on district councils in respect of the collection of household waste and Article 21 of the same Order sets out the responsibilities for councils in respect of receptacles for household waste (bins) including the provisions a council may make in relation to the placing of the bins.

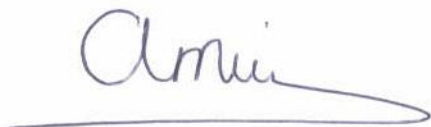
Should a council determine that there is a significant problem with the placing and removal of bins in its area it would be up to that council to consider if it already has sufficient powers to remedy the problem through, for example, enhanced communications to ratepayers. If not, the council may wish to engage initially with other Northern Ireland councils to establish if this is a widespread issue and whether other councils have identified successful approaches to address

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the matter. If a significant problem continues to exist that cannot be resolved through existing powers, then a petition on behalf of the councils can be made to my Department to amend the Waste and Contaminated Land Order (Northern Ireland) 1997 to provide additional regulatory responsibilities on all councils.



ANDREW MUIR MLA
Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs

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ITEM 6**Ards and North Down Borough Council**

Report Classification	Unclassified
Exemption Reason	Not Applicable
Council/Committee	Environment Committee
Date of Meeting	08 May 2024
Responsible Director	Director of Environment
Responsible Head of Service	Head of Regulatory Services (Temporary)
Date of Report	18 April 2024
File Reference	90303
Legislation	The Road Traffic Regulations (NI) Order 1997
Section 75 Compliant	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> If other, please add comment below:
Subject	Proposed Off-Street Parking Order 2024
Attachments	Appendix 1- Proposed Ards and North Down Off-Street Parking (Public Car Parks) Order 2024 Appendix 2 - email of objection

The Council agreed in January 2024 to make a Car Parking Order under the Road Traffic Regulations (NI) Order 1997, in respect of certain Council owned car parks; a copy of the Proposed Order is attached (Appendix 1), and a list of the included car parks is listed in Schedule 1.

The public car parks covered by this Order are legacy car parks owned by the Council. There is currently an Off-Street Parking Order in place which was enacted by the Department for Environment and which will remain in force for the time being for the former DfI car parks that were transferred to the Council in 2015.

This Order sets out the powers and regulations that will apply within each of the car parks listed in the Schedule, which can be enforced by the Council normally through the action of the Parking Attendants.

Not Applicable

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The Order has now been publicly advertised and one comment was received which relates to the use of the car parks by motorhome users (Appendix 2). In regard to this issue, Members are asked to note that the aspiration remains of facilitating the use of designated car parks in the Borough for overnight motorhome use, as discussed at the meeting of the Committee in February, and as and when the factors associated with such a move are addressed, it will be possible to amend the provisions of our Car Parking Order accordingly.

Members also requested that a clause be included in the Order to deal with persons playing loud music in a car park. This has been considered and Article 21 of the Draft Order has been amended to include the following clause:

Noise Control

21. The driver of a vehicle using a parking place shall not:

- (1) 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; or*
- (2) permit the playing of music to the annoyance or unreasonable disturbance of other car park users or local residents.*

Enactment Process

The Council should consider the comments received and if content agree to make the Order or make amendments.

Once the Order is made and signed the Council is required to advertise the fact in the local press with the date of implementation. It is proposed that the implementation date should be 1 July 2024.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council considers the comments received following the public consultation and agrees the making of the Ards and North Down Off-Street Parking (Public Car Parks) Order 2024.

Ards and North Down Off-Street Parking (Public Car Parks) Order 2024

Made - - - - May , 2024

Coming into operation- 1 July 2024

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SCHEDULE 1 —PARKING PLACES

SCHEDULE 2 —TARIFFS

Ards and North Down Borough 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

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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

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as Ards and North Down Borough Council Off - Street (Public Car Parks) Order 2024 and shall come into operation on XX day of XXXX 2024.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

“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.

“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,

“Council” means Ards and North Down Borough 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,

“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,

“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.

“motorcycle” 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 2,

“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 18 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 favor 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.

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 reserved for caravans

9. (1) Subject to paragraph (2) 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.

(2) A caravan shall not be occupied in a parking place between the hours of 11pm and 6am daily.

Maximum period for which a vehicle may wait

10. 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

11 (1) The use of part of the parking places specified in Schedule 1 for advertising is prohibited unless authorised in writing by the Council.

(2) The use of part of the parking places specified in Schedule 1 for displaying information to the public is prohibited unless authorised in writing by the Council.

(3) The use of part of the parking places specified in Schedule 1 for the collection of recyclable materials is prohibited unless authorised in writing by the Council.

(4) A person may apply to the Council for permission to 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.

PART 3

TARIFFS AND TICKETS IN PAY AND DISPLAY CAR PARKS

Requirement to pay appropriate tariff

12. 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

13. (1) Save as provided for in Article 18 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

14. 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

15. 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

16. – (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 motorcycle the ticket shall be displayed in a conspicuous position in a ticket holder or in front of the driver's seat

Particulars of tickets

17.—(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.

18. Blue Badge Parking

A vehicle displaying a valid Blue Badge shall be entitled to one extra hour of free parking in addition to the time allowed following payment of the appropriate charge in accordance with the scale of charge specified in Schedule 2

PART 4

RESTRICTION ON USE OF VEHICLES AND PARKING PLACES

Requirement to stop the engine of a vehicle

19. 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

20. (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.

Noise Control

21. The driver of a vehicle using a parking place shall not:

- (1) 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; or
- (2) Permit the playing of music to the annoyance of other users of the car park or local residents.

Driving in a parking place

22. 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

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

Miscellaneous activities

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

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

26. No person shall light or cause to be lit any fire

Means of passage

27. 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

28. 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

29 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

30. In a parking place a person shall not erect or cause or permit to be erected any tent, booth, stand, building or other structure without the written consent of the Council.

Reserving a parking bay

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

Suspension of parking places

32. 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.

Sealed with the Common Seal of the Ards and North Down Borough Council

----- day of -May 2024 in the presence of

----- **Mayor**

----- **Chief Executive**

SCHEDULE 1 PARKING PLACES

	<i>Name of Parking Place</i>	<i>Classes of Vehicle</i>	<i>Days of operation of parking place</i>	<i>Hours of operation of parking place</i>	<i>Maximum period for which a vehicle may wait.</i>	<i>Scale of Charges</i>
	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>
1	Ballywalter Amenity Site	Motor car, motorcycle, invalid carriage, caravans & light goods vehicle.	All Days	All Hours	12 hours	No charge
2	Ballyhalbert Harbour	Motor car, motorcycle, invalid carriage,	All Days	All Hours	12 hours	No charge

		caravans & light goods vehicle.				
3	Bank Lane, Groomsport Road, Bangor	Motor car, motorcycle, invalid carriage, caravans & light goods vehicle.	All Days	All Hours	12 hours	No charge
4	Connor Park, Bangor	Motor car, motorcycle, invalid carriage, caravans & light goods vehicle.	All Days	All Hours	12 hours	No charge
5	Eisenhower Pier, Quay Street, Bangor	Motor car, motorcycle, invalid carriage, caravans & light goods vehicle.	All Days	All Hours	12 hours	No charge
6	Luke's Point, Seacliff Road, Bangor	Motor car, motorcycle, invalid carriage, caravan & light goods vehicle.	All Days	All Hours	12 hours	No charge
7	Ward Arras Park, Gransha Road, Bangor	Motor car, motorcycle, invalid carriage, caravan & light goods vehicle.	All Days	All Hours	12 hours	No charge
8	Cloughey Picnic Area	Motor car, motorcycle, invalid carriage, caravan & light goods vehicle.	All Days	All Hours	12 Hours	No Charge

9	Island Hill, Comber	Motor car, motorcycle, invalid carriage, caravan & light goods vehicle.	All Days	All Hours	12 Hours	No charge
10	Lead Mines, Conlig	Motor car, motorcycle, invalid carriage, caravan & light goods vehicle.	All Days	All Hours	12 Hours	No charge
11	Cunningburn Amenity Site, Portaferry Road	Motor car, motorcycle, invalid carriage, caravan & light goods vehicle.	All Days	All Hours	12 Hours	No charge
12	The Commons, Donaghadee	Motor car, motorcycle, invalid carriage, caravan & light goods vehicle.	All Days	All Hours	12 Hours	No charge
13	The Commons East, Donaghadee	Motor car, motorcycle, invalid carriage, caravan & light goods vehicle.	All Days	All Hours	12 Hours	No charge
14	Sea Park, Holywood	Motor car, motorcycle, invalid carriage, caravan & light goods vehicle.	All Days	All Hours	12 Hours	No charge
15	Spa Field, Holywood	Motor car, motorcycle,	All Days	All Hours	12 Hours	No charge

		invalid carriage, caravan & light goods vehicle.				
15	Millisle Beach Park	Motor car, motorcycle, invalid carriage, caravan & light goods vehicle.	All Days	All Hours	12 Hours	No charge
16	The Rope Walk, Portaferry	Motor car, motorcycle, invalid carriage, caravan & light goods vehicle.	All Days	All Hours	12 Hours	No charge
17	Portavogie Amenity site	Motor car, motorcycle, invalid carriage, caravan & light goods vehicle.	All Days	All Hours	12 Hours	No charge
18	Bangor Sportsplex, Old Belfast Road, Bangor	Motor car, motorcycle, invalid carriage, caravan & light goods vehicle.	All Days	All Hours	12 Hours	No charge
19	Londonderry Park, Newtownards	Motor car, motorcycle, invalid carriage, caravan & light goods vehicle.	All Days	All Hours	12 Hours	No charge
20	Aurora Aquatic & Leisure centre, Valentine Road, Bangor	Motor car, motorcycle, invalid carriage, caravan & light goods vehicle.	All Days	All Hours	12 Hours	No charge
21	Ards Blair Mayne Leisure	Motor car, motorcycle, invalid	All Days	All Hours	12 Hours	No Charge

	Centre, Dairy Hall Lane, Newtownards	carriage, caravan & light goods vehicle.				
22	Harbour Court, Donaghadee	Motor car, motorcycle, invalid carriage, caravan & light goods vehicle.	All Days	All Hours	12 Hours	No charge
23	The Moat Car Park, Moat Street, Donaghadee	Motor car, motorcycle, invalid carriage, caravan & light goods vehicle.	All Days	All Hours	12 Hours	No charge
24	Bangor Castle, Castle Park Avenue, Bangor	Motor car, motorcycle, invalid carriage, caravan & light goods vehicle.	All Days	All Hours	12 Hours	No charge
25	Ballymenoch Park, Hollywood	Motor car, motorcycle, invalid carriage, caravan & light goods vehicle.	All Days	All Hours	12 Hours	No charge
26	Donaghadee Community Centre, Parade, Donaghadee	Motor car, motorcycle, invalid carriage, caravan & light goods vehicle.	All Days	All hours	12 Hours	No charge
27	Queens Hall Sullivan Close, Hollywood	Motor car, motorcycle, invalid carriage, caravan & light goods vehicle.	All Days	All Hours	12 Hours	No charge

Brown, David

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Once again we see the Motorhome / Campervan owner, tourist being alienated, across the ANDBC area. Motorhome /Campervan owners, both as a local owner, or as an incoming tourist, being prevented from overnighing in their vehicle, within local areas, ie Donaghadee.

Pre 1st May 2021, they could have overnighed/slept in their vehicle at The Commons. Donaghadee.

The Agenda of the Council's Environmental Committee meeting of 4th November 2020, showed Item 11. Bye-laws For the Control of Parking Places, was held behind 'Closed Doors'. Again at the Full Council Meeting on 25th November 2020, when the minutes of the afore mentioned Committee came up for discussion, Council went into 'Closed Mode'.

I received a response that the Closed session was in accordance with Section 6 of the LGA(NI) 2014. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any Individual or Council member holding that information.

One can only surmise an Individual person, was a caravan site owner. (the nearest to the Commons is 2 miles away.).

Following the erection on 1st May 2021, of the No Overnight Parking signs at The Commons, I submitted an FOI on 19 Jan 2022 asking :

After reading the Masterplans for both Donaghadee Town Centre, and The Commons, and seeing what this Council plans for the touring motorhome community in these two locations, I would like to ask;

How many fines has the new Council issued since they decided to enforce their TRO's regarding overnight parking, and particularly the prevention of the Touring motorhome community to sleep at the Commons, since 1st May 2021 ?

Clarification - TRO's Traffic Regulation Orders. In relation to car parks this would be the relevant Byelaws.

I received the following response on 28 Jan 2022, Ards and North Down Borough Council's Bye-Law For The Control of Parking Spaces 2016. The power is to prosecute where sufficient evidence is established and then a Court determines outcome of case. There have been no prosecution cases to date.

Moving forward.

I have read the Ards and North Down Borough Council Parking Strategy and Action Plan V4 15.10.2019 Fourth Draft by ANDBC. Licensing Manager David Brown.

2.6; Tourism, Seasonality and the Environment

Tourism is important in AND Borough, contributing £46m to the Borough;s economy during 2016. The Council has developed a draft Integrated Tourism, Regeneration and Economic Development Strategy (2-018 -2030) for the Borough, welcoming of visitors.

The plan shows 9 of the Council's car parks could include Motorhome Parking Provisions. Objective 3.2.5 ; Ensure that parking provision supports tourism.

4.10 dealt specifically with Motorhome Parking.
This ends as follows;

it should be noted that to provide motorhome parking Council will need to comply with the provisions of the Caravan Act (NI) 1963 which will require separation of Spaces and the provisions of water, firefighting equipment, and waste disposal at each site. There are likely to be high-cost implications in ensuring compliance.

An article in the Newtownards Chronicle dated 15 Oct 2019 by Lesley Walsh, titled **Assembly absence hampers council's parking strategy**, reported Ards and North Down 's draft car parking strategy is gathering dust as Stormont needs to sign off on it before the plan can be implemented.

Council Environmental Director, David Lindsay, is quoted " Departmental officials have told us we will not get a new Car Park Order agreed until the Assembly is up and running again".

We now have our Assembly 'up and running again', which is why the Council have published this Draft Order, for Public notice and Consultation, albeit with a short Closing date of Friday 5th April 2024.

I would point out that the Caravan Act (NI) 1963 has been updated with a 2011 version, (although not a lot appears to have been re written in it). A Prime example is the 'description of a Caravan'. No insight has been made to take into consideration the modern existence of Motorhomes, and include them in a separate Definition.

CAMpRa have worked side be side with GB Councils since 2020, to promote dedicated Motorhome stop over facilities/Aires.

This is their Business hub link; <https://campra.org.uk/business-hub/>

Under the three lines top right, you can access various items in their library, from Case Studies, to various reports, including

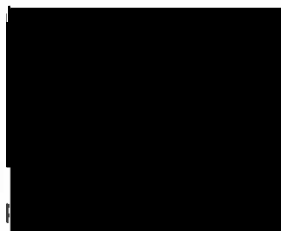
a Fire Safety Report, for Motorhome Overnight Parking, provided by Fire Decisions limited - commissioned to provide technical fire safety information around the use of non licensed caravan sites for a limited period of time for motor caravans only . This report covers the key aspects around the management of fire safety and related legislation only.

Many GB Council's have come to see the benefit of the passing motorhome owners and allow Motorhome owners to park in their owned, town car parks overnight, Max 5 vans ; MUST BE SELF- SUFFICIENT (onboard toilet), 48hr max stay, NO CAMPING BEHAVIOUR allowed. They usually charge £5/night.

(21/09/23 Fleetwood Council reported bringing in £25,915 from Motorcaravan parking in the 2022/2023 year alone).

Many Motorhome /Camper van owners will go out for day trips around NI, all year round. Come evening time, they may not want to try and get a pitch in a local caravan site at short notice, (especially during the summer season), or return home, preferring, if possible to just park up in a safe place for the night, sleep in their vehicle, and continue enjoying the locality they are at, IE Donaghadee, and continue on.

Yours Sincerely



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ITEM 7

Ards and North Down Borough Council

Report Classification	Unclassified
Exemption Reason	Not Applicable
Council/Committee	Environment Committee
Date of Meeting	08 May 2024
Responsible Director	Director of Environment
Responsible Head of Service	Head of Regulatory Services (Temporary)
Date of Report	20 April 2024
File Reference	90101
Legislation	The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (NI) Order 1985
Section 75 Compliant	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> If other, please add comment below:
Subject	Grant of Entertainment Licences
Attachments	None

Applications have been received for the Grant of Entertainment Licences as follows:

1. The Court House (Outdoor Space) 16 Quay Street, Bangor, BT20 5ED

Applicant: Kieran Gilmore, 27 Sheridan Drive, Bangor, BT20 5NQ

Days and Hours: Thursday to Sunday.

Type of entertainment: Music outdoor in the rear yard area.

There are no objections to this application from the NIFRS, PSNI or following the public consultation.

Environmental Health has expressed concern at the potential for nuisance from music provided at this outdoor venue to local residents.

Not Applicable

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Following discussions with the applicant and the provision of an Acoustic Report and Noise Management Plan, Environmental Health has requested that the following additional terms and conditions be applied to this licence:

1. Outdoor entertainment shall take place only between 5:00pm-10:30pm on Thursdays and Fridays, between 1:00pm-10:30pm on Saturdays and between 1:00pm and 7:00pm on Sundays; and
2. The Licensee shall comply with the Noise Management Plan submitted to Ards and North Down Borough Council's Environmental Health Service on 3 April 2024

2. Marquee on Land between 36-42 Ballyvester Road, Donaghadee, BT21 0LL

Applicant: Jack Moore, 9A Ballyblack Road East, Newtownards, BT22 2BD

Days and Hours: Single event Saturday 8 June 2024, 20:00 to 01:00 am.

Type of entertainment: Dancing, singing or music or any other entertainment of a like kind.

This event is a fund-raising BBQ/dance organised and run by Ballywalter Young Farmers Association.

There are no objections to this application.

3. The Barn Adjacent to 3 Lisbane Road, Kircubbin

Applicant: Brian McCarthy, 46 Rowreagh Road, Kircubbin

Days and Hours: 14 June 20:00 to 01:00 am.

Type of entertainment: Dancing, singing or music or any other entertainment of a like kind.

This is a fund-raising event on behalf of the Chest, Heart and Stroke Charity.

There are no objections to this application.

4. The Parkway Concert. Parkway Playing Fields, Comber

Applicant: Mr Roy Murray, 26, Dermott Avenue, Comber. BT23 5JE

Days and Hours: Saturday 29 June 2024 20:00hrs to 22:00hrs

Type of entertainment: Outdoor musical event.

This is a fund-raising event on behalf of Comber Regeneration Community Partnership.

There are no objections to this application.

Not Applicable

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Licensing and Regulatory Services Department request that the following additional terms and conditions be applied to this licence:

1. That the Licensee supplies a suitable and sufficient Event Management Plan no later than 28 days prior to the event; and
2. The applicant complies with the Event Management Plan to the satisfaction of Licensing Services before the licence is issued.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council grants the above licences, to include additional conditions where specified.

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ITEM 8**Ards and North Down Borough Council**

Report Classification	Unclassified
Exemption Reason	Not Applicable
Council/Committee	Environment Committee
Date of Meeting	08 May 2024
Responsible Director	Director of Environment
Responsible Head of Service	Head of Waste and Cleansing Services
Date of Report	22 April 2024
File Reference	92017
Legislation	
Section 75 Compliant	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> If other, please add comment below:
Subject	Keep NI Beautiful Litter Surveys Update
Attachments	None

Further to the discussion at the April Environment Committee Meeting regarding the failure of KNIB to provide independent litter surveys during 2023/24, a meeting has taken place with the new Local Environmental Quality Manager recently appointed by KNIB. To assist in the re-establishment of the service, staff have been brought in on a temporary basis from Keep Scotland Beautiful to provide survey training for KNIB staff and to assist uploading survey data from surveys that were carried out in 2023, but that were never processed on to their website.

KNIB has provided assurances that going forward survey results will be provided in a timely manner and that with additional staff trained to conduct surveys, they will have greater resilience in terms of covering for staff sickness and vacancies in future.

In view of the assurances, it has been agreed to reinstate the LEAMS Cleanliness Index score as a KPI for the street cleansing service in the annual Service Plan.

Not Applicable

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council notes the report.

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Item 9**Ards and North Down Borough Council**

Report Classification	Unclassified
Council/Committee	Environment Committee
Date of Meeting	08 May 2024
Responsible Director	Director of Environment
Responsible Head of Service	Head of Waste and Cleansing Services
Date of Report	25 April 2024
File Reference	53042
Legislation	Waste and Contaminated Land (NI) Order 1997
Section 75 Compliant	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If other, please add comment below: Not relevant
Subject	Northern Ireland Local Authority Municipal Waste Management Statistics, October to December 2023
Attachments	None

Introduction

The official waste management statistics for the third quarter of 2023/2024 (October to December 2023) have been released by the Northern Ireland Environment Agency.

The aim of this report is to:

1. Report key quarterly waste management performance statistics relative to the same period last year (found in part 1 of the report) and to our baseline comparator year of 2021-22 (found in the KPI section of part 2 of the report), and
2. Provide some detail around operational waste service management activities/actions that have been implemented during the quarter with the aim of improving performance.

In summary, all key indicators have been very positive for this reporting period relative both to the same period last year and to our 2021-22 baseline comparator













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year. Our landfill burden is down and our recycling rates both at HRCs and kerbside have increased significantly, as has our overall Borough household waste recycling rate.

1.0 Northern Ireland Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste Management Statistics – October to December 2023

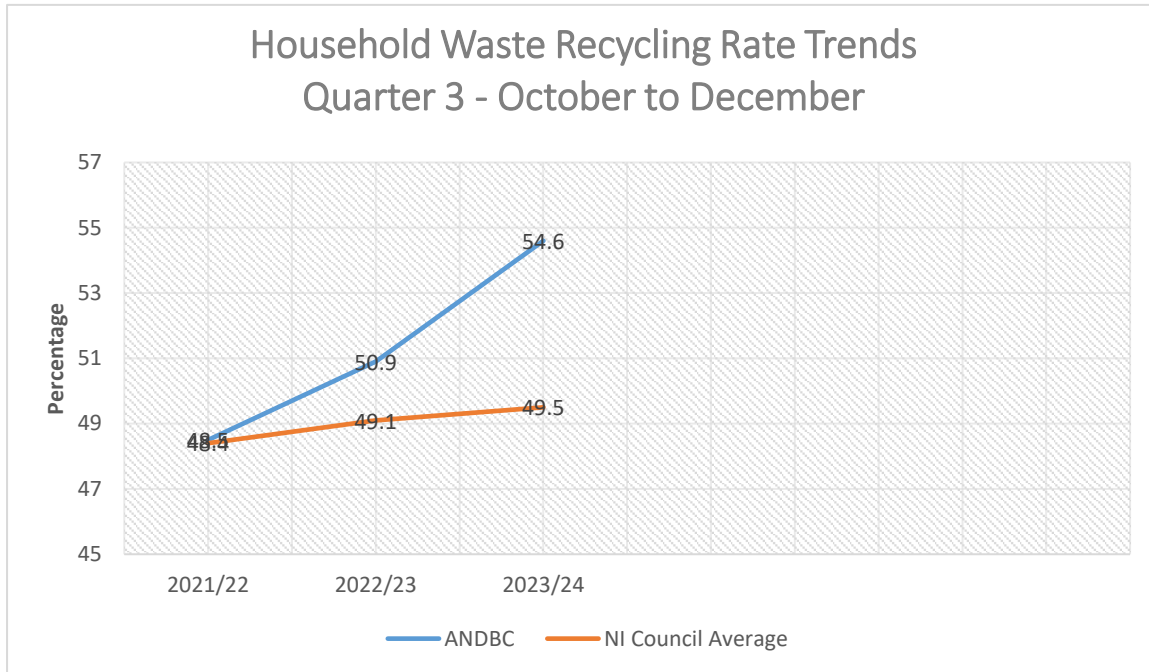
Summary Table of Key Changes Q3 2023-24 v Q3 2022-23

	2022-23	2023-24	Change
Household Waste Recycling Rate	50.9%	54.6%	 3.7%
Recycling Rate Ranking	5th	3rd	 2 places
Composting Rate	27.6%	30.9%	 3.3%
Dry Recycling Rate	22.9%	23.3%	 0.4%
Total HRC Waste	5642T	4509T	 20%
HRC Residual/Landfill Waste Received	2178T	1376T	 37%
HRC Recycling Waste Received	3464T	3133T	 9.6%
Proportion of HRC Waste Received for Recycling	61.4%	69.5%	 8.1%
Total Kerbside Waste	12179T	12940T	 6.2%
Kerbside Residual Waste Received	5294T	5346T	 0.8%
Kerbside Recycling Waste Received	6885T	7594T	 10.3%
Proportion of Kerbside Waste Received for Recycling	56.5%	59%	 3.5%

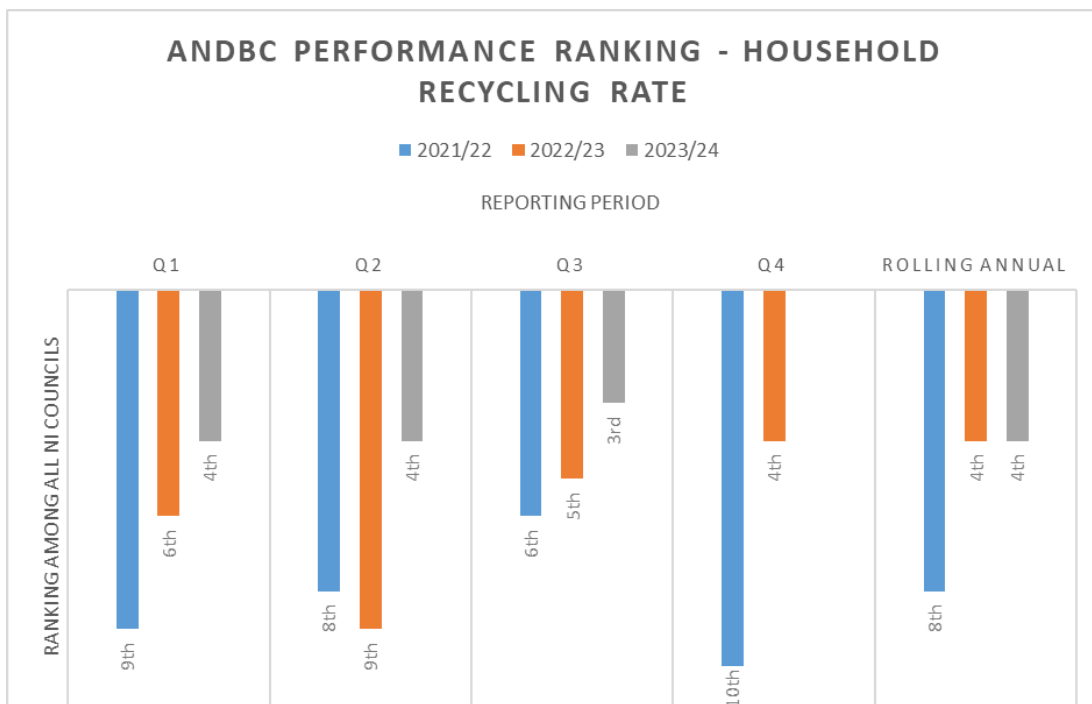
The significant headlines contained within the latest DAERA report show that:

- i. Our household waste recycling rate **increased** by 3.7% compared to Q3 last year, from 50.9% to 54.6%.

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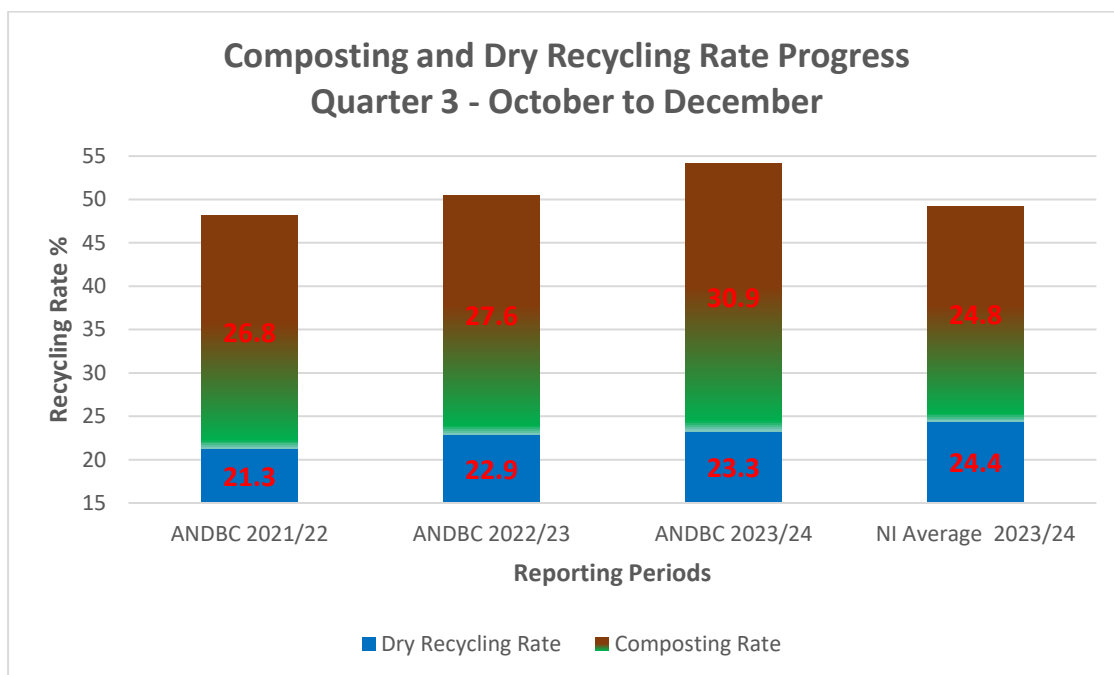
- ii. Our household waste recycling rate of 54.6%, was 5.1% **higher** than the NI average of 49.5%.
- iii. We were ranked **third** out of the eleven NI Councils for our household waste recycling rate, up from 5th place.



- iv. Our household waste composting rate **rose** by 3.3% - from 27.6% to 30.9%. Our household waste dry recycling rate **rose** by 0.4% - from 22.9% to 23.3%.

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- v. Our household waste composting rate of 30.9% was 6.1% **higher** than the NI average of 24.8%.
- vi. Our household waste dry recycling rate (i.e. recycling of items other than organic food and garden waste) of 23.3% was 1.1% **lower** than the N.I. average of 24.4%.



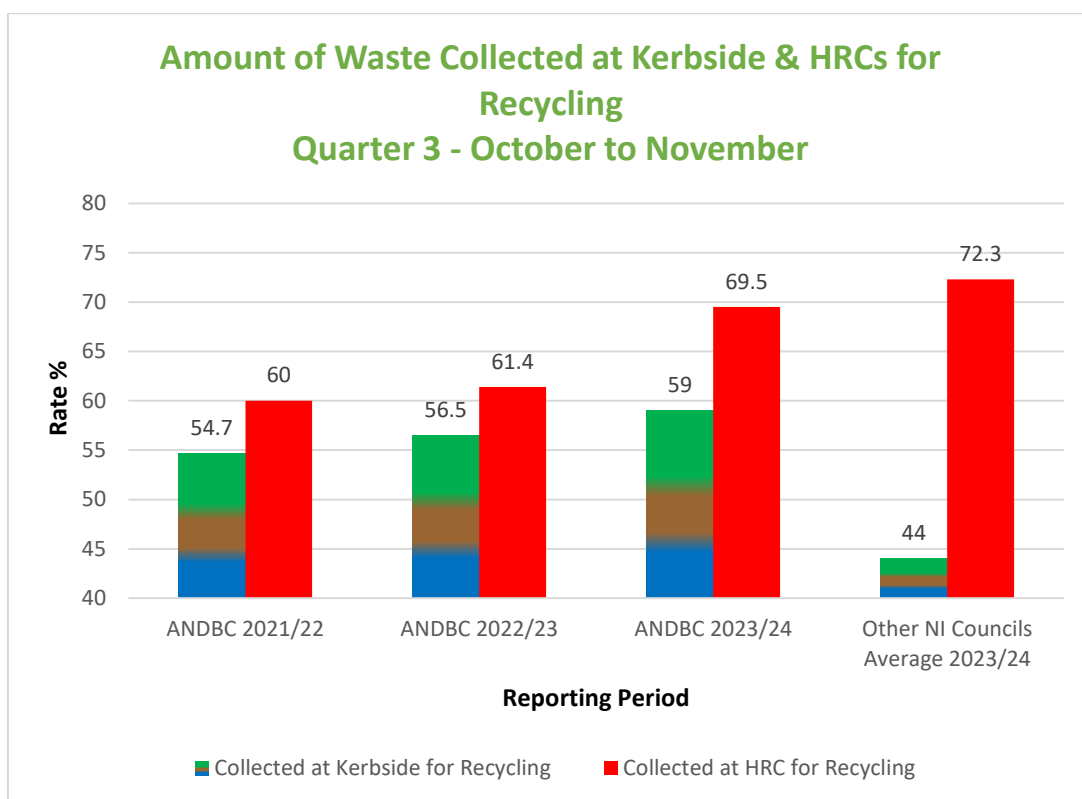
- vii. Our kerbside recycling capture rate of 74.7% for household compostable waste materials compared to a NI Council average of 63.4%.
- viii. Our **lowest** kerbside capture rate for recyclable materials was for mixed plastics, at 27.4%.

Kerbside Capture Rate for Recyclable Waste Types – October to December		
Recyclable Material	Kerbside Capture Rate for Recycling %	NI Average Kerbside Capture Rate for Recycling %
Glass	61.5	48.2
Paper & Card	63.5	52.4
Mixed Metals	42.7	31.4
Mixed Plastics	27.4	21.9
Organic/Compostables	74.7	63.4

- ix. We ranked 7th in the Council performance table for 'dry' recycling rate and 3rd for composting rate.

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- x. We received 9% **less** total waste per capita at our HRCs compared to the average for other NI Councils; during the same period the previous year we received 21% **more** HRC waste per capita.
- xi. We received 1.2% **less** residual/landfill waste per capita at our HRCs compared to the average for other Councils, compared to 36% **more** during the same period the previous year.
- xii. The proportion of waste collected at our HRC sites for recycling was **less** than the average for other Councils – 69.5%, compared to an average rate of 72.3% for other Councils.
- xiii. We collected a similar amount of waste per capita from homes through our kerbside bin collection services compared to the average for other Councils (1% more).
- xiv. The proportion of waste collected for recycling through our kerbside bin collection system was significantly **higher** than the average for other Councils – 59%, compared to an average of 44% for other Councils.



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2.0 Operational Performance Improvement Measures

2.1 Marketing and Communications Indicators

MC1 – 36 social media posts were issued, with associated engagement/management of feedback across Waste and Recycling on ANDBC corporate channels.



MC2 – 3 Bin-Ovation ‘News and Info’ articles were published, 4 Bin-ovation ‘Push Notifications’ issued and 2485 Bin-ovation downloads recorded.

MC3 – Officers delivered 5 community and engagement events, talking to over 250 people.

- 2 x Recycling Educational Presentations
- 1 x Road Show
- 1 x Primary School Presentation
- 1 x Pre-school Recycling Education session

2.2 Household Recycling Centre Indicators

HRC1 – Volume of blue bin recyclable materials separated from mixed waste by residents on-site: 769,002 litres.

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This equates to approximately 32 tons of blue bin waste; whilst this is a relatively modest weight of material, it represents a very large/visible volume of recyclable waste extracted from bags of mixed waste which was initially intended to be placed landfill skips at HRCs. A collateral benefit of this practice of requiring removal of blue bin recyclables from black bags of mixed waste before using the landfill skip is that it should help to ‘educate’ householders - promoting more efficient separation of waste in the home and greater use of blue bins at the kerbside.

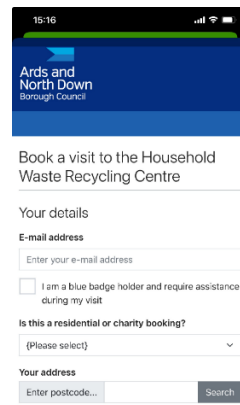
This represents just one type of recyclable waste category which was prevented from entering landfill skips at HRCs as a consequence of our more focused attention to supervision of landfill skip access; many other recyclable waste types will also have been prevented from entering the landfill skips as reflected in KPI, HRC3.

HRC2 – Number of visitors turned away from site: 1258

This is a significant number in itself, but it is likely to be the case that a significant number of out of Borough residents will have avoided coming to our sites because of the widely publicised focus upon checking ID for everyone entering and those turned away will in all probability avoid further attempts to enter and use our HRCs; the impact of this will also be reflected in HRC3 and other KPIs.

HRC2a – Number of HRC bookings: 72,423

HRC2b – Average number of HRC visits per household: 1.02 (averaged across the 71,182 households in the Borough)



HRC3 – % change in tonnage of total waste received (compared to same period in baseline year 2021-22)

- We experienced a **34% decrease** in the total amount of waste received at our HRCs, from 6875T to 4509T.

HRC4 - % change in tonnage of waste received for landfill (compared to same period in baseline year 2021-22)

- We experienced a **50% decrease** in the amount of waste received for landfill at our HRCs, down from 2727T to 1376T.

HRC5 - % change in tonnage of waste received for recycling (compared to same period in baseline year 2021-22)

- We experienced an **24% decrease** in the amount of waste received for recycling at our HRCs, down from 4148T to 3133T.

HRC6 - % change in proportion of HRC waste materials collected for recycling (compared to same period in baseline year 2021-22)

- We experienced a **9.5% increase** in the proportion of all waste received at HRCs which was collected for recycling, up from 60% to 69.5%.

2.3 Kerbside Household Waste Collections Indicators



KS1 – Number of recycling alert stickers applied to grey bins (yellow): 2269

KS2 – Number of recycling alert stickers applied to grey bins (amber): 165

KS3 - Number of recycling alert stickers applied to grey bins (red): 55

KS4 – % change in tonnage of total waste collected (compared to same period in baseline year 2021-22)

- We experienced a **1% decrease** in the total amount collected at the kerbside, down from 13,085T to 12,940T.

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KS5 - % change in tonnage of grey bin waste collected for landfill (compared to same period in baseline year 2021-22)

- We experienced a **10% decrease** in the amount of grey bin waste collected, down from 5934T to 5346T.

KS6 - % change in tonnage of waste collected at kerbside for recycling (compared to same period in baseline year 2021-22)

- We experienced a **6.2% increase** in the amount of waste collected at kerbside for recycling, up from 7151T to 7594T.

KS7 – % change in proportion of kerbside waste materials collected for recycling (compared to same period in baseline year 2021-22)

- We experienced a **4.3% increase** in the proportion of kerbside waste that was collected for recycling, up from 54.7% to 59%.

2.4 Summary and Trend Analysis of Indicators

Indicator Reference	Monitoring Period 1 (December 2022 – March 2023*) *Waste tonnage indicators reflect period Jan to March 2023 only	Monitoring Period 2 (April 2023 – June 2023)	Monitoring Period 3 (July 2023 – Sept 2023)	Monitoring Period 4 (October 2023 – Dec 2023)
MC1 Social media posts	25	23	43	36
MC2 Print press and online articles	10	13	55	7
MC3 Engagement events/sessions	17	29	14	5
HRC1 Blue bin waste	1,322K Litres	762,460 Litres	604,600 Litres	769,002
HRC2 Visitors denied entry	1742	397	262	1258
HRC2a No. of bookings	N/A	N/A	22,199	72,423
HRC2b	N/A	N/A	0.3	1.02

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Average no. of HRC visits per household in the Borough				
HRC3 Total HRC waste compared to same period 2021/22	16% Decrease	26% Decrease	19% Decrease	34% Decrease
HRC4 Landfill skip waste compared to same period 2021/22	27% Decrease	42% Decrease	32% Decrease	50% Decrease
HRC5 Recycling skip waste compared to same period 2021/22	8% Decrease	15% Decrease	11% Decrease	24% Decrease
HRC6 Proportion of HRC waste collected for recycling compared to same period 2021/22	5.5% Increase	9.1% Increase	6% Increase	9.5% Increase
KS1 Yellow warning stickers on grey bins	2784	6079	2714	2269
KS2 Amber warning stickers on grey bins	255	414	226	165
KS3 Red warning stickers on grey bins	52	179	92	55
KS4 Total kerbside waste compared to 2021/22	4.8% Increase	0% No Change	5% Decrease	1% Decrease
KS5 Grey bin waste compared to 2021/22	9.3% Decrease	16.5% Decrease	17.4% Decrease	10% Decrease
KS6 Kerbside waste collected for recycling compared to same period 2021/22	20.7% Increase	13% Decrease	4.9% Increase	6.2% Increase
KS7 Proportion of kerbside waste collected for	7.2% Increase	7% Increase	5.2% Increase	4.3% Increase

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recycling compared to same period 2021/22				
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2.5 Summary Analysis of Indicators

This report confirms continued improvement in our sustainable waste resource management performance. Following the changes to our waste service model design and the associated education and engagement campaigns, we are experiencing sustained falls in the amount of landfilled waste as well as improvements in our recycling rates. During this reporting period, we experienced:

1. Sustained falls in the total amount of landfill waste both at HRCs and kerbside. In total, we received/collected 1,939 tons less of landfill waste at kerbside and HRCs over the 3-month reporting period compared to the same period in the baseline year of 2021/22; at prevailing landfill cost (£127.42/T), **this represented a £247,067 landfill saving (plus other handling and transport cost savings).**
2. Falls in the total amount of waste collected at both HRCs and kerbside. In total our municipal waste arisings **fell by 11.4%.**
3. A significant further rise in our recycling rate at HRCs and at kerbside. The percentage of materials collected for recycling at our HRCs rose by **9.5%** compared to the same period in the baseline year of 2021/22 and at the kerbside the rise was **4.3%.** **Our overall Borough household waste recycling rate rose by 6.1% compared to the same period in 2021/22.**

Whilst the information set out in this report is very encouraging indeed and reflects a lot of hard work and dedication on the part of our waste and recycling teams, we undoubtedly have much further progress to make if we are to have any chance of ultimately reaching the 70% recycling target for 2030 that is laid down in the Climate Change Act (Northern Ireland) 2022. Continued bedding in and ongoing careful management of the new booking system for HRC access, the ongoing review of our kerbside collections model and a future strategic review of our HRC capital assets, will be critical.

It is important to reiterate that further 'step change', sustained improvements in both our HRC and kerbside recycling rates will be required to move us towards the new 70% target.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council notes the report.

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ITEM 10**Ards and North Down Borough Council**

Report Classification	Unclassified
Exemption Reason	Not Applicable
Council/Committee	Environment Committee
Date of Meeting	08 May 2024
Responsible Director	Director of Environment
Responsible Head of Service	Head of Assets and Property Services
Date of Report	24 April 2024
File Reference	62704
Legislation	
Section 75 Compliant	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> If other, please add comment below:
Subject	NOM Report - Donaghadee Sea Defences
Attachments	Appendix 1 - Letter from Donaghadee Community Development Association Appendix 2 - Letter from DAERA

Members will be aware that a Notice of Motion was agreed by the Council last month as follows:

“That this Council recognises the significant opportunities which the redevelopment of Donaghadee Harbour could bring to the local economy in terms of leisure sailing and tourism and thus instructs officers to work with local groups to scope potential operational facilities which could enhance the offering in the Harbour and further brings back a feasibility report on the various options, including costings and possible funding streams.

Further, that this Council recognises the issues associated with high winds and coastal change and reviews the original 2020 Harbour Study conducted by RPS including the necessity for an offshore breakwater and agrees to bring back a report in time to be presented to Council in September 2024, outlining the budget required

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to undertake this work, any key considerations, next steps and identify which stakeholders would need to be involved”.

On the same subject, the Donaghadee Community Development Association recently wrote to the DAERA and DfI Ministers as well as the Council (Appendix 1). DAERA’s response to this letter (Appendix 2), appears to contend that “the majority of the recommendations in the report are for Ards and North Down Borough Council to consider”, a position that Council officers would not concur with. Whilst the specific issues around the protection and functionality of the harbour are a matter for the Council to primarily deal with (as this is a Council owned asset), the report produced by the Donaghadee Community Development Association raises much wider and significant issues around coastal change management and sea defence arrangements for the town itself, which clearly fall well within the purview of central government responsibility.

Notwithstanding the above, officers will be working to progress the tasks set out in the NOM which was agreed by the Council, and will bring back a further report in this regard.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council notes this report.



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Dear Sirs

A JOINT LETTER REGARDING DONAGHADEE HARBOUR AND SEAFRONT

I enclose a copy of a report on the risks posed by rising sea levels and storm surges to the harbour and seafront of Donaghadee.

The report, compiled jointly by Donaghadee Community Development Association and Donaghadee Sailing Club, draws on compelling research material published by statutory and other authoritative organisations and confirms the need for urgent action to reduce the impact of storm surges in order to safeguard the infrastructure of the town. Fortunately two studies, the most recent by RPS in 2020, conclude that an outer breakwater is the solution.

The cost of the breakwater will amount to several million pounds though this needs to be measured against the value of the seafront properties, the A2 main road and the associated infrastructure. We recognise the pressure on budgets and expect that each of you may well be reluctant to accept full responsibility for funding the breakwater. We note however that in England the Government has committed £5.5bn to coastal protection and coastal erosion measures and also that the Welsh Government has used the Barnett consequential of some £200m to set up a similar scheme in Wales. We are unaware of any proposals in relation to Northern Ireland though it would be unusual for the NI Block grant not to have been increased in similar vein.

We would therefore welcome your views on the report and confirmation that officials in DAERA, DfI and Ards and North Down Borough Council will, as a matter of urgency, work together to take forward the various actions identified in the report. Ministers may wish to press for a coastal Protection/Erosion Programme on same lines as elsewhere.

Yours sincerely

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Date: 19 April 2024

Dear Mr Caldwell

RE: DONAGHADEE HARBOUR AND SEAFRONT

Thank you for sharing the report by Donaghadee Community Development Association and Donaghadee Sailing Club with Minister Muir. He has asked me to respond on his behalf.

The Minister has noted the recommendations and your request that my Department prioritises the preservation of Donaghadee. The majority of the recommendations in the report are for Ards and North Down Borough Council to consider, and it will be for the Council to prioritise action to make Donaghadee Harbour more resilient to storms and sea level rise.

The report recommends that the NI Executive needs to place a stronger priority on coastal protection. DAERA is responsible for developing the Northern Ireland Climate Change Adaptation Programme and work is underway with the other Departments to develop policies and proposals for climate change adaptation. This will consider the action needed to address the risks associated with coastal flooding and erosion as a result of sea-level rise and storms.

A collaborative approach must be taken to address issues like this. Past DAERA and DfI Ministers established a Coastal Forum as a mechanism to work with coastal councils and others to progress coastal management issues. Ards and North Down Borough Council has been an active participant in the Coastal Forum. DAERA and DfI Ministers intend to meet soon to discuss the next steps for the Coastal Forum and how

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this collaboration can continue so that coastal communities are better prepared for risks associated with climate change.

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I hope this information has been useful and thank you again for sharing the report.

Yours sincerely



OWEN LYTTLE
DIRECTOR
MARINE & FISHERIES DIVISION

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ITEM 11**Ards and North Down Borough Council**

Report Classification	Unclassified
Exemption Reason	Not Applicable
Council/Committee	Environment Committee
Date of Meeting	08 May 2024
Responsible Director	Director of Environment
Responsible Head of Service	Head of Regulatory Services (Acting)
Date of Report	24 April 2024
File Reference	92013
Legislation	Welfare of Animals Act 2011
Section 75 Compliant	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> If other, please add comment below:
Subject	Animal Welfare Enforcement Funding - Update Report
Attachments	Appendix 1 - Letter from DAERA Minister

Members will be aware from previous reports that Councils are currently in dispute with DAERA over its decision to suspend funding support for the enforcement of animal welfare controls.

Councils have collectively launched Judicial Review proceedings against the Department (led by Fermanagh and Omagh District Council), and in advance of the planned hearing a request had been made of DAERA to reconsider its position. The DAERA Minister has responded (Appendix 1), and whilst he has not given such an undertaking, he has agreed the back payment of monies that were due to Councils for 2023-24 (sourced from reallocated funds received by DAERA).

At this stage, it appears that the matter of ongoing Animal Welfare funding support for Councils will proceed to full Judicial Review hearing later in the year.

Not Applicable

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council notes this report.

**From the Office of the
Minister of Agriculture,
Environment and Rural Affairs**



Department of
**Agriculture, Environment
and Rural Affairs**

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Our ref: COR-1112-2024

Date: 22 April 2024

Dear Alison

Animal Welfare Funding for Councils

Thank you for your letter, received on 15 March 2024, asking that I take a decision to restore funding for the council delivered animal welfare enforcement service, in advance of the Judicial Review hearing on this matter, which is set for May 2024.

The Welfare of Animals Act 2011 clearly places upon local councils the statutory obligation to deliver the non-farmed animal welfare enforcement service. The Department is conscious that while it was able to provide financial support to councils to assist them in advancing their legal obligations in previous years, the responsibility for funding the service still remains with local councils.

As you are aware, in the face of a difficult budgetary settlement, the Department took a number of decisions to help ensure we could discharge our own statutory obligations and live within our budget allocation. This meant that there was no funding available to local councils to support this service (which is not a DAERA responsibility) for the last financial year.

This remains the position of the Department and in the absence of any additional future funding from the Northern Ireland Executive to support you in delivering this service I do not anticipate, at this juncture, that finance will be available in future years.

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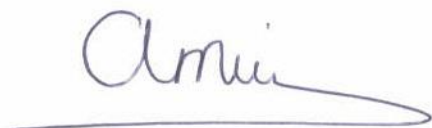
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Nevertheless, I am conscious that my Permanent Secretary did give an assurance that, should the budgetary position change for 2023/24, the Department would consider if any support could be provided to councils for that financial year.

Following an additional allocation of Resource DEL to my Department by the Executive in February 2024 I have accordingly decided that a one-off allocation of £625k is now made available as a contribution towards costs incurred for delivery of the non-farmed animal welfare enforcement service for 2023/24.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "A Muir". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

ANDREW MUIR MLA
Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs

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ITEM 12**Ards and North Down Borough Council**

Report Classification	Unclassified
Exemption Reason	Not Applicable
Council/Committee	Environment Committee
Date of Meeting	08 May 2024
Responsible Director	Director of Environment
Responsible Head of Service	Head of Regulatory Services (Temporary)
Date of Report	24 April 2024
File Reference	BC01 / 91000
Legislation	
Section 75 Compliant	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> If other, please add comment below:
Subject	Building Control Activity Report Quarter 3 (1 October 2023 - 31 December 2023)
Attachments	None

1.0 Introduction

The information provided in this report covers, unless otherwise stated, the period 1 October 2023 to 31 December 2023. The aim of the report is to provide Members with details of some of the key activities of Building Control, the range of services it provides along with details of level of performance. This report format has been introduced across Regulatory Services.

2.0 Applications

Full Plan applications are made to Building Control for building works to any commercial building, or for larger schemes in relation to residential dwellings.

Building Notice applications are submitted for minor alternations such as internal wall removal, installation of heating boilers or systems, installation of all types of

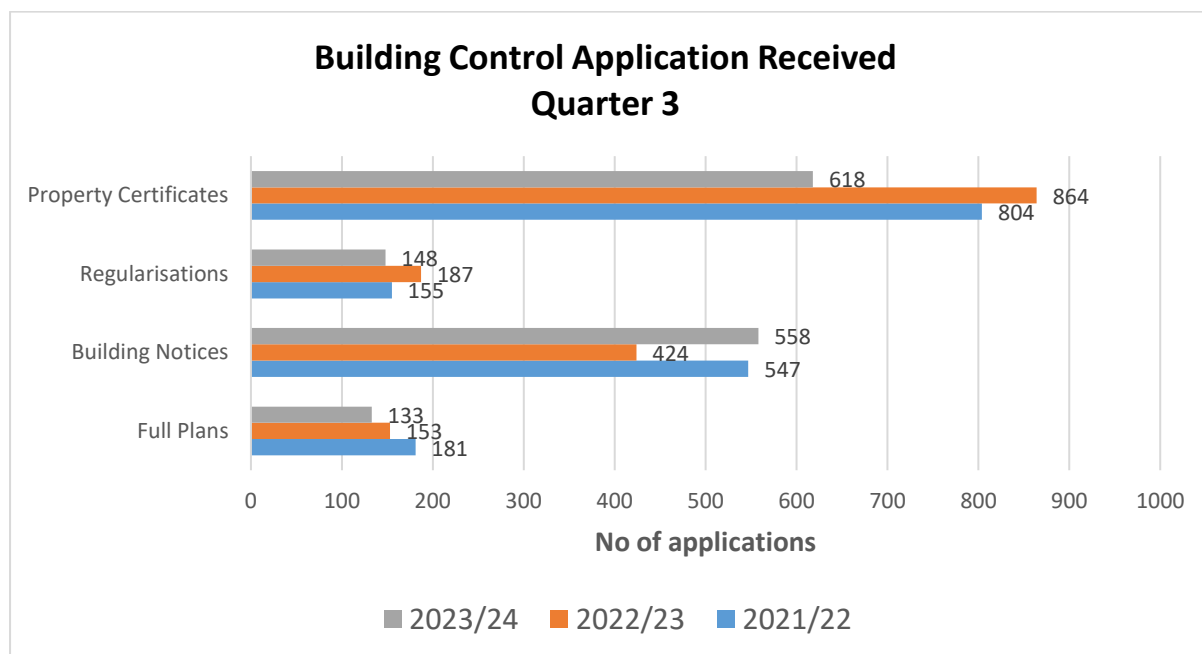
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insulation and must be made before work commences. These applications are for residential properties only.

Regularisation applications consider all works carried out illegally without a previous Building Control application in both commercial and residential properties. A regularisation application considers all types of work retrospectively and under the Building Regulations in force at the time the works were carried out.

Property Certificate applications are essential to the conveyancing process in the sale of any property, residential or commercial, and provide information on Building Control history and Council held data.

QUARTER 3	Period of Report 01/10/2023 – 31/12/2023	01/10/2022- 31/12/2022	01/10/2021 – 31/12/2021
Full Plan Applications	133	153	181
Building Notice Applications	558	424	547
Regularisation Applications	148	187	155
Property Certificate Applications	618	864	804



The number of Full Plan applications received are very much determined by the economic climate, any changes in bank lending or uncertainty in the marketplace may cause a reduction in Full Plan applications. There is no internal means to directly control the number of applications received.

Not Applicable

3.0 Regulatory Full Plan Turnaround Times

Turnaround times for full plan applications are measured in calendar days from the day of receipt within the council, to the day of posting (inclusive).

Inspections must be carried out on the day requested due to commercial pressures on the developer/builder/householder, and as such any pressures on that end of the business reflects on the turnaround of plans timescale.

QUARTER 3	Period of Report 01/10/2023 – 31/12/2023	Same quarter last year	Comparison	Average number of days to turnaround plan
Domestic Full Plan Turnarounds within target (21 calendar days)	54%	55%	↓	25
Non-Domestic Full Plan Turnarounds within target (35 calendar days)	67%	75%	↓	31

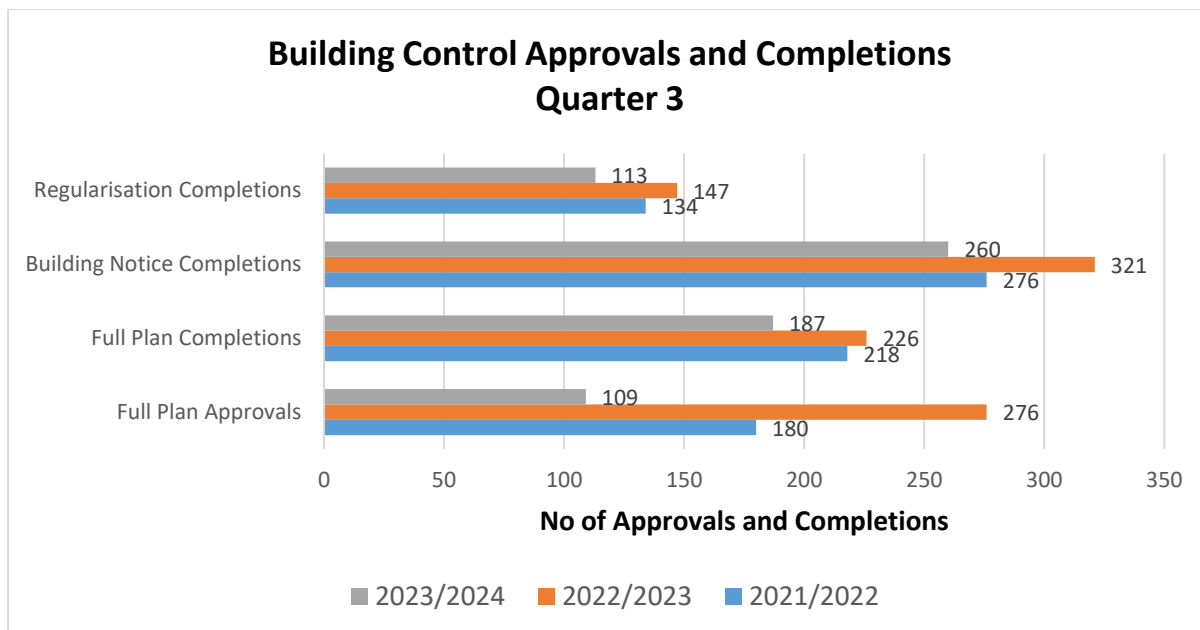
4.0 Regulatory Approvals and Completions

The issuing of Building Control Completion Certificates indicate that works are carried out to a satisfactory level and meet the current Building Regulations.

Building Control Full Plan Approval indicates that the information and drawings submitted as part of an application meet current Building Regulations and works can commence on site.

QUARTER 3	Period of Report 01/10/2023 – 31/12/2023	01/10/2022 – 31/12/2022	01/10/2021 – 31/12/2021
Full Plan Approvals	109	276	180
Full Plan Completions	187	226	218
Building Notice Completions	260	321	276
Regularisation Completions	113	147	134

Not Applicable

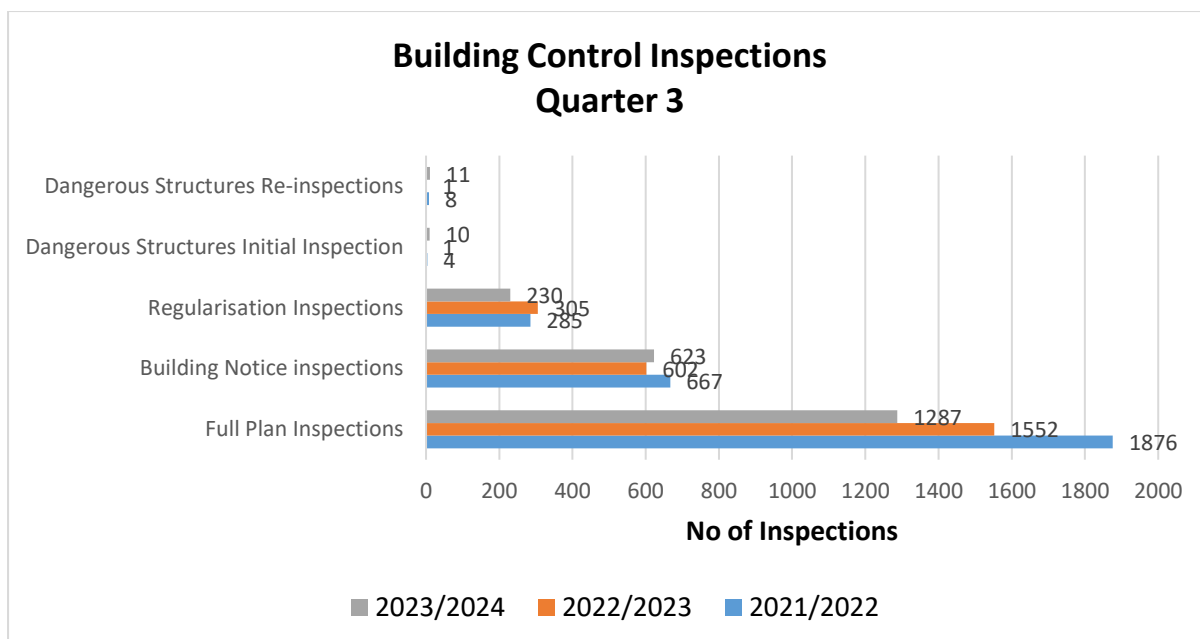


5.0 Inspections

Under the Building Regulations applicants are required to give notice at specific points in the building process to allow inspections. The inspections are used to determine compliance and to call for improvement or enforcement.

QUARTER 3	Period of Report 01/10/2023 - 31/12/2023	01/10/2022 – 31/12/2022	01/10/2021 – 31/12/2021
Full Plan Inspections	1287	1552	1876
Building Notice Inspections	623	602	667
Regularisation Inspections	230	305	285
Dangerous structures initial inspection	10	1	4
Dangerous structure re-inspections	11	1	8
Total inspections	2161	2461	2840

Not Applicable

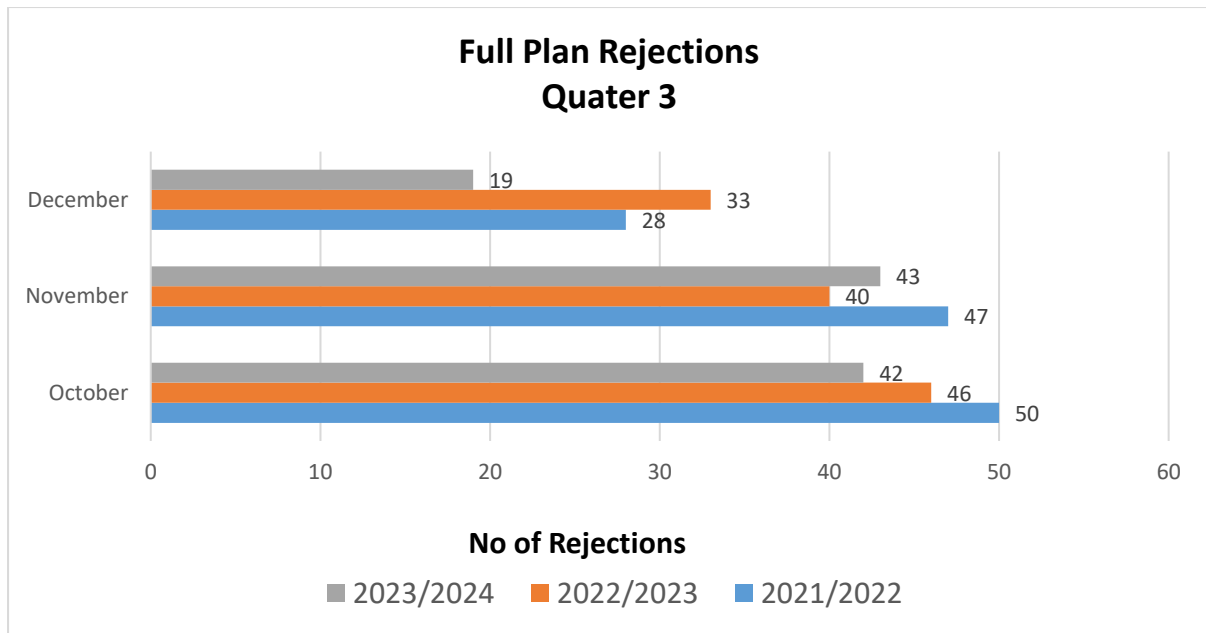


6.0 Non-Compliance

Where it is not possible to approve full plan applications they are required to be rejected. Building Control Full Plan Rejection Notices indicate that after assessment there are aspects of the drawings provided that do not meet current Building Regulations. A Building Control Rejection Notice sets out the changes or aspects of the drawings provided that need to be amended. After these amendments are completed, the amended drawings should be submitted to Building Control for further assessment and approval.

QUARTER 3	Period of Report 01/10/2023 – 31/12/2023	01/10/2022 – 31/12/2022	01/10/2021 – 31/12/2021
Full Plan Rejection Notice	104	119	125
Dangerous Structure Recommended for legal action	0	0	0
Court Cases	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0

Not Applicable



RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council notes this report.

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ITEM**Ards and North Down Borough Council**

Report Classification	Unclassified
Exemption Reason	Not Applicable
Council/Committee	Environment Committee
Date of Meeting	08 May 2024
Responsible Director	Director of Environment
Responsible Head of Service	Head of Regulatory Services (Temporary)
Date of Report	30 April 2024
File Reference	
Legislation	Dogs NI Order 1983 Dogs (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 Litter (NI) Order 1994 Waste and Contaminated Land (NI) Order 1997
Section 75 Compliant	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> If other, please add comment below:
Subject	Q2 NET Activity Report (1 st July 2023 to 30 th September 2023)
Attachments	Appendix 1 - Number of Service Requests by Type Appendix 2 - List of Fixed Penalties issued by Type and Location Appendix 3 - Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful Impact Card

Not Applicable


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Introduction

The information provided in this report covers, unless otherwise stated, the period 1st July to 30th September 2023. The aim of the report is to provide members with details of some of the key activities of the Team, the range of services it provides along with details of performance levels.

Applications to the Neighbourhood Environment Team**Dog Licences**



Concessionary licences remain at 81% of dog licences issued over the period. This includes the categories of neutering (£5) / over 65 (Free – 1st dog) / over 65 subsequent dog (£5) and income related benefits (£5). Standard dog licence £12.50 and block licence £32. The application fees are set by statute. It should be noted that these figures include block licences where one licence can be issued for multiple dogs in specific circumstances.

	Period of Report July – Sept 2023	Same 3 months July - Sept 2022	Comparison
Dog licences issued during the three months	5062	5013	

DOG CONTROL – Dog Licences	2023	2022
Full Cost	938	933
Reduced - Neutered	2646	2600
Reduced - Benefits	506	498
Free – Over 65	851	863
Reduced – Over 65 Subsequent Dogs	106	105
Block Licence	15	14
TOTAL	5062	5013

Investigations

The Neighbourhood Environment Team responds to a range of service requests. In terms of time spent, some types of service requests will be completed immediately whilst others require a longer-term strategy to find a resolution. The breakdown within the categories for the types of service requests received have been detailed in Appendix 1.



SERVICE REQUESTS			
	Period of Report July – Sept 2023	Same 3 months July – Sept 2022	Comparison
DOG CONTROL	447	229	
ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL	332	383	

Not Applicable

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Fixed Penalty Notices

The Neighbourhood Environment Team issued **71** Fixed Penalty Notices for various environmental offences in the Borough.

FIXED PENALTY NOTICES			
	Period of Report July – Sept 2023	Same 3 months July – Sept 2022	Comparison
DOG CONTROL	47	12	
ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL	24	65	

Prosecutions

Breakdown of cases being prosecuted through the Court.

PROSECUTIONS			
	Period of Report July – Sept 2023	Same 3 months July – Sept 2022	Comparison
DOG CONTROL	0	5	
ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL	1	6	

Educational Programme

An email was sent to all primary schools within the borough attaching a link to the on-line flyer which provided details of project **ELLA** and invite teachers to contact the department to arrange for school visits, presentations and workshops.

For the period of report the following activities took place:-

JULY	Action Mental Health rock pooling and beach clean at Groomsport Beach - 10 pupils in attendance (2 activities) Beach clean with pupils from Positive Futures, Banks Lane Beach - 12 pupils and staff in attendance (1 activity)
AUGUST	Action Mental Health group, rock pooling and beach clean, Donaghadee - 10 pupils in attendance (2 activities)
SEPTEMBER	Rock pooling and beach archaeology event delivered as part of the Council's Staff Health and Wellbeing initiative - 10 staff and children in attendance. (2 activities)

Attached (Appendix 3) is an impact card from Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful containing information for the Live Here Love Here and Eco-Schools programmes within the Ards and North Down council area.



RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee notes the report.

Not Applicable

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APPENDIX 1 – JULY – SEPTEMBER 2023

SERVICE REQUESTS			
	Period of Report July – Sept 2023	Same 3 months July – Sept 2022	Comparison
DOG CONTROL	447	229	
ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL	332	383	

DOG CONTROL – Service Requests	2023	2022
Dog Attack on Other Domestic Animal	13	20
Dog Attack on Person	12	12
Dog Attack on Livestock	0	1
Barking	48	86
Breeding Establishments	6	3
Collection/Stray	42	30
Collection Unwanted Dog	0	3
Control Conditions Issued	11	8
Dangerous Breed	3	1
Detection No Licence	5	0
Dogs Education / Awareness / Events	18	3
Dogs Off Lead	2	0
Expired Dog Licence Calls *	239	17
Greyhound Control	0	0
Inadequate Dog Control	15	18
Straying	16	22
Welfare Initial Response	17	5
TOTAL	447	229

*These calls are carried out to cleanse the database as and when required.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL – Service Requests	2023	2022
Abandoned Shopping Trolleys	0	0
Abandoned Vehicles	69	52
Bye-Laws	3	7
Dog Fouling	62	78
Enviro Education / Awareness / Events	1	10
Fly-Posting	0	6
Fly-Tipping	145	124
Graffiti	22	28
Littering	30	75
Littering Detection (Under 18 yr olds)	0	0
Motorhomes	0	0
Nuisance Parking	0	3
Repairing Vehicles on a Road	0	0
Shellfish Gathering	0	0
Vehicles Exposed For Sale on a Road	0	0
TOTAL	332	383

Not Applicable

Further to Members' request to receive a more detailed analysis of trends in relation to fly-tipping, officers have assessed the number of separate incidents reported. The figures in the table below reflect these statistics, which differ from the number of fly-tipping complaints/service requests given in the previous table, as some separate incidents will have been reported more than once.

Separate Fly-Tipping Incidents Recorded by Month for the Past 4 years.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
2020	37	31	52	59	71	60	44	51	40	38	43	32
2021	37	58	51	55	39	53	27	38	31	33	30	28
2022	38	37	41	50	19	31	36	42	36	22	27	23
2023	53	47	40	21	32	34	36	40	56	47	21	28
2024	36	34	15									

Fixed Penalty Notices

FIXED PENALTY NOTICES			
	Period of Report July – Sept 2023	Same 3 months July - Sept 2022	Comparison
DOG CONTROL	47	12	↑
ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL	24	65	↓

	2023 July - Sept			2022 July - Sept		
	July	Aug	Sept	July	Aug	Sept
DOG CONTROL						
No Dog Licence	6	9	13	0	1	0
Straying	6	7	4	3	4	4
Breach of Control Conditions	0	1	0	0	0	0
Control of Greyhounds	0	0	1	0	0	0
TOTAL	12	17	18	3	5	4
ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL	2023 July - Sept			2022 July - Sept		
Litter	4	13	5	25	23	10
Fly-Tipping	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fouling	0	2	0	2	3	2
TOTAL	4	15	5	27	26	12

Not Applicable

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APPENDIX 2

Offence	Area	Town
Straying	Sandylands	Ballyhalbert
Litter	Harbour Road	Ballywalter
Litter	Harbour Road Car Park	Ballywalter
Litter	Banks Lane	Bangor
Straying	Premier Inn	Bangor
Straying	Premier Inn	Bangor
Straying	Brook Lane	Bangor
Straying	Ballyquinton Gardens	Bangor
Straying	Hazelwood Park	Bangor
Litter	Balloo Road	Bangor
Litter	Kingsland Car Park	Bangor
Litter	Crawfordsburn Road	Bangor
Straying	Killeen Gardens	Bangor
Straying	Beatrice Road	Bangor
Fouling	Ward Avenue	Bangor
Litter	Castle Park,	Bangor
Litter	Bloomfield Shopping Centre	Bangor
No Licence	Fort Road	Bangor
No Licence	Fort Road	Bangor
Litter	Abbey Street	Bangor
Litter	Main Street	Bangor
Straying	Kilclief Gardens	Bangor
Straying	Ashbury Road	Bangor
Litter	Alleyway off Somerset Avenue	Bangor
Breach of Control		
Conditions	Ballycreely Road	Comber
Litter	Newtownards Road	Comber
No Licence	Dunsy Way	Comber
Control of Greyhounds	Longlands Drive	Comber
No Licence	Ardvanagh Mews	Conlig
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No Licence	Copeland Square	Donaghadee
No Licence	Copeland Square	Donaghadee
No Licence	Copeland Square	Donaghadee
Straying	Seahill	Donaghadee
No Licence	Millisle Road	Donaghadee
No Licence	Millisle Road	Donaghadee
Straying	Warren Road	Donaghadee
Fouling	Commons Car Park	Donaghadee
No Licence	Dornans Point	Donaghadee
No Licence	Main Street	Groomspoint
Straying	Seapark	Hollywood
No Licence	Roden Street	Kircubbin
No Licence	Ballygelagh Road	Kircubbin

Not Applicable

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Offence	Area	Town
No Licence	Abbey Gardens	Millisle
No Licence	Abbey Gardens	Millisle
Litter	Copeland Avenue	Millisle
Straying	Killaughey Road	Millisle
Litter	Castle Bawn Car Park	Newtownards
Straying	Trasnagh Drive	Newtownards
Litter	Blenheim Drive	Newtownards
Litter	Movieland Car Park	Newtownards
Litter	Movieland Car Park	Newtownards
Litter	Ards Shopping Centre	Newtownards
Litter	Movieland Car Park	Newtownards
Litter	Whitespots Country Car Park	Newtownards
Litter	Ards Shopping Centre	Newtownards
No Licence	Cambourne Crescent	Newtownards
Straying	Ards Vets Newtownards	Newtownards
No Licence	Ards Vets Newtownards	Newtownards
No Licence	John Street Court	Newtownards
Straying	Londonderry Park	Newtownards
Litter	Castle Bawn Car Park	Newtownards
No Licence	Fairfield Place	Newtownards
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No Licence	Fairfield Place	Newtownards
No Licence	Fairfield Place	Newtownards
No Licence	Balfour Street	Newtownards
No Licence	Balfour Street	Newtownards
No Licence	Park Head	Portaferry
No Licence	Harbour Road	Portavogie
No Licence	Harbour Road	Portavogie

Not Applicable

APPENDIX 3

Supporting your community journey to Net Zero

Donaghadee Community Development Association

Donaghadee's four schools – Ballyvester Primary School, Donaghadee Primary School, Killard School and St Anne's Primary School partnered with the local Community Development Association and Ards and North Down Borough Council to launch a Marine Litter Project.

Equipped with litter-picking and water sampling equipment, each school adopted an area of coastline and is endeavouring to monitor and maintain it, now and in the future. This strong collaboration is a great representation of the spirit of Live Here Love Here and the project is a valuable hands-on learning experience to encourage local children to be lifelong stewards of our wonderful beaches.



SDGs supported by the Council

Live Here Love Here Small Grants Scheme

11 projects delivered **£23,329** amount awarded by the Council

Marine Capital Grants

6 project delivered **£43,077** amount awarded

School Pollinator Grants

32 projects delivered **£228,260** amount awarded

Climate Action Plans

5 Community Led Climate Action Plans, first of their kind in Northern Ireland

By Numbers...

165 Adopt A Spot groups and 2,258 volunteers supported

33 Live Here Love Here Community Support Events

5 Green Flag Parks and Open Spaces

49 groups supported across grants

101 Litter surveys undertaken

27 Awards presented to well-managed beaches, parks, schools and stations

Eco-Schools

24 Green Flag Eco-Schools

28 School support visits and events

4,104 Young people engaged in Eco-Schools

NI Media Reach and Value

2,544,880

£571,203

1,049,740

£147,257

Bottom Line

£75,000 Live Here Love Here Investment by Council	£314,520 Total additional funds invested in Council area
£10,942 Eco-Schools Investment	£3.66 return on every €1 Invested by the Council

Reporting Period – 1st April 2022 - 31st March 2023

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ITEM**Ards and North Down Borough Council**

Report Classification	Unclassified
Exemption Reason	Not Applicable
Council/Committee	Environment Committee
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Subject	Q3 NET Activity Report (1 st October 2023 to 31 st December 2023)
Attachments	Appendix 1 - Number of Service Requests by Type Appendix 2 - List of Fixed Penalties issued by Type and Location

Introduction


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Not Applicable

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Applications to the Neighbourhood Environment Team**Dog Licences - The Dogs (NI) Order 1983**

It should be noted that these figures include block licences where one licence can be issued for multiple dogs in specific circumstances.



	Period of Report Oct – Dec 2023	Same 3 months Oct – Dec 2022	Comparison
Dog licences issued during the three months	4822	4467	

Concessionary licences remain at 84% of dog licences issued over the period. This includes the categories of neutering (£5) / over 65 (Free – 1st dog) / over 65 subsequent dog (£5) and income related benefits (£5). Standard dog licence £12.50 and block licence £32. The application fees are set by statute.

DOG CONTROL – Dog Licences	2023	2022
Full Cost	777	781
Reduced - Neutered	2500	2361
Reduced - Benefits	486	398
Free – Over 65	935	797
Reduced – Over 65 Subsequent Dogs	113	119
Block Licence	11	11
TOTAL	4822	4467

Investigations

The Neighbourhood Environment Team responds to a range of service requests. In terms of time spent, some types of service requests will be completed immediately whilst others require a longer-term strategy to find a resolution. The breakdown within the categories for the types of service requests received have been detailed in Appendix 1.



SERVICE REQUESTS			
	Period of Report Oct – Dec 2023	Same 3 months Oct – Dec 2022	Comparison
DOG CONTROL	142	413	
ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL	374	310	

Not Applicable

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Fixed Penalty Notices

The Neighbourhood Environment Team issued **56** Fixed Penalty Notices for various environmental offences in the Borough.

FIXED PENALTY NOTICES			
	Period of Report Oct – Dec 2023	Same 3 months Oct – Dec 2022	Comparison
DOG CONTROL	25	14	
ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL	31	42	

Prosecutions

Breakdown of cases being prosecuted through the Court.

PROSECUTIONS			
	Period of Report Oct – Dec 2023	Same 3 months Oct – Dec 2022	Comparison
DOG CONTROL	3	3	
ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL	1	6	

Educational Programme

Project Ella began its roll out in schools and has been well received. The most popular topics are outlined below together with the number of presentations carried out in the quarter.

ELLA	Oct – Dec 2023
500 Million Years Ago	8
Anti-Litter Presentation	0
Beach Cleans	1
Cry Wolf	7
Debating Forum	0
ELLA Education Talk	1
ELLA In the Community	0
Litter Picks	1
Rock Pooling	1
Rubbish Quiz	0
Scavenger Hunts	1
Sea Trout	0
TOTAL	20



RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee notes the report.

Not Applicable

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APPENDIX 1 – OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2023

SERVICE REQUESTS			
	Period of Report Oct – Dec 2023	Same 3 months Oct – Dec 2022	Comparison
DOG CONTROL	142	413	
ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL	374	310	

DOG CONTROL – Service Requests	2023	2022
Dog Attack on Other Domestic Animal	16	16
Dog Attack on Person	18	8
Dog Attack on Livestock	0	9
Barking	32	24
Breeding Establishments	3	1
Collection/Stray	13	20
Control Conditions Issued	8	4
Dangerous Breed	0	2
Dogs Education / Awareness / Events	10	0
Dogs Off Lead	1	2
Expired Dog Licence Calls	4	291
Greyhound Control	0	0
Inadequate Dog Control	5	12
Straying	20	19
Welfare Initial Response	12	5
TOTAL	142	413

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL – Service Requests	2023	2022
Abandoned Shopping Trolleys	0	0
Abandoned Vehicles	45	38
Bye-Laws	1	0
Dog Fouling	112	113
Enviro Education / Awareness / Events	1	5
Fly-Posting	1	0
Fly-Tipping	157	82
Graffiti	13	24
Littering	42	46
Littering Detection (Under 18 yr olds)	1	0
Motorhomes	1	0
Nuisance Parking	0	0
Repairing Vehicles on a Road	0	0
Shellfish Gathering	0	2
Vehicles Exposed For Sale on a Road	0	0
TOTAL	374	310

Not Applicable

Further to Members’ request to receive a more detailed analysis of trends in relation to fly-tipping, officers have assessed the number of separate incidents reported. The figures in the table below reflect these statistics, which differ from the number of fly-tipping complaints/service requests given in the previous table, as some separate incidents will have been reported more than once.

Separate Fly-Tipping Incidents Recorded by Month for the Past 4 years.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
2020	37	31	52	59	71	60	44	51	40	38	43	32
2021	37	58	51	55	39	53	27	38	31	33	30	28
2022	38	37	41	50	19	31	36	42	36	22	27	23
2023	53	47	40	21	32	34	36	40	56	47	21	28
2024	36	34	15									

Fixed Penalty Notices

FIXED PENALTY NOTICES			
	Period of Report Oct – Dec 2023	Same 3 months Oct – Dec 2022	Comparison
DOG CONTROL	25	14	↑
ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL	31	42	↓

	2023 Oct – Dec			2022 Oct - Dec		
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Oct	Nov	Dec
DOG CONTROL						
No Dog Licence	8	4	4	0	0	7
Straying	3	3	2	0	4	3
Breach of Control Conditions	1	0	0	0	0	0
Control of Greyhounds	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	12	7	6	0	4	10
ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL	2023 Oct – Dec			2022 Oct - Dec		
Litter	17	6	5	13	16	8
Fly-Tipping	0	0	2	0	0	0
Fouling	0	1	0	3	2	0
TOTAL	17	7	7	16	18	8

Not Applicable

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APPENDIX 2

Offence	Area	Town
No Licence	Jubilee Cottages	Bangor
Straying	Ballyree Gardens	Bangor
Litter	Bloomfield Shopping Centre	Bangor
Litter	Bloomfield Shopping Centre	Bangor
Litter	Bloomfield Shopping Centre	Bangor
Litter	Bloomfield Shopping Centre	Bangor
Straying	Clandeboyne Road	Bangor
No Licence	Dunkeld Road	Bangor
No Licence	Faulkner Grange	Bangor
No Licence	Fort Green	Bangor
No Licence	Fourth Avenue	Bangor
No Licence	Gibson's Lane	Bangor
No Licence	Gibson's Lane	Bangor
Fly-Tipping	Gransha Road	Bangor
Litter	Homebase Car Park	Bangor
No Licence	Rutherglen Gardens	Bangor
Litter	Asda Car Park	Bangor
Breach of CC	Ballycreely Road	Comber
Straying	Ballygowan Road	Comber
Straying	Ballygowan Road	Comber
Straying	Killinchy Road	Comber
No Licence	The Meadows	Donaghadee
Litter	Seapark	Hollywood
Fouling	Redburn Playing Fields	Hollywood
No Licence	Coulter's Hill	Kircubbin
No Licence	Abbey Road	Millisle
Straying	Abbey Road	Millisle
Straying	Main Street	Millisle
Litter	Ards Shopping Centre	Newtownards
Litter	Ards Shopping Centre	Newtownards
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Litter	Ards Shopping Centre	Newtownards
Litter	Ards Shopping Centre	Newtownards
Litter	Ards Shopping Centre	Newtownards
Litter	Ards Shopping Centre	Newtownards
Straying	Balfour Street	Newtownards
Litter	Castlebawn Shopping Centre	Newtownards
Litter	Castlebawn Shopping Centre	Newtownards
No Licence	Chesterbrook Crescent	Newtownards
Litter	Church Street	Newtownards
Litter	Church Street	Newtownards
No Licence	Church Street	Newtownards
Litter	Court Street	Newtownards

Not Applicable

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Offence	Area	Town
Litter	Court Street	Newtownards
No Licence	East Street	Newtownards
Litter	High Street	Newtownards
Litter	IMC Ards Shopping Centre	Newtownards
Litter	Menarys, High Street	Newtownards
Litter	Movieland	Newtownards
Litter	Movieland Car Park	Newtownards
Litter	Movieland Car Park	Newtownards
Fly-Tipping	Tullycross Road	Newtownards
No Licence	Windsor Avenue	Newtownards
No Licence	19 High Street	Portaferry
Litter	Shore Road	Portaferry
Litter	Car Park Whiterock	Whiterock

Unclassified

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ITEM 15

Ards and North Down Borough Council

Report Classification	Unclassified
Exemption Reason	Not Applicable
Council/Committee	Environment Committee
Date of Meeting	08 May 2024
Responsible Director	Director of Environment
Responsible Head of Service	Head of Regulatory Services (Temporary)
Date of Report	22 April 2024
File Reference	92017
Legislation	
Section 75 Compliant	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> If other, please add comment below:
Subject	Live Here Love Here - Small Grants Funding Allocations 2023/24
Attachments	None

Across Northern Ireland the Live Here Love Here Small Grants Scheme successfully supported 89 groups to deliver green-up projects in their area, to a value of £113,760.

The Ards and North Down Borough Council **Recycling Community Investment Fund** for 2023/24 provided funding for 20 community groups through the Live Here Love Here Small Grants Scheme, delivered by Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful. The annual allocation of £25,000 was supplemented by an unspent balance to provide a total of £28,881.

The payback of some of the recycling financial dividend to local communities from our Recycling Community Investment Fund via the LHLH Small Grants Scheme, has allowed a range of different groups and organisations from across the Borough to engage in diverse activities and projects that will have significant social and environmental benefit.

Not Applicable

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Details of the funding allocation and summary reports on each project are outlined as follows:

Funding allocation in Ards and North Down

LHLH Code	Amount Offered	Amount Paid	Group name
AND-148	500	500	St. Finians Preschool
AND-150	1513.99	916.9	Redburn Loughview Community Forum
AND-151	2970	2512.79	Comber Regeneration Community Partnership
AND-159	1596	1171.3	Ballyholme Primary School
AND-160	2000	2000	Conlig Community Regeneration Group
AND-161	1129	1129	Millisle Health and Wellbeing Group
AND-162	1070	535	Portavogie Culture and Heritage Society
AND-163	1600	1542.76	Millisle Primary School
AND-165	2450	2422.57	AMH Promote
AND-166	1900	1379.78	Donaghadee Community Development Association (DCDA)
AND-167	2750	2750	Glencraig IPS PTA
AND-168	2390	1972.91	Portaferry Integrated Primary School
AND-169	2988	2577.85	St Columbanus' College 2023
AND-171	550	550	Groomsport Village Association
AND-172	2040	2030.5	Strangford Integrated College
AND-173	500	499.88	Ards Canal Path Community Group
AND-174	1290	727.86	Cloughey Heritage Group
AND-175	1782.1	1782.1	Ballygowan Presbyterian Youth
AND-176	1380	1380	Comber Community Garden
AND-177	500	500	Peninsula veterans' group

Not Applicable

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Project Reports



Photo credit to Ballygowan Presbyterian Youth

St Finians Preschool

Project Summary: We would be wanting to enhance the overall look of the outdoor area surrounding the preschool. To have/show pride within our surrounding area. The children can take pride and help look after growing areas and learn about these spaces. We have lots of under used spaces that would look better with resources added.

Funding for: Seeds, bulbs, plants & tools

Impact

The project has really enhanced the outdoor space and play for the children. The children, staff and parents have enjoyed looking at the space and chatting about the aesthetic look of the outdoor area. The children have enjoyed developing their senses, imagination, sharing and sense of pride at helping to fill containers/baskets with plants. Staff have continued to enhance this area by wanting to continue a 'green area' where children can grow more plants/bulbs/vegetables in the future-Voice of the Child (VOC).

- o No of Volunteers: 2
- o Volunteer Hours worked: 4
- o Land area improved: 1 acre

Not Applicable

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Redburn Loughview Community Forum

Project Summary: We have a large community garden at the back of the resource centre and are working to get it back to life and to help keep it sustainable.

Funding for: Variety of plants and planters

Impact

The Community project has had a significant impact on the community, residents, and volunteers, especially during challenging times. They can help address systemic issues, promote equality, and bring about lasting change. For residents, these initiatives outdoors have improved their quality of life by addressing local issues and providing resources in their immediate area that isn't destroyed or abandoned or dumped on and this oasis is not anywhere else. They can also foster a sense of community and belonging, which can be particularly comforting during difficult times with access to a well-kept community garden for all. The volunteers, participating in community project have had a sense of purpose and fulfilment. It allows them to contribute positively to their community and make a tangible difference. It can also offer opportunities for personal growth and skill development. In terms of potential impacts, the success of the project will see young people attend to do further projects and other voluntary groups community projects can lead to improvements in various areas such as community infrastructure and social capital.

- o No of Volunteers: 30

- o Volunteer Hours worked: 500

- o Land area improved: 1 acre

Comber Regeneration Community Partnership

Project Summary: CRCP with their project, Comber Community Garden have been installing floral planters in the town this past 3 years. Before that CRCP adopted Glen Link Wall in the town which was part of the old BCDR and cleared it, planted new shrubs and wildflowers. There are several wildflower areas in the town plus several fruit trees for use of Residents planted by CRCP.

Funding for: Planters, plants, plant towers, Tools

Impact

Comber Regeneration Community Partnership (CRCP) have been receiving LHLH Small Grants Funding for 8 years to improve the town of Comber and its gateways for the benefit of its residents and visitors. CRCP volunteers have been visiting local Primary Schools and local Youth Organisations over past 2 years to teach them the benefits of horticulture. CRCP have also had several new volunteers coming to the Community Garden to assist with making hanging baskets and around the town looking after wildflower areas and floral planters. This has been mainly due to wanting out again after 2 years of lockdown due to pandemic. These projects would not have been possible without the LHLH Small Grants financial assistance.

- o No of Volunteers: 37

- o Volunteer Hours worked: 976

- o Land area improved: 0.2 acres

Not Applicable

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Ballyholme Primary School

Project Summary: To develop a quiet sitting area to include benches and sensory plants with calming scents and relaxing touches such as lavenders, lambs ear, lemon herbs etc. for pupils and adults with learning or sensory needs

Funding for: Bark, planters, benches, plants

Impact

- o No of Volunteers: 3
- o Volunteer Hours worked: 16
- o Land area improved: .05 acres

Conlig Community Regeneration Group

Project Summary: Our volunteers will work in partnership with the local Church to develop an underused green space into a community garden, where residents are encouraged to spend time outdoors building friendships, in a beautiful and biodiverse area; improving health and well-being for all.

Funding for: Pollinator fruit trees and plants, outdoor seating, landscaping fabric

Impact

The community garden created in the grounds of the Presbyterian Church in Conlig has provided one of the few green spaces where the residents of the village can relax and enjoy the open space either alone or in the company of friends. The design of the garden incorporated open space and planting that encourages wild life and pollinator insects to flourish and colonise the area. During the Covid pandemic, many of the residents especially the elderly and those who were living alone were adversely impacted by the lock down as a result mental health issues within these groups did take its toll. This garden, open and inviting to all has proved most popular from individual sitting experiencing the outdoors to young families enjoying picnic lunches. With the work just finished the full benefit of the garden will not be seen until next year and many are anxious to see the garden in full bloom next year.

- o No of Volunteers: 8
- o Volunteer Hours worked: 500
- o Land area improved: 0.2 acres

Millisle Health & Wellbeing Group

Project Summary: We need a shed to store and keep safe equipment such as flowerpots, tools, plant foods, sprayers and other items needed to keep us growing.

Funding for: Shed

Impact

Shed was needed to store tools and other items safely and keep them dry

- o No of Volunteers: 8
- o Volunteer Hours worked: 70
- o Land area improved: 0 acres

Not Applicable

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Portavogie Culture & Heritage Society

Project Summary: We'd like to create a small sensory area. This area would have a water feature together with plants which are fragrant. The plants would vary from being planted in the ground as well as in ceramic pots. Our project will improve and enhance the environment and show others the pleasure that can be obtained from flowers and fauna.

Funding for: Seating, plants, bulbs, pots

Impact

We have created a sensory garden area. We know this area will be enjoyed. There is a little fountain; bird feeders, seating area; a variety of planters and plants to touch, smell and hear rustling in the wind. An area to reflect and relax in.

- o No of Volunteers: 7
- o Volunteer Hours worked: 15
- o Land area improved: 0.25 acres

Millisle Primary School

The nursery unit is sited within the school grounds and has an area, approximately 200 square meters, used as a play area for our nursery children. By improving the area, we will be able to provide a garden for our children where they can explore and enjoy nature, learning to plant and care for flora and vegetables and to create habitats and food for insects and wildlife.

Funding for: Fencing, bark, pollinating plants & shrubs

Impact

The Nursery Children now have a wonderful outdoor play area/classroom, where they can watch as the climbing pollinator plants grow. Also, it's given them space to plant their own herbs and flowers. It's like their own little woodland area!

- o No of Volunteers: 2
- o Volunteer Hours worked: 50
- o Land area improved: 0.11 acres

AMH Promote

Project Summary: We need raised potting tables and lower to accommodate wheelchairs, which we will purchase from an AMH Men's Shed who will build to our specifications and are volunteer led. We will make alterations to our polytunnel to manage the water system. We need to replenish our gardening tools. We would like to grow more fruit and vegetables. We will store vegetables to use across the year so will need to purchase equipment for this. We hope to develop our own composting system and create our own plant food. We would like to plant winter bulbs to resale for clients funds and purchase spring bulbs and wildflower seeds for around our fenced areas and our bug hotels.

Funding for: Plants, tools and materials

Impact

Not Applicable

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Our community garden scheme will continue throughout the year and benefit both clients and staff within the centre and the local community. The installation of a pond will enable further study of nature and the environment for years to come. Local groups are welcome to come and view and later in the year purchase plants and food. Local charitable business groups are also welcome to come and volunteer to keep the area clear and fit for purpose. The clients will also benefit from food produced, fruit and vegetables. It has already benefited our clients growing and learning new skills, and this will continue year after year. The installation of water butts, compost bins, plant food equipment and new irrigation system means our garden has longer-term sustainability. New potting tables are accessible to those who need to sit, or wheelchair users and our greenhouse now has a working space for the seed rearing. The propagator will enable more efficient growth of seeds before potting out and all our new equipment will help us maintain the progress made. Our winter bulbs will be sold in painted pots to raise revenue for the service to put back again making us more sustainable.

- o No of Volunteers: 12

- o Volunteer Hours worked: 26

- o Land area improved: 0.4 acres

Donaghadee Community Development Association (DCDA)

Project Summary: DCDA has been working on this site in previous years and with assistance from LHLH and other funders, have installed pathways, a tree trail, interpretative boards re birds and trees, a platform extending into a wetland area and a tree nursery planted by 3 schools and 7 community groups. Application is being made to continue with the restoration work, site clearance and planting. The areas surrounding the pathways would benefit from clearing back and the planting of spring flowering, including bluebell dormant bulbs and wild primrose pugs. We would also like to restore the woodland carvings which have deteriorated over time and are an attractive addition for children to enjoy.

Funding for: Native bulbs and plants, renovation of woodland features, clearance of ground

Impact

This project has helped restore Crommelin Wood as a valuable asset within the community, making it an accessible and enjoyable outdoor natural facility for all residents of Donaghadee and visitors.

- o No of Volunteers: 20

- o Volunteer Hours worked: 160

- o Land area improved: 6 acres

Glencraig IPS PTA

Project Summary: Renovation & extension of existing school garden area to provide a community resource available more of the year round. Installation of a covered pergola to provide an outside space to educate and use for events. Additional raised planters installed to allow each class their own dedicated planting area to look after and nurture.

Funding for: Raised beds, pergola, fruit trees and plants.

Not Applicable

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Impact

Building an outdoor classroom is something that has long been on the wish list of the school, without the grant funding it would simply never have been achieved. The enhancement of the area means there are now raised beds for every class, a sheltered area to lead lessons from and a new 'woodland' area where the children can actively learn about the environment makes a huge difference to our school, changing the focus of lessons and having a beautiful learning space for many years to come, benefiting the students, teaching staff and parents who can all make use of the new enhanced areas.

- o No of Volunteers: 20
- o Volunteer Hours worked: 100
- o Land area improved: 0.25 acres

Portaferry Integrated Primary School

Project Summary: Our school has a large concrete playground with metal fencing around it. We would love to encourage insects and birds to reside there. We also have a green area which is planted but it is very much removed from this main playground. I would love for our pupils to plant vertically along the fencing - and to plant troughs on the ground surrounding.

Funding for: Planters, baskets, pollinating plants and seeds, seating

Impact

We are thrilled to have been awarded money. Our playground has been lacking in any 'green' areas. So we will now have seating, planting and wall/ fence planting in place for spring. This will be beneficial to wildlife, pupils, parents and our school community. In such stressful times, having areas to enjoy in spring and summer will be invaluable. Many Thanks!!!

- o No of Volunteers: 3
- o Volunteer Hours worked: 18
- o **Land area improved: 0.3 acres**

St Columbanus' College

Project Summary: 7 raised beds (one for each form group in junior school) to be installed along the green space at the front of the school...plus some new tools for maintaining them.

Funding for: Raised beds, topsoil and tools.

Impact

This project will be on-going for years to come. The planters have been the talk of the school since they have arrived, with students and guests asking what is going to be in them. A group of 6th Form Mental Health Ambassador Prefects have begun planning the use of two beds with a selection of identified children and support from classroom ancillary staff. The HE department have been assigned a bed for herbs, which will double up as a sensory bed for SEN. The remaining beds are allocated for a house competition, with points to be awarded based on criteria related to

Not Applicable

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supporting pollinators as a priority, along with other criteria related to smell, colour and sustainable growing. This garden area will be invaluable in supporting learning for years to come.

- o No of Volunteers: 20
- o Volunteer Hours worked: 60
- o Land area improved: 0.2 acres

Groomspport Village Association

Project Summary: This relates to our In Bloom work and enhances it. This would include tidying up the area, adding some plants attractive to butterflies. The aim is to make a neglected area attractive to a wide age group. The wheelchair users raised planting tub will be located nearby. The aim is to include everyone and link to the nearby disabled access for James Beach on the other side of the carpark.

Funding for: Accessible planting tables, plants and planters, tools

Impact

The LHLH grant enabled GVA to expand and broaden our work for and with the community. We initiated a new area of work with the Inclusive Beaches group and incorporated that into the work that our volunteers do around the village.

- o **No of Volunteers: 12**
- o Volunteer Hours worked: 50
- o Land area improved: 0.1 acres

Strangford Integrated College

Project Summary: Strangford Integrated College were recently awarded the Silver Eco Schools status in March 2023, due to a reduction of litter around our school site, and due to the increased rate of recycling within the college. We will use this grant to further our environmental journey, and transform a neglected space for staff, students and the local community to benefit from. Through the creation of the Green Haven new habitats will be established in the rural site in which it is located, and increase biodiversity and pollution due to the seasonal and perennial plants that the project will utilise.

Funding for: Raised beds, picnic benches/seating, tools, bug hotels

Impact

This project has provided the students from our college and the local community a space to utilise to reflect and take much needed time out to aid with mental health. It has also meant that the local community which are deemed as coming from a low income area have the opportunity to receive food resources which have a low food mileage. The area has also been improvement with regards to the biodiversity that it can habitat.

- o No of Volunteers: 50
- o Volunteer Hours worked: 75
- o Land area improved: 0.02 acres

Not Applicable

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Ards Canal Path Community Group

Project Summary: We have been given permission by ANDBC to use 1/2 acre of previously agricultural land to embark on this “Going Wild” project. Our main objective is to create a space for nature to thrive. We intend to enrich the habitat with the planting of a native woodland and wildflower glades. This will not only benefit wildlife but will enable the community to directly tackle climate change.

Funding for: Plants, materials, tools, protective clothing

Impact

The Going Wild project is proving a hugely beneficial scheme to get the local community involved in boosting and restoring biodiversity. AMH Promote came to our first outdoor classroom planting wildflowers. Once the ground becomes dry enough we can commence with tree planting. Connecting with the outdoors creates the passion to protect nature and that is what participants are experiencing.

- o No of Volunteers: 2
- o Volunteer Hours worked: 40
- o Land area improved: 0.7acres

Cloughey Heritage Group

Project Summary: We are restoring the Old Meetinghouse which has been closed for over 40 years and fallen into disrepair. Our aim is to use the building as a community hub for local and surrounding groups for various activities. Although our group cannot access the building due to its current condition, we are currently tendering for architects in conjunction with AHF and planning departments and lottery. Whilst these are being processed the decision was made to maintain and tidy the graveyard, making it accessible to relatives to tend their loved ones graves.

Funding for: Bulbs, flowers, shrubs, shed, tools

Impact

Our project has meant a lot to our community, not only for the refurbishment to the old meetinghouse, but especially the graves and graveyard as family members couldn't safely attend loved ones graves and keep them neat. It has proved a worthwhile project as some family members have helped with the grass cutting and tidying. We have had lots of positive comments from passers by both roadside and beachside.

- o No of Volunteers: 8
- o Volunteer Hours worked: 200+
- o Land area improved: 0.5acres

Ballygowan Presbyterian Youth

Project Summary: Redevelopment and repurposing of a currently overgrown and disused area of our church halls. By bringing it back into use we will be creating an area of all the community to use to socialise and take part in group work programmes helping to increase health and wellbeing outputs by meeting in the outdoors and reducing social isolation.

Funding for: Picnic benches, raised beds, gazebo and wildflower seeds

Not Applicable

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Impact

This Grant has allowed us to improve an area of wasteland that can be used by our Youth and Children's Organisations allowing them greater access to a safe outdoor space.

- o No of Volunteers: 11
- o Volunteer Hours worked: 20
- o Land area improved: 0.9 acres

Comber Community Garden

Project Summary: Sedum carpet to the roof of the log cabin/ garden library to improve insulation and biodiversity. Providing improved air quality, reduced storm water runoff, and a natural habitat for pollinators.

Funding for: Sedum Carpet and materials

Impact

After learning from this job, we are in a position now that we can convince more people to create sedum roofs in sheds and flat roof areas. Adding a sedum roof to the log cabin / garden library has been quite easy. The wildflowers will enhance and improve the existing areas that we have in Comber creating more biodiversity and adding colour to the town. Collecting seeds from those wildflowers next year and creating a seed swap area in the cabin log / garden library will spread the free access to wildflowers to individuals and groups.

- o No of Volunteers: 3
- o Volunteer Hours worked: 50
- o Land area improved: 0.5 acres

Peninsula Veterans Group

Project Summary: We as a group intend to clear the plot and make area safe and accessible and hope to get local youth groups to help with the planting of fruit and vegetables, this would help with the mental well-being of group members and hope to have sustainable fruit vegetables and flowers to gift to local pensioners.

Funding for: Plants, vegetables, timber/screws

Impact

Preparing the area for a veteran's garden has been beneficial to the mental health of all involved

- o No of Volunteers: 25
- o Volunteer Hours worked: 38
- o Land area improved: 0.5 acres

Not Applicable



Photo credit to St Columbanus' College

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council notes the report.

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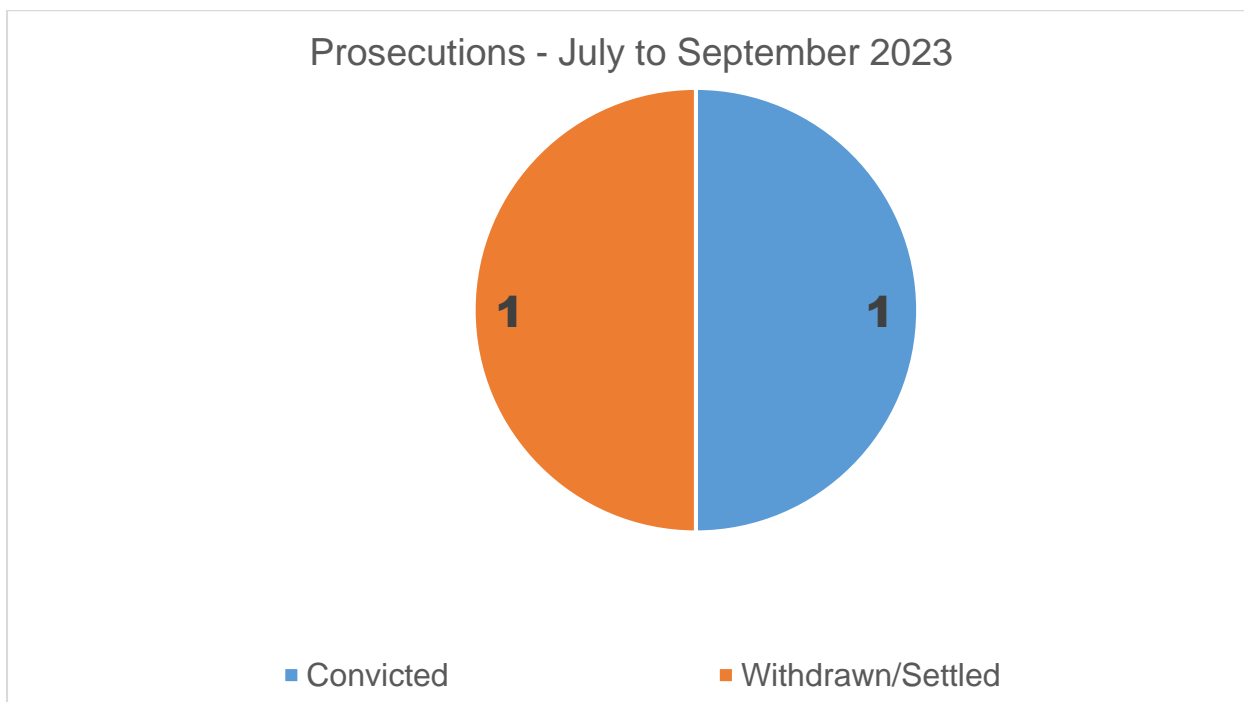
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Exemption Reason	Not Applicable
Council/Committee	Environment Committee
Date of Meeting	08 May 2024
Responsible Director	Director of Environment
Responsible Head of Service	Head of Regulatory Services (Temporary)
Date of Report	29 April 2024
File Reference	90202
Legislation	Dogs NI Order 1983 Dogs (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 Litter (NI) Order 1994 Waste and Contaminated Land (NI) Order 1997
Section 75 Compliant	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> If other, please add comment below:
Subject	Result of Court Proceedings - Neighbourhood Environment Team from 1 July 2023 to 30 September 2023
Attachments	Appendix A

The following convictions were secured at Newtownards Magistrate's Court between 1 July 2023 and 30 September 2023.

In accordance with the instructions of the Resident Magistrate, the Council's solicitor will notify defendants upon first appearance in court in response to a summons, that they may seek to have the matter withdrawn upon payment of legal costs and any fixed penalty notice previously offered.

Not Applicable

The cases are then adjourned to permit a further opportunity for payment. This has resulted in a number of cases being settled on the day of court upon payment of all costs and fines.



The above pie chart outlines two prosecution cases which were disposed of during the period of the report. Convictions were secured against one defendant during this period. Please note there was court recess in July.

Only one case was heard for a littering offence in which the defendant was fined a total of £385 and a second case was withdrawn as the defendant had moved away and summons was unable to be served.

Details are provided in Appendix A.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council notes the report.

Not Applicable

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Appendix A

Ref:	Offence	Date Of Incident	Fine	Legal Costs	Service Fee	Offenders Levy	Comments	* Gross Cost to Council Exc. VAT	Net Cost to Council
Court Date - July 2023									
COURT RECESS									
Court Date - 18 August 2023									
267681	Litter	17/11/2022	£160	£150	£60	£15		£210	£60
Court Date - 15 September 2023									
282576	Litter	23/03/2023	Withdrawn	Withdrawn	Withdrawn	Withdrawn	Withdrawn - Alleged Offender Moved Away	£105	£105

*It should be noted that the Court will often limit the level of legal costs awarded against a defendant and this award may not be repaid to Council for some time. The award will normally be less than the actual cost to Council.

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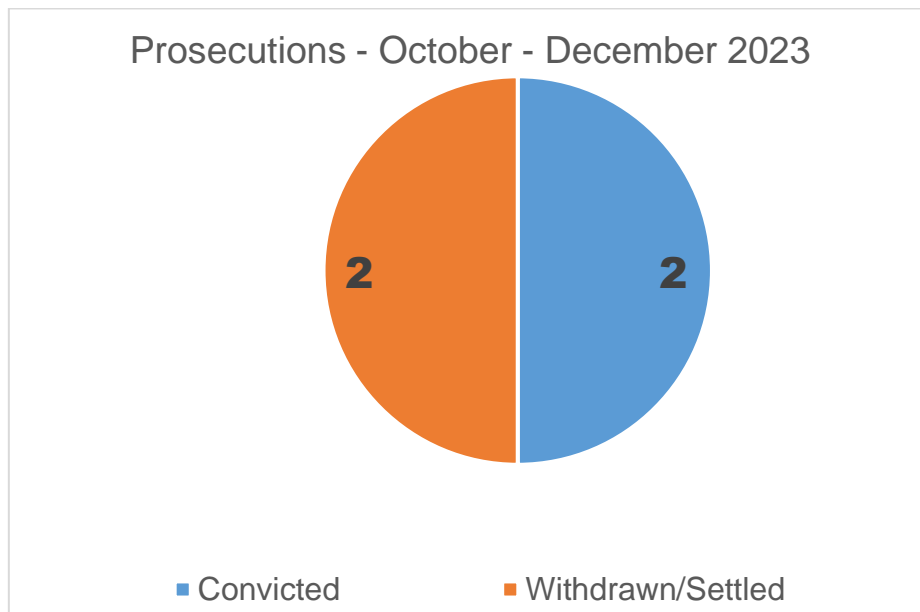
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File Reference	90202
Legislation	Dogs NI Order 1983 Dogs (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 Litter (NI) Order 1994 Waste and Contaminated Land (NI) Order 1997
Section 75 Compliant	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> If other, please add comment below:
Subject	Result of Court Proceedings - Neighbourhood Environment Team from 1 October to 31 December 2023
Attachments	Appendix A

The following convictions were secured at Newtownards Magistrate's Court between 1 October 2023 and 31 December 2023.

In accordance with the instructions of the Resident Magistrate, the Council's solicitor will notify defendants upon first appearance in court in response to a summons, that they may seek to have the matter withdrawn upon payment of legal costs and any fixed penalty notice previously offered.

Not Applicable

The cases are then adjourned to permit a further opportunity for payment. This has resulted in a number of cases being settled on the day of court upon payment of all costs and fines.



The above pie chart outlines two prosecution cases which were disposed of during the period of the report. Convictions were secured against two defendants during this period.

One case was settled prior to hearing and withdrawn. A second case was withdrawn on legal advice, and it was not within public interest to continue with the case.

Details are provided in Appendix A.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council notes the report.

Not Applicable

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Appendix A

Ref:	Offence	Date Of Incident	Fine	Legal Costs Awarded by Court	Service Fee	Offenders Levy	Comments	* Gross Cost to Council Exc. VAT	Net Cost to Council
Court Date - 20 October 2023									
288935	Straying	19/05/2023	£80	£150	£22	£0	Settled & Withdrawn	£172	£22
282097	Breach of Control Conditions / No Licence	23/03/2023	£1,220	£250	£58	£15	£40 for no dog licence; £80 for straying; £600 for breach of control conditions; £500 for a dog attack. The judge allowed the defendant 20 weeks to pay the above, and he indicated that if she did not do so she would face 21 days in prison in default.	£308	£58
Court Date - 15 December 2023									
285636	Dog Attack on Person	21/04/2023	Withdrawn	Withdrawn	Withdrawn	Withdrawn	Withdrawn - Not in public interest due to extremely serious medical condition	£300	£300
271147	Litter	14/12/2022	£160	£150	£60	£15		£210	£60

*It should be noted that the Court will often limit the level of legal costs awarded against a defendant and this award may not be repaid to Council for some time. The award will normally be less than the actual cost to Council.