

May 31st, 2022

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend the meeting to be held on **Wednesday, 8th June 2022 at 7:00 pm**
in **Virtual via Zoom**.

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Not included

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This Council tasks Officers with bringing back a report detailing what initiatives Council have undertaken to encourage businesses within the Borough to review, change and/or reduce the packaging they use. The report should include analysis of achievements and challenges encountered to date and outline further initiatives that could be undertaken to encourage businesses to change or reduce the packaging they use.

11. Any Other Notified Business

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12. arc21 Residual Waste Treatment Project (Report attached)

📎 *Item 12 arc21 Residual Waste Treatment Project Update DL.pdf*

Not included

📎 *Item 12 Appendix 1 - arc21 Residual Waste Treatment Project Planning Decision Notice.pdf*

Not included

ARDS AND NORTH DOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL

31 May 2022

Dear Sir/Madam

You are hereby invited to attend a meeting of the Environment Committee of the Ards and North Down Borough Council which will be held virtually on Zoom on **Wednesday, 8 June 2022** commencing at **7.00pm**.

Yours faithfully

Stephen Reid
Chief Executive
Ards and North Down Borough Council

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MEMBERSHIP OF ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE (16 Members)

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ITEM 3

Ards and North Down Borough Council

Report Classification	Unclassified
Council/Committee	Environment Committee
Date of Meeting	01 June 2022
Responsible Director	Director of Environment
Responsible Head of Service	Head of Waste and Cleansing Services
Date of Report	05 May 2022
File Reference	79001
Legislation	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	Replacement of Kerbside Glass Collection Vehicles and New Kerbside Waste Textile Recycling Service
Attachments	None

Background

Members may recall that the Council received a capital grant from DAERA to procure vehicles for the commencement of its new kerbside glass recycling service back in 2017. This service was ground-breaking for Councils in Northern Ireland and officers used best knowledge at the time to specify vehicle designs that would meet our service needs. Although, experience has shown aspects that could be improved upon to promote greater operational efficiency and effectiveness.

The original fleet of glass collection vehicles has reached a point where it needs to be replaced, with existing vehicles now displaying a sharp rise in breakdowns and maintenance demands. This is having both cost and service continuity/quality impacts that are moving beyond acceptable limits.

As the original vehicles procured in 2017 were financed wholly from DAERA grant support, they do not yet feature in the Council's vehicle capital programme.

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Summary Business Case

A business case was prepared using the Government's recommended '5 Case Model'. In line with best practice, the case for the replacement glass collection vehicles considered a range of options, namely:

1. Keep existing vehicles and operational model.
2. Replace vehicles on like for like basis and keep existing operational model.
3. Replace vehicles with fewer larger vehicles and revise operational model; and
4. Replace vehicles with fewer larger vehicles to accommodate combined glass and clothes recycling operational model.

Following the assessment of both costs and benefits, Option 4 produced the best value for money, having both the lowest net cost and highest benefits. This preferred option is estimated to cover a five-year period to produce a reduction in budget of £389k.

Kerbside Clothes Recycling Service

Officers are aware that there is a level of demand for a kerbside clothes recycling service, and indeed this is something that has been raised by some Members as part of the discussions on our Sustainable Waste Resource Management Strategy. An analysis of the last kerbside bin composition survey indicates that around 850 tonnes of waste textiles were discarded in the Borough's grey bins. This often, for example, includes lower quality clothing that householders perhaps do not bring to a charity shop or textile bank for 'reuse', but which if presented as clean and dry, could have a 'reuse' or 'recycling' value.

Cost Savings

The income currently being achieved from sale of textiles is significantly depressed due to prevailing global market circumstances. However, even in that context, the business case shows that the extra cost of the new styled, larger vehicles can be more than offset by income from the sale of kerbside collected textiles, collected through this additional service, combined with the consequent savings in landfill costs – estimated at around £108K at current market value and landfill gate fee. The business case assumes a modest 50% capture rate, and at current rate of income/tonne it is projected that the redesigned service would yield a net reduction in service cost compared to the existing budget. It is likely that the value of waste textiles will ultimately recover at least to some degree, from the current unprecedented lows – and this along with any kerbside capture rate above the estimated 50%, would yield an even greater cost saving for the Council and its ratepayers.

Carbon Savings

The proposed new styled vehicles would allow for a reduction in miles travelled, necessitating fewer return trips to the depot mid collection to offload full loads. This will result in carbon emissions savings through lower fuel consumption. Furthermore, the recycling of textiles collected in the new vehicles/service model, instead of landfilling through the grey bin service, will also result in further significant carbon emission savings.

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Overall, it is estimated that the proposed new service model facilitated by procurement of the new styled vehicles, will result in a reduction of around 1300 tons of CO₂^e.

Proposed Way Forward

It is proposed that officers proceed with the procurement of the new styled larger glass and clothing recycling collection vehicles described in this report and to revise the vehicle replacement schedules to accommodate future replacements in due course, currently anticipated in 2030.

It is further proposed that in the lead up to acquisition of the new vehicles, officers will develop and launch a communications and marketing campaign to promote the new kerbside clothing recycling collection service.

It is anticipated that proposed savings will be used to mitigate other cost pressures during the 2023/24 estimates process.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council grants approval to proceed as outlined in this report for the procurement of vehicles to replace the existing glass recycling vehicles and launch of the new added value kerbside clothing recycling service.

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ITEM 4

Ards and North Down Borough Council

Report Classification	Unclassified
Council/Committee	Environment Committee
Date of Meeting	08 June 2022
Responsible Director	Director of Environment
Responsible Head of Service	Head of Waste and Cleansing Services
Date of Report	16 May 2022
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 2021
Attachments	None

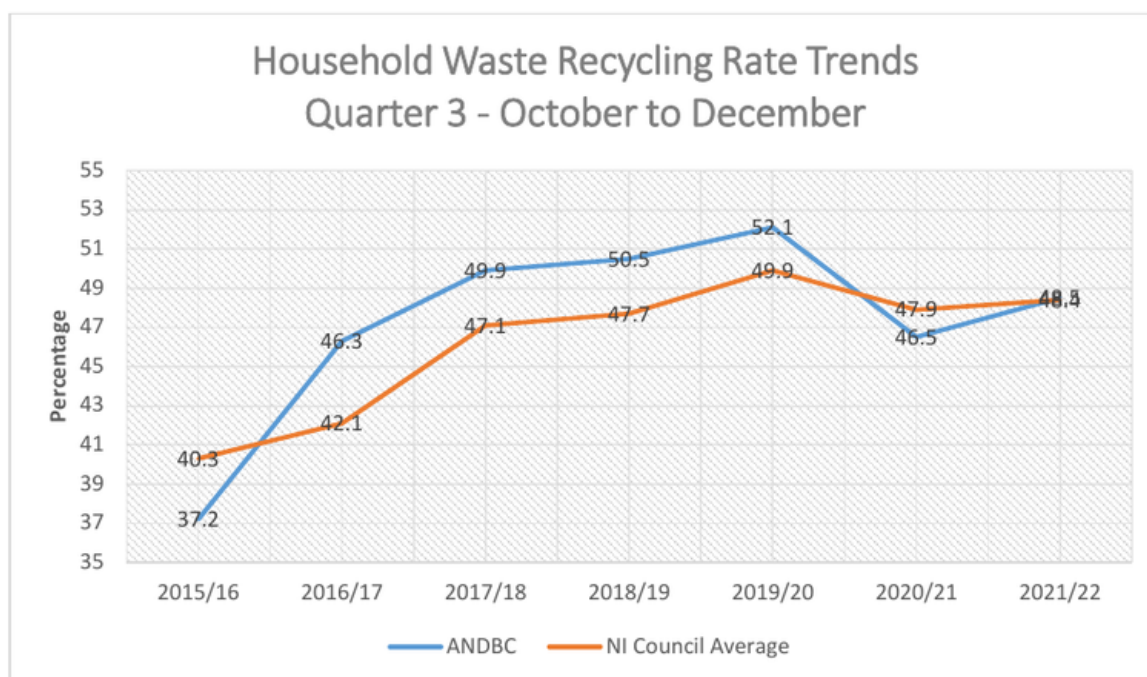
The official waste management statistics for the third quarter of 2021/2022 (October to December 2021) have been released by the Northern Ireland Environment Agency.

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

- i. Our household waste recycling rate **rose by 2%** compared to Q3 last year, (from 46.5% to 48.5%) but **fell by 3.6%** compared to Q3 the previous (2019/20) year (from 52.1% to 48.5%).

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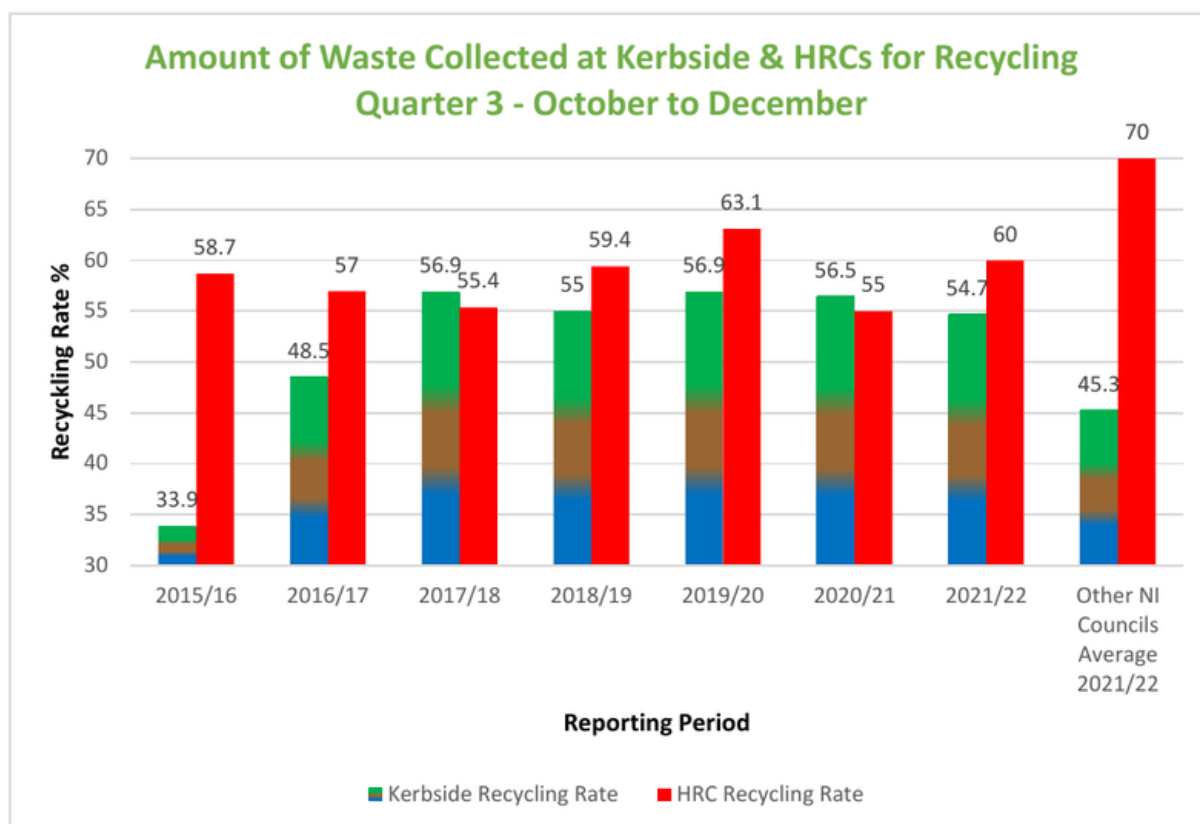
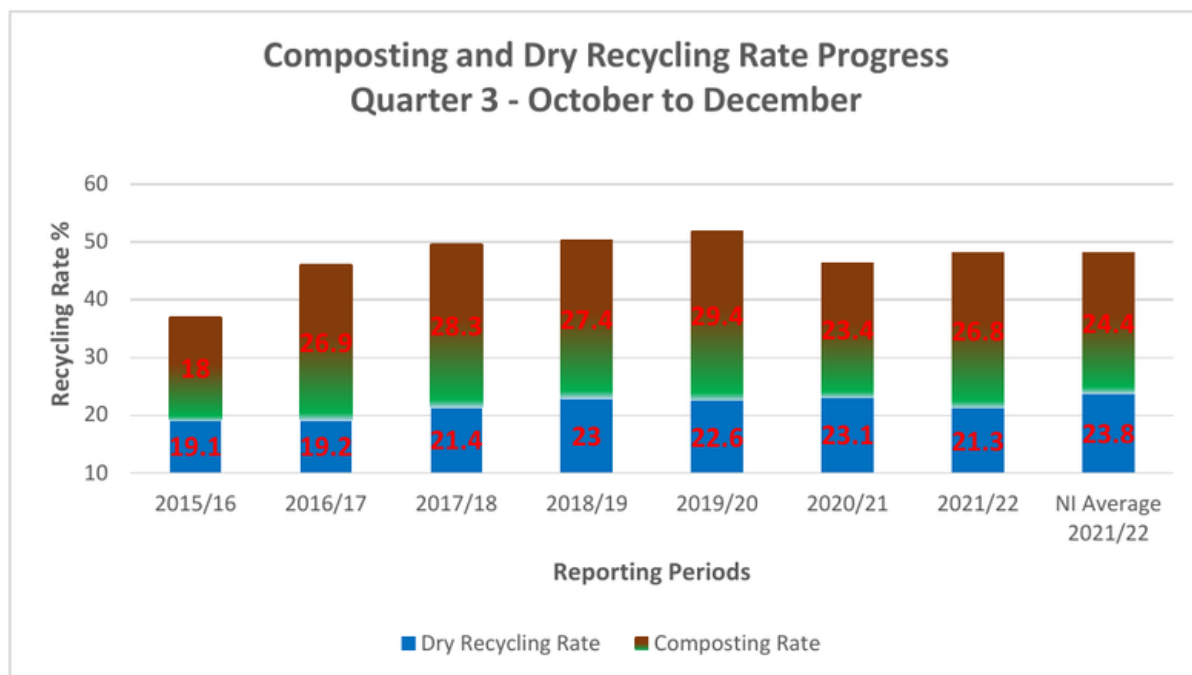
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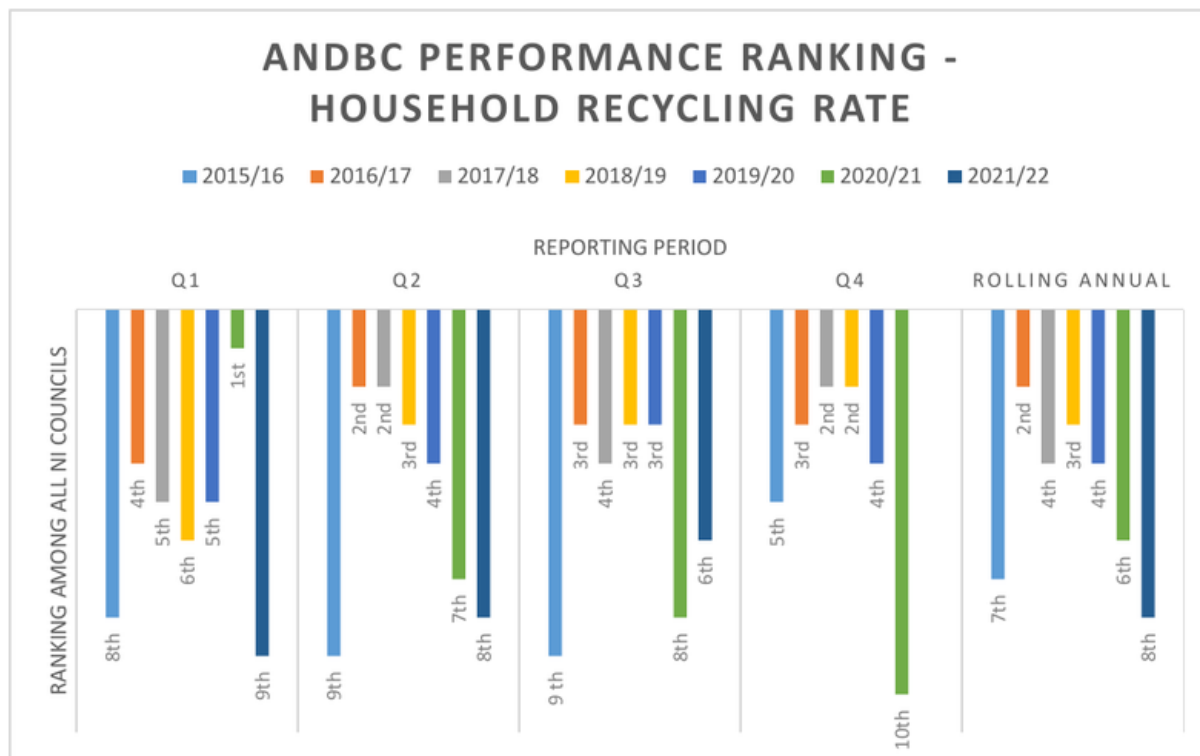
- ii. Our household waste recycling rate of 48.5%, was 0.1% higher than the NI average of 48.4%.
- iii. We were ranked 6th out of the 11 NI Councils for our household waste recycling rate.
- iv. Our household waste composting rate rose by 3.4% - from 23.4% to 26.8%. Our household waste dry recycling rate fell by 1.8% - from 23.1% to 21.3%.
- v. Our household waste composting rate of 26.8% was 2.4% higher than the NI average of 24.4%.
- vi. Our household waste dry recycling rate (i.e., recycling of items other than organic food and garden waste) of 21.3% was 2.5% lower than the N.I. average of 23.8%.
- vii. Our kerbside recycling capture rate of 70.6% for household compostable waste materials compared to a NI Council average of 63.8%.
- viii. We were at the bottom end of the performance table for 'dry' recycling rate, ranking 9th out of eleven Councils.
- ix. We received 38% more waste per capita at our HRCs compared to the average for other NI Councils.
- x. The amount of waste collected at our HRC sites for recycling was significantly less than the average for other Councils – 60%, compared to an average rate of 70% for other Councils.

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- xi. The amount of waste collected for recycling through our kerbside bin collection system was higher than the average for other Councils – 54.7%, compared to an average of 45.3% for other Councils.



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This latest official Municipal Waste Management Statistics report presents further clear evidence that our performance in relation to waste resource management has suffered a significant sustained deterioration, both in absolute and relative terms.

Our rolling 12-month average recycling rate of 48.2% has fallen back and remains below the current statutory minimum of 50%; it is some 17% lower than the new UK circular economy recycling target of 65% by 2035. Our rolling 12-month landfill rate of 45%, is 35% higher than the 10% landfill limit set out in the circular economy package target of 10% by 2035.

Officers have been working on proposals for changes to service models designed to contribute more effectively to the achievement of new statutory recycling and landfill targets whilst at the same time improving levels of customer service, for consideration by Members in due course.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council notes the report.

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ITEM 5

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Report Classification	Unclassified
Council/Committee	Environment Committee
Date of Meeting	08 June 2022
Responsible Director	Director of Environment
Responsible Head of Service	Head of Regulatory Services
Date of Report	10 May 2022
File Reference	FP/2022/0382/MAST / 91200
Legislation	The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1995.
Section 75 Compliant	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If other, please add comment below:
Subject	Proposed Street Naming – Olivet Court, Ballygowan
Attachments	None

A small development comprising of 11 dwellings is currently under construction on lands at 112 Comber Road, Ballygowan.

The developer, in association with Radius Housing, ran a street naming competition involving the Year 5 pupils in Alexander Dickson Primary School to suggest a street name and the reasons for their suggestion. The developer then chose the name that they preferred, which was Olivet Court due to the historical research the pupil carried out and its association with Ballygowan.

The church hall at Comber Road, Ballygowan was once a children's home during 1884 -1907 and was called the Olivet Home. The church hall also served as the village primary school before the Alexander Dickson Primary School was built in the 1980's. The name is in keeping with the general neighbourhood and reflects a part of local history in Ballygowan.

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approves the adoption of the name Olivet Court. It is further recommended that the Council accepts the general name and delegates acceptance of suffixes to the Building Control department.

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Report Classification	Unclassified
Council/Committee	Environment Committee
Date of Meeting	08 June 2022
Responsible Director	Director of Environment
Responsible Head of Service	Head of Regulatory Services
Date of Report	09 May 2022
File Reference	FP/2022/1004/MAST / 91200
Legislation	The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1995.
Section 75 Compliant	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If other, please add comment below:
Subject	Proposed Street Naming – Whitehem Gardens, Killinchy
Attachments	None

A development comprising of 24 dwellings is currently under construction on lands at 69-79 Ardmillan Road Killinchy. The developer suggested the name Whitehem Gardens for several reasons:

“‘White’ corresponds to the traditional Ulster and Irish countryside vernacular, where cottage style homes have been finished in this bright and attractive render for centuries. ‘Hem’ is a common European reference to ‘home’ and gives the overall naming a more contemporary feel which reflects the sleek, yet sympathetic house designs. These also include a grey brick to mirror the stone walls of the surrounding area. When combined, Whitehem provides for a pleasant sounding and befitting rural development name on which we have received an abundance of positive feedback from focus groups and neighbouring residents alike.”

The Building Control department did request an alternative name for the development to reflect the local area, however, the developer has persisted with the name Whitehem Gardens due to the reasons stated above.

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approves the adoption of the name Whitehem Gardens. It is further recommended that the Council accepts the general name and delegates acceptance of suffixes to the Building Control department.

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ITEM 7**Ards and North Down Borough Council**

Report Classification	Unclassified
Council/Committee	Environment Committee
Date of Meeting	08 June 2022
Responsible Director	Director of Environment
Responsible Head of Service	Head of Regulatory Services
Date of Report	11 May 2022
File Reference	FP/2019/3941/MAST/ 91200
Legislation	The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1995.
Section 75 Compliant	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If other, please add comment below:
Subject	Proposed Street Naming – Station Square, Holywood
Attachments	None

A small retail and office development currently comprising of eight retail units, with future development planned for additional offices, is currently under construction on lands behind 31 Hibernia Street, Holywood.

The main access will be from the existing Redburn Square roundabout, where a new road will serve the retail units.

The developer has suggested the name Station Square due to the retail units being near the railway station and is in keeping with the general neighbourhood.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approves the adoption of the name Station Square. It is further recommended that the Council accepts the general name and delegates acceptance of suffixes to the Building Control department.

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

Report Classification	Unclassified
Council/Committee	Environment Committee
Date of Meeting	08 June 2022
Responsible Director	Director of Environment
Responsible Head of Service	Head of Regulatory Services
Date of Report	24 May 2022
File Reference	92009
Legislation	Dogs NI Order 1983 Litter NI Order 1994 Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act (NI) 2011
Section 75 Compliant	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> If other, please add comment below: If other, please add comment below:
Subject	Activity Report for Neighbourhood Environment Team from 1 st January 2022 to 31 st March 2022
Attachments	Appendix A - List of Fixed Penalties Issued by Type and Location

Introduction

The information provided in this report covers, unless otherwise stated, the period 1st January to 31st March 2022. 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 level of performance.

Applications to the Neighbourhood Environment Team

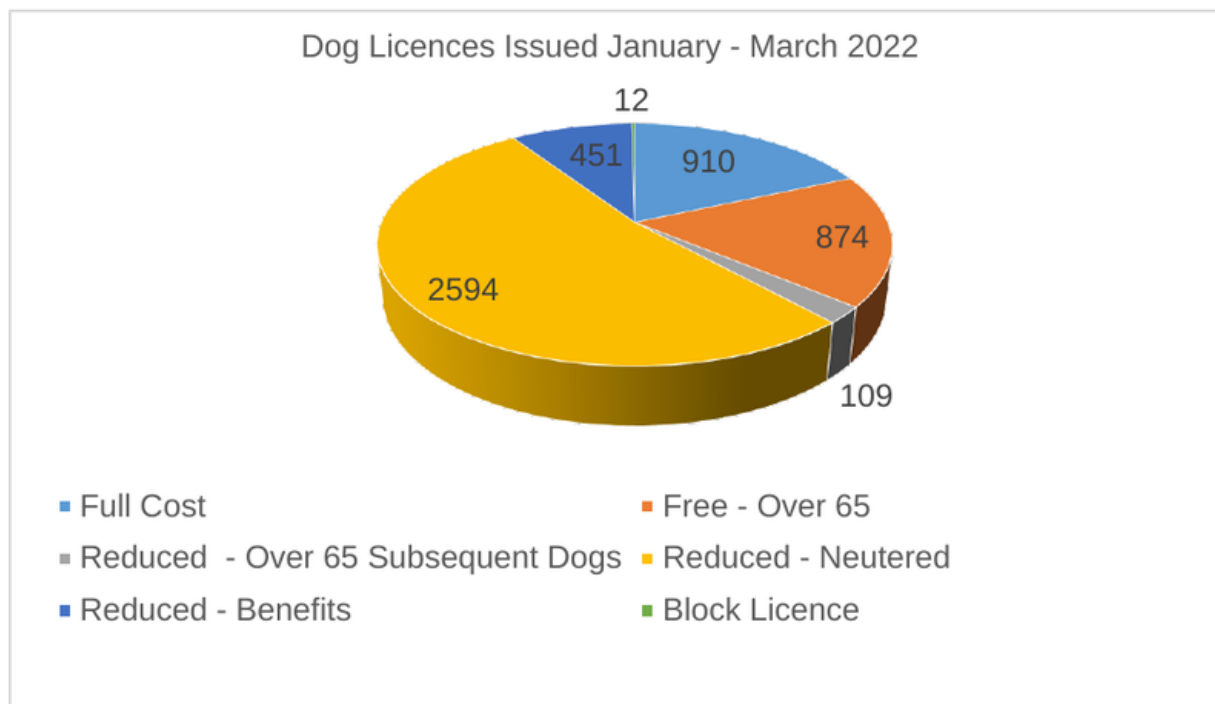
The Dogs (NI) Order 1983

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

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	Period of Report January – March 2022	Same 3 months 2021	Comparison
Dog licences issued during the three months	4950	4802	▲

Concessionary licences remain at 82% 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.

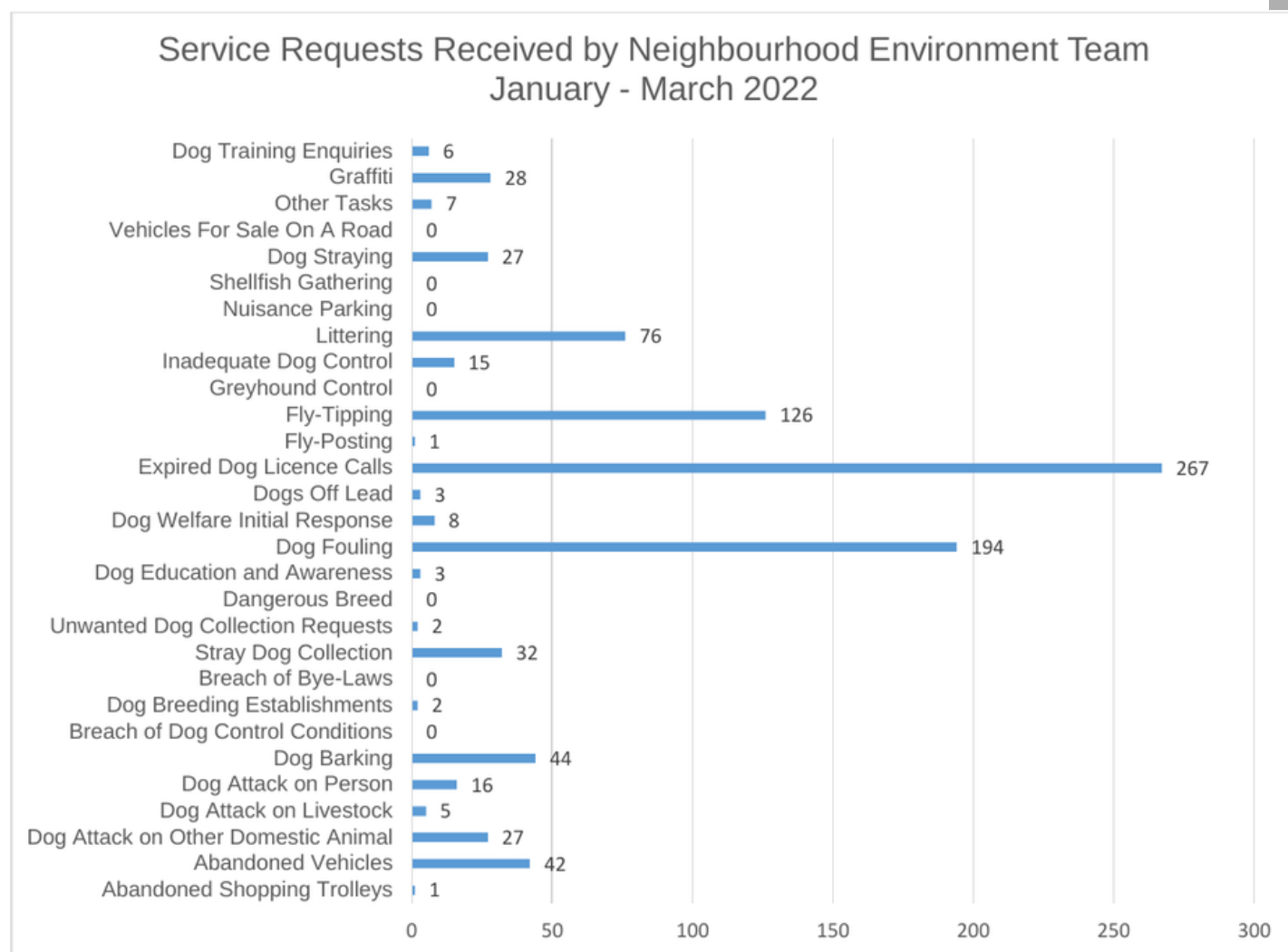


Investigations

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 total number of service requests have been outlined together with a sample of the types of requests received.

	Period of Report January – March 2022	Same 3 months 2021	Comparison
Service Requests received the three months	932	660	▲

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Non-Compliance *Prosecutions*

	Period of Report January – March 2022	Same 3 months 2021	Comparison
Total Prosecutions	10	37	▼

Fixed Penalty Notices

In addition to cases being prosecuted through the court, **143** fixed penalty notices have been issued in respect of various matters. This continues to demonstrate a sustained Council focus upon detecting and punishing those who persist in committing environmental offences in the Borough and highlights the effective patrolling regime of the Neighbourhood Environment Enforcement Team who are responsible for enforcement detections. In addition, they have responsibility for the opening and closing of cemeteries and play parks during the period of report.

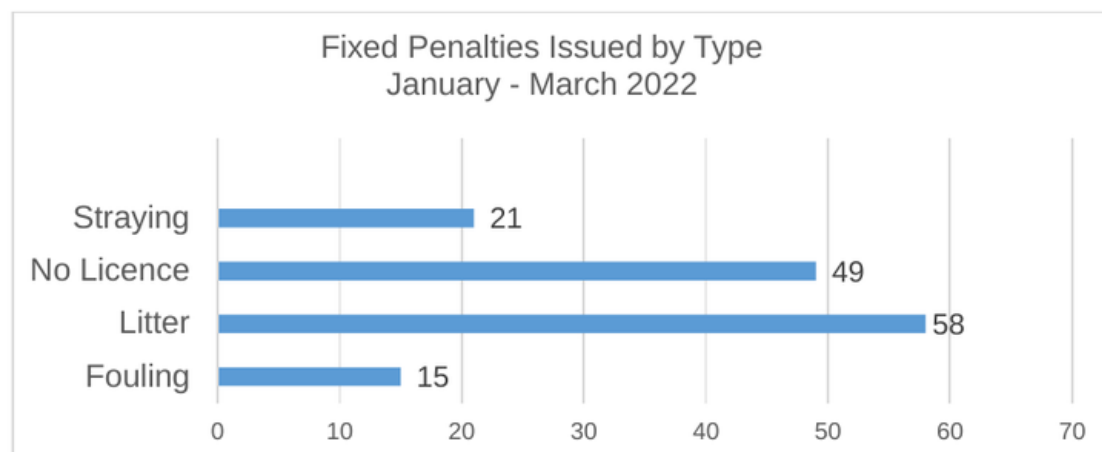
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The main categories of fixed penalties are shown below. Other categories exist i.e., breach of dog control conditions, exclusion order and off lead offences. The offer of an £80 Fixed Penalty Fine is an opportunity to discharge liability to prosecution. A payment period of 28 days is permitted. If paid within 14 days, the fine is discounted to £60. As staff recruitment and retention remains a challenge this has impacted significantly on the number of notices issued.

	Period of Report January – March 2022	Same 3 months 2021	Comparison
Fouling	15	39	↓
Litter	58	78	↓
No Dog Licence	49	1	↑
Straying	21	1	↑

The following graphs demonstrate:

1. the total number of fixed penalties issued by the Neighbourhood Environment Team during each month of the period of report
2. the fixed penalties issued during the period of report by type



Appendix A to this report provides a street level location for each of the penalty fines issued during the period of report 1st January to 31st March 2022.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council notes this report.

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Type	Location	Town
Straying	Crawfordsburn Road	Bangor
No Licence	Towerview Avenue	Bangor
No Licence	Balloo Walk	Bangor
No Licence	Manor Park	Bangor
No Licence	Primacy Road	Bangor
No Licence	Loverock Drive	Bangor
Straying	The Commons	Donaghadee
Litter	Bloomfield Shopping Centre	Bangor
Straying	Wellington Drive	Bangor
No Licence	Kingsmere Park	Bangor
No Licence	Donaghadee Road	Bangor
No Licence	Grange Crescent	Bangor
No Licence	Ballygowan Road	Comber
No Licence	Darragh Terrace	Comber
No Licence	Lansdowne Avenue	Newtownards
No Licence	Forest Hill	Conlig
No Licence	Ballykeigle Road	Comber
No Licence x 3	Cardy Road	Greyabbey
Litter	Floodgates	Newtownards
Litter	Killynether Car Park	Newtownards
Litter	Killynether Car Park	Newtownards
Litter	Ards Shopping Centre	Newtownards
Litter	Comber Car Park	Comber
Litter	Ards Shopping Centre	Newtownards
No Licence	Cairndore Walk	Newtownards
No Licence	Seapark Avenue	Holywood
No Licence	The Esplanade	Holywood
No Licence	Linley Drive	Comber
Straying	Abbeydale Avenue	Newtownards
No Licence	Dickson Park	Ballygowan
No Licence	Meadowvale Cescent	Bangor
Litter	Court Street	Newtownards
Straying	Ards Vets	Newtownards
Litter	Regent Street	Newtownards
Litter	Bloomfield Shopping Centre	Bangor
Litter	Asda Car Park	Bangor
Litter	Regent Street	Newtownards
Litter	Castlebawn Shopping Centre Car Park	Newtownards
Litter	Court Street	Newtownards
Litter	Hibernia Street	Holywood
No Licence	Meadow Road	Ballygowan
Straying	Bangor Road	Newtownards
Straying	Bangor Road	Newtownards
No Licence	Windmill Road	Crawfordsburn
Litter	Centra Car Park, Balloo	Bangor
Litter	Banks Lane Car Park	Bangor

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No Licence	Ashbury Avenue	Bangor
No Licence	Tower Park	Conlig
Straying	Stratford Avenue	Bangor
Litter	Frances Street	Newtownards
No Licence	Corry Street	Newtownards
No Licence	Robbys Point	Donaghadee
No Licence	Bryansford Meadow	Bangor
No Licence x 4	Cove Hollow	Groomsport
Straying	Commons Car Park	Donaghadee
No Licence	Killaire Wood Lane	Bangor
Straying	The Commons	Donaghadee
Fouling	Muckers field	Comber
No Licence	Meadowvale Park	Bangor
Straying	Rathgael Grove	Bangor
Litter	Movieland carpark	Newtownards
No Licence	Elmwood Drive	Bangor
No Licence	Elmwood Drive	Bangor
No Licence	Meadowlands Court	Bangor
No Licence	Rochester Heights	Newtownards
Litter	Belfast Road	Hollywood
Litter	Belfast Road	Hollywood
Litter	William Street	Newtownards
Litter	Springhill Shopping Centre	Bangor
No Licence	Greyabbey Road	Ballywalter
Straying	Greyabbey Road	Ballywalter
Litter	McDonalds Car Park	Newtownards
Straying	Parkway	Comber
No Licence	Castle Meadow Road	Cloughy
No Licence	Silverstream Drive	Bangor
Fouling	Helens Bay Beach	Helens Bay
Litter	Banks Lane Car Park	Bangor
Litter	Ards Shopping Centre Car Park	Newtownards
Straying	Parkway	Comber
No Licence	Kilbeg Walk	Newtownards
Litter	Ards Shopping Centre Car Park	Newtownards
Litter	McDonalds Car Park	Newtownards
Litter	Ards Shopping Centre Car Park	Newtownards
Litter	Commons Car Park	Donaghadee
No Licence x 3	Abbeydale Park	Newtownards
Straying	Londonderry Park	Newtownards
No Licence	Londonderry Park	Newtownards
Fouling	Cairn Wood	Newtownards
Fouling	Cairn Wood, Craigantlet	Newtownards
Litter	Ards Shopping Centre Car Park	Newtownards
No Licence	Saltwater Close	Ballywalter
No Licence	High Bangor Rd	Newtownards
Litter	Comber Leisure Centre Car Park	Comber

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Fouling	Groomsport Beach	Groomsport
Litter	Castlebawn Shopping Centre Car Park	Newtownards
Litter	Castlebawn Shopping Centre Car Park	Newtownards
Fouling	Killynether Country Park	Newtownards
Fouling	Cairn Wood Forest Park	Newtownards
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Straying	Dermott Walk	Comber
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Litter	Banks Lane Car Park	Bangor
Straying	The Parade	Donaghadee
Fouling	Cairn Wood Forest Park	Newtownards
Straying	Ballyhalbert Gdns	Bangor
Litter	Ballywalter Car Park	Millisle
Litter	McDonalds Car Park	Newtownards
Litter	Cairn Wood	Newtownards
Litter	Castlebawn Shopping Centre	Newtownards
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Fouling	Ballywalter Beach	Ballywalter
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Litter	Helens Bay Beach	Bangor
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Straying	Cloughey Holiday Park	Cloughy
Litter	Ards Shopping Centre Car Park	Newtownards

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Report Classification	Unclassified
Council/Committee	Environment Committee
Date of Meeting	08 June 2022
Responsible Director	Director of Environment
Responsible Head of Service	
Date of Report	18 May 2022
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	Shared Island Initiative - Development Funding Application, Coastal Erosion Management
Attachments	None

Background

The Shared Island Initiative comes from the Office of the Irish Prime Minister, aims to harness the full potential of the Good Friday Agreement to enhance cooperation, connection, and mutual understanding on the Island, and engage with all communities and traditions to build consensus around a shared future.

The Shared Island initiative involves:

- working with the Northern Ireland Executive and the British Government to address strategic challenges faced on the Island of Ireland.
- further developing the all-island economy, deepening North/South cooperation, and investing in the Northwest and border regions.
- fostering constructive and inclusive dialogue and a comprehensive programme of research to support the building of consensus around a shared future on the Island.

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A funding call has been issued inviting cross border applications for revenue funding to assist in the development of applications to either Shared Island or Peace Plus for proposed capital projects. Project development funding of up to 150K/250K Euros is available, with applications due by 27 May 2022 and decisions by July/August 2022.

East Border Region – Coastal Erosion Project Proposal

Officers from the East Border Region Councils of Ards and North Down, Newry Mourne and Down, Meath and Louth have partnered with other key stakeholders/partners, including the NI Coastal Forum and the Office of Public Works in the Republic of Ireland, to submit a Shared Island Development Funding Application. This has been facilitated by East Border Region with Meath County Council designated as the lead Council for the purpose of the application.

The subject of the application is coastal erosion, with funding being sought to appoint suitably qualified and experienced experts to develop a capital project proposal that aims to explore innovative and sustainable options for coastal erosion management across the four Council areas north and south of the border.

This is an area that Ards and North Down Borough Council has been working on for some time both locally (through the Ards Peninsula Coastal Erosion Group) and regionally (through its membership of the NI Coastal Forum). The opportunity to secure funding for the development of coastal erosion management capital projects that could subsequently be supported through the Shared Island and/or Peace Plus Capital Programmes is very significant given the ever-increasing awareness of how important this issue is for all coastal authorities in the context of the climate change agenda. The Shared Island and Peace Plus grant programmes provide a unique and welcome opportunity to collaborate efficiently and effectively on a subject which is of huge importance to coastal authorities both north and south of the border.

Next Steps

The Shared Island Development Funding application has been submitted by Meath County Council as the Lead Authority, and a decision is due to be issued by July/August 2022. If this is successful, it is proposed that Ards and North Down Council would be a full partner in the project – with the cross-border partnership then overseeing the development of a capital funding project proposal. The timeframe for completion of this is twelve months, the intention being that it would subsequently lead to submission of an application by the cross-border partnership to the Shared Island and/or Peace Plus capital programme when funding calls are issued for these, in relation to the coastal erosion management capital project proposal that has been identified.

Updates will be brought to the Council in due course regarding the progress of this potential funding opportunity.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approves the actions set out in this report.