

Report on	Maintenance of Roundabouts
Date of Meeting	4 July 2022
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1.0	Purpose of Report		
1.1	To update members on the current arrangements for the maintenance of roundabouts.		
2.0	Background		
2.1	At a previous Council meeting a query was raised by a member in relation to the ongoing maintenance of roundabouts and seeking clarity on what the current arrangements are.		
3.0	Main Report		
3.1	The Council currently maintains nine roundabouts throughout the district; most of which could be considered as “gateways” to main towns or located on strategic arterial routes.		
3.2	A list of the all maintained roundabouts is shown in the table below including details of whether they are maintained in-house by the Council or by an external contractor.		

	reassume responsibility for grass cutting on the roundabout. Clearly the topography of the roundabout has now changed very significantly e.g. steep grass banks which will pose significant challenges from a maintenance and health and safety perspective. Discussions have now commenced with DfI Roads regarding the implications of the Council taking responsibility and Committee will be kept informed as to the outcome.
3.5	It should be noted that some other roundabouts in the district e.g. the new Ballygawley roundabout are not maintained by Council due to health and safety issues and the significant traffic management requirements and costs involved in cutting the grass at such a location. In such instances responsibility remains with the site owner DfI Roads.
3.6	The All Ireland Pollinator Plan Action Plan, as presented to Environment Committee in May, commits the Council to establishing a number of (wildflower) meadows across the district and 13 No. sites are currently managed on a "Don't Mow Let It Grow" basis. The potential for including roundabouts in this plan will be examined; however the approval of DfI Roads (as the owner of the sites) would be required particularly given the health and safety implications arising from the possible impact on traffic management sight lines.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: Extra maintenance costs for grass cutting at Castledawson roundabout to be determined.
	Human: In-house as opposed to third party maintenance arrangements to be kept under review.
	Risk Management: Maintenance of roundabouts poses significant risks from a health and safety perspective.
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: None
	Rural Needs Implications: None
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Members are asked to note the content of the report.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	None