

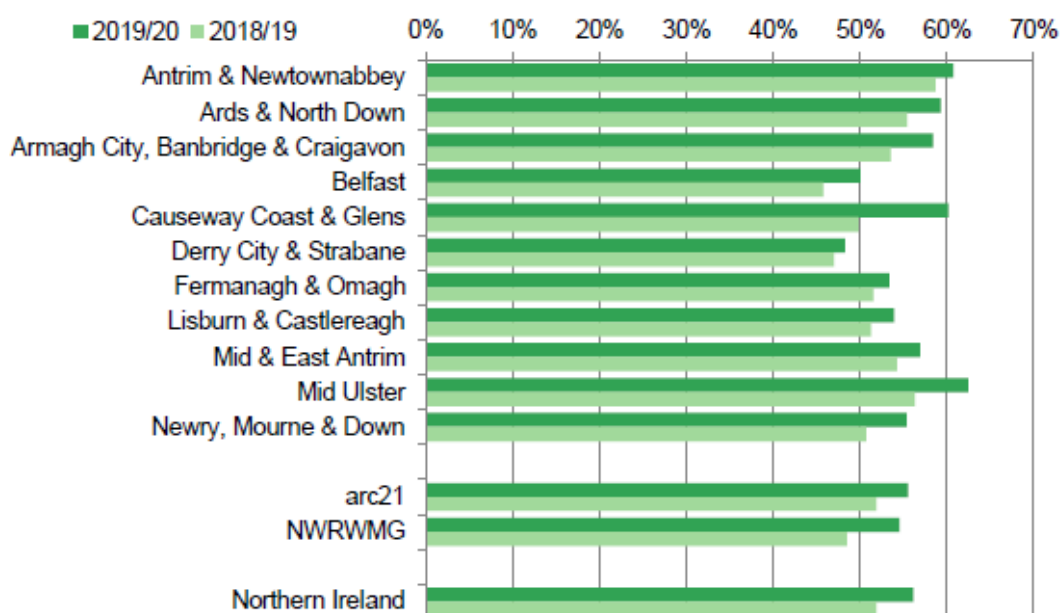
<b>Report on</b>	Northern Ireland Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste Management (LACMW) Report for July – September 2019
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> February 2020
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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To update members on the Council's performance in relation to recycling and landfill diversion targets as outlined in the NIEA Northern Ireland Local Authority Waste Management Statistics Report for Quarter 2 of 2019/20, July – September 2019.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	<p>The above (provisional) report was published on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020 by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA). The data in the report is based on quarterly returns made to Wastedataflow, a web based system, used by all local authorities throughout the UK to report on local authority collected municipal waste (LACMW). A full copy of the report (including appendices) can be accessed via below:</p> <p><a href="https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/northern-ireland-local-authority-collected-municipal-waste-management-statistics-july-september-2019">https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/northern-ireland-local-authority-collected-municipal-waste-management-statistics-july-september-2019</a></p>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	<p><b><u>Waste Arisings:</u></b></p> <p>Northern Ireland's Councils collected 274,032 tonnes of Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste (LACMW) between July – September 2019, 6.1% higher than the 258,211 tonnes collected during the same three months of 2018.</p> <p><b><u>Recycling and Composting:</u></b></p> <p>The Northern Ireland household waste preparing for reuse, dry recycling and composting rate was 56.1% between July – September 2019, a 4.3% increase on the 51.9% recorded during the same three months of 2018. This is the highest rate ever recorded for Northern Ireland during July to September. The proportion of household waste sent for preparing for reuse was 0.1 per cent, dry recycling made up 22.8 per cent and composting was 33.2 per cent.</p> <p>At Council level, household waste recycling rates varied from 48.3% in Derry City &amp; Strabane Council to <b><u>63.2% in Mid Ulster</u></b>. This is a 6.1% increase on the recycling rate achieved for the same quarter last year. (Please see Fig. 1 below).</p>

**Fig. 1. Household waste preparing for reuse, dry recycling and composting rate by council and waste management group**

Northern Ireland, Comparing July - September 2018 and July - September 2019

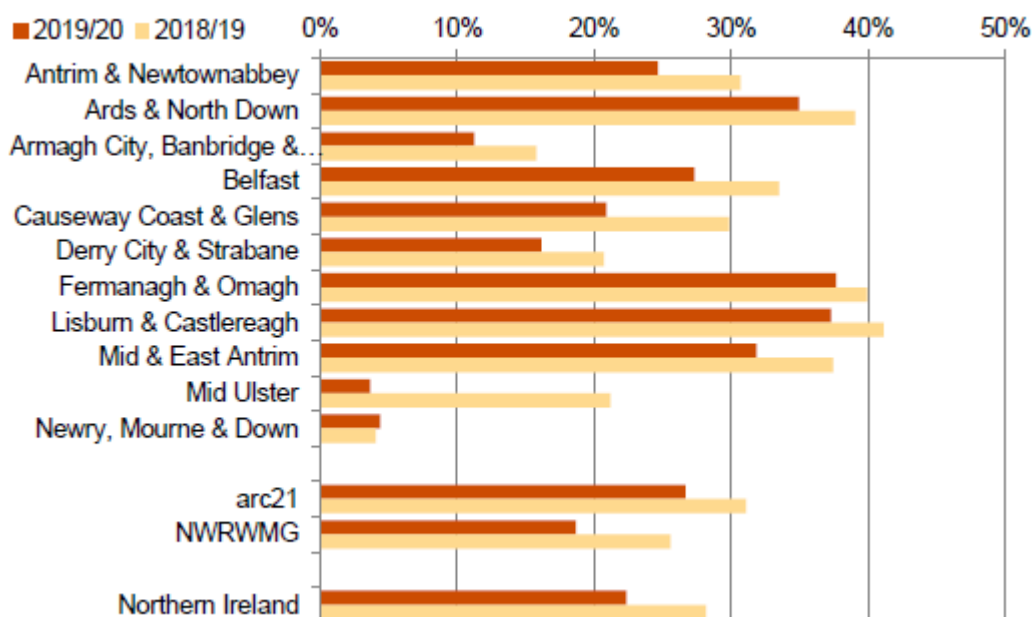


#### **Waste to Landfill:**

The quantity of Local Authority Municipal waste sent to landfill decreased by 12.4% from 72,772 tonnes during July to September 2018 to 63,767 tonnes between July and September 2019. This gave a quarterly landfill rate for Northern Ireland of 23.3%, a further reduction on the 28.2% recorded during the same quarter of 2018 and the lowest landfill rate ever for a July to September quarter.

Mid Ulster recorded a household waste landfill rate of 3.6%. This is a decrease of 17.6% compared to the same quarter in 2018, the largest drop in landfill rate recorded for this quarter. Mid Ulster's landfill rate is the lowest of all 11 councils, (Newry, Mourne & Down Council had a slightly higher landfill rate of 4.4%). As per the previous quarterly report, the drop in the landfill rate in Mid Ulster is due to an increase in waste sent for energy recovery, the cessation of waste direct to landfill and an increase in the household composting rate. (Please see Fig. 2 below):

**Fig. 2. Household waste landfilled by council and waste management group,** Northern Ireland, comparing July to September 2018 and July to September 2019.

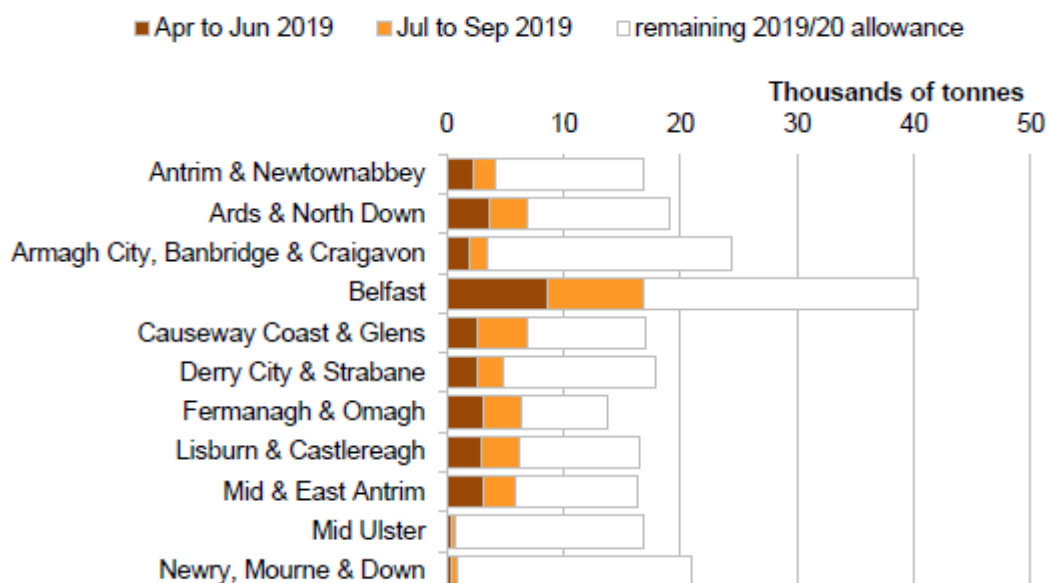


#### **Biodegradable Waste to Landfill:**

The Landfill Allowance Scheme (NI) Regulations 2004 (as amended) place a statutory responsibility on councils, in each scheme year, to landfill no more than the quantity of biodegradable LAC municipal waste (BLACMW) for which they have allowances.

With regard to the Northern Ireland Landfill Allowance Scheme (NILAS) allocation Mid Ulster District Council utilised only 2.0% of the available annual allowance (16,932 tonnes) during the July - September quarter i.e. landfilled only 341 tonnes of Biodegradable Local Authority Collected Biodegradable Municipal Waste (BLACMW). This was the lowest utilisation of all eleven Councils (as illustrated in Fig. 3 below). This brings the total allocation used by Mid Ulster for the first six months of the 2019/2020 to 4% of the annual allowance.

**Fig. 3. Biodegradable LAC municipal waste allowance sent to landfill by council,**  
Northern Ireland, July to September 2019.



#### 4.0 Other Considerations

##### 4.1 Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications

###### Financial:

Failure to meet NILAS targets could result in NIEA fines and EU infraction proceedings.

Human: A significant amount of time is spent by the Recycling Officers in gathering, collating and submitting the necessary data for quarterly WDF and NILAS returns

###### Risk Management:

Failure to meet NILAS targets could result in NIEA fines and EU infraction proceedings.

##### 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 and invited to comment on the content of this report.

#### 6.0 Documents Attached & References

6.1 NI Local Authority Waste Infographic for July to September 2019