

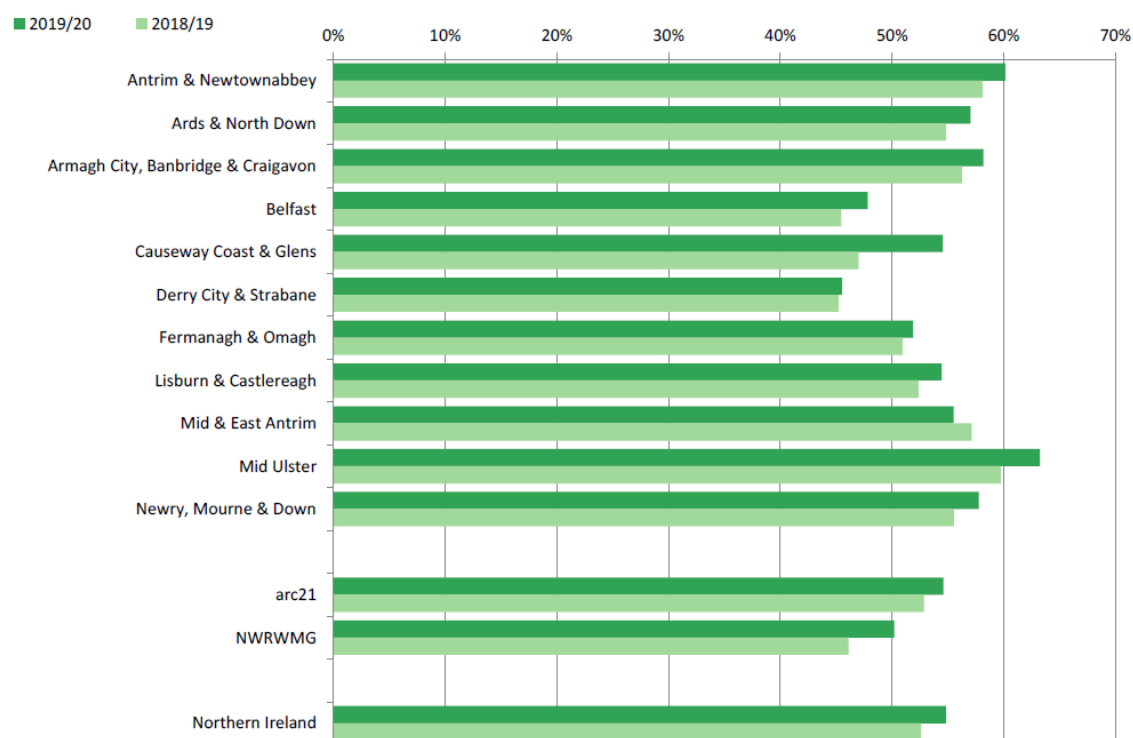
<b>Report on</b>	Northern Ireland Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste Management (LACMW) Statistics Report for April to June 2019
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	12 November 2019
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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To update members on the Council's performance in relation to recycling and landfill diversion targets as outlined in the NIEA Northern Ireland Local Authority Waste Management Statistics Report for Quarter 1 of 2019/20 from April to June 2019.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	<p>The above (provisional) report was published on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2019 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-april-june-2019">https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/northern-ireland-local-authority-collected-municipal-waste-management-statistics-april-june-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 265,181 tonnes of Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste (LACMW) between April and June 2019, 2.9% lower than the 273,200 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 54.8% between April and June 2019, a 2.2% increase on the 52.6% recorded during the same three months of 2018.</p> <p>At Council level, household waste recycling rates varied from 45.5% in Derry City &amp; Strabane Council to <b><u>63.2% in Mid Ulster</u></b>. This is a 3.5% increase on our recycling rate achieved for the same quarter last year. (Please see Fig. 1 below). This increase can be attributed to a 3.3% increase in the household dry recycling rate.</p>

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

Northern Ireland, Comparing April to June 2018 and April to June 2019



For the rolling twelve-month period from July 2018 to June 2019 Northern Ireland Councils have collectively achieved a household recycling rate of over 50% thus meeting the statutory target set for 2020. At an individual Council level Mid Ulster District Council has achieved the highest household recycling rate of all eleven Councils with a rate of 56.9%. This performance has been recognised at both a national and regional level (see below link and attached article by way of example)

<https://www.letsrecycle.com/news/latest-news/n-ireland-hits-50-target-18-months-early/>

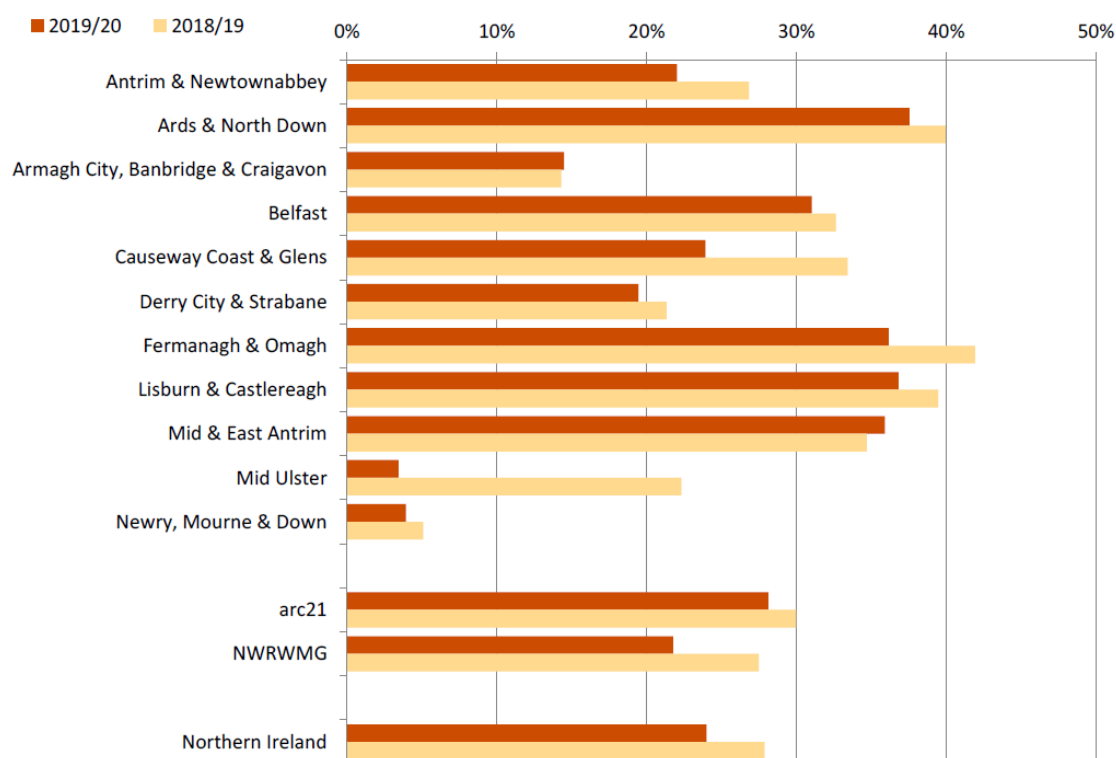
### **Waste to Landfill:**

The quantity of Local Authority Municipal waste sent to landfill decreased by 16.1% from 77,394 tonnes during April to June 2018 to 64,959 tonnes between April and June 2019. This gave a quarterly landfill rate for Northern Ireland of 24.5%, a further reduction on the 28.3% recorded during the same quarter of 2018 and the lowest landfill rate ever for an April to June quarter.

Mid Ulster recorded a household waste landfill rate of 3.4%. This is a decrease of 18.9% compared to the same quarter in 2018, the largest drop in landfill rate recorded for this quarter. Mid Ulster's landfill rate is now the lowest of all 11 councils, (Newry, Mourne & Down Council had a similar but slightly higher landfill rate of 3.9%). 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 and the cessation of waste direct to landfill. (Please see Fig. 2 below).

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

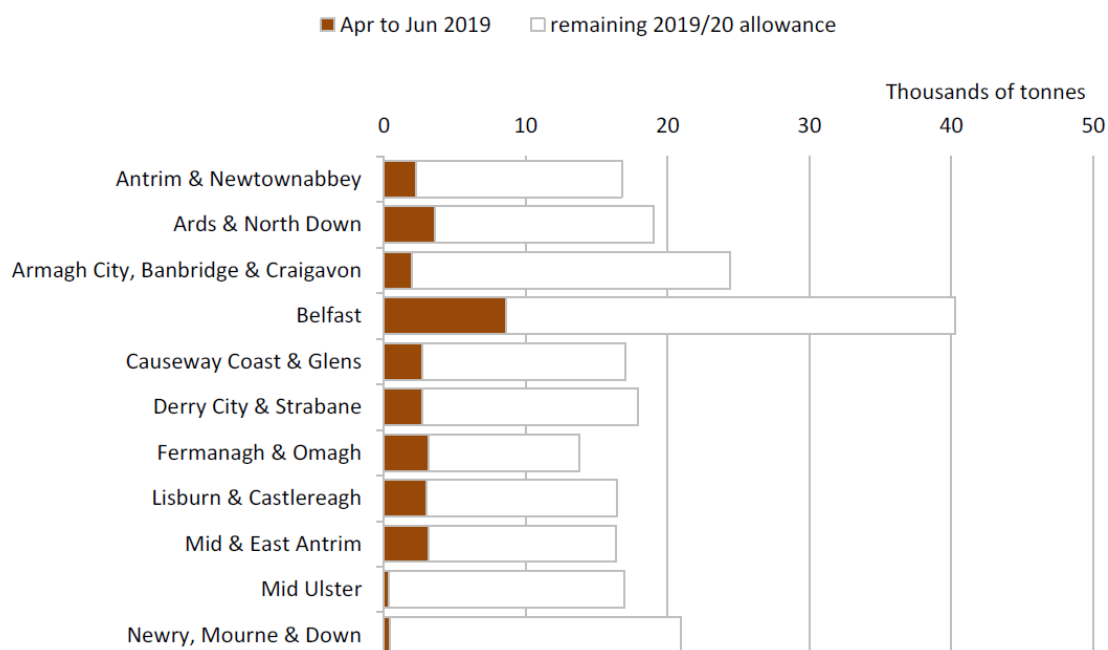


### **Biodegradable Waste to Landfill:**

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 first quarter i.e. landfilled only 331 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)

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



#### 4.0 Other Considerations

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

##### Financial:

Failure to meet recycling and landfill diversion targets could result in NIEA fines.

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 landfill diversion targets could result in 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 N Ireland municipal waste infographic April to June 2019

6.2 Irish News article dated 24<sup>th</sup> October 2019