

Report on	Litter and Dog Fouling Update
Date of Meeting	10 th September 2019
Reporting Officer	Fiona McClements, Head of Environmental Health

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To provide Members with a further update on the steps taken to deal with Dog fouling and litter issues across the District.
2.0	Background
2.1	Members will recall that a report was presented at the Environment Committee meeting on 1 st July 2019 outlining the work ongoing in respect of tackling litter and dog fouling issues in Mid Ulster.
2.2	The report included information on the ongoing work in these areas including education initiatives, enforcement and the Keep NI Beautiful "Live Here Love Here" campaign which is supported by the Council.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>In addition to the actions reported in July 2019 the following actions are currently being progressed.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An article on litter /dog fouling has featured in the summer edition of Council's Insight magazine recently circulated to all residents in the District. The article entitled 'Don't Mess Up Mid Ulster' highlights a new campaign starting this autumn with 3 key messages: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For our dog walkers – 'bag it and bin it' • For our drivers – 'drive your rubbish home' • For everyone else who mistakes our roads, streets and open spaces for bins – 'litter costs, you pay the price'. 2. A further meeting of the cross departmental working group has been arranged. 3. Further liaison has taken place with the Council Parks team who have agreed to refer any observed litter and dog fouling offences to Environmental Health for further investigation and issue of Fixed Penalty Notices if appropriate. Books to record relevant details have been provided for use by the Parks staff.

	<p>4. Environmental Health staff also refer any observed offences to the enforcement team for further investigation and issue of Fixed Penalty Notices where appropriate. Since the date of the last report in July 2019 there are a further 4 litter cases currently being investigated and two further Fixed Penalty Notices have been issued (one for dog fouling and one for litter).</p> <p>5. Live Here Love Here Small grant applications have been judged and successful applications will be progressed across the Mid Ulster area.</p> <p>6. A report on the dog fouling and litter monitoring which took place at Castledawson and Aughnacloy has been completed and is attached at Appendix 1.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: LHLH contribution. Signage costs are contained within the Environmental Health Service budget
	Human: The issue of monitoring for these offences is resource intensive.
	Risk Management: No additional risk management implications beyond routine Enforcement Officer work.
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: N/A
	Rural Needs Implications: N/A
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Members note the content of this report.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix 1 – Dog Fouling Monitoring – Aughnacloy & Castledawson March 2019