

Report on	KNIB Cleaner Neighbourhoods Survey/Report 2018/19
Date of Meeting	8 th October 2019
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To update members on the annual KNIB Cleaner Neighbourhoods Survey/Report.
2.0	Background
2.1	<p>Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful (KNIB) is an independent charity that works with the Department for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) local Councils and businesses to assist in improving our local environmental quality and increasing the cleanliness of our towns and countryside.</p> <p>The Cleaner Neighbourhoods Report for 2018/19 was published by KNIB on 26th June. This report is based on a number of sources: the litter and cleanliness data comes from a survey of 1,100 individual transects covering approximately 55km (or 34 miles) of streets and parks across all 11 Council areas, while fixed penalty records, spend on street cleansing data and information on enforcement and education activities was collected directly from individual local authorities</p>
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>A full copy of the report is included as an appendix however a summary of the key findings/issues for Mid Ulster District Council are as follows:</p> <p><u>Cleansing spend vs Cleanliness</u> – the Council's cleanliness index (LEAMS) score has remained static (at 72) compared with the previous year, however this remains above the N Ireland score (of 71) with only two other Councils scoring higher. Expenditure per head of population (at £10.39/head) was the second lowest in N Ireland and considerably lower than the N Ireland average figure of (£18.09/head).</p> <p><u>Fixed penalties</u> – the report highlights that Mid Ulster District Council issued the lowest number of fixed penalty notices (FPNs) for littering and dog fouling of all eleven Councils (10 No. compared to an average of 288 No. for all of N Ireland)</p>

	<p><u>Sweeping obstructions</u> – the report identifies an increase in the average percentage of each transect that a mechanical sweeper would not be able to access in the area (26% compared to N Ireland average of 25%). This analysis is based on the ability of standard sized sweepers to access the kerb and channel and for the smaller single person operated versions to travel along the pavement.</p> <p><u>Eco Schools Green Flags</u> – the report highlights that Mid Ulster District has both the highest number of schools that hold a Green Flag (41 No.) and the highest percentage of schools (32.8%) that are Green Flag in all of Northern Ireland.</p> <p>The findings and recommendations from this report will be used to inform and support the work of the Councils cross-departmental working group on litter.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: None
	Human: None
	Risk Management: The report identifies that rural areas are disproportionately affected by littering.
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 contents of this report and results of the survey.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	KNIB Cleaner Neighbourhoods Report 2018-19