Report on	Northern Ireland Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste Management (LACMW) Report for July to September 2017
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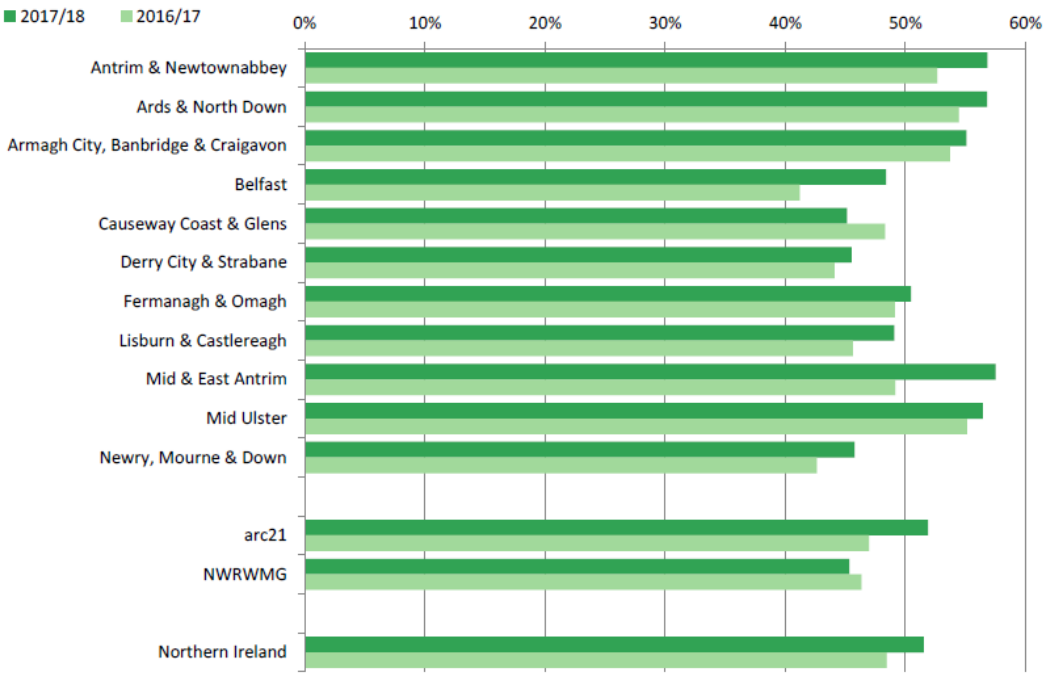
1.0	**Purpose of Report**
1.1	To update members on the Councils performance in relation to recycling and landfill diversion targets as outlined in the NIEA Northern Ireland Local Authority Waste Management Statistics Report for the (quarter two) period of July to September 2017.
2.0	**Background**
2.1	The above (provisional) report was published on 1st February 2018 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: • https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/northern-ireland-local-authority-collected-municipal-waste-management-statistics-july-september-2017
3.0	**Main Report**
3.1	Northern Ireland's Councils collected 260,353 tonnes of Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste (LACMW) between July to September 2017. This was a 2.7% decrease from the 267,578 tonnes collected during the same three months of 2016 (see infographic attached as appendix).
3.2	The household waste preparing for reuse, dry recycling and composting rate was 51.5% between July to September 2017, an increase on the 48.4% recorded during the same three months of 2016.
3.3	The lowest household waste recycling rate recorded for the period was in Causeway Coast & Glens at 45.2%. The highest household waste recycling rate for the quarter was recorded in Mid & East Antrim at 57.5% (see Fig. 1 below):

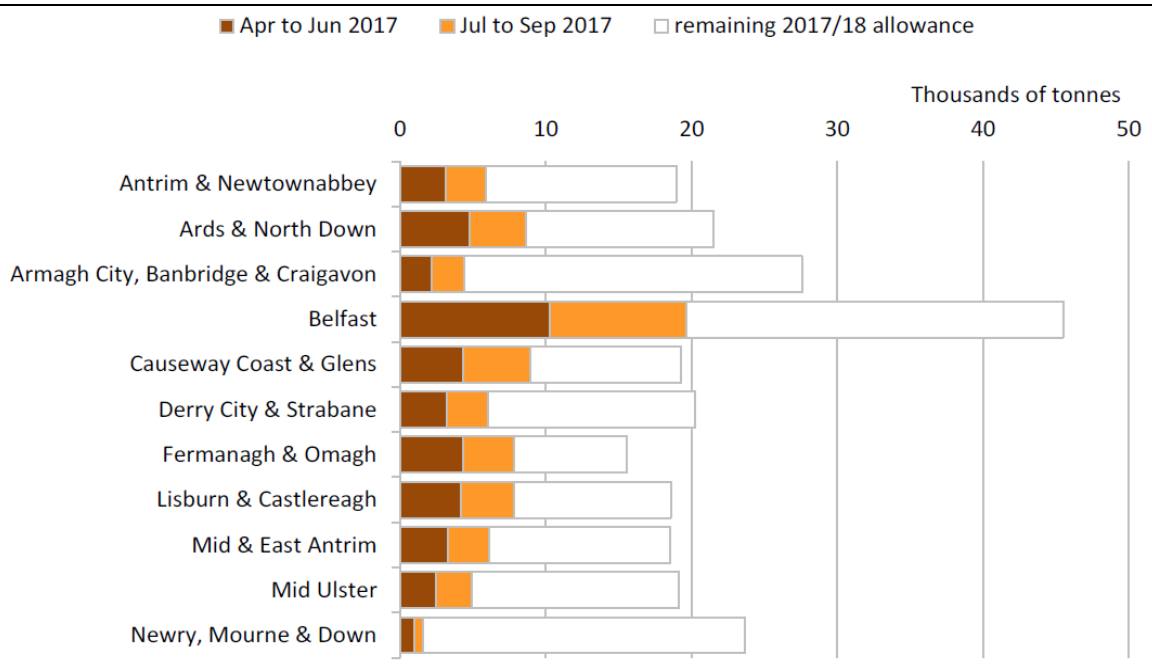
Fig. 1. Household waste preparing for reuse, dry recycling and composting rate by council and waste management group
Northern Ireland, July to September 2016 and July to September 2017



3.4 Mid Ulster recorded a recycling rate of 56.5% which represents an increase of 1.36% on the same quarter in 2016. Whilst the rate in Mid Ulster was the fourth highest in Northern Ireland the next two highest rates were both only 0.3% higher and this Council still has the highest rate overall based on the six month period from April to September 2017.

3.5 With regard to the Northern Ireland Landfill Allowance Scheme (NILAS) allocation Mid Ulster District Council utilised only 12.5% of the available annual allowance (19,131 tonnes) during the second quarter i.e. landfilled only 2,395 tonnes of Biodegradable Local Authority Collected Biodegradable Municipal Waste (BLACMW). For the year to date i.e. April to September 2017 Mid Ulster has used 25.6% of the available annual allowance which is the third lowest utilisation of all eleven Councils (as illustrated in Fig. 2 below).

Fig. 2. Biodegradable LAC municipal waste allowance sent to landfill by council,
Northern Ireland, July to September 2017



4.0	**Other Considerations**
4.1	**<u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u>** Financial: None 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
4.2	**<u>Equality and Good Relations Implications:</u>** None
4.3	**<u>Risk Management Implications</u>** Failure to meet NILAS targets could result in NIEA fines and EU infraction proceedings.
5.0	**Recommendation(s)**
5.1	Members are asked to the content of this report.
6.0	**Documents Attached & References:**
6.1	Northern Ireland Municipal Waste Infographic - July to September 2017