

Report on	Regulatory inspection of Council waste management activities
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1.0	Purpose of Report																					
1.1	To update members on recent regulatory inspection of our waste management activities.																					
2.0	Background																					
2.1	Members will be aware that waste management is one of the most heavily regulated industries. The work of the regulatory authority, the Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA) extends to both the private and public sector including local Councils.																					
3.0	Main Report																					
3.1	Over the past few months there has been significant regulatory inspection by NIEA of waste management activities in Mid Ulster District Council. This has taken two forms; firstly desk top audits of waste management records e.g. waste transfer notes and secondly physical inspection of waste management facilities e.g. Recycling Centres.																					
3.2	<p>The purpose of these inspections is primarily to ensure compliance with the following waste management legislation/regulations in place for Northern Ireland (as amended):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Controlled Waste Duty of Care (NI) Regulations 2002Pollution and Prevention Control (NI) Regulations 2003Waste Management Licensing (NI) Regulations 2003Landfill Regulations (NI) 2003Landfill Allowance Scheme Regulations (NI) 2004																					
3.3	<p>Over recent months NIEA conducted the following inspections on Council records/facilities:</p> <table><tr><th>Location</th><th>Date(s)</th><th>Purpose</th></tr><tr><td>Ballymacombs Landfill Site</td><td>7th July</td><td>PPC Permit/condition inspection</td></tr><tr><td>Dungannon and Magherafelt offices</td><td>16th -17th Aug</td><td>NILAS/WasteDataflow inspection</td></tr><tr><td>Drumcoo Recycling Centre</td><td>25th Aug</td><td>Licence/condition inspection</td></tr><tr><td>Fivemiletown Recycling Centre</td><td>25th Aug</td><td>Licence/condition inspection</td></tr><tr><td>Coalisland Recycling Centre</td><td>25th Aug</td><td>Licence/condition inspection</td></tr><tr><td>Magheraglass Landfill Site</td><td>6th Sept</td><td>NILAS inspection</td></tr></table>	Location	Date(s)	Purpose	Ballymacombs Landfill Site	7 th July	PPC Permit/condition inspection	Dungannon and Magherafelt offices	16 th -17 th Aug	NILAS/WasteDataflow inspection	Drumcoo Recycling Centre	25 th Aug	Licence/condition inspection	Fivemiletown Recycling Centre	25 th Aug	Licence/condition inspection	Coalisland Recycling Centre	25 th Aug	Licence/condition inspection	Magheraglass Landfill Site	6 th Sept	NILAS inspection
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3.4	It should be highlighted that administrative inspections are notified in advance by NIEA (as per attached sample inspection notice) however inspections at waste management facilities are unannounced (with inspection reports completed and left on site on the day).
3.5	<p>There was a high level of scrutiny, over a two day period, of our waste management records (as demonstrated by the attached NILAS audit report) however it is pleasing to note that the report concludes that <i>“overall the examined information held by Mid Ulster District Council was found to verify the data as inputted to WasteDataFlow, was well organised and subject to structured internal checks”</i>.</p> <p>It was also pleasing to note that during the recent waste management facility inspections in the Dungannon area, that no non-compliances with site licence conditions were recorded by NIEA inspectors (see attached site inspection reports).</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<p><u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u></p> <p>Financial: The cost of site inspections are covered by NIEA waste licensing annual subsistence charges which cost the Council approximately £50,000 per annum.</p> <p>Human: Considerable staff time in preparing for and responding to audit/inspections.</p>
4.2	<p><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>N/A</p>
4.3	<p><u>Risk Management Implications</u></p> <p>Failure to comply with NIEA inspection notices and Waste Management Licence conditions could result in penalties and/or enforcement action from the regulator.</p>
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Members are asked to note the content of this report.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	NIEA Inspection Notice from NILAS Monitoring Team
6.2	NIEA Licensed Waste Management Facility Inspection Reports
6.3	NIEA NILAS Audit Report