

Report on	Drinking Water Quality Report for Northern Ireland 2018 – Mid Ulster District Council
Date of Meeting	10 th September 2019
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Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To advise Elected Members of the availability of the Drinking Water Quality Report for Northern Ireland 2018 (MUDC).
2.0	Background
2.1	This local council report is designed to demonstrate water quality by individual council area based on the percentage Compliance at Customer Tap (including Supply Points) over the water supply zones associated with Mid Ulster District Council area.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	For monitoring purposes NI Water's supply area is divided into water supply zones. These are areas serving not more than 100,000 people, each of which are normally supplied from a single water supply source or combination of sources. There are areas where owing to topography and dispersal of population, it is not practicable to provide a mains water supply. Currently over 99.9% of Northern Ireland's population receive public water supplies.
3.2	In a number of cases water supply zones overlap council boundaries and therefore, the information does not mirror the council boundary exactly but relates to a zone determined by the Drinking Water Inspectorate.
3.3	The information is based on samples taken randomly from customer taps in each water supply zone and from planned samples at authorised supply points.
3.4	The report also details capital works programmes affecting the council area which directly related to water quality during the reporting period.
3.5	Small variations in water quality compliance performance occur across Northern Ireland. This reflects the need to continue to invest in and to maintain water treatment works, and to improve the water mains network.
3.6	A change to the Drinking Water Quality Regulations in 2017 resulted in a reduction of testing frequencies for some parameters at Authorised Supply Points for 2018 onwards.

3.7	NI Water has identified the need to deliver a significant volume of watermains rehabilitation and other works across its ageing network. The works are necessary to ensure the efficient and cost effective operation of its water supply system in the immediate future and longer term as well as ensuring adequate levels of water quality and customer supply. To achieve this goal, NI Water has implemented a Watermains Rehabilitation Framework, within which it undertakes work on a Northern Ireland wide basis as identified by the zonal study programme of work.
3.8	The overall compliance for Northern Ireland in 2018 was 99.9% with Mid Ulster compliance also at this level.
3.9	The report highlights water quality events, water quality standards, where samples are taken and what happens when a test fails, number of samples, individual parameters, results obtained and a water supply commentary.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: None
	Human: None
	Risk Management: None
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: None
	Rural Needs Implications: None
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Note the Drinking Water Quality Report 2018 for Mid Ulster District Council area and the overall compliance at Customer Tap (including supply points) for Mid Ulster District Council was 99.9%.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix 1 – Drinking Water Quality Report for Northern Ireland 2018 (MUDC)