Report on	Northern Ireland Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste Management (LACMW) Report for October - December 2019
Date of Meeting	9 <sup>th</sup> June 2020
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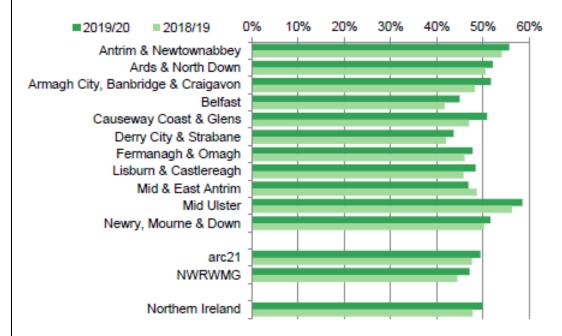
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1.0	Purpose of Report		
1.1	To update Members on the Council's performance in relation to recycling and landfill diversion targets as outlined in the NIEA Northern Ireland Local Authority Waste Management Statistics Report for Quarter 3 of 2019/20, October to December 2019.		
2.0	Background		
2.1	The above (provisional) report was published on 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2020 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-october-december-2019		
3.0	Main Report		
3.1	Waste Arisings:  Northern Ireland's Councils collected 234,266 tonnes of Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste (LACMW) during October – December 2019, 1.3% higher than the		
	231,320 tonnes collected during the same three months of 2018.		
	Recycling and Composting:		
	The Northern Ireland household waste only preparing for reuse, dry recycling and composting rate was 49.9% during October - December 2019, a 2.1% increase on the 47.8% recorded during the same three months of 2018. The proportion of household waste sent for preparing for reuse was 0.1 per cent, dry recycling made up 25.5 per cent and composting was 24.3 per cent.		

At individual Council level, household waste recycling rates varied from 43.6% in Derry City & Strabane Council to <u>58.5% in Mid Ulster</u>. For Mid Ulster, this is a 2.2% increase on the 56.3% household recycling rate achieved for the same quarter in 2018. (Please see Fig. 1 below).

Fig. 1. Household waste preparing for reuse, dry recycling and composting rate by council and waste management group

Northern Ireland, Comparing October - December 2018 and October - December 2019

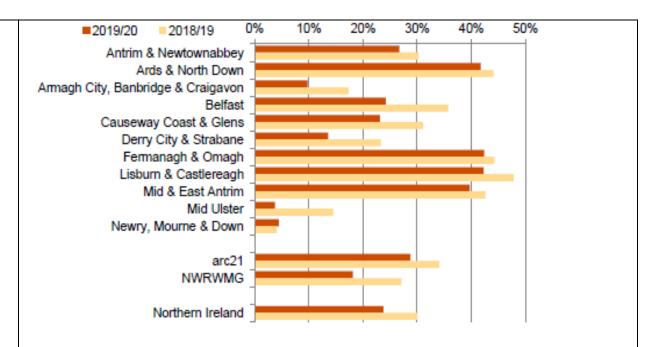


## Waste to Landfill:

The quantity of Local Authority Municipal waste sent to landfill decreased by a fifth, from 70,928 tonnes during October – December 2018 to 56,559 tonnes between October and December 2019. This gave a quarterly landfill rate for Northern Ireland of 24.1%, which was lower than the 30.7% recorded during the same quarter of 2018 and the lowest landfill rate ever for the October to December quarter.

Mid Ulster recorded a household waste landfill rate of only 3.8%. Mid Ulster's landfill rate is the lowest of all 11 Councils (please see Fig. 2 below):

Fig. 2. Household waste landfilled by council and waste management group, Northern Ireland, comparing October to December 2018 and October to December 2019.



## **Biodegradable Waste to Landfill:**

The Landfill Allowance Scheme (NI) Regulations 2004 (as amended) place a statutory responsibility on Councils, in each scheme year, to landfill no more than the quantity of biodegradable LAC municipal waste (BLACMW) for which they have allowances.

With regard to the Northern Ireland Landfill Allowance Scheme (NILAS) allocation Mid Ulster District Council utilised only 2.2% of the available annual allowance (16,932 tonnes) during the October – December quarter i.e. landfilled only 369 tonnes of Biodegradable Local Authority Collected Biodegradable Municipal Waste (BLACMW). This was the lowest utilisation of all eleven Councils (as illustrated in Fig. 3 below). This brings the total allocation used by Mid Ulster during April - December 2019 to 6.1% of the 2019/20 annual allowance.

<u>Fig. 3. Biodegradable LAC municipal waste allowance sent to landfill by</u> Council, Northern Ireland, October - December 2019.

