

<b>Report on</b>	Magherafelt Recycling Centre Reopening
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
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<b>Is this report restricted for confidential business?</b>	Yes	
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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To update members on the reopening of the Recycling Centre in Magherafelt.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	Members were advised previously of a successful capital funding application to the DAERA Recycling Collaborative Change Programme for £945,898 to extend and refurbish Magherafelt Recycling Centre and adjacent Waste Transfer Station.
2.2	The upgrade to the existing Recycling Centre includes a new split-level facility (incorporating an additional 0.8 acres of land purchased from the adjacent landowner), new site office, weighbridge, green waste storage building, CCTV, compactors/containers and vehicle parking shed. Improvements to the Waste Transfer Station include new waste storage bays with reinforced concrete walls.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	A contract with a value of £1.7m to undertake the capital works was awarded to Civco Ltd in October 2021 and the works started on site in early March 2022.
3.2	A temporary recycling/skip facility had been in operation at the site since May.
3.3	Works at the new Recycling Centre and at part of the Waste Transfer Station were completed at the end of November resulting in a partial handover of the site (an aerial image showing the completed works on site is included at appendix 1).
3.4	The new Recycling Centre subsequently opened to the general public on 7 <sup>th</sup> December (following further confirmation of handover of insurances) and the feedback received from site users to date has been very positive and encouraging.
3.5	A new Waste Management Licence for the site (Ref: LN/22/11) was obtained from the regulator, the Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA) on 15 <sup>th</sup> November.

3.6	A photo-call to mark the reopening was held with the Council and Environment Committee Chairs and DAERA Assistant Director of Environmental Policy on 15 <sup>th</sup> December (press release and photo included at appendix 2 and 3 respectively).
3.7	It is anticipated that the remaining (non-public facing) works to the waste transfer station and vehicle parking shed will now be completed early in the new year.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
<b>4.1</b>	<b>Financial, Human Resources &amp; Risk Implications</b>
	Financial: Total cost of capital project £1.7m with £946k external funding from DAERA.
	Human: None
	Risk Management: A critical aim of the project to improve health and safety on site for users and staff has now been achieved by separating Council/service vehicles from the public.
<b>4.2</b>	<b>Screening &amp; Impact Assessments</b>
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: N/A
	Rural Needs Implications: N/A
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	Members are asked to note the contents of this report.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
6.1	Appendix 1 – Aerial photograph of Magherafelt Recycling Centre
6.2	Appendix 2 – Press release for reopening of Recycling Centre
6.3	Appendix 3 – Photo-call for reopening of Recycling Centre