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Our Ref: **Mid Ulster District Council/ Draft Reconciliation 2018/19**

Dear Mr Cassells

**The Landfill Allowance Scheme (NI) Regulations 2004 (As amended)
14th Scheme Year 2018/19 – Draft Reconciliation**

Under Regulation 13 of the above Regulations, the Monitoring Authority (NIEA) is required to prepare a draft reconciliation in relation to each District Council no later than 5 months after the end of the scheme year.

Regulation 14 requires the Monitoring Authority as soon as reasonably practicable after the end of the reconciliation period to reconcile the allowances available with the amount of Biodegradable Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste (BLACMW) sent to landfill as calculated under Regulation 13.

Through WasteDataFlow **Mid Ulster District Council** has submitted quarterly returns for the scheme year 2018/19. From these returns NIEA has calculated¹ the amount of Biodegradable Local Authority collected Municipal Waste (BLACMW) sent to landfill by each District Council for the scheme year 2018/19.

The total amount of BLACMW sent to landfill by Mid Ulster District Council for the scheme year 2018/19, was 5,686 tonnes* equating to 31.53 % utilisation of the 18,032 allocated allowances available for the scheme year.

To date, the Monitoring Authority has not received any requests for the transfer of allowances for the scheme year 2018/19. As this *scheme year precedes a scheme target year* the **borrowing of allowances is not permitted**.

*NB There may be more data changes required as a result of audits already carried out relating to the scheme year 2018/19, and therefore the draft reconciliation figures may be subject to change. NIEA recommend that the Council seeks transfers for further allowances beyond those required to cover the current deficit. This buffer should be sufficient (say at least 1% of the total expected allowances utilisation) to enable the Council to stay within its allocated allowances if the calculated BLACMW (available as a report on WDF) alters as a result of audits whose follow-up actions are not (fully) complete and / or the annual validation of the WDF figures.

The form required for transfer of allowances is available on the NIEA website at: <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/nilas-forms>.

Transfer requests must be completed i.e. NIEA must have received an appropriately authorised request - an original signature is required - on the official form no later than six months after the end of the scheme year i.e. by **Friday 27th September**.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any queries.

Yours sincerely,



Adrian Gregory (Dr)

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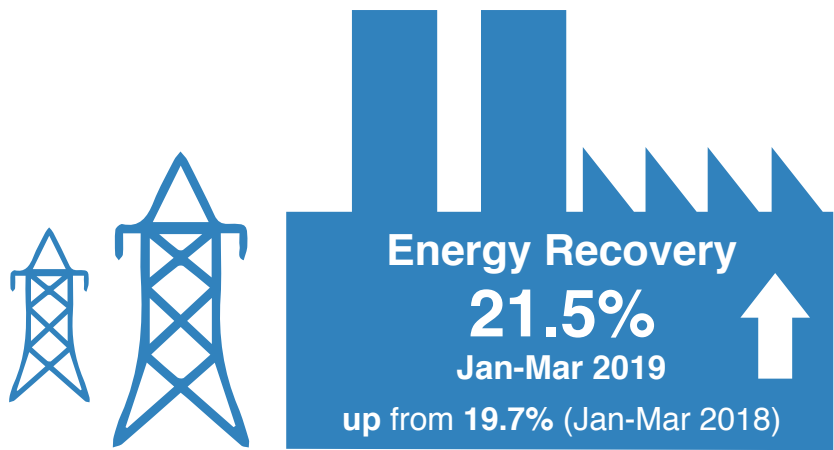
Cc: Regional Waste Management Group

¹The mass balance is detailed at:

[https://www.wastedataflow.org/documents/guidancenotes/NorthernIreland/LandfillAllowanceScheme/KPI \(g\) DC Mass Balance Schematic v4.pdf](https://www.wastedataflow.org/documents/guidancenotes/NorthernIreland/LandfillAllowanceScheme/KPI%20(g)%20DC%20Mass%20Balance%20Schematic%20v4.pdf)

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