

Report on	NIEA Waste Statistics and NILAS Annual Reports 2018/19
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To inform members of the content of the NIEA Northern Ireland Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste Management Statistics 2018/19 Annual Report and the Annual Northern Ireland Landfill Allowance Scheme 2018/19 Annual Report as published on 28 th November.
2.0	Background
2.1	<p>The Waste Management Statistics report provides both summary and detailed figures on the amount of local authority collected municipal waste in Northern Ireland during 2018/19 and is available via the below link (copy also attached): https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/northern-ireland-local-authority-collected-municipal-waste-management-statistics-2018</p> <p>The NILAS report covers the fourteenth scheme year of the Landfill Allowances Scheme (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2004 summarising Council compliance with the scheme during 2018/19 and is available via the below link (copy also attached): https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/annual-nilas-reports</p>
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p><u>Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste Management Statistics Annual Report</u></p> <p>Northern Ireland's Councils collected 990,233 tonnes of LAC municipal waste in 2018/19. This was a 1.3% increase on the 977,817 tonnes collected in 2017/18. Household waste accounted for 88.8% of total LAC municipal waste.</p> <p>In 2018/19, 50% of household waste in Northern Ireland was sent for preparing for reuse, dry recycling and composting, 2.0 percentage points higher than the 2017/18 rate, and so meeting the Northern Ireland Waste Management Strategy target to recycle 50% by 2020.</p> <p>At individual Council level, the highest household waste recycling rates were recorded in Antrim & Newtownabbey and Mid Ulster at 56.1% and 56.% respectively.</p>
3.2	<p><u>Northern Ireland Landfill Allowance Scheme (NILAS) Annual Report 2018/19</u></p> <p>The Landfill Allowance Scheme (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2004 (NILAS) have been designed to help Councils in NI meet targets as set out in the Landfill Regulations 2004 by</p>

allocating progressively challenging limits on the amount of Biodegradable Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste (BLACMW) which can be landfilled by each Council.

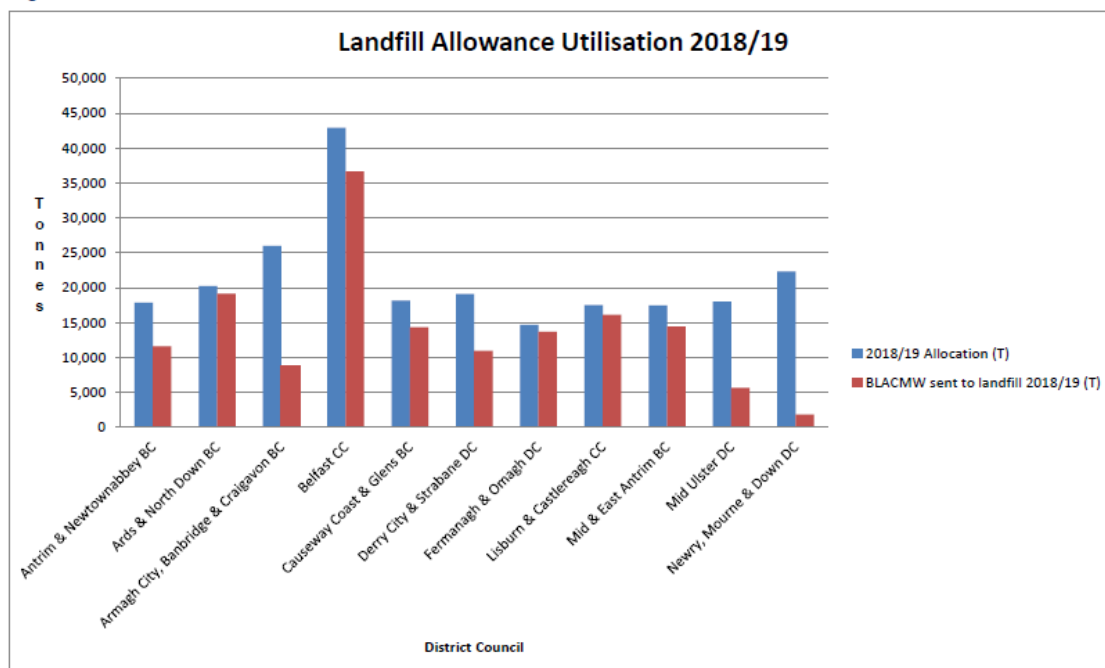
In 2018/19 the total amount of BLACMW which was permitted to be sent to landfill was 234,284 tonnes. In Northern Ireland the total amount of BLACMW reported to have been sent to landfill was 153,324 tonnes i.e. 34.6% of landfill allowances were not utilised. This was an increase of 3.5 percentage points compared to 2017/18 (31.1%).

Through WasteDataFlow Mid Ulster District Council has submitted quarterly returns for the scheme year 2018/19. From these returns, NIEA has calculated the amount of BLACMW sent to landfill by Mid Ulster District Council for the scheme year 2018/19.

NIEA issued the final reconciliation for 2018/19 for Mid Ulster on 28th November 2019 (see copy letter attached) which confirmed that Mid Ulster District Council utilised just 31.50% of its annual landfill allowance of 18,032 tonnes i.e. landfilled 5,681 tonnes during the scheme year leaving a surplus of 12,351 tonnes.

All eleven Councils in Northern Ireland achieved their 2018/19 landfill allowance obligations by diverting BLACMW from landfill. The Landfill Allowance utilisation for each of the eleven Council's is shown in Figure 1 below.

Figure 1: Landfill Allowance Utilisation for 2018/19



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Over the next year under NILAS, the allocation for each district council, and consequently Northern Ireland as a whole, reduces towards the EU Landfill target, making it vital for more BLAMCW to be diverted from landfill. The EU Landfill Directive obligated Member States to reduce their BMW to landfill (which includes BLACMW) to 35, 50 & 75% of 1995. The NILAS Landfill Allowance allocation for Mid Ulster District Council will reduce to 16,932 tonnes in the 2019/20 scheme year.

4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: Council waste recycling and treatment costs are in the region of £6m per annum
	Human: A significant amount of time is spent by the Recycling Officers in gathering, collating and submitting the necessary data for quarterly WDF and NILAS returns
	Risk Management: Failure to meet recycling and landfill diversion targets could result in fines
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: None
	Rural Needs Implications: None
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Members are asked to note and invited to comment on the performance of the Council in respect of waste management as outlined in this report.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	NI Local Authority Collected Waste Statistics Annual Report 2018/19
6.2	NILAS Annual Report 2018/19