

<b>Report on</b>	Marine Litter Capital Grant Scheme
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
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	No	X

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To inform members of a successful funding application to the Marine Litter Capital Grant Scheme.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	The Marine Litter Capital Grants Scheme is funded by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs and is administered by Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful, through the Live Here Love Here campaign.
2.2	The Marine Litter Capital Grants provide financial support of between £500 and £40,000 to support organisations and groups to purchase capital items that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prevent litter and plastic pollution from entering the marine environment;</li> <li>• Enhance the environmental management of an area to reduce marine litter;</li> <li>• Improve the health and wellbeing of communities and marine biodiversity recovery by helping to improve the quality of public open spaces;</li> <li>• Improve the quality of their local environment by changing behaviour through creative concepts to reduce the incidence of littering.</li> </ul>
2.3	Marine litter refers to any solid, manufactured or processed material that enters the marine environment, either intentionally or unintentionally. It encompasses a wide range of materials, most commonly plastics, but also includes items like glass, metal, rubber, paper, textiles, and more. One of the potential land based sources is urban and rural litter which can be carried by wind or runoff into rivers and oceans. The grant scheme aims to support innovative projects that prevent marine litter and promote sustainable marine ecosystems

<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	The Marine Litter Capital Grants Scheme was open to all Northern Ireland Councils to apply as it is estimated that 81% of marine litter comes from land sources so the grants are open to all geographical areas not just coastal ones.
3.2	<p>Proposed projects must meet one or more of the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhance the environmental management and quality of a local area by preventing litter and plastics from directly entering the sea.</li> <li>• Enhance the environmental management and quality of a local area by preventing litter and plastics from entering rivers, water courses, drains, etc. that lead, ultimately, to the sea.</li> <li>• Improve the health and wellbeing of communities and marine biodiversity whilst helping to improve and/or maintain public spaces.</li> <li>• Contribute to a strategic approach to reducing litter pollution in our rivers and seas.</li> <li>• Design and create new, aesthetically appealing or engaging, innovative assets for deployment.</li> <li>• Demonstrate collaborative working.</li> </ul>
3.3	Financial support of between £500 and £40,000 is available to Councils who must also provide 50% match funding. An application for funding was submitted prior to the closing date of Thursday November 9 <sup>th</sup> 2023 for a project totalling approx. £59,227.46 which was partially successful. The grant application initially focused on the provision of 6 No. water refill stations at key locations within the district that had been identified with high footfall from residents, tourists, and sporting events. This was to be supported by the installation of 85 No. litter bins in areas with the potential for litter to enter the marine environment i.e. at locations incorporating or adjacent to ponds, lakes and watercourses.
3.4	<p>The grant was subsequently only partially approved at a value of £9,189.13 for the purchase of litter bins only. This money when coupled with the match funding from the Council permits the purchase of 67 No. new litter bins. These will be installed over the next few months at appropriate locations as listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Altmore Picnic Area, Cappagh Road, Cappagh</li> <li>• Angling facility, Portglenone</li> <li>• Ardtrea Riverside Walk, Knockanroe Road, Stewartstown</li> <li>• Augher Riverside walkway, Annaghilla Road, Augher</li> <li>• Ballygawley Allotments</li> <li>• Ballygawley Playing Fields, Main Street, Ballygawley</li> <li>• Ballyronan Marina and Woodland Walkway</li> <li>• Ballysaggart Lough, Picnic Area and Lay-by (Black Lough)</li> <li>• Battery Harbour, Cookstown</li> <li>• Blackwater Picnic Area, Moy</li> <li>• Blessingbourne MTB and Walking Trail, Murely Road, Fivemiletown</li> <li>• Brantry Wood and lough, Brantry Road, Dungannon</li> <li>• Cabin wood, Tullywiggan road, Cookstown</li> </ul>

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<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
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4.1	<p><b>Financial, Human Resources &amp; Risk Implications</b></p> <p>Financial: Purchase of 67 No. 120 Litre Litter Bins at £276 each Total Cost - £18,492 (50% funded by Marine Litter Capital Grant Scheme). Match funding is available from the Environmental Services revenue 24/25 budgets.</p> <p>Human: None</p> <p>Risk Management: None</p>
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4.2	<b>Screening &amp; Impact Assessments</b>
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: None
	Rural Needs Implications: None
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	Members are asked to note the content this report and approve the acceptance of the grant award to install bins as listed.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
6.1	None