



16 April 2024

Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Environment Committee to be held in The Chamber, Cookstown at Mid Ulster District Council, Council Offices, Burn Road, COOKSTOWN, BT80 8DT on Tuesday, 16 April 2024 at 19:00 to transact the business noted below.

Yours faithfully

Adrian McCreesh
Chief Executive

AGENDA

OPEN BUSINESS

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This meeting will be webcast for live and subsequent broadcast on the Council's You Tube site [Live Broadcast Link](#)
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3. Declarations of Interest
Members should declare any financial and non-financial interests they have in the items of business for consideration, identifying the relevant agenda item and the nature of their interest.
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18. Capital Framework – IST Contracts Update

Report on	Dfl Roads Proposal to Mid Ulster District Council – Disabled Persons Parking Bay at Castledawson Road, Magherafelt
Date of Meeting	16 th April 2024
Reporting Officer	Terry Scullion, AD Property Services
Contact Officer	Terry Scullion, AD Property Services

Is this report restricted for confidential business? If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	Yes	
	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To seek the agreement of Members in relation to a proposal from Dfl Roads to introduce a Disabled Persons Parking Bay at Castledawson Road, Magherafelt
2.0	Background
2.1	Dfl Roads is proposing to introduce a Disabled Persons Parking Bay at Castledawson Road, Magherafelt
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>The following outlines the proposal to be brought to the attention of the Environment Committee:</p> <p>PROPOSED INTRODUCTION OF DISABLED PERSONS' PARKING BAY – CASTLEDAWSON ROAD, MAGHERAFELT</p> <p>Correspondence was received from Dfl Roads dated 22 March 2024 to introduce a Disabled Persons Parking Bay at Castledawson Road, Magherafelt.</p> <p>A consultation letter and a location map of the aforementioned proposal are attached as appendices to this report.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: None
	Human: Officer time in drafting reports
	Risk Management: The introduction of the aforementioned proposal at these locations will assist in the management of road safety issues.

4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: The introduction of the aforementioned proposal at these locations will assist Dfl in the discharge of their statutory duty.
	Rural Needs Implications: The rural needs assessment would be conducted by Dfl Roads.
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	That the Environment Committee endorses the proposal submitted by Dfl Roads.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix 1 – Letter from DFI Roads dated 22 March 2024; proposed Disabled Persons Parking Bay at Castledawson Road, Magherafelt.
6.2	Appendix 2– Map from DFI Roads dated 22 March 2024; proposed Disabled Persons Parking Bay at Castledawson Road, Magherafelt.



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22 March 2024

Mr Adrian McCreesh
Chief Executive
Mid Ulster District Council
Ballyronan Road
Magherafelt
BT45 6EN

Dear Mr McCreesh

**DISABLED PERSONS' PARKING BAY – CASTLEDAWSON ROAD,
MAGHERAFELT**

DfI Roads is proposing to provide a disabled persons parking bay at Castledawson Road, Magherafelt, as detailed on the attached map.

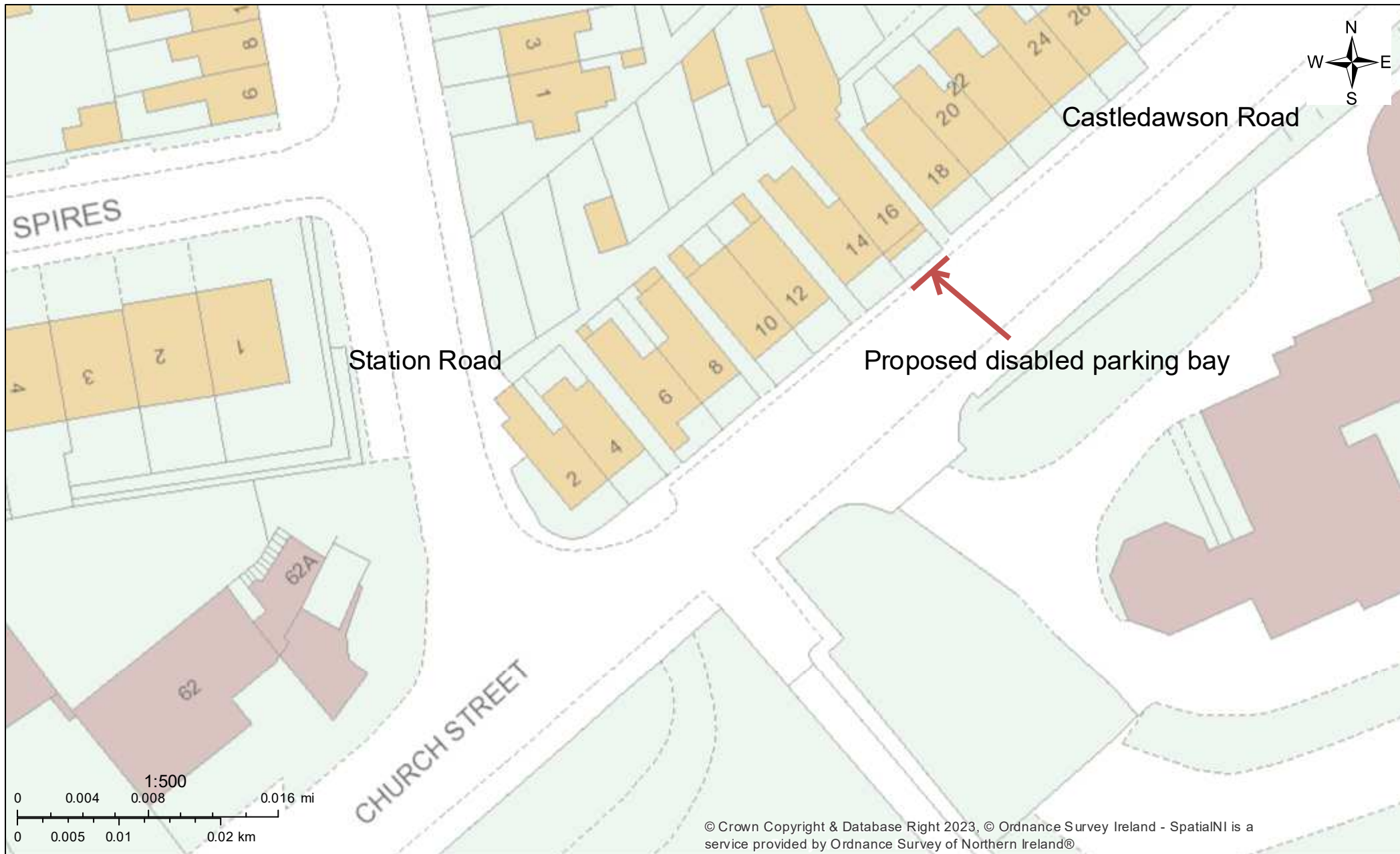
Please bring this matter to the attention of your council.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Hazel Burton
Network Development Section

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Proposed disabled parking bay - Castledawson Road, Magherafelt



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Report on	Bus Shelters Update
Date of Meeting	16 th April 2024
Reporting Officer	Johnny McNeill – Capital Development Manager
Contact Officer	Anne Mac Airt – Capital Development Officer

Is this report restricted for confidential business? If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	Yes	
	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To update Members on the current bus shelter status.
2.0	Background
2.1	Council is empowered under the Local Government Miscellaneous Provisions (NI) Order 1985, with the consent of the department to erect and maintain on any road within the district of the council, shelters for the protection from the weather or persons waiting to enter public service vehicles. Bus shelters are erected following local representations. They are provided, particularly for those who must use public services who may have to stand out in the inclement weather.
2.2	Following the bus shelter collaborative workshop held in March 2020, the bus shelter process was discussed and agreed at the Council meeting held on the 27 th March 2020. Members are advised in a monthly report of progress made on the various applications that have been lodged with the department.
2.3	Due to the Covid-19 pandemic progress has been delayed with unavailability of staff and priority of workloads within the various departments involved in dealing with the shelter installation. MUDC / DfI Roads have met (through "Microsoft Teams") to discuss a selection of these projects and will continue to carry out similar meetings to progress shelter applications.
2.4	Members to note current Procedural guide approved by Council March 2021 (see appendix 1).
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The following information headings will be covered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New applications received in the past month (see 3.2) • Progress on stages 2-4 application process (see 3.3) • Request for Council to move from stage 5 (see 3.4) • Progress update on stages 6-9 (see 3.5) • Neighbour Notification summary and detailed analysis (see 3.6)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects recommended for approval (3.7) • Projects recommended for rejection (3.8) • Projects recommended for withdrawal (see 3.9) • Shelters passed to Property Services for installation (3.10) • Progress update on stages 10-11 (see 3.11) • Update on statutory response times in relation to agreement on time related responses for application (see 3.12) • Other issues (see 3.13) 																				
3.2	New Applications received in the past month – 1Nr:																				
3.2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024-003 Lavey Chapel Carpark, Gulladuff 																				
3.3	Progress on stages 2-4 of the application process – see table 3 in Appendix 2.																				
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3.5.5	2023-004	Clogher Valley	Moore Street, Aughnacloy	Currently being discussed with applicant.
3.5.6	2023-017	Moyola	Hillhead Road, Castledawson	Site visits with stakeholders has taken place. Further discussion underway with DFI Roads.
3.5.7	2023-018	Carntogher	Crew Road, Maghera	Currently being discussed with applicant.

3.6 **Summary of Neighbour Notifications - 1Nr Neighbour notification**

3.6.1 • **Ref. 2016-009 St. John's Kingsisland PS (Table 5, Appendix 2 – ref. 3)**

Shelter Location	St. John's Kingsisland Primary School
Bus Shelter Requested	07/03/2016
Date Request Validated	10/03/2016
Survey Issued	27/02/2024
Survey Returned By	13/03/2024
Survey Letters Issued (No.)	2
Survey Letters Returned	1
Replies in Favour	1
Replies not in Favour	0
No response	1
Valid Returns	1
Percentage that have objections	0%

In accordance with the Bus Shelter Procedural guide, at least 51% of the addresses surveyed must have no objections to the shelter. NOTE; for the purposes of assessment where 51% (rounded to the nearest whole number) of property addresses that respond indicate that they are not in favour of the erection of a shelter, then the results of the survey will be forwarded to the Environment Committee for information confirming that the shelter will not be approved or erected. The bus shelter at St. John's Kingsisland Primary School is **recommended to be installed** subject to members discussion.

3.6.2 • **2022-008 Annaghmore Road, Cookstown (Table 7, Appendix 2 - ref. 11)**

This bus shelter application does not require a neighbour notification as it is more than 25m from any households and has received approval from DFI Roads. However, as the location for the bus shelter is on a shared lane, one of the residents does not approve and therefore the applicant is happy to withdraw this application. This bus shelter at Annaghmore Road, Cookstown is **recommended to be withdrawn** subject to members discussion.

3.7 **Projects recommended for Approval; - 1Nr application is recommended for approval this month:**

3.7.1	Reference	DEA	Bus Shelter Location
	2016-009	Torrent	St. John's Kingsisland Primary School
3.8	Projects recommended for rejection; - 0Nr application is recommended for rejection this month:		
3.9	Projects noted below are recommended for withdrawal – 1Nr application is being recommended for withdrawal:		
3.9.1	Reference	DEA	Bus Shelter Location
	2022-008	Torrent	Annaghmore Road, Cookstown
3.10	Shelters passed to Property Services for installation: An audit review of existing bus shelter applications is currently being undertaken by Officer to progress, close or withdraw outstanding applications. Members to Note the following shelters as listed below have obtained the necessary approvals but are still awaiting legal owner consent before being sent to Property Services for installation.		
3.10.1	Bus Shelter Reference and Location	DEA	Notes
	Ref. 2021-003 Reenaderry Road, Coalisland	Torrent	Subject to Landowner agreement.
3.10.2	Ref. 2021-002 Coagh Road, Stewartstown	Torrent	Landowner confirmation requested to progress or withdraw application.
3.10.3	Ref. 2019-008 Eglish View, Ballinderry	Torrent	Subject to DFI Roads/Landowner approval
3.10.4	Ref. 2020-006 St Colmans Park, Moortown	Torrent	Final stages of Legal approval from NIHE.
3.10.5	Ref. 2019-002 Derryvale, Coalisland	Torrent	DFI approved updated location – to go out for Nearest Neighbour.
3.10.6	Ref. 2016-017 Inishrush Village	Moyola	Subject to Landowner approval.
3.10.7	Ref. 2023-006 Lineside, Coalisland	Torrent	Subject to Landowner approval.
	Members to Note the following Bus shelters as listed below have obtained the necessary approvals and been passed over to Property Services for installation and these are currently being programmed for installation within their current workload. Members seeking information on installation dates etc should direct their queries to Property Services .		
3.10.8	Reference	DEA	Bus Shelter Location
	2022-009	Clogher Valley	Station Road (Primrose Hill), Clogher
3.10.9	2023-012	Torrent	Fr Peter Campbell Park, Annagher Road, Coalisland
3.10.10	2023-015	Clogher Valley	Knockmany Road, Augher

3.11	<p>Progress update on stages 10-11 – 2nr shelter installed since date of last meeting.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="284 293 1455 405"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="284 293 483 331">Reference</th> <th data-bbox="488 293 730 331">DEA</th> <th data-bbox="735 293 1455 331">Bus Shelter Location</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="284 331 483 369">2023-013</td> <td data-bbox="488 331 730 369">Dungannon</td> <td data-bbox="735 331 1455 369">Moygashel Park, Dungannon</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="284 369 483 405">2020-002</td> <td data-bbox="488 369 730 405">Cookstown</td> <td data-bbox="735 369 1455 405">Church Street, Cookstown</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Reference	DEA	Bus Shelter Location	2023-013	Dungannon	Moygashel Park, Dungannon	2020-002	Cookstown	Church Street, Cookstown											
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3.12	<p>Progress on response times – Agreed response times within 30 days with statutory agencies.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="284 555 1385 981"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="284 555 703 667">Statutory Agencies</th> <th data-bbox="708 555 930 667">Number requests sent</th> <th data-bbox="935 555 1157 667">Reply <30 Days</th> <th data-bbox="1161 555 1385 667">Reply >30 Days</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="284 667 703 748">Translink</td> <td data-bbox="708 667 930 748">3</td> <td data-bbox="935 667 1157 748">3</td> <td data-bbox="1161 667 1385 748">0</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="284 748 703 828">Education Authority</td> <td data-bbox="708 748 930 828">3</td> <td data-bbox="935 748 1157 828">3</td> <td data-bbox="1161 748 1385 828">0</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="284 828 703 909">DfI Roads</td> <td data-bbox="708 828 930 909">4</td> <td data-bbox="935 828 1157 909">4</td> <td data-bbox="1161 828 1385 909">0</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="284 909 703 981">NIHE</td> <td data-bbox="708 909 930 981">0</td> <td data-bbox="935 909 1157 981">0</td> <td data-bbox="1161 909 1385 981">0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Interagency Meeting: Statutory update meeting to be held 18 April 2024, with DFI Roads, EA, NIHE, and Translink to discuss new Bus shelter locations, response times and any issues.</p>	Statutory Agencies	Number requests sent	Reply <30 Days	Reply >30 Days	Translink	3	3	0	Education Authority	3	3	0	DfI Roads	4	4	0	NIHE	0	0	0
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4.0	<p>Other Considerations</p>																				
4.1	<p>Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications</p> <p>Financial: Within budget for Technical Services and Property services to action provision / installation costs within their budget.</p> <p>Human: N/A</p> <p>Risk Management: Non-delivery will have adverse impact of users of public transport.</p>																				
4.2	<p>Screening & Impact Assessments</p> <p>Equality & Good Relations Implications: N/A</p> <p>Rural Needs Implications: N/A</p>																				

5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Members to note the content of the report on the progress made on bus shelters within the district.
5.2	Bus shelter application listed under 3.4 is recommended for approval and to move from stage 5:
5.2.1	1Nr - 3.4.1
5.3	Bus shelter application listed under 3.7 is recommended for approval to installation this month:
5.3.1	1Nr - 3.7.1
5.4	Bus shelter application listed under 3.9 is recommended for withdrawal this month:
5.4.1	1Nr - 3.9.1
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix 1 – March 2021 - Procedural guide
6.2	Appendix 2 – Progress table with comments
6.3	Appendix 3 – Progress Table Summary

Procedural Guide on the Provision of Bus Shelters



1.0 Bus Shelters – Mid Ulster District Council

Council is empowered under the Local Government Miscellaneous Provisions (NI) Order 1985, with the consent of the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) to erect and maintain on any road within the district of the council, shelters for the protection from the weather or persons waiting to enter public service vehicles. Bus shelters are erected following local representations. They are provided, particularly for those who have to use public services who may have to stand out in the inclement weather.

1.1 PROCEDURAL STATEMENT

Council will erect a bus shelter where there is shown to be a need, providing the location does not present a safety or nuisance problem and adequate funding is available. Relocation of bus shelters should only take place as a result of either road alignment or the bus companies relocating their bus stops. All other cases of relocation should be resisted as long as there is an identified need for the shelter. Any relocation as a result of retail business / property owner request will only be considered if an alternative suitable location (distance restrictions will be considered) can be accommodated AND the retail business / property owner covers all associated costs for relocated shelter.

If there is any reported anti-social behaviour over a 12 month period at the location of a new/existing shelter the shelter location will be reviewed by Council with an option to remove the shelter and make good the existing surfaces.

1.2 CRITERIA FOR THE ERECTION OF A BUS SHELTER

1. Usage must be a minimum of 6 passengers over a period of a day and applications will be considered on a first come, first served basis, with Translink NI / Education Authority confirming this information. Less than 6 passengers will only be considered by a Council/DEA approval process.
2. The location must be at a recognised bus stop.
3. Following validation, the Council will canvass, by post, all property addresses within 50m frontage to the bus stop (25m either side) on the erection of the shelter, including the type of shelter.
4. At least 51% of the addresses surveyed must have no objections to the shelter.

NOTE - for the purposes of assessment where 51% (rounded to the nearest whole number) of property addresses that respond indicate that they are not in favour of the erection of a shelter, then the results of the survey will be forwarded to the Environment Committee for information confirming that the shelter will not be approved or erected.)

Appendix 1

5. There should be no Department for Infrastructure Roads objections on traffic grounds.
6. There must be sufficient budgetary provision available to provide the bus shelter.
7. All Survey results that do not meet the essential criteria to be reported to Council for consideration.
8. Once refused a request may not be considered for a further 12 month period from the original decision by Council.
9. Form TS/BSRF/01 to be completed and signed off by Head of Service.
10. Bus Shelter request to be approved by Environment Committee.

1.3 DESIGN OF BUS SHELTER

The Council endeavour to provide good quality, comfortable bus shelters purchased through the Procurement Department. Where appropriate they will endeavour to have bus shelters erected free of charge, other than services by Adshel.

1. All shelters within 30mph speed limits will have shelter in accordance with **Example A**, (as below).
2. All shelters outside 30mph speed limits will have shelter in accordance with **Example B**, (as below).

Council will consider in conservation areas the erection of shelters above this standard, but the cost of such shelters excluding erection and servicing costs shall not exceed £3000.00.



Example A, within
30mph speed limits,
Glazed shelter.



Example B, outside
30mph speed limits,
painted metal shelter.

1.4 REPLACEMENT OF BUS SHELTERS

Any defective shelters that require replacement as part of their life span to be replaced using location criteria and shelter design Examples A or B as noted above as part of the maintenance of the Council Estate .

1.5 PROVISION OF BUS SHELTERS – PROCESS

Stage 1: Send application form to person requesting Erection of Shelter.

Stage 2: Acknowledge receipt of request (in writing) – standard letter sent.

Stage 3: Carry out preliminary visit to investigate suitability of site.

Stage 4: Contact Translink / SELB / Private approved Coach Companies to confirm viability of erecting bus shelter i.e. recognised "Bus Stop", number and age of children, bus routes etc. 1st organisation to respond with numbers meeting the criteria i.e. 6 or more then proceed to next stage.

Note – shelters only provided at locations where it is confirmed a minimum of six people await / board buses.

Organisational Name	Contact Name	Contact Number	

Stage 5: Report to Environment Committee to seek Council approval/instruction.

Stage 6: Identify landowner e.g. Housing Executive, local farmer, etc. and obtain their written consent for erection of bus shelter and consult with adjoining properties (contact local Councillor and arrange site meeting if necessary). Elected members to be notified by email when letters are to be issued to neighbours for information purposes.

Stage 7: Send letters (with location maps) for approval/comments to DfI (Roads) / Water Service, PSNI, BT and NIE (arrange follow-up site meetings if necessary).

Stage 8: Sign and return DFI (Roads), Article 66, Consent/Schedule at least six days prior to erection of bus shelter.

Stage 9: Erect bus shelter – Example A or Example B (see 1.3).

Stage 10: Send request to GIS officer to have new asset plotted, and add to shelter register which is to be forwarded to Procurement Department, for insurance cover. Information to include erection/ maintenance/ ownership/ risk assessments / inspection regime / legal agreements between Council and the relevant landowners.

Stage 11: Report back to Council.



Date

Our Ref: MUDC/TS/BS/

The Occupier

Address 1

Address 2

Postcode

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Application for Provision of Bus Shelter at [Enter Location]

Mid Ulster District Council have received an application to erect a bus shelter at the above location and as noted in attached map (see Appendix 1).

The Council's Procedural Guide on the Provision of Bus Shelters outlines that validated applications are subject to neighbour notification. Those who meet the following criteria are eligible to register their preference on this matter:

- All property addresses within 50m frontage to the bus stop (25m either side) on the erection of the shelter, including the type of shelter

Our records indicate that this address is within 50m criteria and therefore subject to neighbour notification.

If approved Council would install Bus Shelter type **[Enter Bus Shelter Example A or B]** as detailed in Appendix 2.

On completion of this survey Council will provide a determination on this request on the basis of the majority preference as submitted. For approval to be considered, at least 51% (majority) of respondents must be in favour of the proposal.

Please read carefully the statements on the survey form attached. Tick your preferred option in the appropriate box, print your name and address and sign the document. The completed survey form(s) should be returned to this office by either:

- a. returning in Self Addressed Envelope provided, or
- b. emailing to Technicalservices@midulstercouncil.org

Forms received after **[Enter Day and Date]** will not be considered.

Thank you for your time completing this survey.

If you have any queries on the above, please contact (Officer Name) in the Cookstown Office by email at (,,,,,,,) or by telephone on 03000 132 132 Ext: 24400.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Raymond Lowry', enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Raymond Lowry
Head of Technical Services

Encs.

Cc DEA Councillors



PROVISION OF BUS SHELTER – SURVEY FORM

1. **I HAVE NO OBJECTIONS** to have a Bus Shelter erected at **[Enter Location]**

2. **I DO NOT WISH** to have a Bus Shelter erected at **[Enter Location]**

If you have ticked this box please give reason for objection

Reason for Objection:

Name: _____
(CAPITALS)

Address: _____

Signature: _____

The Results of this survey will be available to view on the MUDC website www.midulstercouncil.org under Council Meetings but should you wish to receive written correspondence detailing the outcome of the survey please tick this box.

Data Protection

In accordance with Data Protection Legislation, Mid Ulster District Council has a duty to protect any data we hold. The information you provide on this survey form will be used for the purposes of processing your survey and will not be shared to any third party unless law or regulation compels such a disclosure. Information will be retained in accordance with the Council's Retention and Disposal Policy.

Appendix 1

[Insert Map of proposed Bus Shelter location]

Appendix 2

BUS SHELTER TYPE

See below Example A - within 30mph speed limits, glazed shelter.



See below Example B - outside 30mph speed limits, painted metal shelter.



Table 1 – Applications awaiting formal application to be submitted (4 NR)				
No	Location	Stage	Status / Comment	Progress status
1	Royal School, Dungannon 2024-001	1	Awaiting completed application form	Private applicant.
2	Annaghmore Road, Clonoe 2021-001	1	Awaiting completed application form	
3	Ardboe Hall 2024-004	1	Awaiting completed application form	Site visit carried out 22.03.24. Translink pickup 25Nr passengers.
4	Fintona Road, Clogher 2024-005	1	Awaiting completed application form	
Table 2 – New applications received since last Committee (0 NR)				
Table 3 – STAGES 2-4 (3 NR)				
1	Cloverhill, Moy 2021-004	3	Signed Application received	17.11.23 - Anne contacted applicant for decision on progressing application or withdrawing. To be discussed further.
2	The Mills, Coalisland 2021-007	4	Signed Application received	DFI Roads visit 29/08/23, issue with current housing development entrance. Sightlines to be adjusted before shelter could be considered.
3	Millview Manor, Coalisland Road 2024-002	3	Signed Application received	Site visit carried out. Awaiting return of passenger numbers from Translink and EA.
Table 4 – STAGES 5-8 (16 NR)				
No	Location	Stage	Status / Comment	Progress status
1	Tullyhogue Village 2016-021	6	Residents declined original location as will promote anti-social behaviour. Limited options for alternative sites that suit bus pick-ups.	No suitable site currently available within the village - 07.12.23 - Anne messaged applicant. Application to be revisited. 09.02.24 - site visit carried out, few possible locations identified. Carry out NNN. Objection received. Engaging external stakeholders.
2	Magheracastle Road / Mountjoy Road, Brocagh 2016-003	7	Pending withdrawal notification from applicant as proposed site on wrong side of the road for pick-up	08.12.23 - Anne messaged applicant. Application to be progressed. Translink confirmed 8Nr passengers. Site visit took place 12.03.24, possibility of bus shelter directly opposite entrance to Magheracastle Avenue but would require permission of landowner. Applicant engaging with landowner.
3	Goland Road/ Armaghughy Road, Ballygawley - 2016-015	6	Site and user numbers confirmed	Anne messaged applicant in January to determine progress of the application - awaiting direction. EA - 5-6 Nr passengers.
4	Churchtown Road, Lissan 2022-005	7	Additional Shelter Request.	08.12.23 - Anne messaged applicant - application to be progressed. Confirmed 10 nr passengers. Residents living in house No.5 confirmed verbally on 20/02/24 they approve of bus shelter going along fence but expressed concern about blocking of light entering their kitchen. To discuss with Property Services if one large bespoke bus shelter could be installed instead of two bus shelters side-by-side.
5	Moore Street, Aughnacloy 2023-004	6	Signed Application received	Site visit 09/06/2023, user numbers requested, response, EA 20nr users. Re location following Sept Env committee meeting. Objection received to new location outside No.91. Alternative location identified, to go out to Nearest Neighbour - April 24.
6	Lineside, Coalisland 2023-006	7	Signed Application received	User numbers confirmed from Translink/EA- 20nr passengers. DFI site visit 03/10/23, approved location. No objections nearest neighbour received. Agreement to be signed between Council and owner for Cantilever (200mm sides) bus shelter feet and back to go behind green fence. Gone to Director for approval before sending onto Capital Planning team for actioning.
7	Pomeroy Road, Donaghmore 2023-011	6	Signed Application received	Site meeting arranged with applicant for 29/09/2023. Translink do not use this stop, EA confirmed 27nr passengers. Gone out for nearest neighbour notifications. Objection received. Applicants engaging with objector.
8	Findermore Road, Clogher 2023-014	6	Signed Application received.	Site meeting arranged with applicant for 02/10/2023. 12nr passengers confirmed Translink. 07/11/23 and 14/11/23 - met with DFI onsite and Councillors (14/11/23) to discuss layby and widening of. Topographical survey to be carried out to understand viability of proposal. Sketch of widening of layby to be done and sent to Translink and DFI for discussion / approval.
9	Crew Road, Maghera 2023-018	7	Awaiting application form to be submitted.	25nr passengers confirmed EA. Put forward to January's Committee to move from Stage 5. Going out for Nearest Neighbour - due 16th Feb. Objection received owing to planning permission so new location identified following site visit with applicant and DFI Roads. Applicant engaging with residents.
10	Hillhead Road, Castledawson 2023-017	6	Application received.	07.11.23 - site meeting took place to look at location. 12nr passengers confirmed Translink. To be discussed with DFI and Translink. Further site visit 11th January. All possibilities discussed. Current pick-up location would require footpath linkage to bus shelter. Discussions underway with DFI Roads. Nearest neighbour not impacted.
11	Reenaderry Road, Reenaderry 2021-003	6	Final Landowner agreement - Anne following up.	Anne spoke with Landowner Falls' Shop and Pub site who wasn't consulted until NNN was carried out. Not in agreement on his land - required on opposite side of the road. Parents currently use car park of shop / bar to wait with children until bus arrives and Landowner has no problem with this. Translink - 20nr passengers. Applicant engaging with landowner.
12	St Colmans Park, Moortown 2020-006	7	Awaiting legal Consent - NIHE	NIHE / Council Legal Departments engaging to move forward.
13	Derryvale, Coalisland 2019-002	6	Awaiting landowner Consent	Update required on application legals. Anne revisited site on 27.03.24 with DFI Roads and a glazed cantilever bus shelter has been approved at Designated Bus Stop. To go out to Nearest Neighbour for updated location - April 24.
14	Innishrush Village 2016-017	6	Awaiting landowner Consent - NIHE	Anne following up with Landowners.
15	Derryfubble Road, Benburb 2022-004	6	NIHE Site. Requires Legal agreement	Site visit held with DFI Roads. Valuation from NIHE received for MUDC approval. 40nr Passengers. Going out for nearest neighbour notifications.
16	Lavey Chapel Car Park, Gulladuff 2024-003	5	Signed Application received	Removal of 2 old bus shelters and replaced with a new bus shelter. Site visit carried out 26.03.24. Translink confirmed 10+ passengers picked up at this stop.
Table 5 – STAGE 9 (6 NR)				
No	Location	Stage	Status / Comment	Progress status

1	Coagh Road, Stewartstown 2021-002	9	Landowner has declined to offer land for Bus shelter. Final confirmation required.	Awaiting confirmation from landowner. Anne following up with applicant to determine if application is to be withdrawn.
2	Eglis View, Ballinderry 2019-008	9	Application pending DFI Roads/Landowner meeting	Update required from DFI on status of application.
3	Kingsisland Primary School 2016-009	9	All confirmed	A Planning application lodged to extend the school - On hold subject to Planning decision. Anne met with applicant to discuss. DFI Roads approval not required as on private property. Approval from Landowner has been granted. 8Nr passengers. No objections received to Nearest Neighbour. Recommend approval for installation - April 24.
4	Annagher Road, Coalisland 2023-012	9	All confirmed	With Property Services for Installation.
5	Knockmany Road, Augher 2023-015	9	All confirmed	With Property Services for Installation.
6	Primrose Hill, Clogher 2022-009	9	All confirmed	With Property Services for Installation.

Table 6 – Stage 10-11 - Bus Shelters Installed (6 NR)

No	Location	Stage	Status / Comment	Progress status
1	William Street/Beatrice Villas, Bellaghy 2022-001	10	None	Installed
2	Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt 2022-006	10	All confirmed	Installed
3	Dungannon Road, Cabragh 2023-005	10	All confirmed	Installed
4	Moydamlight Road, Draperstown 2023-001	10	All confirmed	Installed
5	Moygashel Park, Dungannon 2023-013	10	All confirmed	Installed March 2024.
6	Church Street, Cookstown 2020-002	10	All confirmed	Installed March 2024.

Table 7 – Applications to be Withdrawn/ Reviewed (11 NR)

No	Location	Stage	Status / Comment	Progress status
1	Mourne Avenue, Coalisland 2023-010	6	Signed Application received	Site meeting held with applicant on site 13/09/2023. 2nr confirmed from Translink. DFI approved location. Gone out for nearest neighbour notifications - 8 objections received.
2	Platers Hill, Church View, Coalisland 2023-007	6	Application received	Meeting held on site with applicant 13/09/2023. 6nr passengers confirmed from Translink. DFI have approved location 03/10/2023. Gone out for nearest neighbour notifications, 2 replies / 2 objections received. Withdraw.
3	Brough Road, Castledawson 2018-001	4	Signed Application received	Translink 20 nr passengers, EA do not use this route. Bus route has changed since first proposal. Request to withdraw this application as new location identified.
4	Mourne Crescent, Coalisland 2023-008	7	Application received	Meeting held on site with applicant on site 13/09/2023. 6nr passengers confirmed from Translink. DFI approved location 03/10/2023. Gone out for nearest neighbour notifications, 1 objection / 1 no objection received. Reject - no nearest neighbour in favour.
5	Newtownkelly, Coalisland 2023-016	5	Signed Application received	Site meeting took place 03/11/2023. Translink confirmed 20+nr passengers, EA do not use route. Request to progress to Stage 5. DFI did not approve owing to lack of footpath and room for bus shelter and objections raised from NNN.
6	Glendavagh Road, Crilly, Aughnacloy - 2016-013	6	Completed Application form received	Awaiting confirmation from applicant to see if proposed shelter is still required in this location. Reminder to be sent. 07.12.23 - Upon follow-up Cllr Burton approved to withdraw application.
7	Tirkane Road, Maghera 2016-019	3	Signed Application received	Site visit held, site identified for shelter. Translink do not use this stop. Awaiting EA response - tbc if bus shelter still required. Ring original applicant to see if still required. 07.12.23 - Anne spoke with Gabhan (original applicant) and he is speaking with Cllr McGuigan - to confirm. 13.12.23 - Cllr McGuigan confirmed to withdraw application.
8	Kinrush Road/Battery Road Junction, Moortown 2016-008	6	Original site limited space, alternative site to be confirmed	Original location deemed not acceptable although alternative location has now been identified and progress to install shelter to programmed. 07.12.23 - Anne followed up with Ronan McGinley. 13.12.23 - Cllr McAleer confirmed to withdraw application.
9	Cullion Road, Desertmartin 2022-011	6	Signed Application received	User numbers requested from Translink and EA. Confirmed 6nr passengers from Translink. 07.12.23 - Anne rang Fiona - applicant to see if shelter still required. 13.12.23 - site visit required. Passed Dec.22 to move from stage 5. Anne did a further check on passenger numbers and only 4 currently picking up - move application for rejection.
10	Altglushan / Reclaim Road, Galbally 2023-009	6	Signed Application received	Site meeting arranged with applicant 30/09/2023. Translink do not use this stop, EA confirmed 8nr passengers. Gone out for nearest neighbour notifications. No response. Further site visit from DFI - not viable - recommended for rejection.
11	Annaghmore Road, Cookstown 2022-008	8	Signed Application Form	Site meeting held 21/09/2022. Confirmed 12 nr passenger numbers. 08.12.23 - Bus shelter proposed is on opposite side of road from direction of travel. Site visit took place 12.03.24 - DFI approved bus shelter at foot of lane way - to be 3m from roadside edge. Shared laneway has one objector. Applicant happy to withdraw application.

Appendix 3 – Progress Table Summary, April 2024

TABLE	DESCRIPTION	NUMBERS
Table 1.	Applications awaiting formal application to be submitted	4Nr
Table 2.	New applications received from Last Committee Meeting	1Nr
Table 3.	Stages 2-4, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stage 2, Acknowledge receipt of request • Stage 3, Site Visit • Stage 4, Contact Translink/EA for user numbers 	3Nr
Table 4.	Stages 5-8, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stage 5, Report to Committee for approval • Stage 6, Identify landowner and Nearest Neighbour issued • Stage 7, Send letters for approval to DFI etc • Stage 8, Article 66 to be issued to DFI Roads 	16Nr
Table 5.	Stage 9, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awaiting Installation of Bus Shelter 	6Nr
Table 6.	Stages 10/11, Installed shelters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stage10, Send to GIS officer • Stage 11, Report to Council 	6Nr

Report on	Sustainability Strategy and Climate Action Plan
Date of Meeting	16th April 2024
Reporting Officer	Mark McAdoo, Assistant Director: Environmental Services
Contact Officer	Karl McGowan, Waste & Sustainable Development Manager

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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To seek approval for a Sustainability Strategy and Climate Action Plan for the period 2024 to 2028.
2.0	Background
2.1	<p>The Climate Change Act (N Ireland) 2022 received Royal Assent in June 2022. It sets emissions reduction targets that Northern Ireland must comply with legally, including achieving Net Zero by 2050. Other key requirements of the Act include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The setting of 2030 and 2040 emissions reduction targets; • Producing five-year Climate Action Plans to set out the policies and proposals that Northern Ireland departments will implement to meet a carbon budget; • Establishing a Just Transition Commission for Northern Ireland and an office for a Northern Ireland Climate Commissioner; • Implementing a system of reporting against targets and carbon budgets and setting regulations with regard to Climate Change reporting duties.
2.2	<p>The Council currently has a Corporate Improvement Objective (CIP1) that “<i>seeks to reduce the environmental impacts of our own activities and contribute to the improvement of the wider environment through local action</i>”. Up until this point, CIP1 has been the only mechanism used to capture and report the sustainability and climate change related activities carried out by the Council. CIP1 has been in place since 2020/21 with the Assistant Director: Environmental Services as SRO, and has expanded to now include some 27 actions for 2023/24 being delivered across various departments (progress on which is reported on a quarterly basis).</p>
2.3	<p>Some examples of activities already completed under CIP1 include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planted over 33,000 trees at three closed landfill sites offsetting about 4,000 tonnes CO2 emissions

2.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achieved a recycling rate of almost 60% saving at least 35,000 tonnes CO2 emissions. • Secured 100% registration of local schools on the Eco Schools Programme with over two thirds achieving Green Flag Award • Introduced more electric-powered vans into the Council fleet • Coordinated and facilitated several climate awareness events including On the Road to Net Zero information/networking session as part of the Mid Ulster Enterprise Week • Successfully gained funding from Innovate UK Fast Followers Scheme as a partner Council in the Driving Net Zero Transformation in Mid-South West Region Project. • Supported the development of a Mid Ulster collaborative decarbonisation cluster, involving four leading local companies, facilitated by the Centre for Competitiveness. <p>Within the Climate Change Bill there is provision for DAERA to impose specified climate change reporting duties on public bodies. This will require Council to prepare reports including a statement of the authority’s proposals and policies for adapting to, or mitigating the effects of, climate change in the exercise of its functions and an assessment of the progress of the authority towards implementing these proposals and policies. It is therefore planned that the Council will meet these requirements through the delivery of a Sustainability Strategy and Climate Action Plan and associated performance reporting framework.</p>
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>Last year Council engaged Sustainable Northern Ireland (SNI) to assist with the development of a Sustainability Strategy and Climate Change Action Plan including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • advising on establishing baseline carbon emissions for the Council • assisting with responding to consultations on the Climate Change Reporting Requirements and Interim 2030 & 2040 Emission Reduction Targets and related Carbon Budgets for Northern Ireland • obtaining cross departmental engagement through facilitation of workshops
3.2	<p>The outputs from the cross departmental workshops were developed into a draft Sustainability Strategy & Climate Action Plan for 2024 to 2028 (to align with the period of the Corporate Plan). This draft plan was presented to the Council’s Climate Change Working Group on 14th December 2023. In the three months since a series of further internal consultations have been held with the various departments to refine and finalised the proposed actions detailed in the plan.</p>
3.3	<p>This latest version of the Sustainability Strategy & Climate Change Action Plan is attached as an appendix for members’ consideration. Subject to approval, a twelve week public consultation will be required to be undertaken on the plan.</p>
3.4	<p>The stated vision in the plan is <i>"Leading our community to create a sustainable and resilient future where environmentally friendly practices and collective efforts ensure a thriving rural community for generations to come."</i> and the Council is committed to achieving this by 2050 through the following goals:</p>

- Reducing the Council's operational emissions to Net Zero with an interim target of a 20% reduction by 2028
- Leading the way to a Net Zero District and supporting the local community in its journey to Net Zero
- Council staff and members becoming climate and sustainability literate
- Planning and developing sustainable and resilient assets
- Replacing the Council's vehicles and heating systems with zero / low-emissions versions

3.5 The Council's ambition for net zero will be to reduce emissions by mitigation first. To support this, after establishing a baseline of Scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions, we will aim for at least a 90% reduction in operational and supply chain emissions by 2050 (the remaining 10% of residual emissions must be neutralised / off-set by the same year) with an interim target of a 20% reduction in emissions by 2028.

3.6 The Sustainability Strategy and Climate Change Action Plan includes:

- The calculated baseline carbon footprint for Mid Ulster District Council.
- A breakdown of these emissions by Council operations and wider Mid Ulster District emissions by sector.
- 42 proposed actions across 5 key action areas and each Directorate.

3.7 The 5 key action areas are as listed below:

- Community Leadership
- Resource Efficiency
- Sustainable Transport
- Natural Environment
- Green Growth

3.8 Some examples of the 42 actions detailed within the 5 key action areas are:

- Form a cross-departmental team to deliver the Sustainability & Climate Action Plan and to disseminate information throughout the Council
- Provide / promote climate awareness sessions/training for staff / Councillors / community groups
- Promote and increase educational initiatives on sustainability, resource efficiency, biodiversity and sustainable food production among Council staff and the local community
- Provide support to businesses to begin their journey to net zero
- Develop a Carbon Management Plan, setting new ambitious annual reduction targets for energy consumption and improving the energy performance of council facilities
- Commit to the sustainable consumption of resources across the Council estate
- Develop infrastructure to support the replacement of the Council's fleet with alternative fuel vehicles (HVO initially) and the use of electric vehicles

3.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and implement the Council's Biodiversity Action Plan to protect our biodiversity. • Protect and enhance open spaces / parks to increase biodiversity, tree coverage and area of wetlands, allotments, community gardens, community orchards. • Introduce a sustainability screening tool for all capital projects to promote the highest standards of energy performance and encourage the use of sustainable building methods in Council new builds / renovations. • Identify opportunities for the installation of renewable energy where possible across the Council estate. <p>The responsible Directorates will continually monitor the progress of their respective actions within the Sustainability Strategy and Climate Action Plan. This monitoring will be reported biannually to the Climate Change Working Group.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<p>Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications</p> <p>Financial:</p> <p>The Sustainability Strategy and Climate Action Plan does not provide costings for each individual action as this is not possible without further specific assessments and studies in relation to areas such as building condition, energy efficiency, land use and renewable energy projects. However it is anticipated that the cost for delivering some of the actions e.g. alternative HVO fuel trial, will be met from the Climate Change/Transformation allocation within the Council Capital Programme.</p>
	<p>Human:</p> <p>The Council does not currently have a full-time dedicated staffing resource for Climate Change & Sustainability delivery or related functions e.g. Energy Officer. These responsibilities currently form part of other officer roles which, whilst workable up until now, will not be adequate if the ambitions in the Sustainability Strategy and Climate Action Plan are to be achieved over the next four years.</p> <p>Risk Management:</p> <p>Not having a Sustainability Strategy & Climate Change Action Plan in place will mean the Council will fail to comply with the current statutory Sustainable Development Duty as well as the forthcoming Climate Change Regulations.</p>

4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: None
	Rural Needs Implications: None
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Members are asked to approve the Sustainability Strategy & Climate Action Plan, and agree to undertake a twelve week consultation exercise on the document.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Sustainability Strategy & Climate Action Plan



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Foreword

It is with great pleasure and a profound sense of responsibility that I present to you the Mid Ulster Sustainability Strategy and Climate Action Plan. As Chair of Mid Ulster District Council, I am honoured to lead our community in addressing one of the most critical challenges of our time – climate change.

Climate change is no longer a distant threat but a reality that affects us all. We have witnessed increasingly frequent and severe weather events, rising temperatures, and changing patterns of rainfall, which have a profound impact on our environment, economy, and overall quality of life. In the face of these challenges, we are compelled to take bold, coordinated, and sustainable action.

The development of the Mid Ulster Sustainability Strategy and Climate Action Plan has been a collaborative effort demonstrating our commitment and recognition of the urgent need to protect our environment and ensure a sustainable future for generations to come. This plan represents a roadmap towards a more resilient, low-carbon, and sustainable future for our district. It outlines a comprehensive strategy that encompasses mitigation and adaptation measures, setting ambitious goals for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and enhancing our capacity to withstand the effects of climate change.

The Mid Ulster Climate Action Plan focuses on 5 Action Areas:

- Community Leadership
- Resource Efficiency
- Sustainable Transport
- Natural Environment
- Green Growth

The success of the Mid Ulster Sustainability Strategy and Climate Action Plan hinges on the active participation and collaboration of all stakeholders. It is a collective endeavour that requires the dedication of each and every resident, business, and organisation. Together, we can make a significant impact, not only for our community but also for the greater global effort to combat climate change.

Cllr Domonic Molloy

Chair of Mid Ulster District Council

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1. Executive Summary

Developing a 1.5°C compatible climate and energy action plan is a vital step for Mid Ulster District Council to respond to the current crises. The council has worked to form a fair strategy to identify and address its biggest sources of emissions and climate risks. The next few years are critical, and we must act now – keeping global temperatures within safe levels requires a commitment to start reducing emissions and aiming at climate neutrality. The good news is that we now have access to a wealth of knowledge, tools, and other resources to help do this, as well as the insights and experience of other local authorities, which have already published and are implementing 1.5°C climate action plans.

This document sets out Mid Ulster District Council’s Climate and Sustainability Action Plan from 2024 – 2028 and our commitment to establish a coordinated approach to achieving specified outcomes that consider sustainability and climate-related issues and their solutions through key decision-making. Mid Ulster District Council wants to be an example of leadership through the ambition to achieve net zero by 2050 with an interim target of achieving a 20% reduction in our carbon emissions by 2028.

To achieve net zero, following the Science-Based Targets initiative (SBTi) recommendations¹, we will have to reduce our total emissions in 2050 by at least 90% relative to our baseline year, 2019-2020. We must set the pathway to reducing our emissions as much as possible, and only then, offset any residual emissions remaining. The first stage of this Climate Change & Sustainable Development Strategy & Action Plan has involved the collection of energy data for establishing a baseline for carbon emissions at the operational level. The baseline year chosen was 2019 – 2020, as 2020 – 2021 would have been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our Carbon Footprint	2019-2020
Operational Emissions	6,013.15 tCO₂e

The principles to develop this strategy follow the carbon management hierarchy (see image overleaf) that sets the foundation for a simple and effective framework for our council to use in order to meet emission targets set for 2028 and 2050.

Mid Ulster District Council is putting the resources in place to achieve success with meeting this goal. The Council recently went through a restructuring that brings sustainability, climate action, energy, waste management and biodiversity all together within the Environment Directorate for the first time. There are now two Officers with Sustainability as part of their roles and the Council has also allocated £500,000 per year over the next 4 years for climate action and transformation in the Capital Programme up to March 2028. The Council will continue to lobby central government and leverage all available external funding to enable the Council to fully deliver on its commitments in relation to Sustainability and Climate Change.

Carbon Management Hierarchy



2. Our Vision

"Leading our community to create a sustainable and resilient future where environmentally friendly practices and collective efforts ensure a thriving rural community for generations to come."

3. Key Targets

We are committed to achieving that by 2050 through the following goals:

- Reducing the Council's operational emissions to Net Zero with an interim target of a 20% reduction by 2028
- Leading the way to a Net Zero District and supporting the local community in its journey to Net Zero
- Council staff and members becoming climate and sustainability literate
- Planning and developing sustainable and resilient assets
- Replacing the Council's vehicles and heating systems with zero / low-emissions versions

The Council's ambition for net zero will be to reduce emissions by mitigation first. To support this, after establishing a baseline of Scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions, we will aim for at least a 90% reduction in operational and supply chain emissions by 2050, in line with SBTi requirements for net zero¹. The remaining 10% of residual emissions must be neutralised by the same year.

4. Regional Profile

Straddling two counties and stretching from Swatragh in the north to Fivemiletown in the south, the Mid Ulster District covers an area of 1714 km² and has a population of over 148,500. The District, which includes the Sperrin Mountains in the west and Lough Neagh in the east, presents a diverse landscape of rural and urban communities.



4.1 Key Statistics:

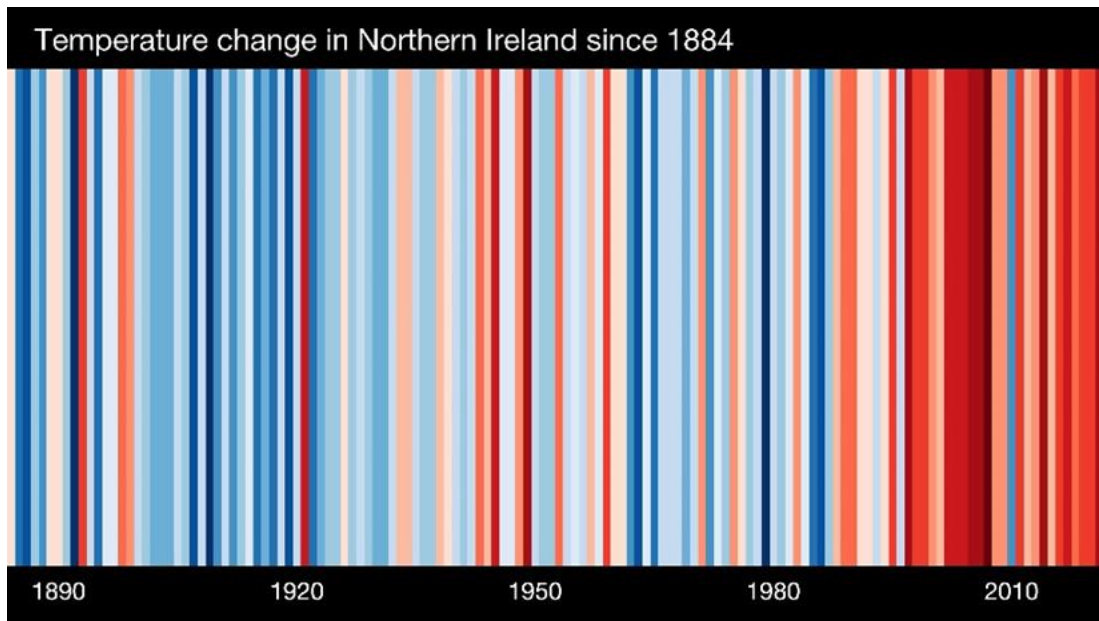
- We serve a population of 148,500.
- We cover an area of some 1714km².
- By population, Mid Ulster is the 6th largest of the 11 councils.
- Mid Ulster's population grew by 9.7% between 2009 and 2019, making the district the 3rd fastest growing of the 11 councils.
- Around 70% of our people live in rural areas, with the remaining residents in urban settings.
- We have the highest proportion of children (0 – 15 years) at 23.3% of our population.
- Out of the 11 Council areas, Mid Ulster has the lowest proportion of population aged 65+ at 14.5%.
- Our working age population (16 – 64) is 62.1%.
- Mid Ulster is a centre of manufacturing and engineering.
- Manufacturing, construction, retail and agri-food are among our most significant economic sectors, accounting for 25% of our employment.
- Mid Ulster has the highest concentration of VAT-registered businesses outside of Belfast.

These figures can be translated into more resource consumption and their associated greenhouse gas emissions, which is relevant for decision-makers when planning for climate mitigation and adaptation measures.

5. What is Climate Change?

5.1 Climate change refers to long-term alterations in the average weather patterns and conditions in a specific region or on a global scale. It encompasses various interconnected phenomena and impacts, primarily driven by human activities and natural factors. The primary components of climate change are:

- **Global Warming:** One of the most well-known aspects of climate change is the increase in Earth's average surface temperature. This is often referred to as global warming. It is primarily driven by the accumulation of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, such as carbon dioxide (CO₂), methane (CH₄), and nitrous oxide (N₂O). These gases trap heat from the sun, leading to a gradual warming of the planet. Most of this warming of the climate has occurred during the last 35 years². Indeed, 20 of the warmest years on record have occurred in the last 22 years, and the warmest four years have occurred in the last four years³. Since the late 19th century, average global temperatures have increased by approximately 1.0°C, with global warming likely to reach 1.5°C between 2030 and 2052 if temperatures continue to increase at current rates⁴.



- **Extreme Weather Events:** Climate change leads to an increase in the frequency and intensity of extreme weather events, including hurricanes, heatwaves, droughts, floods, and wildfires. These events can have devastating impacts on ecosystems, communities, and economies.
- **Melting Glaciers and Ice Sheets:** Rising temperatures contribute to the melting of glaciers and ice sheets in polar regions. This results in rising sea levels, which can lead to coastal flooding and the displacement of communities.
- **Ocean Acidification:** The absorption of excess atmospheric CO₂ by the world's oceans is causing ocean acidification. This has negative impacts on marine ecosystems, including coral reefs and shellfish.
- **Altered Precipitation Patterns:** Climate change can lead to shifts in precipitation patterns, causing changes in rainfall and snowfall, which can affect water resources, agriculture, and ecosystems.
- **Impacts on Biodiversity:** Rising temperatures and changing climate conditions can disrupt ecosystems and threaten biodiversity. Many plant and animal species may face extinction or habitat loss due to these changes.
- **Economic and Social Consequences:** Climate change poses significant economic and social challenges, affecting agriculture, public health, infrastructure, and food security. Vulnerable populations often suffer the most from these impacts.
- **Policy and Mitigation:** Addressing climate change involves implementing policies and strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This includes transitioning to renewable energy sources, improving energy efficiency, protecting forests, and adopting sustainable land-use practices.

It's important to note that while natural factors, such as volcanic eruptions and variations in solar radiation, can influence the climate, the current changes are primarily driven by human activities, particularly the burning of fossil fuels (coal, oil, and natural gas) and deforestation. The increased concentration of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere is causing the Earth's climate to change at an accelerated rate, with profound and wide-ranging consequences for our planet and future generations.

Mitigating climate change and adapting to its effects are essential to addressing this global challenge. The IPCC has warned that urgent action is needed to cut greenhouse gas emissions and limit warming to at least 2°C and preferably 1.5°C compared to pre-industrial values to avoid even more catastrophic impacts of climate change. Changing course to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees (°C) will require deep GHG emissions reductions in the near term. The advice from the CCC published in March 2023 recommends that targets consistent with the 2050 Net Zero target would be a 48% emissions reduction by 2030 and a 77% emissions reduction by 2040 against the baseline year of 1990. To achieve the CCC's updated Balanced Pathway for Northern Ireland it recommends as a minimum:

- Decarbonising electricity generation whilst meeting rising demand;
- New car/van sales to be zero-emissions in the first half of the 2030s;
- All new heating appliances to be zero-carbon by 2033, and by 2030 for properties off the gas grid, with a substantial improvement in the energy efficiency of buildings;
- A reduction in livestock numbers by almost a third and the widespread adoption of low-carbon farming practices; and
- Significant increase in peatland restoration and afforestation

5.2 Climate Change Impacts in Mid Ulster

Predicted climate changes for Mid Ulster District Council area, based on forecasts for Northern Ireland, consider an increase in annual temperatures, rise in precipitations, and potential evapotranspiration. Besides that, particular attention must be given to the consequences of inter-annual variability and climate extremes, such as increased wind speed and storm frequency.

Three named storms affected the area within the space of a week in February 2022, with severe flooding problems and the record of one of the highest gust speeds in Northern Ireland at Lough Fea. Temperatures in the UK exceeded 40°C for the first time on record in the Summer of 2022. Extreme weather events are predicted to become more frequent and intense in the future, with significant summer and winter temperature rises in the coming decades. This means that summer rain is likely to become less frequent but could be heavier, increasing the risk of flash flooding due to a lack of ground capacity for absorption, incorrect land use management, and the absence of adequate drainage infrastructure. Floods will likely become a staple of warming winters as well.



Flooding of the River Moyola at Castledawson GAC February 2022 - Storm Franklin



Driver rescued from the Moyola River near Draperstown during storm Agnes September 2023



Bridge on the Iniscarn Road near Draperstown partially collapsed



Spread of Blue-Green Algae at Ballyronan Marina in Summer 2023



Fire at Cookstown Household Waste Recycling Centre in May 2020 during prolonged dry weather



Gorse fire on the Glenshane Pass in June 2018



Flooding at the Linen Green in Moygashel in 2015



Ice on Lough Neagh at Ballyronan Marina

Extreme weather events might also increase the likelihood of river flooding, changes in plants and animals' distribution and fluctuations in the phenology (lifecycle timing) of native species and cultivated ones. The latter, combined with water stress for crops, pressure on water supply and negative impacts on water quality, will have extreme consequences on food shortage and availability of food supply and will also affect human health and wellbeing.

Impacts by sector:

Sector	Negative Impacts
Minerals and Other Natural Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elevated water tables and seasonality
Water Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower river flow in summer and turbulent flow after sudden heavy rainfall will impact water quality • More frequent intense precipitations exceeding the capacities of wastewater treatment plants, sewer systems and flood defences
Other Natural Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased frequency and intensity of winter precipitations will change river basins, increment flooding and affect land use and the stability of exposed slopes
Biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invasion of species replacing cold-adapted species • Increase eutrophication • Migrant species • Loss of species
Landscape and Cultural Heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Degradation of designated conservation sites
Construction and Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Costs for construction projects such as flood prevention schemes, drainage schemes, and water treatment plants for better quality of water discharge
Buildings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased rainfall and higher risk of flooding will damage buildings • Increased rainfall may interrupt outdoor construction work repeatedly, causing increasing costs • Some land can become unsuitable for development due to the risk of subsidence in the soil • Flooding can affect septic tanks

5.3 The Strategic Context and Legal Duties

- 2006 – NI (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2006, Section 25 – District Councils have a statutory duty to promote the achievement of sustainable development in the exercise of their functions
- 2008 – UK Climate Change Act (Amended 2019) – Sets legal targets for the UK to Achieve net zero emissions by 2050
- 2010 – NI Sustainable Development Strategy
- 2015 – Paris Climate Agreement of limiting global warming below 1.5 °C of pre-industrial levels
- 2015 – UN Sustainable Development Goals
- 2019 – UK Net Zero by 2050
- 2020 – NI Climate Emergency Declaration
- 2021 – Programme for Government Draft Outcomes Framework
- 2021 – Draft Green Growth Strategy for NI
- 2021 – Energy Strategy for NI - “The Path to Net Zero Energy”
- 2022 – Energy Strategy “The Path to Net Zero Energy” Action Plan
- 2022 – Climate Change (NI) Act
- 2022 – Draft Environment Strategy for NI
- 2023 – Circular Economy Strategy for NI (public consultation closed and not published yet)
- 2023 – Climate Change Reporting by Specified Public Bodies (under public consultation)
- 2024 – Mid Ulster District Council Sustainability Strategy & Climate Action Plan 2024 - 2028

6. Baseline Data

6.1 This Sustainability Strategy and Climate Action Plan set the principles for carbon accounting and reporting for Mid Ulster District Council. An emissions baseline was established to regularly report on categories within the three scopes of emissions established by the GHG Protocol⁵.

As part of the Council's Climate Action Plan, we are committed to measuring our carbon footprint as part of a Carbon Management Plan. This will provide a clear indication of the sources of our emissions and allow us to monitor the progress made in reducing our emissions over time. Typically, 96% of carbon emissions from local councils come from their supply chain, with only 2% coming from the council's own operations and another 2% from indirect emissions from purchased energy. Councils supply chains are responsible for over 10% of UK carbon emissions⁶.

By 2025 we will have established a substantial comprehension of our Scope 3 supply chain emissions and be able to set out a quantifiable target as part of the review of this strategy.

6.2 Emissions from Council Operations

We established 2019-2020 as our baseline year for the operational emissions of the council. The total Scope 1 & 2 Emissions for the 2019-20 year was 6,013.15 Tonnes CO_{2e} and a breakdown is shown in the chart below:

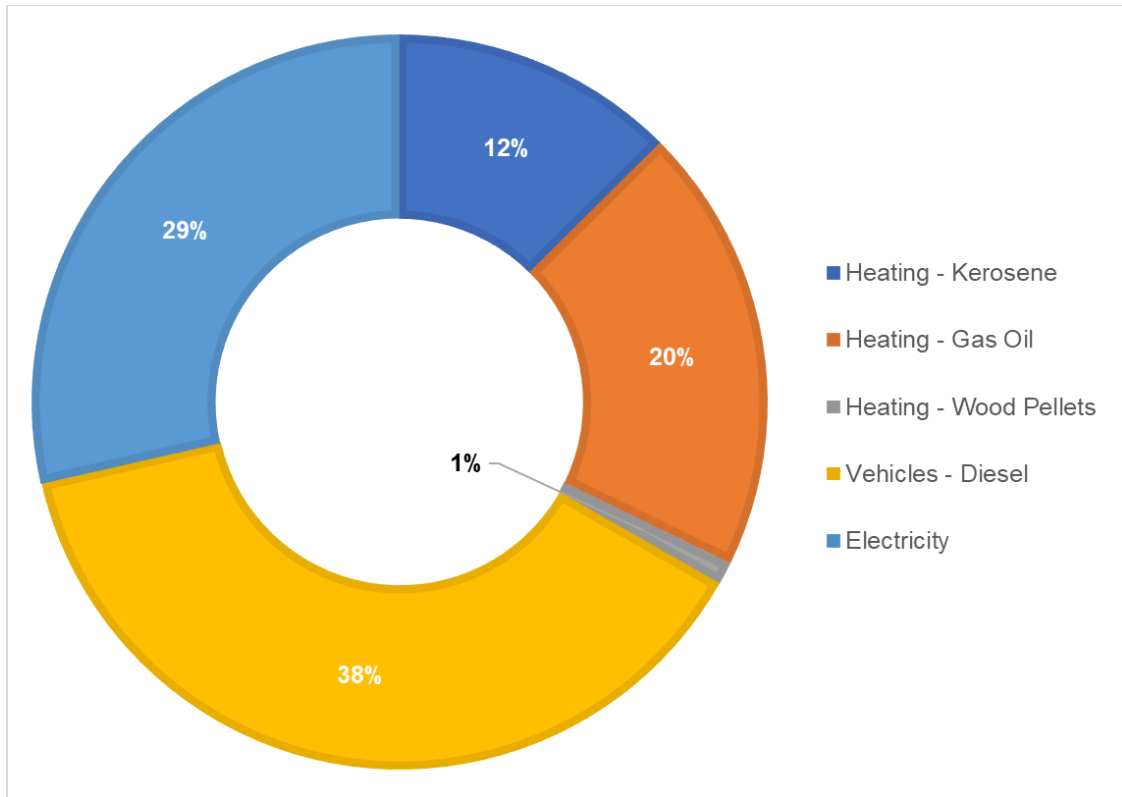


Figure 1 – Breakdown of Scope 1 & 2 Emissions in 2019-20

The largest source of emissions is vehicle fuel at 38% followed by heating fuel at 33% then electricity usage at 29%. The chart overleaf further breaks down the vehicle fuels used by the Council and where they were used. The largest use at 73% was for refuse collection vehicles. The Council used a total of 885,506 litres of diesel in 2019-20.

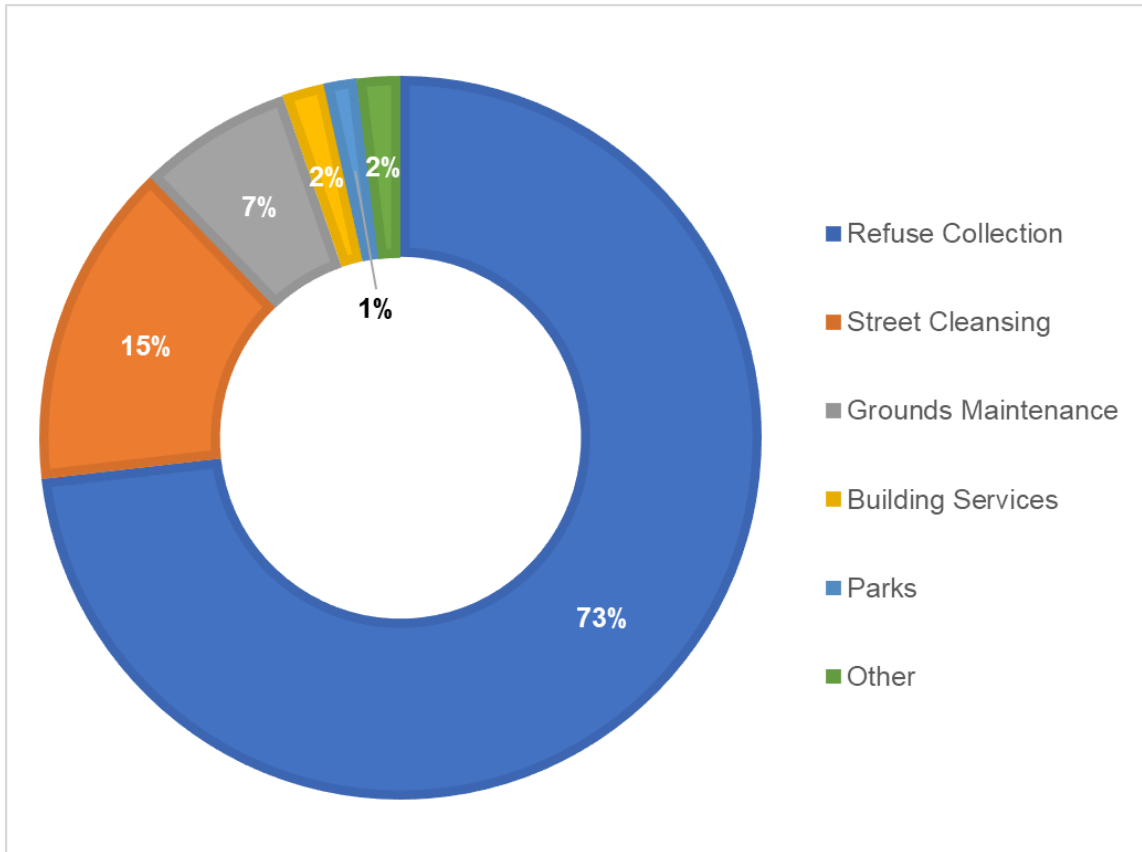


Figure 2 – Breakdown of Vehicle Fuel Use in 2019-20

The chart overleaf breaks down the heating oil used by the Council and in which facilities they were used. The four largest users are the districts leisure centres at Cookstown, Magherafelt, Dungannon and Maghera totalling around 61% of the Councils total use. These are generally the Councils largest buildings but also the heating of swimming pools is a major factor in their energy use. The Council used a total of 766,304 litres of heating oil in 2019-20.

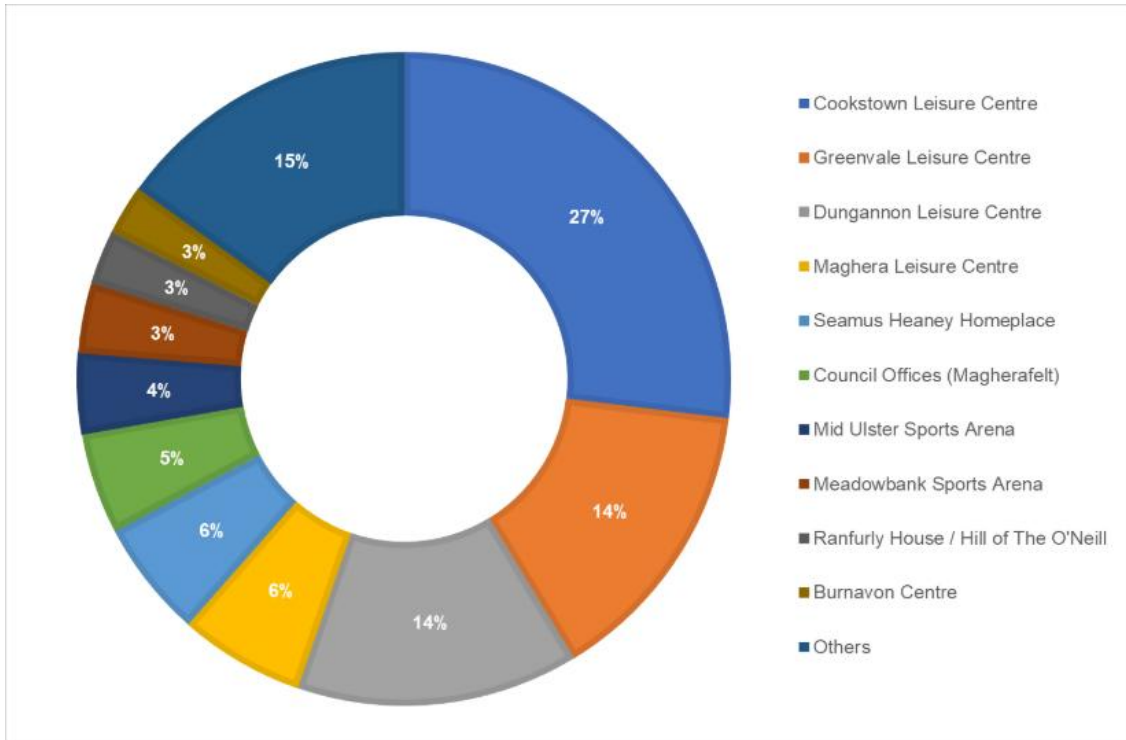


Figure 3 – Breakdown of Heating Oil Use in 2019-20

The chart below breaks down the electricity used by the Council and in which facilities it was used. The largest users again tend to be the districts leisure centres and sports facilities due to their large heating and lighting requirement. The Council used a total of 6.717 GWhrs in 2019-20.

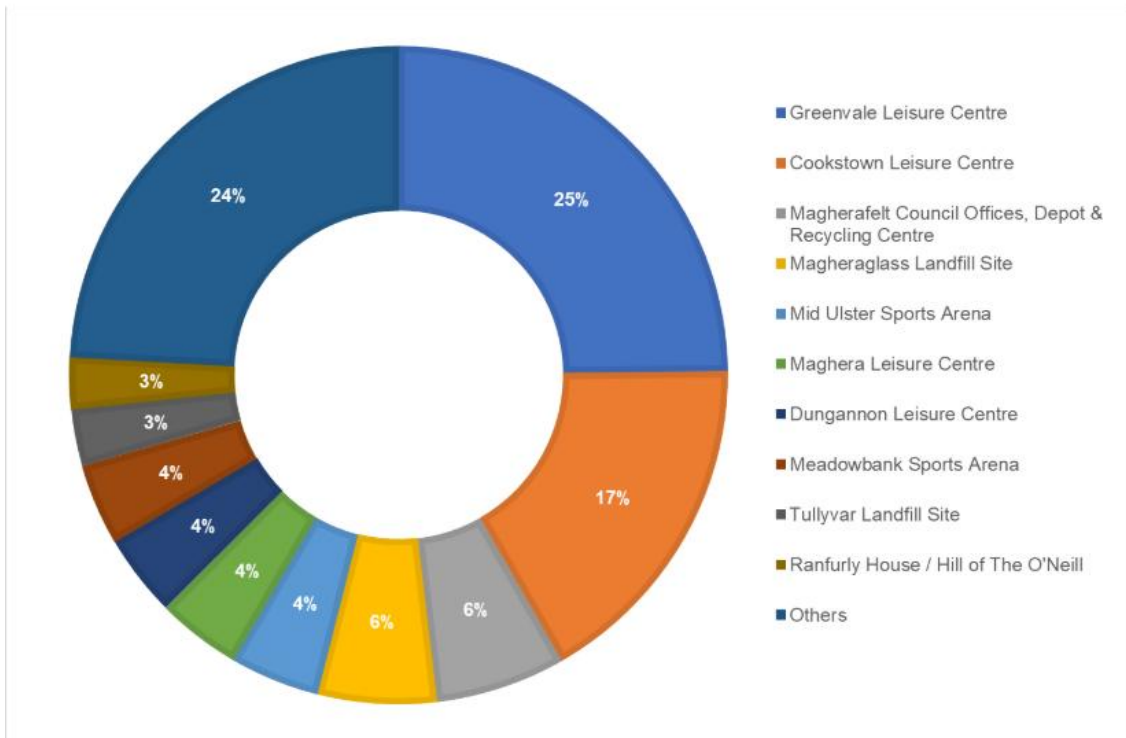


Figure 4 – Breakdown of Electricity Usage in 2019-20

6.3 Mid Ulster District Area Emissions

The UK Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS) published the UK local authority and regional carbon dioxide emissions national statistics: 2005-2019 report detailing the estimates CO₂ emissions broken down by Council District and by sector. This report shows that Mid Ulster district area is the largest emitter of CO₂ out of all the 11 local Council areas, emitting 1,948.9 tonnes in 2019. However, total emissions have fallen by around 20% between 2005 and 2019. Per capita emissions also fell from 19.6 tonnes of CO₂ in 2005 to 13.1 tonnes of CO₂ in 2019, a fall of around 33%.

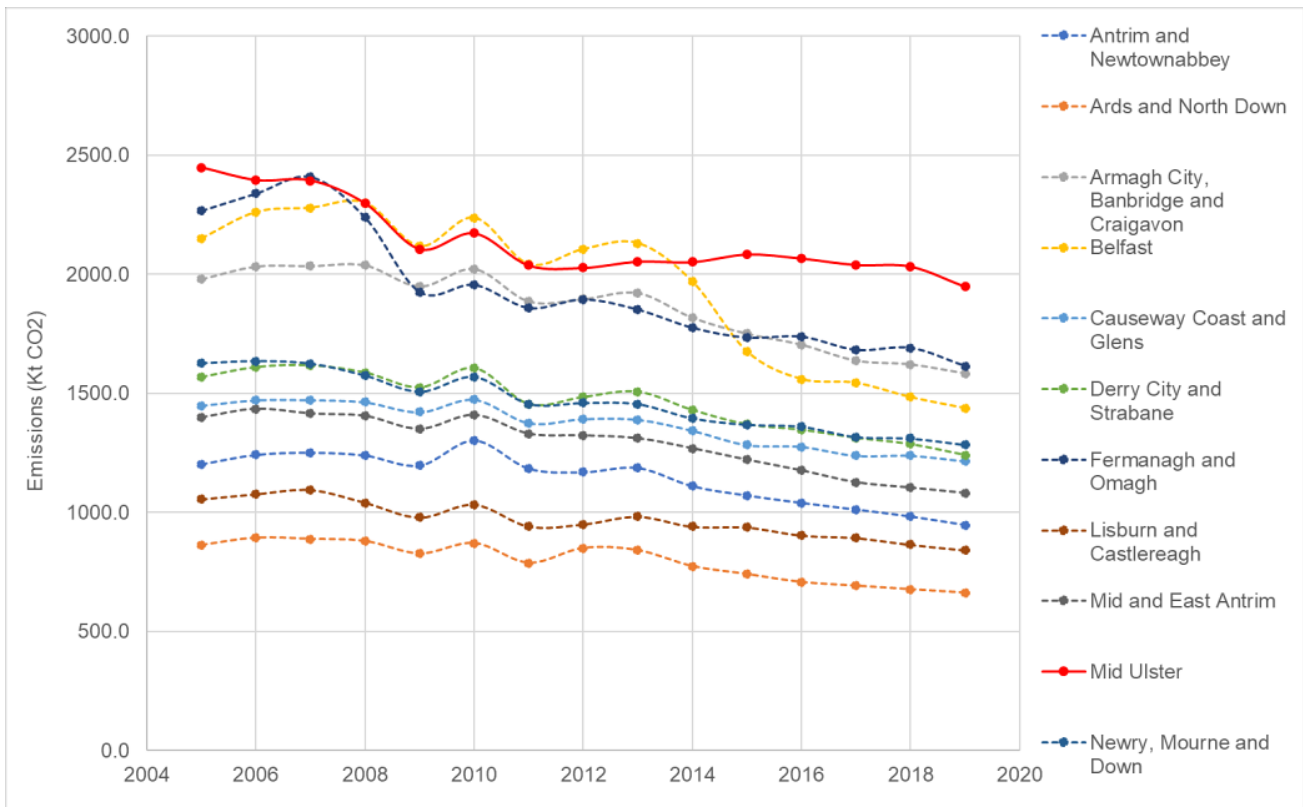


Figure 5: Total Local Authority Territorial CO₂ Emissions 2005 - 2019
 Source: UK local authority and regional carbon dioxide emissions national statistics: 2005-2019 (Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy)

The largest emitter was from industry at 41% of the total emissions and this reflects the importance of manufacturing, construction and agri-foods within our district.

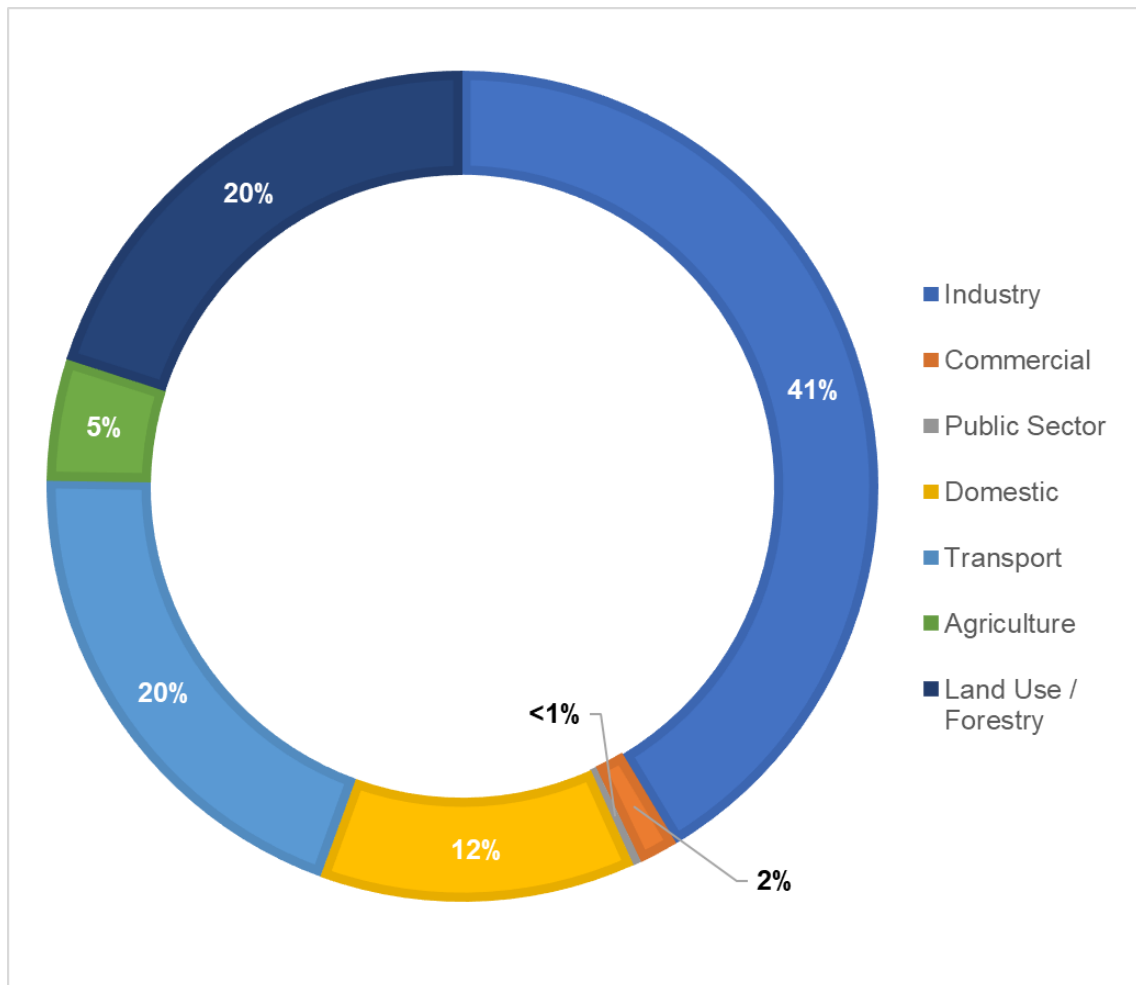


Figure 6: Breakdown by Source of Mid Ulster District CO₂ Emissions 2019
 Source: UK local authority and regional carbon dioxide emissions national statistics: 2005-2019
 (Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy)

6.4 What Have We Done So Far?

- Planted over 33,000 trees with the help of the Forest Expansion Scheme at three former landfill sites (Tullyvar, Magheraglass and Ballymacombs)
- By achieving a recycling rate of almost 60% at least 35,000 Tonnes CO_{2e} is saved per annum from the Council's Scope 3 emissions.
- Made progress on the Northern Ireland Climate Change Adaptation Programme (NICCAP) by completing Steps 1 and 2 of the NI Adapts Adaptation Planning Toolkit and now progressing to Step 3 of the Adaptation Plan by developing drafts of the risk register
- 67% of schools in the District have achieved at least one Green Flag Award since registering
- Four electric-powered vans were purchased to encourage alternatively fuelled vehicles into Council's fleet and a trial of a hydrotreated vegetable oil (HVO) powered refuse collection vehicle has been agreed.
- Several events to increase climate awareness were coordinated and facilitated by the Council including the On the Road to Net Zero information and networking session as part of the Mid Ulster Enterprise Week 2022.

- Successfully gained funding from Innovate UK Fast Followers Scheme as a partner Council in the Driving Net Zero Transformation in Mid South West Region Project. The project will help local business overcome non-technical barriers on their road to net zero through engagement of a Net Zero Officer.
- Supported the development of a Mid Ulster collaborative decarbonisation cluster partnership, involving four leading Mid-Ulster companies, facilitated by the Centre for Competitiveness, to help enable them to eliminate the use of fossil fuels in their businesses.

7. What Are We Going To Do?

7.1 Mid Ulster District Council is aware of its leadership role and is committed to pursuing it to tackle climate change by investing in climate action that can bring several opportunities.

- **Economic benefits by** creating new job opportunities and stimulating local economic growth. For instance, investing in renewable energy projects can bring in revenue for the local authority and create jobs in the installation and maintenance of the infrastructure.
- **Energy savings by** reducing our energy consumption and saving on utility bills by investing in energy-efficient technologies, such as LED lighting, smart building systems, and electric vehicles.
- **Enhanced resilience by** investing in climate action measures to help us become more resilient to the impacts of climate change, such as extreme weather events, floods, and heatwaves.
- **Health benefits by** promoting active transport and implementing green spaces, we aim at improving air quality and public health.
- **Reputation and leadership by** taking concrete steps to reduce our carbon footprint and promote sustainable practices embedded in any decisions.

Analysis shows that the Mid Ulster area's baseline (Scope 1 and 2) emissions have fallen by 49% since 2000 due to a combination of increasingly decarbonised electricity supply, structural change in the economy, and the gradual adoption of more efficient buildings, vehicles, and businesses. With full decarbonisation of UK electricity by 2045 and taking into account economic growth (assumed at 2.5% p.a.), population growth (assumed at 0.1% p.a.) and ongoing improvements in energy and fuel efficiency (assumed at 1% p.a), the PCAN-University of Leeds model projected that Mid Ulster District Council area's baseline (Scope 1 and 2) emissions will fall by a further 49% by 2050, or by a total of 74% between 2000 and 2050.

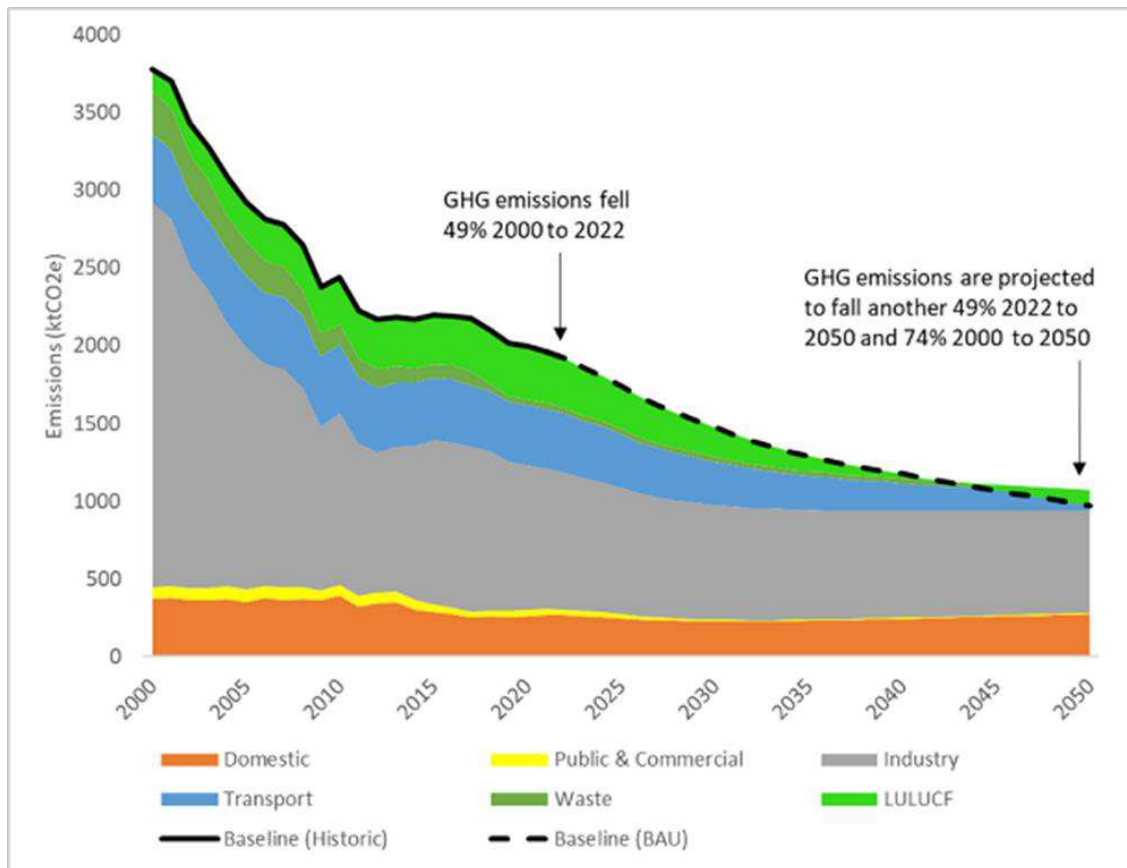


Figure 7: PCAN-University of Leeds model projections

For Mid Ulster to make its fair contribution towards the Paris Climate Agreement, the report from the Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research recommended to:

- Stay within the 8.7 million tonnes (MtCO₂) of carbon dioxide emission budget for the period 2020-2100.
- Initiate an immediate programme of CO₂ mitigation to deliver cuts in emissions averaging a minimum of 14.1% per year to have a Paris-aligned carbon budget. This includes collaborative climate action with other local authorities.
- Reach zero or near zero carbon no later than 2040, when 95% of the recommended carbon budget is emitted, and low-level CO₂ emissions continue at a diminishing level to 2100.

7.2 Our Strategic Action Plan

To support our commitment to achieving net zero by 2050, this strategic plan has been developed to facilitate the integration of sustainability in all our decisions and support our existing operational policies and plans. In line with the Corporate and Community Plan Themes, MUDC has identified 5 Action Areas to succeed in the journey to net zero and to empower the Council's staff and the community.

- **Action Area 1 - Community Leadership** – By empowering and supporting local residents and organizations in taking an active role in combating climate change, we can create a more resilient, sustainable, and vibrant community. Through collaboration, engagement, and shared responsibility, this Council aims to achieve our climate goals while nurturing a strong sense of collective purpose among our citizens.
- **Action Area 2 - Resource Efficiency** - By maximising the efficient use of natural resources and materials, we not only reduce our carbon footprint but also create a more sustainable and resilient community. Through a comprehensive approach that engages individuals, businesses, and local government, we can collectively work towards a future that is more resource-efficient, prosperous, and environmentally responsible.
- **Action Area 3 Sustainable Travel** - By providing and promoting environmentally friendly transportation options, we empower residents to make greener choices. Together, through a combination of infrastructure improvements, education, incentives, and community collaboration, we can create a healthier, more liveable environment for all.
- **Action Area 4 – Natural Environment** - By preserving and enhancing our natural environment, we are better equipped to withstand the impacts of climate change, such as flooding and extreme weather events. This resilience is integral to maintaining the safety and vibrancy of our communities.
- **Action Area 5 – Green Growth** - Our plan acknowledges the importance of stimulating economic development while minimising environmental impacts and carbon emissions. Through collaboration, investments, and strategic planning, we can build a future where economic prosperity and ecological responsibility go hand in hand.

Through initial data collection to establish an emissions baseline, specific actions have been identified to achieve the agreed outcomes of the action plan. Alongside these, expertise from key council directorates, the development of climate and sustainability-related skills and the engagement of the entire council's staff and community have been identified as being necessary to enable the pathway to net zero.

7.3 Sustainable Development Goals

When formulating our Sustainability and Climate Action Plan we have tried to align our actions with the Sustainable Development Goals. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), also known as the Global Goals, are a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure prosperity for all. They were adopted by all United Nations Member States in September 2015 as part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The SDGs build on the success of the Millennium Development Goals and encompass a wide range of social, economic, and environmental development objectives. There are 17 SDGs, each with specific targets, designed to be achieved by 2030. The goals are interconnected, recognizing that progress in one area often depends on progress in others. The 17 SDGs are as follows:



1. No Poverty: End poverty in all its forms everywhere.
2. Zero Hunger: End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture.
3. Good Health and Well-being: Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.
4. Quality Education: Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.
5. Gender Equality: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.
6. Clean Water and Sanitation: Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.
7. Affordable and Clean Energy: Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all.

8. Decent Work and Economic Growth: Promote sustained, inclusive, and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment, and decent work for all.
9. Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure: Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization, and foster innovation.
10. Reduced Inequality: Reduce inequality within and among countries.
11. Sustainable Cities and Communities: Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable.
12. Responsible Consumption and Production: Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns.
13. Climate Action: Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.
14. Life Below Water: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas, and marine resources for sustainable development.
15. Life on Land: Protect, restore, and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss.
16. Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all, and build effective, accountable, and inclusive institutions at all levels.
17. Partnerships for the Goals: Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.

The SDGs are a framework for addressing a wide range of global challenges, including poverty, inequality, environmental degradation, and climate change. They provide a common agenda for governments, businesses, civil society, and individuals to work together to create a more sustainable and equitable world. Achieving these goals by 2030 requires concerted efforts, resources, and collaboration at local, national, and global levels.

7.4 The Councils Sustainability and Climate Action Plan is presented overleaf:

Action Area 1: Community Leadership

Action No.	Action (how we will achieve this)	Performance Measure (indicators of success)	Responsible Directorate	Term	Priority	Sustainable Development Goals
1	Form a cross-departmental team to deliver the Sustainability & Climate Action Plan and to disseminate information throughout the Council	# of sustainable and climate-related actions adopted and implemented (from policies to climate integration in decision-making)	All Departments (Cross-Departmental Team)	Short	High	4,13,16,17
2	Provide/promote climate awareness sessions/training for staff / Councillors / community groups / schools using free training provided by LHLH and Sustainable NI	# of community groups / schools trained and achieved Carbon Literacy Accreditation	Environment	Short	Medium	4,5,10,13,16, 17
		# of staff / Councillors trained and achieved Carbon Literacy Accreditation	Organisational Development, Strategy and Performance			
3	Promote staff awareness on the use of reusable bottles and other similar reusable items and review policies to ban the use of single-use items at internal and external council events	# of reusable water bottles issued	Environment / All	Short	Medium	3,12,13,14, 15,16
		# of initiatives launched e.g. Refillution / Plastic Promise etc.				
4	Continue the support and promotion of Fair Trade among the Council's staff and within the District	# of initiatives to promote Fair Trade	Environment	Short	Medium	1,2,5,10,16,
		# of businesses awarded with Fair Trade certification				
5	Use the Climate Change Working Group as a Forum to underpin more proactive/engaged discussions and climate actions by involving community groups, business groups, academics and NGO's	# of meetings and actions approved by the Climate Change Working Group	Environment	Short / Medium	Medium	4,16,17
		# of outside groups involved				

Action No.	Action (how we will achieve this)	Performance Measure (indicators of success)	Responsible Directorate	Term	Priority	Sustainable Development Goals
6	Educate staff on using sustainable products for meetings, corporate events etc, aiming to achieve zero waste from Council promotional activities	# of awareness activities undertaken on sustainable events / promotional products	Environment / All	Short / Medium	High	4,12,17
7	Promote and increase educational initiatives on sustainability, resource efficiency, biodiversity and sustainable food production among council staff and the community	% of district schools running environmental education programmes	Environment	Short / Medium	High	4, 6,7,11,12, 13,14,15,17
		# of council staff involved in these initiatives				
8	Continue to support the Eco Schools Programme and develop further educational programmes for schools/ community groups etc..., linking Waste, Energy, Litter, Biodiversity etc., to Climate Change	# of educational programmes developed	Environment	Short	Medium	4,13,14,15,17
		% of schools / Community groups involved				
		# of Green Flags Schools				
9	Provide support to businesses to begin their journey to net zero	# of businesses supported on their journey to Net Zero	Chief Executive / Environment	Short	High	4,8,9,16,17
		# of workshops planned in collaboration with key partners				
10	Promote the one-stop-shop for energy advice and support for businesses and public. Signpost incentivised financial support for energy-saving measures.	# of Energy advice visits carried out	Community and Place	Medium	High	1,7,10,11,12, 13,16,17
		# of businesses supported				
		% increase in users of one stop shop				

Action Area 2: Resource Efficiency

Action No.	Action (how we will achieve this)	Performance Measure (indicators of success)	Responsible Directorate	Term	Priority	Sustainable Development Goals
11	Use green energy tariffs for some or all the electricity purchased	% of electricity from renewable sources	Environment	Short	High	7,11,12,13
12	Review swimming pool temperature levels / other swimming pool energy efficiency measures	% Reduction in heating oil / electricity expenditure	Communities and Place & Environment	Short	High	7,11,12,13
		# of assessed energy-saving equipment like pool covers etc...				
13	Conduct comprehensive energy audit of all Council facilities supported by energy efficiency programmes	# of assessed energy-saving equipment like thermostatic control valves, variable pumps, smart LED lighting, room thermostats, etc...	Environment	Short	High	7,11,12,13
		# of smart meters in Council-owned buildings				
		# of buildings with improved energy performance rating				
		% Reduction in heating oil / electricity expenditure				
14	Commit to the sustainable consumption of resources across the Council estate.	% reduction of waste generated within the Council estate and its area	All	Medium	High	7,8,11,12,13
		% of waste sent for reuse / recycling / energy recovery / landfill				
		# of Recycling & Reuse Initiatives developed				
		% reduction in water consumption				
		% reduction in energy consumption				

Action No.	Action (how we will achieve this)	Performance Measure (indicators of success)	Responsible Directorate	Term	Priority	Sustainable Development Goals
15	Develop a Carbon Management Plan, setting new ambitious annual reduction targets for energy consumption and improving the energy performance of council facilities	# of initiatives to reduce direct use of fossil fuels in own operations	Environment	Short / Medium	High	7,11,12,13
		# of facility carbon reduction plans developed				
		% of GHG annual reduction (Scope 1, 2 & 3)				
16	Digital Transformation Strategy – increasing the use of digital technology to replace paper resources & minimise travel.	# of Council Services making the transfer to digital	Corporate Services and Finance / All	Short	Medium	9,11,12,13
17	Investigate the installation of rainwater harvesting systems to water plants / wash vehicles at Council Depots	# of projects delivering new/improved green infrastructure	Environment	Medium	Medium	6,9,11,12,13,14
		Reduction in water use / m ³ of Rainwater collected for reuse.				
18	Introduce annual energy / carbon measurement reporting requirement for all Council facilities and publish the energy performance of each building and their annual monitoring reports	# of assessments of energy use / carbon footprint	Environment	Medium	High	7,9,11,12,13
		% of GHG annual reduction (Scope 1, 2 & 3) from established baseline				
		# of Council buildings assessed & certificated published / displayed				
		# of initiatives to promote low-carbon behaviour change				
19	Undertake a review and implement recommendations to reduce food waste and food miles at all Council facilities	% of food waste production and reduction at Council facilities	Communities & Place	Short	Medium	2,12,13
		% of food miles reduction				
		% of locally produced food used in Council facilities				

Action Area 3: Sustainable Travel

Action No.	Action (how we will achieve this)	Performance Measure (indicators of success)	Responsible Directorate	Term	Priority	Sustainable Development Goals
20	Develop infrastructure to support the replacement of the Council's fleet with alternative fuel vehicles (e.g. electric and HVO initially) and the use of electric vehicles by staff.	# of electric vehicle charge points at Council facilities	Environment	Short	High	9,11,12,13,16
		# of alternative fuel vehicles in Council fleet				
		# of staff using electric vehicles				
21	Work with other organisations to develop the infrastructure required to support the districts journey to Net Zero such as more electric vehicle charging points (e.g. the ORCS project).	# of electric vehicle charge points within the Mid Ulster District Council area	Environment	Medium	Medium	9,11,12,13,16,17
22	Review the Councils Travel & Subsistence Policy to minimise non-essential travel and to promote and incentivise active travel, use of public transport, car sharing and the use of online meeting technology. The policy should encourage the use of salary sacrifice schemes such as the Electric Car Scheme and the Cycle to Work Scheme.	# of incentives and supporting measures that encourage staff to reduce travel or travel more sustainably	Organisational Development, Strategy and Performance	Medium	High	3,8,9,10,11,12,13,16,17
		# of staff using the Cycle-to-Work scheme				
		# of staff using the Electric Car Salary Sacrifice Scheme				
		# of bicycle friendly facilities installed such as bicycle stands, bike sheds and shower facilities at work				
		% reduction in business commuting by air / car				
		% increase in business travel by public transport				

Action No.	Action (how we will achieve this)	Performance Measure (indicators of success)	Responsible Directorate	Term	Priority	Sustainable Development Goals
23	Review of greenway routes within the district and lobby the Central Government to deliver a more integrated public transport network and create more cycle paths / greenways etc...	# of improvement solutions like increased capacity of Park & Ride services and use of low carbon or carbon zero transport	Communities and Place / Planning	Medium	High	3,8,9,10,11,12,13,17
		increase in # of greenways and low-traffic routes available				
24	Develop Hybrid / Agile Working guidance note / protocol and promote the use of technology that helps reduce carbon footprint e.g. remote meetings	% Reduction in staff commuting miles	Organisation Development, Strategy and Performance	Short	High	3,5,9,10,11,12,13,16
25	Investigate the feasibility of using robotic lawnmowers/trimmers as a greener alternative to petrol run mowers	Feasibility Report Produced and trials undertaken	Environment	Short	Low	3,9,11,12,13
26	Continue the Councils air monitoring scheme and enhance public awareness of air quality	Review and provide updated information about Air Quality on the Council website	Communities and Place	Short	Medium	3,11
		Liaise with Department for Infrastructure (Roads) and Translink through two Air Quality Multi-agency stakeholder meetings per year				
27	Develop an MUDC Active Travel Masterplan	Active Travel Masterplan Produced	Communities and Place	Short	Medium	3,11

Action Area 4: Natural Environment

Action No.	Action (how we will achieve this)	Performance Measure (indicators of success)	Responsible Directorate	Term	Priority	Sustainable Development Goals
28	Phase out the use of peat-based compost and replace it with only peat-free compost in all Council's managed areas	% increase in the Council's purchase of peat-free materials derived from wood fibre and bark, green compost, wool, coir, etc.	Environment	Short	Low	11,12,13,15,16
29	Review and implement the Council's Biodiversity Action Plan to protect our biodiversity. Biodiversity action plans to be completed for all Council sites/buildings/properties	# of site specific Biodiversity Action Plans developed	Environment	Short	High	3, 11,13,14,15,16
		% increase in land area managed for biodiversity				
		# of protected wetlands; peatlands; bog lands; Special Countryside Areas; Areas of Special Scientific Interest; etc.				
		# of initiatives to increase staff and public awareness on biodiversity action				
30	Protect and enhance open spaces/parks to increase biodiversity, tree coverage and area of wetlands, allotments, community gardens, community orchards.	m ² of new parks and urban green spaces, forest, wetlands and other natural habitats developed	Communities and Place / Environment	Short / Medium	High	1,2,3,11,13,14,15
		m ² of new community growing space developed				
		# of biodiversity projects / initiatives on Councils land				

Action No.	Action (how we will achieve this)	Performance Measure (indicators of success)	Responsible Directorate	Term	Priority	Sustainable Development Goals
31	Fully implement All Ireland Pollinator Plan	m ² of Council land made pollinator-friendly	Environment	Short	High	11,14,15,16,17
		# of initiatives to promote the plan among private landowners				
32	Expand the 'Managed for Biodiversity' scheme	# of semi-natural grasslands and road verges in the scheme	Environment / Communities and Place	Short	Medium	11,14,15,16
		m ² of land area managed for biodiversity				
33	Administer the Small Grants Scheme in partnership with LHLH to create or enhance community /shared spaces.	£ of funding granted by the Council / LHLH	Environment	Short	Medium	5,10,11,16,17
		# of projects funded				

Action Area 5: Green Growth

Action No.	Action (how we will achieve this)	Performance Measure (indicators of success)	Responsible Directorate	Term	Priority	Sustainable Development Goals
34	Revise the Procurement Policy to incorporate social value, sustainability and climate action.	New Procurement Policy Approved through Council	Corporate Services and Finance / All	Short	High	8,12,16
35	Promote shopping locally / sustainably to support wealth being retained within the local community through initiatives such as Community Wealth Building and the Mid Ulster Gift Card Scheme.	# of businesses participating on the Mid Ulster Gift Card Scheme	Chief Executive	Medium	Medium	8,11,12,17
		£ spent locally using the Mid Ulster Gift Card Scheme				
36	Introduce a sustainability screening tool for all capital projects to promote the highest standards of energy performance and encourage the use of sustainable building methods in Council new builds / renovations	% of projects screened for sustainability using this tool	Environment	Short	High	12,13,16
		# of staff trained in using the screening tool				
		# of sustainable design and building techniques adopted				
		# Tonnes of carbon reduced as result of any sustainable methods adopted				
37	Provide additional industrial land to assist Mid Ulster's high energy businesses decarbonise their manufacturing processes with a focus on new green innovation technologies.	# of partnerships engaged	Chief Executive	Medium	Medium	8,9,11,13,16,17
		# of business cases progressed in partnership with Invest NI				

Action No.	Action (how we will achieve this)	Performance Measure (indicators of success)	Responsible Directorate	Term	Priority	Sustainable Development Goals
38	Promote designs with pedestrians in mind and promote the protection of trees and encourage new planting / private green space within developments. Ensure development protects and enhances our natural heritage in relation to biodiversity.	# of sustainable planning awareness initiatives undertaken with Council staff and others	Planning	Medium	High	3,4,11,12,13,16,17
39	Contribute to The Strategic Planning Policy Statement for Northern Ireland' - Planning for Sustainable Development (SPPS)	Outcome of The Strategic Planning Policy Statement for Northern Ireland' - Planning for Sustainable Development (SPPS)	Planning	Medium	High	6,7,8,9,11,12,13,14,15,16,17
40	When conducting building energy surveys identify opportunities for the installation of renewable energy where possible across the Council estate to promote and integrate sustainability and resilience into energy plans.	# of new projects implemented	Environment	Long	Medium	7,9,11,12,13,
		# of units of biomass fuel used				
		# of units of energy generated (Landfill Gas, Wind, Solar)				
		% of electricity generated in-house				
41	Leverage outside funding to support the delivery of the Sustainability Strategy & Climate Action Plan objectives.	# of projects in development / being progressed	All	Medium	Medium	8,9,16,17
		£ of funding secured				
42	Council will seek to ensure sustainability is included as a factor in its various grant schemes.	# of grants assessing sustainability as part of its evaluation process	Community & Place	Short	Medium	5,10,11,16,17

8. Monitoring and Reporting

8.1 The responsible Directorates will continually monitor the progress of their actions within the Sustainability Strategy and Climate Action Plan. This monitoring will be reported biannually to the Climate Change Working Group, consisting of 10 representatives from the main political parties in Mid Ulster. This will allow us to check progress against our climate aims and make changes where necessary. We will review and update the plan after four years while further developing our evidence base to support action planning and prioritisation of resources.



9. Glossary

BEIS – Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

Blue carbon – Carbon captured by the world's ocean and coastal ecosystems.

BREEAM – Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method. This is an internationally recognised, science-based suite of validation and certification systems for a sustainable built environment.

Carbon Sequestration – This includes enhancing natural processes like afforestation and reforestation, as well as the use of technologies that capture and store carbon, such as carbon capture and storage (CCS) systems.

CCC – The Climate Change Committee advises the government on emissions targets and reports to Parliament on progress made in reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Circular Economy - keeping resources in use for as long as possible, extracting the maximum value from them whilst in use, then recovering and regenerating products and materials at the end of life.

Climate Adaptation – Refers to the actions, strategies, and measures taken to reduce the vulnerability of ecosystems, communities, and individuals to the current and anticipated impacts of climate change. It involves adjusting and preparing for the changing climate conditions to minimize the adverse effects on people, property, and the environment.

Climate Mitigation – Refers to efforts to reduce or prevent the emission of greenhouse gases (GHGs) into the atmosphere to limit global warming and its associated impacts. Mitigation strategies aim to lower the drivers of climate change, primarily through reducing GHG emissions and enhancing carbon sequestration.

CO₂e - CO₂ equivalent. This is a metric measuring all greenhouse gases, including carbon dioxide, methane, and nitrous oxide, allowing them to be expressed as a single number for simplicity.

IPCC – Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. An intergovernmental body of the United Nations established in 1988 to advance scientific knowledge about climate change caused by human activities.

GHG / Greenhouse gases – Gases including carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide and fluorinated gases which contribute to the greenhouse effect and enhanced global warming.

ktCO₂ – Kilotonnes of Carbon Dioxide

Nature Based Solutions – Methods of mitigating climate change using natural ecosystems e.g. carbon sequestration via restoration of peatlands or degraded habitats.

Net Zero – Reducing greenhouse gas emissions to as close to zero as possible, with any residual emissions being offset by sequestration methods such as via forests and oceans.

Passivhaus – A performance-based set of design criteria for very low energy buildings, which can help create buildings which use around 90% less energy than standard UK buildings

Scope 1 Emissions – Direct emissions that result from our own operations, such as combustion of fossil fuels in our own vehicles and emissions from building heating boilers or from on-site power generation.

Scope 2 Emissions – Indirect emissions associated with the generation of electricity, heat, or steam purchased and consumed by the Council.

Scope 3 Emissions – are a broader category of indirect emissions that are a consequence our activities but occur from sources not owned or directly controlled by us. These emissions encompass a wide range of sources and can be the most challenging to quantify. They often include emissions from the entire supply chain, including suppliers, transportation, and distribution of products or materials, employee commuting and business travel.

SuDS – Sustainable drainage systems mimic natural drainage processes to reduce the effect on the quality and quantity of run-off from developments and provide amenity and biodiversity benefits

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Report on	Marine Litter Capital Grant Scheme
Date of Meeting	16 th April 2024
Reporting Officer	Mark McAdoo, Assistant Director: Environmental Services
Contact Officer	Karl McGowan, Waste & Sustainable Development Manager

Is this report restricted for confidential business? If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	Yes	
	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To inform members of a successful funding application to the Marine Litter Capital Grant Scheme.
2.0	Background
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"> • Prevent litter and plastic pollution from entering the marine environment; • Enhance the environmental management of an area to reduce marine litter; • Improve the health and wellbeing of communities and marine biodiversity recovery by helping to improve the quality of public open spaces; • Improve the quality of their local environment by changing behaviour through creative concepts to reduce the incidence of littering.
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

3.0	Main Report
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"> • Enhance the environmental management and quality of a local area by preventing litter and plastics from directly entering the sea. • 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. • Improve the health and wellbeing of communities and marine biodiversity whilst helping to improve and/or maintain public spaces. • Contribute to a strategic approach to reducing litter pollution in our rivers and seas. • Design and create new, aesthetically appealing or engaging, innovative assets for deployment. • Demonstrate collaborative working.
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 th 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"> • Altmore Picnic Area, Cappagh Road, Cappagh • Angling facility, Portglenone • Ardtrea Riverside Walk, Knockanroe Road, Stewartstown • Augher Riverside walkway, Annaghilla Road, Augher • Ballygawley Allotments • Ballygawley Playing Fields, Main Street, Ballygawley • Ballyronan Marina and Woodland Walkway • Ballysaggart Lough, Picnic Area and Lay-by (Black Lough) • Battery Harbour, Cookstown • Blackwater Picnic Area, Moy • Blessingbourne MTB and Walking Trail, Murely Road, Fivemiletown • Brantry Wood and lough, Brantry Road, Dungannon • Cabin wood, Tullywiggan road, Cookstown

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caledon Riverside Walk, Mill Street, Caledon • Carrick Lough, Carrick Longfield Road, Aughnacloy • Castledawson Riverside Walk and Play Area • Coalisland Canal Walkway • Cot Lane walk way, Cookstown • Creeve Lough, Creevelough Road, Aughnacloy • Davagh Forest Walk / MTB Trails and Dark Skies • Drum Manor Forest, Drum Road, Cookstown • Dungannon Park Allotments • Dungannon Park, Moy Road, Dungannon • Dunnamore Riverside Walk, Drum Road, Cookstown • Eel Works, Toome • Enagh Lough and Picnic Area, Dyan Road, Caledon • Ferry Bridge Walk, Ferry Road, Washingbay, Coalisland • Glencull River Walk, 107 Omagh Road, Ballygawley • Glenmore Riverside Walk, Ballygawley • Glenone Forest Walk and Fishing Area, Ballymacombs Road, Portglenone • Iniscarn Forest, Iniscarn Road, Desertmartin • Knockmany Forest Park, Knockmany Road, Augher • Lough Fea Walk and Lay-by, Lough Fea Road, Cookstown • Martray Lough Layby and Picnic Area, Ballygawley • Moy Riverside Walk • Moy Slipway / Canoe Steps • Newferry Jetty, Toomebridge • Polepatrick Cemetery, Castledawson Road, Magherafelt • Pomeroy Forest, Tanderagee road, Pomeroy • Reubens Glen Walk, Magherafelt • Round lake walk and caravan park, Murley Road, Fivemiletown • Swatragh Park and Walkway, Carhill Road, Swatragh • Tullygiven Lough, Dyan Road, Benburb • Washingbay Centre, Coalisland • Windmill Wood, Dungannon
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4.0	Other Considerations
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4.1	<p>Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications</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	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: None
	Rural Needs Implications: None
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Members are asked to note the content this report and approve the acceptance of the grant award to install bins as listed.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	None

**Minutes of Meeting of Environment Committee of Mid Ulster District Council
held on Tuesday 12 March 2024 in Council Offices, Burn Road, Cookstown**

Members Present	Councillor Cuthbertson, Chair Councillors J Buchanan, Cahoon, Kelly, Groogan, Mallaghan, McAleer, McElvogue, McGuigan, McNamee, Quinn, Robinson, Varsani
Officers in Attendance	Mrs Campbell, Strategic Director of Environment (SD: Env) Mr Gallogly, Capital Contracts Manager (CCM) Mr McAdoo, Assistant Director of Environmental Services (AD: ES) Mr Scullion, Assistant Director of Property Services (AD: PS) Miss Thompson, Committee and Member Services Officer

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

The Chair, Councillor Cuthbertson welcomed everyone to the meeting and those watching the meeting through the Live Broadcast. Councillor Cuthbertson in introducing the meeting detailed the operational arrangements for transacting the business of the committee by referring to Annex A to this minute.

E050/24 Notice of Recording

Members noted that the meeting would be webcast for live and subsequent broadcast on the Council's You Tube site.

E051/24 Apologies

Councillors J Burton, Martin and Milne.

E052/24 Declarations of Interest

The Chair reminded Members of their responsibility with regard to declarations of interest.

E053/24 Chair's Business

The Chair, Councillor Cuthbertson asked officers to bring forward a report for information in relation to Council policy on abandoned vehicles. Councillor Cuthbertson stated he had been approached a couple of times in recent months in

relation to this issue and a report outlining Council policy would be informative for all Members.

Councillor Mallaghan referred to the virtual links for meetings previously sent to Members by Democratic Services and stated that whilst he realised the online option for joining a meeting has stopped pending new legislation he asked that a diary link continue to be sent to Members in the interim.

Matters for Decision

E054/24 Dual Language Signage Requests

The Assistant Director of Property Services (AD: PS) presented previously circulated report which advised of requests for Dual Language Signage from residents on the streets/roads in question, the report also sought members consideration on an application.

Councillor Varsani proposed that requests for Torrent Valley, Coalisland and Clarke Avenue, Maghera move to survey. In relation to re-surveying of Rossmore Road, Councillor Varsani stated there have already been extensive discussions on the issues pertaining to this at other meetings. The Councillor stated that this is the first case in approximately 450 requests and that policy seems to be working well but felt that there were exceptional circumstances regarding the most recent surveying of Rossmore Road namely an administrative error, wrong information being provided to the Environment Committee, to Council and to the Chair of Council and the confusion for residents. Councillor Varsani stated that due to these exceptional circumstances she would propose that Rossmore Road be re-surveyed.

Councillor McElvogue seconded Councillor Varsani's proposal.

The Chair, Councillor Cuthbertson stated that the recommendation is to note the report and that consideration is sought in relation to Rossmore Road. Councillor Cuthbertson stated that surveys of the Rossmore Road took place in 2021 and most recently in 2023 to which there was an administrative error associated with this survey but highlighted that the communication provided to residents was correct. Councillor Cuthbertson stated that policy outlines that where a request is refused then another request will not be considered until the expiry of 12 months from the date at which the Environment Committee refused it and on this basis he felt that each request needs to be dealt with in a consistent manner. Councillor Cuthbertson proposed that the request for Rossmore Road to be resurveyed be held until the 12 month period has expired.

Councillor Robinson stated he would take a similar view to Councillor Cuthbertson in that policy clearly states at point 8 that 12 months must pass before a further survey is considered and that it is important to stick to the policy. The Councillor stated that he accepted that there was an administrative error in relation to Rossmore Road but that this did not change the outcome of the survey and questioned why the policy

should be changed because of an administrative error. Councillor Robinson seconded Councillor Cuthbertson's proposal.

Councillor Varsani stated she understood what was being said but as previously raised at point 7 of the policy it states that in specific circumstances a report may be brought to the Environment Committee to determine an application where there are particular issues requiring the Members consideration. Councillor Varsani stated that for all the reasons previously outlined including the Chair of Council being wrongly informed by the Environment Committee and through minutes and his conversations with residents that there are specific circumstances relating to Rossmore Road and on this basis it is appropriate that the matter be brought back to the Environment Committee for consideration.

The Chair, Councillor Cuthbertson advised that policy does not state it is the role of the Chair of Council to inform residents of the outcome of surveys and that residents can request to be advised of the outcome of a survey. Councillor Cuthbertson stated that in this case a number of residents did request to be advised and the correct outcome was relayed to those residents.

Councillor Robinson stated that 2.1 of the policy states that the policy aim is to ensure that requests for the erection of dual language nameplate signage for existing streets are delivered in a fair, equitable and consistent manner. The Councillor stated that Councillor Varsani's proposal is not consistent and does not meet with the policy aims and objectives.

The Chair, Councillor Cuthbertson stated he would agree with Councillor Robinson's comments and referred to the amount of time and money already spent on surveying Rossmore Road in 2021 and 2023 and that to go out and survey the road again for a third time was a waste of money.

Members voted on Councillor Varsani's proposal –

For – 9

Against – 4

The Chair declared Councillor Varsani's proposal carried.

Resolved That requests for Torrent Valley, Coalisland and Clarke Avenue, Maghera move to survey and that Rossmore Road, Dungannon be re-surveyed in respect of request for dual language signage.

E055/24 Martyns Law Government Consultation: Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill – Standard Tier

The Assistant Director of Property Services (AD: PS) presented previously circulated report which advised of a Government consultation on a draft bill to enhance public safety by ensuring premises are prepared for the threat of terrorism. The report sought approval to respond to the consultation.

Proposed by Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by Councillor J Buchanan and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to submit response to the consultation as outlined at appendix to report.

E056/24 Dfl Roads Proposal to Mid Ulster District Council – Disabled Persons Parking Bay at Fairhill Road, Cookstown

Members considered previously circulated report which sought agreement in relation to proposal to introduce a Disabled Persons Parking Bay at Fairhill Road, Cookstown.

Proposed by Councillor Robinson
Seconded by Councillor Cahoon and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to endorse the proposal submitted by Department for Infrastructure Roads in relation to proposal to introduce a Disabled Persons Parking Bay at Fairhill Road, Cookstown.

E057/24 Dfl Roads Proposal to Mid Ulster District Council – Disabled Persons Parking Bay at O'Neill Park, Ballyronan

Members considered previously circulated report which sought agreement in relation to proposal to introduce a Disabled Persons Parking Bay at O'Neill Park, Ballyronan.

Proposed by Councillor Robinson
Seconded by Councillor Cahoon and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to endorse the proposal submitted by Department for Infrastructure Roads in relation to proposal to introduce a Disabled Persons Parking Bay at O'Neill Park, Ballyronan.

Matters for Information

E058/24 Environment Committee minutes of meeting held on 13 February 2024

Members noted minutes of Environment Committee held on 13 February 2024.

The Chair, Councillor Cuthbertson referred to his request made at last month's meeting for a report to be brought forward in relation to Council's role and responsibility regarding horses and their welfare and the particular issues relating to a recent case on Cookstown Road. The Councillor stated that there was no report before Members tonight.

The Strategic Director of Environment advised that a report on the matter will be brought before the Committee in April.

E059/24 Tullyvar Joint Committee Update

Members noted presented previously circulated report which provided an update on the business of the Tullyvar Joint Committee.

Councillor Mallaghan referred to discussions which have commenced with the company who wants to buy Council's three landfill sites and that he had previously asked for a report to be brought back to committee on the matter. The Councillor stated that he was aware from reading the Tullyvar Joint Committee minutes that discussions are at an early stage but that it be useful for Members to have a report outlining the aspirations of the company for the landfill sites as it would be a significant concern to hand over these large environmental sites to a private company without knowing what type of experience they have and the potential outcomes for Council.

The Assistant Director of Environmental Services (AD: ES) advised that at the last meeting of Tullyvar Joint Committee it was agreed to put further consideration of the proposal referred to by Councillor Mallaghan on hold as an alternative option for the future of the site is being explored, namely a solar farm. The AD: ES advised that it had been agreed at the last Tullyvar Joint Committee meeting to undertake a feasibility study in relation to the siting of a solar farm and consider the outcome of that study before any further consideration is given to the other proposal outlined by Councillor Mallaghan.

E060/24 Public/bank holiday working arrangements for 2024/25

Members noted previously circulated report which outlined the proposed public/bank holiday working arrangements for Environmental Services department for the period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025.

E061/24 Bus Shelters Update

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on current bus shelter status.

The Chair, Councillor Cuthbertson thanked staff for the new bus shelter recently erected at Main Road, Moygashel.

Councillor McAleer referred to appendix 2 of report relating to Annaghnamore Road, Clonoe and that the progress status states that he had confirmed that this application should be withdrawn. Councillor McAleer clarified that he had not asked for this application to be withdrawn and asked that this be updated.

Councillor Quinn stated it was his understanding that a meeting had taken place in respect of this application and that DfI have identified a suitable site for a bus shelter at this location.

Officers agreed to provide update to Members on this issue.

E062/24 Building Control Workload

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on the workload analysis for Building Control.

E063/24 Entertainment Licensing Applications

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on Entertainment Licensing Applications across the Mid Ulster District.

E064/24 Dual Language Signage Surveys

Members noted previously circulated report which advised of the result of surveys undertaken on all applicable residents on the streets/roads in response to Dual Language Signage Nameplate requests.

E065/24 Emergency Planning Update: DAERA MOU

Members noted previously circulated report which outlined review of Emergency Planning support arrangements between District Councils and the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural affairs regarding epizootic diseases.

Councillor Varsani referred to earlier discussion in relation to Rossmore Road and potential to try to frame that her proposal is outwith the policy and advised that as raised with the legal department point 7 of policy does allow for exceptional circumstances and that argument has been made for exceptional circumstances in this case. The Councillor referred to 2.4 of the report which advised that the Environment Committee had been delegated authority to process its decision in relation to Rossmore Road. Councillor Varsani also referred to 3.4 of the report which highlighted that the policy is silent on procedure and processes to be followed if an administrative error occurs. The Councillor stated that careful consideration has been given to moving things forward in a constructive, timely and comprehensive manner and expressed thanks to all who helped moved this matter forward in a way that is within policy.

Live broadcast ended at 7.21 pm.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 - Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor Robinson
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

6 – Environment Committee (12.03.24)

Resolved In accordance with Section 42, Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 that Members of the public be asked to withdraw from the meeting whilst Members consider items E066/24 to E075/24.

Matters for Decision

- E066/24 SIB Waste Specialist Resource
- E067/24 Extension to Contracts for Processing of Dry Recyclables
- E068/24 Small Settlements- ICT appointment- Moy Pitch
- E069/24 Maghera Public Realm - IST Contract Award

Matters for Information

- E070/24 Environment Committee Confidential Minutes of meeting held on 13 February 2024
- E071/24 Update on Digital Transformation Work for Refuse Collection Service
- E072/24 Capital Framework – ICT Contracts Update
- E073/24 Capital Framework – IST Contracts Update
- E074/24 Off Street Car Parking Enforcement Contract and Pay on Foot Pilot Update
- E075/24 Lough Neagh/River Blackwater Update

E076/24 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7.00 pm and ended at 7.41 pm.

CHAIR _____

DATE _____

Annex A – Introductory Remarks from the Chairperson

Good evening and welcome to the Council's [Policy & Resources/Environment/Development] Committee in the Chamber, [Cookstown/Dungannon/Magherafelt].

I specifically welcome the public watching us through the Live Broadcast. The Live Broadcast as aforesaid, will run for the period of our Open Business but will end just before we move into Confidential Business. I will let you know before this happens.

I would remind the public and press that taking photographs of proceedings or using any means to enable anyone not present to see or hear proceedings, or making a simultaneous oral report of the proceedings are not permitted.

Thank you and we will now move to the agenda.

Report on	Building Control Workload
Date of Meeting	16 th April 2024
Reporting Officer	Terry Scullion, AD Property Services
Contact Officer	P J Fox, Building Control Development Manager

Is this report restricted for confidential business? If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	Yes	
	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report		
1.1	To provide Members with an update on the workload analysis for Building Control across Mid-Ulster District Council.		
2.0	Background		
2.1	<p>Building Control applications are received in three different forms:-</p> <p>a Full Applications - submitted with detailed working drawings.</p> <p>b Building Notices - minor work not usually requiring detailed plans, e.g. provision of insulation to roof space, etc.</p> <p>c Regularisation Applications – where work has been carried out without an approval, an application must be submitted for retrospective approval.</p>		
3.0	Main Report		
3.1	Workload Analysis	March 2024	Accumulative 2023/24
	Total number of Applications	131	1800
	Full plans applications received.	48	588
	Building Notices applications received	59	999
	Regularisation applications received.	24	213
	Estimated value of works submitted	£11,140,992	£128,953,303

	Number of inspections carried out by Building Control Officers	463	7,039
	Commencements	154	2,090
	Domestic Dwellings	37	524
	Domestic Alterations and Extensions	106	1353
	Non-Domestic work	11	213
	Completions	101	1,565
	Domestic Dwellings	29	489
	Domestic Alterations and Extensions	63	986
	Non-Domestic work	9	90
	Property Certificates Received	154	1929
3.2	It should be noted from the Workload Analysis in 3.1, that the full range of applications are being received and administered in accordance with our procedures criteria.		
3.3	However, there is a reduction of approximately 14.5% in new applications received for the same period in year 2022/2023 although a change in the Building Regulations in June 2022 had inflated application numbers last year within this period. There is also an 9.5% reduction in inspection requests for the same period.		
3.4	Property Certificate numbers are on par with same period in year 2022/2023.		
4.0	Other Considerations		
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications		
	Financial: Within Current Resources		
	Human: Within Current Resources		
	Risk Management: None		
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments		
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: None		

	Rural Needs Implications: None
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Members are requested to note the content of this report.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix 1 – List of significant applications received by the Building Control Service

BC1 Appendix 1

Significant Developments Report April 2024 Environment Committee

Applicant	Location of Development	Details of Development	Estimated value of development
Kilronan School	46 Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt.	Extension to School (Floor area 1485 m ²) B.C. fee - £13,360.51	£3,262,244
Cherrybrook Developments Limited	Off Upperlands Road, Swatragh.	Erection of 10 Dwellings (Average Floor area 101m ²) B.C. fee - £3,157	£1,216,500

Report on	Entertainment Licensing Applications
Date of Meeting	16 th April 2024
Reporting Officer	Terry Scullion, AD Property Services
Contact Officers	PJ Fox, Building Control Development Manager & Colm Currie, Senior Building Control Officer

Is this report restricted for confidential business? If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	Yes	
	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To update Members on Entertainment Licensing applications across Mid Ulster District Council.
2.0	Background
2.1	The Council has responsibility for licensing places of entertainment in accordance with The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (NI) Order 1985. Entertainment Licensing applications are received on a continued basis across the District. Statutory consultations are carried out with PSNI and NIFRS for each Entertainment Licence application (grant or renewal) submitted.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>As previously agreed a list of applications received (see Appendix 1) and for all grant/renewal of Entertainment Licences in Mid Ulster District Council which are attached (see Appendix 2). The number of applications received on a monthly basis will vary depending on the date of expiry of the current licence.</p> <p>Each application is accompanied by the following documentation:</p> <p>1 A current Fire Risk Assessment detailing the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) means of escape from premises (b) management responsibilities for day to day safety aspects (c) details of review on an annual basis <p>The fire risk assessment submitted is audited by the inspecting officer.</p> <p>2 Electrical certification is required for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) General electrical installation (b) Emergency lighting system (c) Fire alarm system

	<p>3 Details of current public liability insurance for premises</p> <p>4 Copy of public advertisement in local press</p>
3.2	Following the application for the Grant/Renewal of an Entertainment Licence being submitted and validated, an inspection is carried out to ensure that the premises are in compliance with all relevant guidance and legislation.
3.3	<p>Areas which would be inspected are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Means of escape from the venue i.e. Final Exit Doors and Easy Opening Devices are satisfactory and escape routes are free from obstruction etc. 2. All floor, wall, and ceiling coverings are in compliance and in good condition 3. All firefighting equipment are correctly positioned and serviced as required. 4. The general condition of the premises is satisfactory. 5. All management documentation is in place.
3.4	Entertainment licensing applications have continued to be processed where possible including statutory consultations with external Bodies as required by legislation.
3.5	Licences have been issued where inspections had been completed and all points requiring attention have been addressed.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: Within Current Resources
	Human: Within Current Resources
	Risk Management: Within Current Resources
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: None
	Rural Needs Implications: None
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Members are requested to note the content of this report.

6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix 1 – Schedule of applications received for the Grant/Renewal of Entertainment Licences for March 2024
6.2	Appendix 2 – Schedule of Entertainment Licence applications which have been granted/renewed for March 2024.

Appendix 1–Schedule of applications received for the Grant/Renewal/Variation of Entertainment Licences March 2024

Name of Applicant	Name of Premises	Address of Premises	Type of Licence	Days and Hours proposed	Max Number of Patrons
J Gates	Magherafelt Parish Centre	24 King Street Magherafelt	Annual	Monday To Sunday From 09.00 To 01.00	517
D Friel	Friels Bar & Restaurant	2-4 Kilrea Road Swatragh	Annual	Monday To Saturday From 11.30 To 01.00 Sunday From 12.00 To 01.00	250
S Doherty	Fallaghloon AOH Community Hall	189 Glen Road Maghera	Annual	Monday To Sunday From 09.00 To 01.00	492
R Patton	Dungannon Rugby Football Club	36 Moy Road Dungannon	Annual	Monday To Sunday From 11.00 To 01.00	330
M Loughran	The Perfect Pint	40 Main Street Fivemiletown	Annual	Monday To Sunday From 11.30 To 01.00	100

Name of Applicant	Name of Premises	Address of Premises	Type of Licence	Days and Hours proposed	Max Number of Patrons
K Boyd	Dungannon Swifts Football Club	Far Circular Road Dungannon	Annual	Monday To Tuesday From 19.00 To 23.00 Wednesday & Thursday From 16.00 To 23.00 Friday & Saturday From 12.00 To 01.00 Sunday From 12.00 To 22.00	350
D Gordon	The Hawthorn Inn	54 Kilrea Road Portglenone	Annual	Monday To Saturday From 11.30 To 01.00 Sunday From 12.30 To 22.00	175

Name of Applicant	Name of Premises	Address of Premises	Type of Licence	Days and Hours proposed	Max Number of Patrons
Chief Executive	The Bridewell	6 Church Street Magherafelt	Annual	Monday To Thursday From 09.00 To 22.00 Friday To Saturday From 09.00 To 23.00 Sunday From 09.00 To 20.00	260
Carntogher Community Association	An Coire	132a Tirkane Road Maghera	Annual	Monday to Sunday From 09.00 To 01.00	220
D Williamson	Fivemiletown Royal British Legion Club Ltd	163 Ballagh Road Fivemiletown	Annual	Monday To Sunday From 11.00 To 23.00	160
M Gribbin	Moyola Park Golf Club	15 Curran Road Castledawson	Annual	Monday To Sunday From 10.00 To 23.00	297
D Donaghy	Donaghy's Bar	26 William Street Dungannon	Annual	Monday To Saturday From 11.30 To 01.00	192
S Boyle	The Cosy Corner Bar	68 Gulladuff Road Gulladuff	Annual	Sunday From 12.30 To 22.00	90

Name of Applicant	Name of Premises	Address of Premises	Type of Licence	Days and Hours proposed	Max Number of Patrons
M F Doyle	The Hogan Stand	32a Moneyneany Road, Draperstown	Annual	Monday To Saturday From 11.00 To 01.00 Sunday From 12.30 To 00.00	135
R & J O'Kane	The Flax Inn	27 King Street Magherafelt	Annual	Monday To Saturday From 11.30 To 01.00 Sunday From 12.00 To 00.30	90
M P Doyle	The Shepherd's Rest	220 Sixtowns Road Draperstown	Annual	Monday To Saturday From 11.30 To 01.00 Sunday From 12.00 To 00.00	340

Name of Applicant	Name of Premises	Address of Premises	Type of Licence	Days and Hours proposed	Max Number of Patrons
K Quinn	Sit and Sip Bar Lounge	28 Littlebridge Road, Moneymore	Annual	Monday to Friday From 12.00 To 00.00 Saturday From 12.00 To 01.30 Sunday From 12.00 To 00.00	87
M Stewart	The Coachman	58 Rainey Street Magherafelt	Annual	Monday To Saturday From 11.30 To 02.00 Sunday From 12.30 To 02.00	155
M Regan	The Market Inn	25-27 St. Patricks Street, Draperstown	Annual	Monday To Saturday From 11.30 To 01.00 Sunday From 12.30 To 00.00	100

Name of Applicant	Name of Premises	Address of Premises	Type of Licence	Days and Hours proposed	Max Number of Patrons
A M Crawford	McMasters Bar	27 Main Street Maghera	Annual	Monday To Saturday From 11.30 To 01.00 Sunday From 12.30 To 00.00	120
C McKenna	McKennas Bar	2-4 Glen Road Maghera	Annual	Monday To Saturday From 11.30 To 01.00 Sunday From 12.30 To 01.00	107
P Kidd	St Martin's GAC	51 Longfield Road Desertmartin	Annual	Monday To Sunday From 10.00 To 01.00	400
M T Molloy	The Oak Leaf Restaurant	31 Glenshane Road Maghera	Annual	Monday To Thursday From 12.00 To 00.00 Friday To Sunday From 12.00 To 01.00	135

Name of Applicant	Name of Premises	Address of Premises	Type of Licence	Days and Hours proposed	Max Number of Patrons
B Regan	Regan's Bar	17a Hall Street Maghera	Annual	Monday To Saturday From 11.30 To 01.00 Sunday From 12.30 To 00.30	110
K Bradley	Walsh's Hotel	53 Main Street Maghera	Annual	Monday To Thursday From 11.30 To 01.00 Friday To Sunday From 11.30 To 02.00	999
P McCloy	The Terrace Hotel	42-48 Church Street, Magherafelt	Annual	Monday To Saturday From 11.30 To 01.00 Sunday From 12.00 To 00.00	710
J Hamilton	Pomeroy Presbyterian Church Hall	1 Edendoit Road, Pomeroy	14 Unspecified Days	Monday to Sunday From 12.00 To 00.00	240

Appendix 2 – Schedule of Entertainment Licence applications which have been Granted/Renewed in March 2024

Name Of Applicant	Name Of Premises	Address Of Premises	Type Of Licence	Days And Hours Granted
P H Forbes	Forbes Bar	139 Mullanahoe Road, Dungannon	Annual	Monday To Friday From 11.30 To 23.00 Saturday To Sunday From 11.30 To 01.00
B Heron	Evergreen Social Club	27 Moss Road, Cookstown	Annual	Monday To Saturday From 19.30 To 23.30 Sunday From 11.30 To 22.30
B Ruddy	Rock St Patrick's GAC Community Hub	25 Tullyodonnell Road, Dungannon	Any 14 Unspecified Days	Monday To Sunday From 09.00 To 01.00

Name Of Applicant	Name Of Premises	Address Of Premises	Type Of Licence	Days And Hours Granted
J Convery	The Belfast House	3 Orritor Street, Coosktown	Annual	Monday To Saturday From 11.30 To 01.00 Sunday From 12.00 To 00.00
C Quinn	Kinturk Cultural Centre	7 Kinturk Road, Coostown	Annual	Monday To Sunday From 09.00 To 01.00 Friday To Saturday From 12.00 To 1.00 Sunday From 12.00 To 00.00

Name Of Applicant	Name Of Premises	Address Of Premises	Type Of Licence	Days And Hours Granted
V Daly	The Ryandale Inn	16-18 The Square, Moy	Annual	Monday To Saturday From 11.00 To 01.00 Sunday From 11.00 To 00.00
S Gormley	Gormley's Bar	3 Church Street, Ballygawley	Annual	Monday To Saturday From 11.30 To 01.30 Sunday From 12.30 To 00.30
C McOscar	St Malachy's GAC	55 Brough Road, Castledawson	Annual	Monday To Thursday From 10.00 To 00.00 Friday To Saturday From 10.00 To 1.00 Sunday From 10.00 To 00.00

Name Of Applicant	Name Of Premises	Address Of Premises	Type Of Licence	Days And Hours Granted
J Clarke	St Oliver Plunkett Hall	232 Mayogall Road, Clady	Any 14 Unspecified Days	Monday To Sunday From 12.00 To 01.00
H Stewart	Magherafelt Presbyterian Church Hall	28 Meeting Street, Magherafelt	Any 14 Unspecified Days	Monday To Friday From 20.00 To 01.00 Saturday From 20.00 To 00.00
H Davidson	Bellaghy Presbyterian Church Hall	50 Main Street, Bellaghy	Any 14 Unspecified Days	Monday To Friday From 09.00 To 01.00 Saturday To Sunday From 09.00 To 00.00

Name Of Applicant	Name Of Premises	Address Of Premises	Type Of Licence	Days And Hours Granted
K Johnston	St Treas AOH Community Hub	185 Shore Road, Magherafelt	Annual	Monday To Sunday From 10.00 To 01.30
K Chambers	Magherafelt Masonic Hall	17 Hospital Road, Magherafelt	Annual	Monday To Thursday From 19.00 To 01.00 Friday From 18.00 To 1.00 Saturday From 11.00 To 00.00
C McAleer	McAleer's Bar	5-11 Donaghmore Road, Dungannon	Annual	Monday To Saturday From 11.30 To 01.00 Sunday From 12.30 To 01.00

Name Of Applicant	Name Of Premises	Address Of Premises	Type Of Licence	Days And Hours Granted
M Orru	Aughnacloy Snooker Club	2 Caledon Road, Aughnacloy	Annual	Monday To Sunday From 09.00 To 23.00
H & T McGlone	Secrets Nightclub & Dormans Bar	15-17 Queen Street, Magherafelt	Annual	Monday To Saturday From 11.30 To 02.00 Sunday From 12.30 To 02.00

Report on	Dual Language Signage Requests
Date of Meeting	16 th April 2024
Reporting Officer	Terry Scullion, AD Property Services
Contact Officers	PJ Fox, Building Control Development Manager & Colm Currie, Senior Building Control Officer

Is this report restricted for confidential business? If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	Yes	
	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To advise Members of requests for Dual Language Signage from residents on the streets/roads in question.
2.0	Background
2.1	In accordance with the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) NI Order 1995 – Article 11 the Council is tasked with the responsibility to erect dual language signs or second nameplates, adjacent to the nameplate in English.
2.2	The Policy for Dual Language Nameplate Signage as adopted forms the basis for considering requests expressing the name in a language other than English, to both existing and new streets.
2.3	In accordance with the Policy as adopted, the Environment Committee will be informed of requests which have been validated and are proceeding to survey.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The Building Control Service within the Environment Directorate have received valid letters signed by the occupiers of the streets below requesting signage to be erected in a second language being "Irish" in each case adjacent to the nameplate in English as follows: - <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ballygittle Road, Stewartstown 2. Glenview Heights, Coalisland
3.2	The occupiers signing the requests in these cases have been confirmed as residents of the respective locations which has been evidenced by their listing on the current Electoral Register as required in accordance with the Policy as adopted, see letters of request attached in Appendices 2-3.
3.3	It should also be noted that the Electoral Office are only permitting access to members of the public including Officers of the Council for 60 minutes per visit. In addition, the time required to gain the necessary information has increased considerably due to the number of individuals that have been recently added to the Electoral Register.

4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: Within Current Resources
	Human: Within Current Resources
	Risk Management: None
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: None
	Rural Needs Implications: None
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	That Members note the content of this report.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix 1 – Dual Language Nameplate Signage Policy
6.2	Appendix 2 - Letter received from a resident of Ballygittle Road, Stewartstown
6.3	Appendix 3 - Letter received from a resident of Glenview Heights, Coalisland

Policy on Dual Language Nameplate Signage

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1.0 **Introduction**

1.1 Mid Ulster District Council resolved that a policy and associated procedures be developed to guide the Council in accordance with the provisions of Article 11 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1995("the 1995 Order"), referenced in Appendix A to this policy, on;

- (i) Erection of dual language Street signage

2.0 **Policy Aim & Objectives**

2.1 **Policy Aim:** To ensure that requests for the erection of dual language nameplate signage for existing streets are delivered in a fair, equitable and consistent manner.

2.2 **Policy Objectives:**

- To facilitate Mid Ulster District Council in meeting its statutory obligations with regard to local government Street Signage requirements.
- To lay out and facilitate a process whereby residents may request that their street be named in any other language other than English.
- To facilitate a process that considers requests from residents to have their street sign displayed in their chosen language as well as in English.

3.0 **Policy Scope and Legislative Framework**

3.1 This policy relates specifically to the naming of the erection of nameplates expressing the name of the street in a language other than English. The statutory basis for this policy is contained within Article 11 of the 1995 Order.

3.2 This legislation empowers Council to authorise the naming of streets within its respective District. It also provides the Council with a discretionary power to erect dual language street signs or second nameplates in a language other than English via Section 1a and 1b. A copy of the relevant statute is included in Appendix A.

3.3 For purposes of this Policy, the following interpretation/ definitions apply as set out within the 1995 Order:

- Nameplate - defined as a means of 'signifying a name in writing'
- Street - defined as 'any road, square, court, alley, passage or lane'.

4.0 Linkage to Corporate Plan

4.1 Referring to Mid Ulster District Council's Corporate Plan 2015-2019, this policy contributes toward the delivery of Corporate Theme 1 *Delivering for Our People*.

5.0 Dual Language Signage Nameplates

5.1 The Council will apply this policy when considering applications for dual language signage expressing the name of the street in a language other than English, to both existing and new streets.

5.2 The 1995 Order gives the Council a discretionary power to erect dual language signs or second nameplates, adjacent to the nameplate in English. In exercising this discretionary power, the Council must have regard to any views on the matter expressed by the occupiers of premises in that street.

5.3 Criteria - General

The Council in making arrangements and providing opportunities for dual language signage within street naming shall;

1. Have regard to any views on the matter expressed by occupiers of the street.
2. For the purposes of the policy, surveys will be issued to all occupiers (the age of 18 or over) of each dwelling where any person resides in a dwelling, including a house, flat, maisonette or house in multiple occupancy and which is numbered directly off the adjoining street, hereafter referred to as 'property'. Only the views of the occupiers aged 18 or over for each property that is occupied and listed on the Electoral Register at the date of survey will be considered.
3. In relation to properties, the 'occupier' will include the owner and family members or tenants as listed on the current Electoral / Rates Register as residing at that address or tenants in actual possession of the premises, but not employees within such premises at the date of the survey.
4. The naming of the street in a language other than English does not authorise or require its use as, or part of, the address of any person

or the description of the land for the purpose of any statutory provision; e.g., Building Control applications.

- 5.4 The provision of dual language Street Names will normally only be considered in the following circumstances:
- In the case of existing streets, where the Council has been petitioned and/or consulted with the occupiers of premises in that street and other persons it deems appropriate, in accordance with these arrangements.
- 5.5 Where an applicant does not have English as their first language, information in relation to this policy can be provided in an alternative language. Applications can be accepted in alternative languages if required by the applicant. Please see Appendix D for details.
- 5.6 Applications for Dual Language Signage will be processed in accordance with the Procedure as outlined in Appendix B

6.0 Roles and Responsibilities

- 6.1 **Director of Public Health and Infrastructure:** shall have responsibility for implementation of this policy by Mid Ulster District Council, through the Building Control Service.
- 6.2 **Building Control Service:** shall be responsible for implementing arrangements to administer requests to have an existing name of a Street erected in a language other than English;

7.0 IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

7.1 Equality Screening & Impact

- 7.1.1 This policy has been subject to equality screening in accordance with the Council's equality scheme screening process. It has been 'screened out' for an Equality Impact Assessment.

7.2 Rural Needs Impact

- 7.2.1 This policy has been subjected to a rural needs impact assessment and thus can demonstrate regard to rural needs when delivering this public service.

7.3 Staff & Financial Resources

- 7.3.1 No issues have been identified which will impact on the delivery of Council business as a result of this policy being implemented.

8.0 Support and Advice

8.1 Advice and guidance on the implementation of this should be sought from the Head of Building Control

9.0 Communication

9.1 The Building Control Service within the Public Health & Infrastructure Department of Council is responsible for the communication, delivery and adherence to this policy

10.0 Monitoring and Review Arrangements

10.1 Implementation of this policy will be routinely monitored and a formal review undertaken 4 years from its effective commencement date.

Appendix A
Article 11, Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1995

Street names and numbering of buildings

Powers of councils in relation to street names and numbering of buildings

11.—(1) A council may erect at or near each end, corner or entrance of any street in its district a nameplate showing the name of the street; and a nameplate erected under this paragraph—

- (a) shall express the name of the street in English; and
- (b) may express that name in any other language

(2) A council may, immediately adjacent to a nameplate erected under paragraph (1) which expresses the name of a street in English only, erect a second nameplate expressing the name of the street in a language other than English.

(3) Neither this Article nor anything done by a council thereunder authorises or requires the use of the name of a street expressed in a language other than English as, or as part of—

- (a) the address of any person; or
- (b) the description of any land; for

the purposes of any statutory provision.

(4) In deciding whether and, if so, how to exercise its powers under paragraph (1)(b) or (2) in relation to any street, a council shall have regard to any views on the matter expressed by the occupiers of premises in that street.

(5) Any person who—

- (a) obscures, pulls down or defaces any nameplate erected under paragraph (1) or (2);
- (b) erects in any street any nameplate showing as the name of the street a name different from that in any nameplate erected in the street under paragraph (1) or (2); or
- (c) erects in any street any nameplate purporting to show the name of the street, without the authorisation of the council for the district in which the street is situated,

shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale.

(6) Where a council has exercised its powers under paragraph (1) in relation to any street, the occupier of each house or other building in that street shall ensure that that house or building is at all times marked with such number as the council may approve for the purposes of this Article.

(7) Where a person fails to comply with paragraph (6) the council may serve on him a notice requiring him to comply with that paragraph within 7 days from the date of service of the notice.

(8) A person who fails to comply with a notice served on him under paragraph (7) shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale.

(9) Where a person fails to comply with a notice served on him under paragraph (7) in respect of any house or other building, the council may itself do anything which he has failed to do and may recover from that person summarily as a civil debt any expenses thereby reasonably incurred by it.

(10) In this Article—
“nameplate” includes any means of signifying a name in writing; “street” includes any road, square, court, alley, passage or lane.

(11) The power of a council to erect a nameplate under paragraph (1) or (2) includes power—

- (a) to erect it on any building or in such other manner as the council thinks fit; and
- (b) to cause it to be erected by any person authorised in that behalf by the council.

(12) The following statutory provisions shall cease to have effect, namely—

- (a) sections 64 and 65 of the Towns Improvement Clauses Act 1847^{F6};
- (b) in section 38 of the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854^{F7} the words “naming the streets and numbering the houses and also so much thereof as relates to”;
- (c) section 21 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1907^{F8};
- (d) section 19 of the Public Health and Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 1949^{F9}; and
- (e) so much of any local Act as relates to the naming of streets or the numbering of houses or buildings

Appendix B

Dual Language Signage Nameplates: *Procedure*

In deciding whether it should exercise its discretionary powers in relation to erection of dual language nameplates under Article 11 of the 1995 Order, the Council shall only do so after having regard to the views of occupiers of premises which has its frontage immediately adjoining that street.

The procedure for seeking and assessing the views of occupiers and criteria to be applied in deciding whether to erect a dual language nameplate in a language other than English is;

1. A valid letter, signed by an occupier of the street must be made to Council to enable this matter to be considered. Requests should be made to the Building Control Service within the Public Health and Infrastructure Department. A letter of request shall be valid if; it is from an occupier who appears on the Electoral Register as maintained by the Electoral Office for NI; the applicant's address is referenced on the letter and; the individual's name is clearly stated and the letter has been signed by the petitioner (who must be an occupier of premises on the street). A letter may be received by email but it must be attached as a file and signed. The Council shall not accept a request made within the body of an email.
2. The Environment Committee will receive notification of submitted requests by way of valid letters as referenced at 1, above. A letter will be deemed to be valid where it is submitted by a minimum of one householder on that street. The Environment Committee will be informed of requests which have been validated and are proceeding to survey.
3. Following validation, the Council will canvass, by post, each occupier within a household as listed on the Electoral Register; seeking their views on the request to erect a dual-language street nameplate. Each household will receive a letter accompanied by survey forms based on the number of occupiers listed on the Electoral Register. The requisite number of survey forms for individuals registered at that address will be forwarded to each household (See Appendix E)
4. The occupiers will be advised of the date by which completed surveys must be returned. Incomplete or illegible survey returns will not be counted. Completed surveys which has been signed and name printed as required, must be returned in the self- addressed envelopes provided for that purpose. Only replies received by the specified date shall be considered.
5. For purposes of assessment where 51 % (rounded to nearest whole number) of occupiers that respond indicate that they are in favour of the erection of a dual language street nameplate, then the results of the survey will be forwarded to the Environment Committee for information confirming that the dual language nameplate will be erected

6. For purposes of assessment where 51 % (rounded to nearest whole number) of occupiers that respond indicate that they are not in favour of the erection of a dual-language street nameplate, then the results of the survey will be forwarded to the Environment Committee for information confirming that the dual language nameplate will not be approved or erected
7. In specific circumstances a report may be brought to the Environment Committee to determine an application where there are particular issues requiring the Members consideration
8. If the request is refused by those households surveyed, further requests will not be considered until the expiry of 12 months from the date at which the Environment Committee refuses it.
9. Where a request for Irish Language signage, the Irish Language Section within Department of Culture and Arts and/or an approved translator will provide the translation of the street name. Any other language shall be obtained from an approved translation service the cost of which will be notified to the Environment Committee when receiving the report on the outcome of the survey. The second language will not be used to express the name of the street for statutory purposes.
10. The layout, font and size of lettering of the second language shall be in accordance with that as shown in Appendix C.
11. Following the Council's decision with regards to the request on Dual Language Signage for a particular street/road, the outcome will be published on the Council Website. Where requested, written confirmation of the decision will be forwarded to relevant households.
12. Where agreed, a new dual language nameplate will be erected at the start and finish of the street or road in question and at such points along it as required e.g. at other road junctions, in accordance with any operational requirements as determined by the Property Services Team.

Appendix C Name Plate Layout

AGREED: 11th September 2018 Environment Committee
23rd September 2018 Full Council

Mono-Lingual New Road / Street Signage

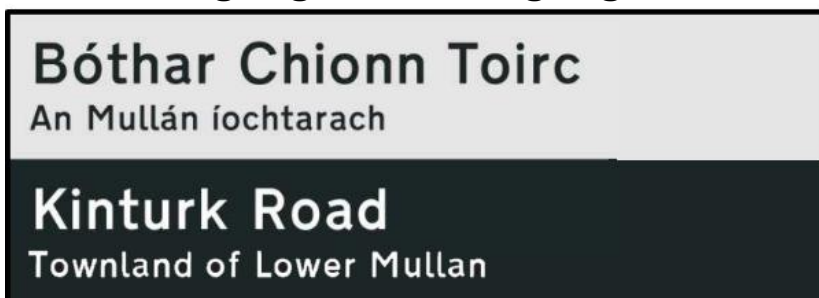


Example signage

Specification

- Name Plate Dimensions: 200mm x length to suit road name
- Background Colour: White
- Font & Colour: Transport Medium; Black
- Road Name font size: Upper case; 70mm Lower case; 50mm
- Townland font size: Upper case; 30mm Lower case; 22mm
- Text Justification: Left hand

Dual Language Street Signage



Example signage

Specification

- Name Plate Dimensions: 460mm x length to suit road name
- Background Colour: Dark Grey Value; C:77 M:63 Y:64 K:69
Light Grey Value; C:0 M:0 Y:0 K:10
- Font Type: Transport Medium
- Font Colour: Dark Grey Value; C:77 M:63 Y:64 K:69
Standard White
- Road Name font size: Upper case; 63mm Lower case; 50mm
- Townland font size: Upper case; 40mm Lower case; 30mm
- Text Justification: Left hand

Appendix D- Accessibility Statement

The information included in this policy can be made available in alternative formats, such as audio, braille, easy read or large print and may be provided in alternative languages, upon request. Please contact Mid Ulster District Council's Corporate Policy & Equality Officer on 03000 132 132 Ex 24612 or via ann.mcaleer@midulstercouncil.org



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Appendix E

18 February 2019

Our Ref:- «Ref»

The Occupier
50 Ballyronan Road
Townparks of Magherafelt
Magherafelt
BT45 6EN

Ref: Application for Dual Language signs at Name of Street/Development

Dear Sir/Madam

Mid Ulster District Council have received an application to erect street nameplates in ??? in addition to the current name for the street as indicated above.

The Council's Policy on Street Naming & Dual Language Signage outlines that individuals who meet the following criteria are eligible to register their preference on this matter:

A person who resides on the street in question and appears on the Electoral Register as maintained by the Electoral Office for Northern Ireland.

Our records would indicate that you meet the above criteria.

In accordance with these arrangements I would be grateful if you would complete the attached survey form and indicate your preference in this matter. The completed survey form should be returned to these offices in the addressed envelope provided by **Tuesday 19 March 2019**. Survey forms received after this date will not be considered.

On completion of this survey Council will provide a determination on this request on the basis of the majority preference as submitted. For approval to be considered, at least 51% of respondents must be in favour of the proposal (i.e. street nameplates being erected in ???, in addition to English for Name of Street/Development).

If you have any queries on the above please contact Willie Wilkinson in the Magherafelt Office by either:

Tel: 03000 132 132 (Ext 22208)

Email: willie.wilkinson@midulstercouncil.org

Yours faithfully

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Head of Building Control

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19 February 2019

Our Ref:- MUDL0078

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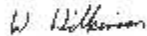
Ref: Application for Dual Language signs at Name of Street/Development

Dear Sir/Madam

Please read the following statements below carefully. Tick your preferred option in the appropriate box, print your name and address and sign the document. Then return this letter which has your reply in the addressed envelope provided by 19 March 2019.

Thank you for your time completing this survey.

Yours faithfully



W Wilkinson

Head of Building Control

Options

1. I WISH to have a Dual Language nameplate erected at Name of Street/Development, the additional language being ???

2. I DO NOT WISH to have a Dual Language nameplate erected at Name of Street/Development, the additional language being ???

Print Name: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____

The results of this survey will be available to view on www.midulstercouncil.org but should you wish to receive written correspondence detailing the outcome of the survey please tick this box.

Dual Language Signage Requests

Appendix 2 - Letter received from a resident of Ballygittle Road, Stewartstown

Terry Scullion
C/O Mid-Ulster Council

Date: 22/1/24

Dear Mr Scullion

RE: Dual Language Signage.

I am writing to ask you to initiate the Council procedure for dual language signage, in Irish and English on

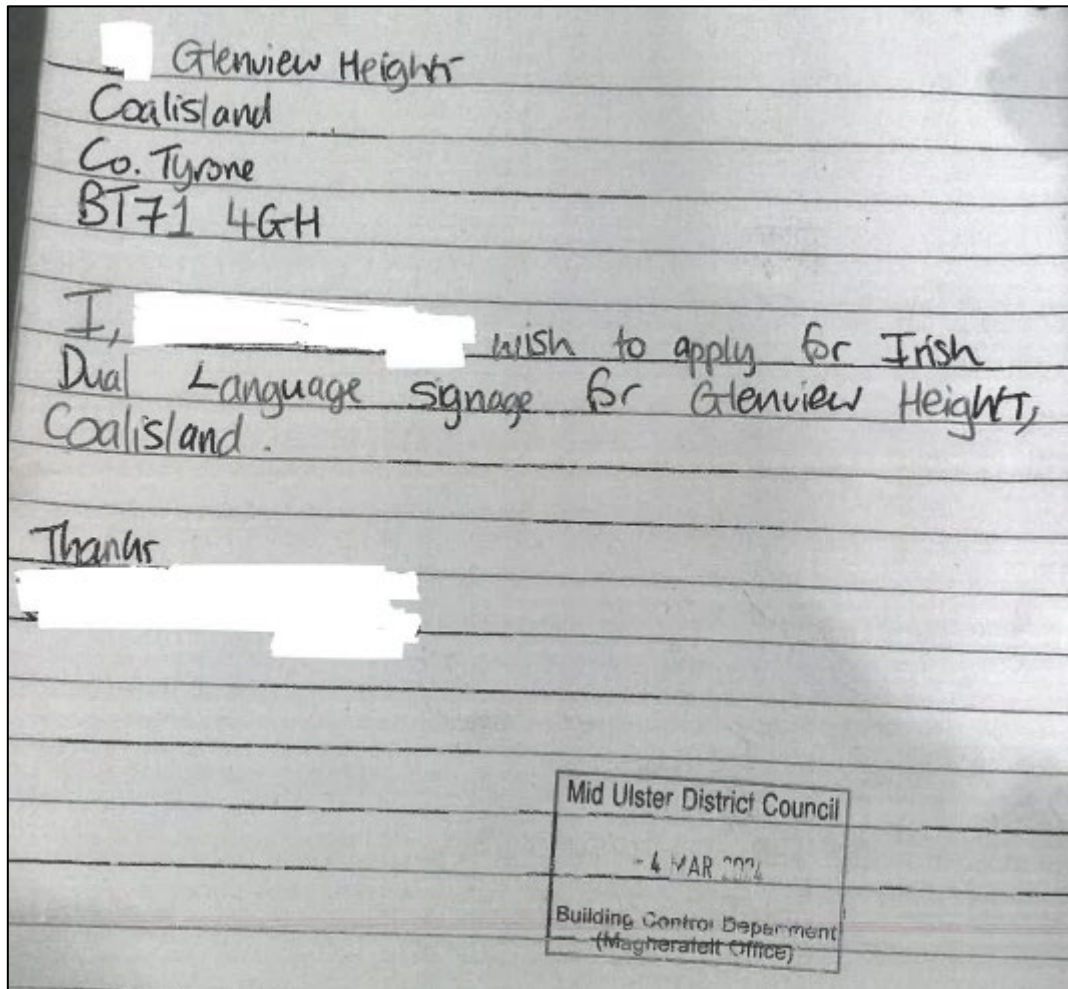
BALLYGITTLE ROAD, AUGHRIMBERG
BT71 5JS

In accordance with the policy, I am giving consent, as a resident of the road, to now carry out the relevant procedure recently agreed by council.

Your Sincerely



Appendix 3 - Letter received from a resident of Glenview Heights, Coalisland



Report on	Dual Language Signage Surveys
Date of Meeting	16 th April 2024
Reporting Officer	Terry Scullion, AD Property Services
Contact Officers	PJ Fox, Building Control Development Manager & Colm Currie, Senior Building Control Officer

Is this report restricted for confidential business? If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	Yes	
	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To advise Members on the result of surveys undertaken on all applicable residents on the streets/roads in response to Dual Language Signage Nameplate requests.
2.0	Background
2.1	In accordance with the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) NI Order 1995 – Article 11 the Council is tasked with the responsibility to erect dual language signs or second nameplates, adjacent to the nameplate in English.
2.2	The Policy for Street Naming and Dual Language Signage – Section 6.0 (See Appendix 1) as adopted forms the basis for considering requests expressing the name in a language other than English, to both existing and new streets.
2.3	In accordance with the Policy as adopted, all occupiers as listed on the Electoral Register residing on the street/road as noted below were canvassed, by post seeking their views on the request to erect dual-language street nameplates in the Irish Language as requested in each case.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The Building Control Service within the Environment Directorate issued occupiers of the undernoted street, correspondence seeking their views on the request to erect a dual-language street nameplate.

3.2

Completed surveys were received by the return date and the outcome is as follows:

Name of Street	Ardnaskea Park, Coalisland
Language Requested	Irish
Date Request Validated	15/01/2024
Survey Request Reported to Environment Committee	13/02/2024
Surveys Issued	16/02/2024
Surveys returned by	15/03/2024
Survey Letters Issued	24
Survey Letters Returned	11
Replies in Favour	11
Replies not in Favour	0
Invalid	0
Valid Returns	11
Percentage in Favour	100%

In accordance with the Dual Language Signage Nameplates Policy, where more than 51% of the completed replies returned by occupiers indicate that they are in favor of the erection of a dual language street nameplate, it is confirmed that the dual language nameplates at Ardnaskea Park, Coalisland will be erected.

Name of Street	Gortin Crescent, Dungannon
Language Requested	Irish
Date Request Validated	15/01/2024
Survey Request Reported to Environment Committee	13/02/2024
Surveys Issued	16/02/2024
Surveys returned by	15/03/2024
Survey Letters Issued	29
Survey Letters Returned	7
Replies in Favour	6
Replies not in Favour	1
Invalid	0
Valid Returns	7
Percentage in Favour	86%

In accordance with the Dual Language Signage Nameplates Policy, where more than 51% of the completed replies returned by occupiers indicate that they are in favor of the erection of a dual language street nameplate, it is confirmed that the dual language nameplates at Gortin Crescent, Dungannon will be erected.

Name of Street	Ivy Terrace, Donaghmore
Language Requested	Irish
Date Request Validated	15/01/2024
Survey Request Reported to Environment Committee	13/02/2024
Surveys Issued	16/02/2024
Surveys returned by	15/03/2024
Survey Letters Issued	19
Survey Letters Returned	6
Replies in Favour	3
Replies not in Favour	3
Invalid	0
Valid Returns	6
Percentage in Favour	50%

In accordance with the Dual Language Signage Nameplates Policy, where not more than 51% of the completed replies returned by occupiers indicate that they are in favor of the erection of a dual language street nameplate, and in this survey it is 50%, it is therefore confirmed that the dual language nameplates at Ivy Terrace, Donaghmore will **not** be erected.

Name of Street	Brewery Lane, Donaghmore
Language Requested	Irish
Date Request Validated	15/01/2024
Survey Request Reported to Environment Committee	13/02/2024
Surveys Issued	16/02/2024
Surveys returned by	15/03/2024
Survey Letters Issued	27
Survey Letters Returned	8
Replies in Favour	7
Replies not in Favour	0
Invalid	1
Valid Returns	7
Percentage in Favour	100%

In accordance with the Dual Language Signage Nameplates Policy, where more than 51% of the completed replies returned by occupiers indicate that they are in favor of the erection of a dual language street nameplate, it is confirmed that the dual language nameplates at Brewery Lane, Donaghmore will be erected.

4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: Within Current Resources
	Human: Within Current Resources
	Risk Management: None
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: None
	Rural Needs Implications: None
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	<p>That Members note the result of the survey for application of Dual Language Nameplates in Irish for the street as detailed below:</p> <p>(a) Where more than 51 % of occupiers that respond indicated that they were in favour of the erection of a dual language signage, nameplates will be erected:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ardnaskea Park, Coalisland 2. Gortin Crescent, Dungannon 3. Brewery Lane, Donaghmore <p>(b) Where <u>not</u> more than 51 % of occupiers that respond indicated that they were in favour of the erection of a dual language signage, nameplates will <u>not</u> be erected:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ivy Terrace, Donaghmore
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix 1 - Policy for Dual Language Nameplate Signage
6.2	Appendix 2 - Dual Language Nameplate Translation for each Street/Road

Policy on Dual Language Nameplate Signage

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1.0 **Introduction**

1.1 Mid Ulster District Council resolved that a policy and associated procedures be developed to guide the Council in accordance with the provisions of Article 11 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1995("the 1995 Order"), referenced in Appendix A to this policy, on;

- (i) Erection of dual language Street signage

2.0 **Policy Aim & Objectives**

2.1 **Policy Aim:** To ensure that requests for the erection of dual language nameplate signage for existing streets are delivered in a fair, equitable and consistent manner.

2.2 **Policy Objectives:**

- To facilitate Mid Ulster District Council in meeting its statutory obligations with regard to local government Street Signage requirements.
- To lay out and facilitate a process whereby residents may request that their street be named in any other language other than English.
- To facilitate a process that considers requests from residents to have their street sign displayed in their chosen language as well as in English.

3.0 **Policy Scope and Legislative Framework**

3.1 This policy relates specifically to the naming of the erection of nameplates expressing the name of the street in a language other than English. The statutory basis for this policy is contained within Article 11 of the 1995 Order.

3.2 This legislation empowers Council to authorise the naming of streets within its respective District. It also provides the Council with a discretionary power to erect dual language street signs or second nameplates in a language other than English via Section 1a and 1b. A copy of the relevant statute is included in Appendix A.

3.3 For purposes of this Policy, the following interpretation/ definitions apply as set out within the 1995 Order:

- Nameplate - defined as a means of 'signifying a name in writing'
- Street - defined as 'any road, square, court, alley, passage or lane'.

4.0 Linkage to Corporate Plan

4.1 Referring to Mid Ulster District Council's Corporate Plan 2015-2019, this policy contributes toward the delivery of Corporate Theme 1 *Delivering for Our People*.

5.0 Dual Language Signage Nameplates

5.1 The Council will apply this policy when considering applications for dual language signage expressing the name of the street in a language other than English, to both existing and new streets.

5.2 The 1995 Order gives the Council a discretionary power to erect dual language signs or second nameplates, adjacent to the nameplate in English. In exercising this discretionary power, the Council must have regard to any views on the matter expressed by the occupiers of premises in that street.

5.3 Criteria - General

The Council in making arrangements and providing opportunities for dual language signage within street naming shall;

1. Have regard to any views on the matter expressed by occupiers of the street.
2. For the purposes of the policy, surveys will be issued to all occupiers (the age of 18 or over) of each dwelling where any person resides in a dwelling, including a house, flat, maisonette or house in multiple occupancy and which is numbered directly off the adjoining street, hereafter referred to as 'property'. Only the views of the occupiers aged 18 or over for each property that is occupied and listed on the Electoral Register at the date of survey will be considered.
3. In relation to properties, the 'occupier' will include the owner and family members or tenants as listed on the current Electoral / Rates Register as residing at that address or tenants in actual possession of the premises, but not employees within such premises at the date of the survey.
4. The naming of the street in a language other than English does not authorise or require its use as, or part of, the address of any person

or the description of the land for the purpose of any statutory provision; e.g., Building Control applications.

5.4 The provision of dual language Street Names will normally only be considered in the following circumstances:

- In the case of existing streets, where the Council has been petitioned and/or consulted with the occupiers of premises in that street and other persons it deems appropriate, in accordance with these arrangements.

5.5 Where an applicant does not have English as their first language, information in relation to this policy can be provided in an alternative language. Applications can be accepted in alternative languages if required by the applicant. Please see Appendix D for details.

5.6 Applications for Dual Language Signage will be processed in accordance with the Procedure as outlined in Appendix B

6.0 Roles and Responsibilities

6.1 **Director of Public Health and Infrastructure:** shall have responsibility for implementation of this policy by Mid Ulster District Council, through the Building Control Service.

6.2 **Building Control Service:** shall be responsible for implementing arrangements to administer requests to have an existing name of a Street erected in a language other than English;

7.0 IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

7.1 Equality Screening & Impact

7.1.1 This policy has been subject to equality screening in accordance with the Council's equality scheme screening process. It has been 'screened out' for an Equality Impact Assessment.

7.2 Rural Needs Impact

7.2.1 This policy has been subjected to a rural needs impact assessment and thus can demonstrate regard to rural needs when delivering this public service.

7.3 Staff & Financial Resources

7.3.1 No issues have been identified which will impact on the delivery of Council business as a result of this policy being implemented.

8.0 Support and Advice

8.1 Advice and guidance on the implementation of this should be sought from the Head of Building Control

9.0 Communication

9.1 The Building Control Service within the Public Health & Infrastructure Department of Council is responsible for the communication, delivery and adherence to this policy

10.0 Monitoring and Review Arrangements

10.1 Implementation of this policy will be routinely monitored and a formal review undertaken 4 years from its effective commencement date.

Appendix A
Article 11, Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1995

Street names and numbering of buildings

Powers of councils in relation to street names and numbering of buildings

11.—(1) A council may erect at or near each end, corner or entrance of any street in its district a nameplate showing the name of the street; and a nameplate erected under this paragraph—

- (a) shall express the name of the street in English; and
- (b) may express that name in any other language

(2) A council may, immediately adjacent to a nameplate erected under paragraph (1) which expresses the name of a street in English only, erect a second nameplate expressing the name of the street in a language other than English.

(3) Neither this Article nor anything done by a council thereunder authorises or requires the use of the name of a street expressed in a language other than English as, or as part of—

- (a) the address of any person; or
- (b) the description of any land; for

the purposes of any statutory provision.

(4) In deciding whether and, if so, how to exercise its powers under paragraph (1)(b) or (2) in relation to any street, a council shall have regard to any views on the matter expressed by the occupiers of premises in that street.

(5) Any person who—

- (a) obscures, pulls down or defaces any nameplate erected under paragraph (1) or (2);
- (b) erects in any street any nameplate showing as the name of the street a name different from that in any nameplate erected in the street under paragraph (1) or (2); or
- (c) erects in any street any nameplate purporting to show the name of the street, without the authorisation of the council for the district in which the street is situated,

shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale.

(6) Where a council has exercised its powers under paragraph (1) in relation to any street, the occupier of each house or other building in that street shall ensure that that house or building is at all times marked with such number as the council may approve for the purposes of this Article.

(7) Where a person fails to comply with paragraph (6) the council may serve on him a notice requiring him to comply with that paragraph within 7 days from the date of service of the notice.

(8) A person who fails to comply with a notice served on him under paragraph (7) shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale.

(9) Where a person fails to comply with a notice served on him under paragraph (7) in respect of any house or other building, the council may itself do anything which he has failed to do and may recover from that person summarily as a civil debt any expenses thereby reasonably incurred by it.

(10) In this Article—
“nameplate” includes any means of signifying a name in writing; “street” includes any road, square, court, alley, passage or lane.

(11) The power of a council to erect a nameplate under paragraph (1) or (2) includes power—

- (a) to erect it on any building or in such other manner as the council thinks fit; and
- (b) to cause it to be erected by any person authorised in that behalf by the council.

(12) The following statutory provisions shall cease to have effect, namely—

- (a) sections 64 and 65 of the Towns Improvement Clauses Act 1847^{F6};
- (b) in section 38 of the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854^{F7} the words “naming the streets and numbering the houses and also so much thereof as relates to”;
- (c) section 21 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1907^{F8};
- (d) section 19 of the Public Health and Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 1949^{F9}; and
- (e) so much of any local Act as relates to the naming of streets or the numbering of houses or buildings

Appendix B

Dual Language Signage Nameplates: *Procedure*

In deciding whether it should exercise its discretionary powers in relation to erection of dual language nameplates under Article 11 of the 1995 Order, the Council shall only do so after having regard to the views of occupiers of premises which has its frontage immediately adjoining that street.

The procedure for seeking and assessing the views of occupiers and criteria to be applied in deciding whether to erect a dual language nameplate in a language other than English is;

1. A valid letter, signed by an occupier of the street must be made to Council to enable this matter to be considered. Requests should be made to the Building Control Service within the Public Health and Infrastructure Department. A letter of request shall be valid if; it is from an occupier who appears on the Electoral Register as maintained by the Electoral Office for NI; the applicant's address is referenced on the letter and; the individual's name is clearly stated and the letter has been signed by the petitioner (who must be an occupier of premises on the street). A letter may be received by email but it must be attached as a file and signed. The Council shall not accept a request made within the body of an email.
2. The Environment Committee will receive notification of submitted requests by way of valid letters as referenced at 1, above. A letter will be deemed to be valid where it is submitted by a minimum of one householder on that street. The Environment Committee will be informed of requests which have been validated and are proceeding to survey.
3. Following validation, the Council will canvass, by post, each occupier within a household as listed on the Electoral Register; seeking their views on the request to erect a dual-language street nameplate. Each household will receive a letter accompanied by survey forms based on the number of occupiers listed on the Electoral Register. The requisite number of survey forms for individuals registered at that address will be forwarded to each household (See Appendix E)
4. The occupiers will be advised of the date by which completed surveys must be returned. Incomplete or illegible survey returns will not be counted. Completed surveys which has been signed and name printed as required, must be returned in the self- addressed envelopes provided for that purpose. Only replies received by the specified date shall be considered.
5. For purposes of assessment where 51 % (rounded to nearest whole number) of occupiers that respond indicate that they are in favour of the erection of a dual language street nameplate, then the results of the survey will be forwarded to the Environment Committee for information confirming that the dual language nameplate will be erected

6. For purposes of assessment where 51 % (rounded to nearest whole number) of occupiers that respond indicate that they are not in favour of the erection of a dual-language street nameplate, then the results of the survey will be forwarded to the Environment Committee for information confirming that the dual language nameplate will not be approved or erected
7. In specific circumstances a report may be brought to the Environment Committee to determine an application where there are particular issues requiring the Members consideration
8. If the request is refused by those households surveyed, further requests will not be considered until the expiry of 12 months from the date at which the Environment Committee refuses it.
9. Where a request for Irish Language signage, the Irish Language Section within Department of Culture and Arts and/or an approved translator will provide the translation of the street name. Any other language shall be obtained from an approved translation service the cost of which will be notified to the Environment Committee when receiving the report on the outcome of the survey. The second language will not be used to express the name of the street for statutory purposes.
10. The layout, font and size of lettering of the second language shall be in accordance with that as shown in Appendix C.
11. Following the Council's decision with regards to the request on Dual Language Signage for a particular street/road, the outcome will be published on the Council Website. Where requested, written confirmation of the decision will be forwarded to relevant households.
12. Where agreed, a new dual language nameplate will be erected at the start and finish of the street or road in question and at such points along it as required e.g. at other road junctions, in accordance with any operational requirements as determined by the Property Services Team.

Appendix C Name Plate Layout

AGREED: 11th September 2018 Environment Committee
23rd September 2018 Full Council

Mono-Lingual New Road / Street Signage

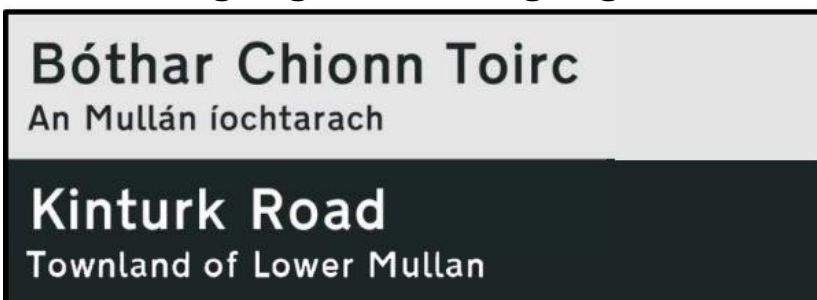


Example signage

Specification

- Name Plate Dimensions: 200mm x length to suit road name
- Background Colour: White
- Font & Colour: Transport Medium; Black
- Road Name font size: Upper case; 70mm Lower case; 50mm
- Townland font size: Upper case; 30mm Lower case; 22mm
- Text Justification: Left hand

Dual Language Street Signage



Example signage

Specification

- Name Plate Dimensions: 460mm x length to suit road name
- Background Colour: Dark Grey Value; C:77 M:63 Y:64 K:69
Light Grey Value; C:0 M:0 Y:0 K:10
- Font Type: Transport Medium
- Font Colour: Dark Grey Value; C:77 M:63 Y:64 K:69
Standard White
- Road Name font size: Upper case; 63mm Lower case; 50mm
- Townland font size: Upper case; 40mm Lower case; 30mm
- Text Justification: Left hand

Appendix D- Accessibility Statement

The information included in this policy can be made available in alternative formats, such as audio, braille, easy read or large print and may be provided in alternative languages, upon request. Please contact Mid Ulster District Council's Corporate Policy & Equality Officer on 03000 132 132 Ex 24612 or via ann.mcaleer@midulstercouncil.org



Cumhairle Ceantair
Lár Uladh
Mid Ulster
District Council

Appendix E

18 February 2019

Our Ref:- «Ref»

The Occupier
50 Ballyronan Road
Townparks of Magherafelt
Magherafelt
BT45 6EN

Ref: Application for Dual Language signs at Name of Street/Development

Dear Sir/Madam

Mid Ulster District Council have received an application to erect street nameplates in ??? in addition to the current name for the street as indicated above.

The Council's Policy on Street Naming & Dual Language Signage outlines that individuals who meet the following criteria are eligible to register their preference on this matter:

A person who resides on the street in question and appears on the Electoral Register as maintained by the Electoral Office for Northern Ireland.

Our records would indicate that you meet the above criteria.

In accordance with these arrangements I would be grateful if you would complete the attached survey form and indicate your preference in this matter. The completed survey form should be returned to these offices in the addressed envelope provided by **Tuesday 19 March 2019**. Survey forms received after this date will not be considered.

On completion of this survey Council will provide a determination on this request on the basis of the majority preference as submitted. For approval to be considered, at least 51% of respondents must be in favour of the proposal (i.e. street nameplates being erected in ???, in addition to English for Name of Street/Development).

If you have any queries on the above please contact Willie Wilkinson in the Magherafelt Office by either:

Tel: 03000 132 132 (Ext 22208)

Email: willie.wilkinson@midulstercouncil.org

Yours faithfully

W Wilkinson
Head of Building Control

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19 February 2019

Our Ref:- MUDL0078

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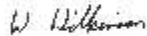
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Dear Sir/Madam

Please read the following statements below carefully. Tick your preferred option in the appropriate box, print your name and address and sign the document. Then return this letter which has your reply in the addressed envelope provided by 19 March 2019.

Thank you for your time completing this survey.

Yours faithfully



W Wilkinson

Head of Building Control

Options

1. I WISH to have a Dual Language nameplate erected at Name of Street/Development, the additional language being ???

2. I DO NOT WISH to have a Dual Language nameplate erected at Name of Street/Development, the additional language being ???

Print Name: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____

The results of this survey will be available to view on www.midulstercouncil.org but should you wish to receive written correspondence detailing the outcome of the survey please tick this box.

Appendix 2 – Dual Language Nameplate Translation for each Street/Road

	Current Name	Irish Translation
Road	Ardnaskea Park, Coalisland	Páirc Ard na Sceach
Townland	Brackaville	Bréachmhaoil

	Current Name	Irish Translation
Road	Gortin Crescent, Dungannon	Corrán an Ghoirtín
Townland	Gortin	An Goirtín

	Current Name	Irish Translation
Road	Brewery Lane, Donaghmore	Lána na Grúdlainne
Townland	Annaghbeg	An tEanach Beag

Report on	Collection of abandoned vehicles and dead animals
Date of Meeting	16th April 2024
Reporting Officer	Mark McAdoo, Assistant Director: Environmental Services
Contact Officer	Mark McAdoo, Assistant Director: Environmental Services

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To update members on the collection of abandoned vehicles and dead animals.
2.0	Background
2.1	<p>The Waste Collection Service policy, as approved by Council in October 2022, states the following in relation to the collection of abandoned motor vehicles.</p> <p><i>Under the Pollution Control & Local Government (NI) Order 1978 and Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act (NI) 2011 a Council is permitted to collect and dispose of abandoned motor vehicles. The procedures are as follows:-</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Council will require notification from the local PSNI requesting collection.</i> • <i>The Council Supervisor/Officer investigates, placing seven day notice on vehicle. Upon expiry of seven days, the vehicle is photographed and arrangements made for collection and disposal.</i> • <i>Special arrangements will be made in terms of urgent removal e.g. burnt out vehicles. Council will not collect abandoned vehicles from private land.</i>
2.2	<p>However given a recent complaint and queries from members on the application of the policy (including a request from the Chair at the previous meeting) a review of the procedures for the collection on abandoned vehicles has now been undertaken. A previous request was also made by the Chair concerning Council's responsibility in relation to the collection of a dead animal on the Cookstown Road and so this service/issue is also addressed in this report.</p>

3.0	Main Report
	<p data-bbox="244 259 719 293"><u>Collection of abandoned vehicles</u></p> <p data-bbox="145 333 1398 589">3.1 The Pollution Control and Local Government (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 Article 36 (1) defines what constitutes a motor vehicle for the purpose of the Order. “Motor vehicle means a mechanically propelled vehicle intended or adapted for use on roads, whether or not it is in a fit state for such use, and includes any trailer intended or adapted for use as an attachment to such a vehicle, any chassis or body, with or without wheels, appearing to have formed part of such a vehicle or trailer and anything attached to such a vehicle or trailer”.</p> <p data-bbox="145 629 1382 842">3.2 Article 29 (2) (1) provides when a vehicle shall be deemed to have been abandoned. “For the purposes of paragraph (1), a person who leaves any motor vehicle or thing which formed part of a motor vehicle on any land in such circumstances or for such a period that he may reasonably be assumed to have abandoned it there shall be deemed to have abandoned it there or to have brought it to the land for that purpose unless the contrary is shown.”</p> <p data-bbox="145 882 1398 1357">3.3 Article 30 (1) and 30 (2) confers power to remove abandoned vehicles.</p> <p data-bbox="244 958 1398 1099">(1) Where it appears to a district council that a motor vehicle in its district is abandoned without lawful authority on any land in the open air or on any other land forming part of a road the council shall, subject to the following provisions of this Article, remove the vehicle.</p> <p data-bbox="244 1142 1398 1357">(2) Where it appears to a district council that the land on which a motor vehicle is abandoned as aforesaid is occupied by any person, the council shall before removing the vehicle under paragraph (1) serve on that person notice that it proposes to remove the vehicle and the council shall not be entitled to remove it if within the prescribed period that person serves on the council notice that he objects to the proposal.”</p> <p data-bbox="145 1397 1382 2016">3.4 Article 31 sets out the case under which a District Council may dispose of removed vehicles. In particular it states,</p> <p data-bbox="244 1509 1382 1615">(a)in the case of a vehicle which in the opinion of the district council is in such a condition that it ought to be destroyed, at any time in the course of or after its removal;</p> <p data-bbox="244 1619 1382 1653">(b)in the case of a vehicle, not falling within sub-paragraph (a), which—</p> <p data-bbox="244 1657 1350 1727">(i)does not display a licence (whether current or otherwise and whether or not the vehicle is required to display a licence), and</p> <p data-bbox="244 1731 1382 1800">(ii)does not display any registration mark (whether indicating registration within or outside the United Kingdom), at any time in the course of or after its removal;</p> <p data-bbox="244 1805 1382 1874">(c)in any other case, at any time after the council has taken reasonable steps to find a person appearing to it to be the owner of the vehicle and either—</p> <p data-bbox="244 1879 935 1912">(i)the council has failed to find such a person, or</p> <p data-bbox="244 1917 1350 2016">(ii)he has failed to comply with a notice served on him by the council requiring him to remove the vehicle within the prescribed period from the custody of the council”</p>

3.5	<p>Article 31 (5) sets out the circumstances under which the Council may permit the removal of a vehicle from its custody. The onus is on the person claiming he is the owner to provide proof that he is the owner. "If before a vehicle is disposed of by a district council under the foregoing provisions of this Article the vehicle is claimed by a person who satisfies the council that he is its owner and pays to the council any expenses reasonably incurred by it in respect of its removal and storage, the council shall permit him to remove the vehicle from its custody during such period as may be prescribed; and if before the expiration of the period of one year beginning with the date on which a vehicle is sold by a district council under this Article any person satisfies the council that at the time of its sale he was the owner of the vehicle, the council shall pay over to him any sum by which the proceeds of sale exceed any expenses reasonably incurred by the council in respect of the removal, storage and disposal of the vehicle."</p>
3.6	<p>The former Department of Environment issued guidance for NI Councils on the provisions on abandoned vehicles in the Pollution Control and Local Government (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 ("the 1978 Order") as amended by sections 7 to 10 of the Environment (Northern Ireland) Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act") and The Removal and Disposal of Vehicles (Prescribed Periods) Regulations (NI) 2012.</p>
3.7	<p>The guidance states there is no legal definition of 'abandoned' and council officers must use their discretion when making decisions on this point. However, the following characteristics are generally common to abandoned vehicles and one or more of the following considerations may assist a council officer in making a decision on the point:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) untaxed; (b) no current vehicle keeper on the Driver and Vehicle Agency's (DVA) record; (c) stationary for a significant amount of time; (d) significantly damaged or vandalised, run down or unroadworthy; (e) burnt out; (f) lacking one or more of its number plates; (g) containing waste <p>The above list is not exhaustive and a vehicle may be considered to have been abandoned in circumstances where none or few of these considerations apply.</p>
3.8	<p>Where a vehicle, which is deemed to be abandoned is on land that is occupied, the council must give the occupier 7 days notice of their proposal to remove the vehicle. The council is not entitled to remove the vehicle if the occupier objects to the proposal within that period. Under a change introduced by the 2011 Act, a 7 day notice is not required where a vehicle is abandoned on a road (including any street, carriageway, highway or roadway to which the public has access) however this can still be helpful in bringing the matter to an owners' attention. The 2011 Act also removed the requirement to affix a notice to a vehicle that is deemed fit for destruction and all such vehicles can now be removed immediately. Furthermore a Council shall not be required to remove an abandoned vehicle if the cost of removal to the nearest 'carriageway' would be unreasonably high (although this defence would really only apply to private land).</p>

<p>3.9</p>	<p>In consideration of the above legislation and related guidance the specific steps of the procedure which will be followed after receipt of a report of an abandoned vehicle are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Acknowledge receipt of communication and create record of request. 2. Check the location to ascertain if it is on public or private land (Council will not collect vehicles abandoned on private land). If it is on public land proceed to step 3. 3. Assess if the vehicle has been burnt out. If so, arrange for immediate removal and disposal. If the vehicle is not burnt out proceed to step 4. 4. Carry out a series of checks i.e. MOT, tax and insurance and consult with PSNI/DVA to determine if the vehicle is to be classed as abandoned. If the vehicle is classed as abandoned then go to step 5. 5. Arrange for a 7 day removal notice to be affixed to the abandoned vehicle in accordance with Article 30 of the Pollution Control and Local Government (NI) and record/take photographs. 6. If upon expiry of the seven day period no objections have been received and the vehicle is still in place arrange for its removal and record/take photographs. If the vehicle is taxed and displays a registration mark go to step 7, if not arrange for the immediate disposal of the abandoned vehicle 7. Arrange for the temporary storage of the abandoned vehicle at an appropriate Council facility and send a written notice to the owner (if details available from PSNI/DVA) declaring that their vehicle has been removed and is being held in the Council's custody and that should they wish to reclaim it, they should do so within 7 days of the notice being served otherwise the vehicle will be disposed of. 8. Upon expiry of 7 days if there have been no response, arrange for disposal of the abandoned vehicle at an Authorised Treatment Facility (ATF) for End of Life Vehicles (ELV) or if not ELV arrange for sale at an approved auction. 9. Inform PSNI/DVA on the disposal of the vehicle. 10. Record actions and outcome. This step will end the process. <p><u>Collection of dead animals</u></p>
<p>3.10</p>	<p>The Environmental Services department is also responsible for the collection of and disposal of dead animals and carcasses from the highway and other public open spaces. The department is not responsible for the collection of dead animals from private land. Highway and public open spaces is defined as any:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road including verges (not major routes and must be safe to stop on) • Footpaths • Council owned sites • Public grassed areas which are normally maintained by the Council
<p>3.11</p>	<p>Animals which will be collected by Environmental services staff include road kill such as foxes, badgers, dogs and cats etc. Larger animals such as cows, horses etc. will normally be referred to an approved/licensed contractor for collection.</p>

3.12	The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs enforces the legislation on the disposal of animal by-products (ABP) including fallen stock.
3.13	Where any carcass is fly-tipped or dumped on private land, wherever possible the owner of the animal will be identified and held responsible. If ownership cannot be proven, responsibility for disposal rests with the landowner. The Council has powers to take actions against fly-tipping and appropriate action may subsequently be taken against the owner of the carcass.
3.14	Where a carcass is dumped elsewhere, including on public land or highways, and ownership of the carcass cannot be ascertained, responsibility for disposal rests with the local Council and The Animal By-Products (ABP) (Enforcement) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 places a duty on the Council to ensure any animal carcass in its care, is disposed of in accordance with the regulations i.e. to a facility licenced for the disposal of fallen stock.
3.15	If the carcass is causing an obstruction on a road/highway and could cause an accident, then this will be dealt with as an emergency and will be reported to the PSNI and Transport NI if the nature of the location poses serious risks.
3.16	In relation to an incident on 9th February a fence was blown down following high winds and horses escaped onto the main Cookstown to Dungannon Road. Where horses are straying like this onto the road they become the responsibility of the PSNI as they constitute a road safety issue. Unfortunately one of the horses was involved in a road traffic incident and was killed. PSNI then attended the scene and 'secured' the remaining horses in the field as best they could.
3.17	The dead horse was reported to Environmental Services for removal and a sub contractor collected and transported it to Lynergy for disposal on 10th February.
3.18	Environmental Health deals with concerns about animal welfare and refer on any complaints to the Animal Welfare team based in Omagh. However this incident was not referred on as it was not considered that there were any specific welfare concerns with the condition of the horses. The concern was more in relation to the possibility of the other horses escaping again and causing another accident however the owner was informed and took responsibility for securing the ground.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: The Environmental Services department has a dedicated revenue budget/code for both the collection and disposal of abandoned vehicles and dead animals.
	Human: None

	<p>Risk Management: The Environmental Services department has a risk assessment and safe system operating procedure in place for the collection of dead animals from the highway.</p>
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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 the contents of this report.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	None

Report on	Live Here Love Here Community Awards 2024
Date of Meeting	16 th April 2024
Reporting Officer	Mark McAdoo, Assistant Director: Environmental Services
Contact Officer	Karl McGowan, Waste & Sustainable Development Manager

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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To update members on the Live Here Love Here (LHLH) Community Awards 2024.
2.0	Background
2.1	<p>Live Here Love Here is administered by Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful (KNIB) with financial support from the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, the Northern Ireland Housing Executive and 9 councils listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council • Ards and North Down Borough Council • Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council • Belfast City Council • Fermanagh and Omagh District Council • Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council • Mid and East Antrim Borough Council • Mid Ulster District Council • Newry, Mourne and Down District Council <p>Live Here Love Here deliver a range of programmes and campaigns to help both individuals and groups at every stage of their environmental journey. For example "Big Spring Clean" where collected individuals or groups are taking dedicated action to clean up an area in their community and "Adopt a Spot" which encourages individuals or small groups to take ownership or civic responsibility to clear litter and tidy a small-scale specific area on an ongoing basis.</p>

3.0	Main Report
3.1	The Live Here Love Here Community Awards returned this year to celebrate 10 years of recognising the remarkable efforts of individuals and groups who are working to make our communities stronger, cleaner and greener.

LHLH Community Awards objective is to celebrate and recognise individuals, groups, or organisations that have contributed to the well-being and enhancement of their local community. These awards encompassed a wide range of categories, such as environmental sustainability efforts, community development projects, volunteers, and environmental preservation.

The Live Here Love Here Community Awards, are sponsored by Belfast Harbour. Nominations opened on 15th December 2023 and submissions were encouraged from the wider public and Local Authorities. LHLH used Social Media platforms to link applications for the nominated individuals and groups within their community and beyond to receive an award.

The purpose of the awards is to publicly recognise and celebrate the contributions of those who work tirelessly to improve their communities in a voluntary capacity. Environmental volunteer work is essential for fostering a sense of pride, solidarity, and motivation among residents in the Mid Ulster District Council area. It not only acknowledged the hard work and dedication of individuals and groups within our district but we hope it also inspires others to get involved and make a difference in their own communities in the near future.

- 3.2 On 29th February 2024, the Live Here Love Here Community Awards took place in Belfast Harbour Commissioners Office to celebrate and recognise dedicated volunteer action across Northern Ireland. The event was attended by Council Vice Chair Cllr Meta Graham along with the Council's Recycling Education Officers. The awards were presented by Lesser Spotted Ulster presenter Joe Mahon who gave a brief outline of each category and introduced each council area in turn.

Live Here, Love Here Community Awards ceremony shared stories of best practice, networking, and building partnerships among various community stakeholders. It also helped to raise awareness about pressing issues facing the community and how we as individuals can mobilise collective action towards addressing them. Overall, community awards like these play a vital role in promoting civic engagement, social cohesion, and sustainable development at the local district council level.

The winner of the Live Here Love Here Champions Award for the Mid Ulster District Council area was Bellaghy Open Door Complex. The award recognised a group that has demonstrated exceptional dedication to their local area, displayed values embodied by LHLH and demonstrated consistent hard work.

Open Doors is a cross community shared space and offers a warm welcome to all in the community. The Complex offers a wide range of facilities, a large sports hall, rooms for hire, an allotment area plus a beautiful café for refreshments. The group have displayed a remarkable commitment to sustainable practices, showcasing the positive impact that can be achieved through collective efforts. The group identified an unused open green space adjacent to their existing poly tunnels and allotments. As a result, they decided to introduce a "No Dig" gardening concept. The no dig gardening concept has positive impacts on soil health, weed control, water conservation, biodiversity, and overall sustainability. Their efforts have created a positive ripple effect within the wider community. The

	<p>willingness to share knowledge and skills via workshops and open events has empowered others to adopt similar practices, further promoting the importance of sustainable living.</p> <p>Congratulations also go to Pamela Morrow for being recognised as a runner up in this category for her longstanding work with Caledon in Bloom.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: N/A
	Human: N/A
	Risk Management: N/A
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: N/A
	Rural Needs Implications: N/A
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Members are asked to note the content of this report.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Photographs from the LHLH Awards Ceremony.



Mid Ulster District Council Champion Award Winner – Bellaghy Open Doors Group
Photo 1 – MUDC Vice Chair Cllr Meta Graham, Bellaghy Open Doors - Noel O'Sullivan and LHLH Manager Lynda Surgenor



Mid Ulster District Council Champion Award Winner – Bellaghy Open Doors Group
Photo 2 – MUDC Vice Chair Cllr Meta Graham, Bellaghy Open Doors - Members and LHLH Manager Lynda Surgenor



Mid Ulster District Council Campion Award – Runner Up – Caledon in Bloom
Photo 3 – MUDC Vice Chair Cllr Meta Graham, Caledon in Bloom – Pamela Morrow and LHLH Manager Lynda Surgenor



Mid Ulster District Council Campion Award – Runner Up – Caledon in Bloom
Photo 4 – MUDC Vice Chair Cllr Meta Graham, Caledon in Bloom members and LHLH Manager Lynda Surgenor



Photo 5 – MUDC Vice Chair Cllr Meta Graham, Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful Chief Executive, Ian Humphreys, MUDC Officers Karen Brown and Jolene Keys.