

Report on	Waste Management Plan Addendum
Date of Meeting	8th July 2024
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To seek approval for an addendum to the existing Waste Management Plan.
2.0	Background
2.1	Article 23 (1) of the Waste and Contaminated Land (N Ireland) Order 1997 states <i>“each district council shall:</i> <i>(b) prepare a statement (the plan) of the arrangements made and proposed to be made:</i> <i>(i) by the council and other persons, to recover controlled waste; and</i> <i>(ii) by the council or waste disposal contractors, for the treatment or disposal of such waste;</i> <i>(c) carry out further investigations with a view to deciding what changes in the plan are needed; and</i> <i>(d) make any modification of the plan which the council thinks appropriate in consequence of any such further investigation”.</i>
2.2	Additionally Article 23 (2) goes on to state <i>“in considering any arrangements or modification a district council shall:</i> <i>(a) take account of the strategy prepared by the Department under Article 19”.</i>
2.3	The existing Waste Management Plan (WMP) determined in 2016 was a Joint Plan produced in conjunction with two neighbouring Councils who are also not part of a formal waste management group i.e. Fermanagh & Omagh District Council and Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The Environment Strategy for Northern Ireland included a commitment for DAERA to publish a new Waste Management Strategy (WMS) for Northern Ireland by 2023. However due to delays arising from Covid and the lack of local Assembly

	<p>this was not achieved within the timeframe previously envisaged (although a public consultation on a new WMS is now expected at the end of this summer).</p>
3.2	<p>This delay has resulted in the Councils similarly deferring the publication of a new WMP, as to do otherwise risked failing to adequately incorporate some of the major changes to be included in the new Strategy including Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging Waste, Deposit Return Scheme (DRS), Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS), Digital Waste Tracking etc.</p>
3.3	<p>Given the length of delay and the need to act a “light touch” approach was agreed, following discussions between the Councils and DAERA, whereby the WMP should be updated through the development of an addendum. This would permit the WMP to remain technically compliant with the legislation until DAERA publishes new WMS which would then allow the Councils to prepare a new WMP.</p>
3.4	<p>DAERA had previously commissioned the Waste Resources Action Programme (WRAP) to undertake a review of the current WMP and to identify changes and other updates required in terms of legislation, policy etc. This review was undertaken across all chapters of the WMP and was used as a basis for producing an addendum to the existing document to ensure it is compliant until a new comprehensive WMP is produced.</p>
3.5	<p>The purpose of the WMP addendum is therefore to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflect changes and up-to-date waste legislation and regulations. • Provide detail on current performance and waste arising’s. • Identify and analyse information on relevant policies and procedures that may inform any future/further review of the WMP as the strategic and statutory environment stabilise.
3.6	<p>RPS Consulting Engineers were previously appointed to produce the addendum on behalf of the Councils and this has now been completed (see appendix 1).</p>
3.7	<p>Legal advice has been sought on the need to carry out public consultation on the WMP addendum in view of the requirement of Article 23 (5)-(10) of the Waste and Contaminated Land Order (NI) 1997. It has been concluded that given this is just an addendum to the existing WMP (with no major changes) it is only necessary to consult (directly) with those “<i>engaged by way of trade or business in the collection, disposal or treatment of controlled waste situated in the district of the council</i>” i.e. our waste management contractors. However a copy of the WMP addendum will be published on our website for members of the public to view.</p>
3.8	<p>Following publication of the new WMS by DAERA in 2025 it is anticipated Council will have up to a further two years in which to consider the implications and produce a new WMP which will be subject to a full public consultation exercise.</p>

4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: The cost of producing the WMP addendum was £13.313 i.e. £4,438 per Council.
	Human: Not applicable
	Risk Management: The WMP addendum has been produced to comply with legislative requirements
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: N/A
	Rural Needs Implications: N/A
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Members are requested to approve the Waste Management Plan addendum.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix 1 – Joint Councils Addendum to the Waste Management Plan