

Report on	Bin lifters at Coalisland and Drumcoo Recycling Centres
Date of Meeting	13 th April 2021
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To update members on recent modifications to bin lifters at two Recycling Centres.
2.0	Background
2.1	Four waste compactors at Drumcoo Recycling Centre and Coalisland Recycling Centre are fitted with lifting devices to assist site users to empty bins into same.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Following receipt of a statutory inspection notification report from the Council's insurance company, Allianz Engineering, on 21 st December 2020 which identified a grade A safety alert i.e. a defect which could cause danger to persons, the bin lift units were taken out of operation and removed from site for modification/repair.
3.2	The modifications required having an electrical interlock system fitted to the bin lifts to replace the existing mechanical interlock system. A technical solution was developed by our contractor CK International however it took over two months to implement this solution mainly due to a delay in obtaining the necessary parts from the original machine manufacturer, Simpro, which is based in New Zealand.
3.3	However, the necessary modifications have now been completed, including some other repairs, and the bin lift units have now been reinstalled at both of the sites.
3.4	As a statutory duty is placed on the inspecting engineer through the Lifting Operations Regulations to notify the enforcing authority of the safety defect the matter was brought to the attention of HSENI who have been updated in writing.
3.5	It should also be noted that a new waste compactor has been ordered to replace a previously condemned unit at Coalisland Recycling Centre.

4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	<p>Financial: The cost of undertaking the modifications/repairs to the 4 No. bin lifters was £6,802 The cost of the replacement compactor for Coalisland Recycling Centre is £11,800</p>
	<p>Human: N/A</p>
	<p>Risk Management: Council could have been prosecuted by HSENI for not dealing with the safety issue</p>
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	<p>Equality & Good Relations Implications: N/A</p>
	<p>Rural Needs Implications: N/A</p>
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Members are asked to note the content of this report
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	None