

Report on	Community RePaint Scheme/Funding
Date of Meeting	3 rd April 2023
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	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To inform members of a successful funding application to the Paint Reuse Capital Grant Scheme.
2.0	Background
2.1	Community RePaint is a UK wide paint reuse network, sponsored by Dulux, that aims to collect leftover paint and redistribute it to benefit individuals, families, communities and charities in need at an affordable cost. The network is run on a day to day basis by Resource Futures, an environmental consultancy and is made up of over 65 schemes which in 2019 redistributed 365,988 litres of paint in total.
2.2	Community RePaint estimates that around 50 million litres of the 320 million litres of paint sold in the UK each year go to waste. This leftover paint is either thrown away or stored in homes or garages despite over 50% of it still being usable. Community RePaint believes this provides them with an opportunity to capture this reusable paint, through HWRC networks across the UK, and redistribute it into the community where it can brighten spaces and lives.
2.3	As part of their work, Community RePaint is administering grants under the Paint Reuse Capital Grant Scheme (funding supplied by DAERA). This scheme will support Councils, companies, organisations and community groups to purchase capital items, including appropriate and relevant signage to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevent usable paint going to waste • Support and promote the reuse of usable paint • Promote the appropriate collection of usable paint • Prevent liquid paint entering / leaking into the environment • Improve the quality of their local environment by changing behaviour through creative concepts to reduce usable paint waste and promote reuse of paint.

3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>The Council currently sends all of its collected paint to a contractor for recycling and/or disposal. In the previous 12 months this totalled approx. 35 tonnes of paint. However, as members will be aware one of the budget savings agreed for 2023/24 is the cessation of this service at our Recycling Centres due to spiralling treatment costs. Therefore, with the expansion of paint reuse facilities it is hoped that at least 50% of this material could be re-used (when allowing for unsuitable materials).</p>
3.2	<p>The Council currently has a single paint reuse scheme at Drumcoo Recycling Centre and this project aims to expand the paint reuse scheme to other other Recycling Centres. The project involves the purchase of large plastic containers for each site to act as initial paint container receptacle including some spares for change overs at outlying sites. Provision is also made for the adaptation of pre-existing shipping containers at each site to be cladded with insulation and plywood, and fitted with lights and a small heater as well as shelving along 3 sides. It is also planned to purchase a number of spill kits to be kept adjacent to the containers.</p>
3.3	<p>Grants were available for organisations across the whole of N Ireland, providing there is at least 50% match funding available for each item of capital expenditure. The funding is specifically targeted at preventing paint waste / promoting the reuse of usable paint which would have otherwise gone to waste. It is expected that projects will help to promote appropriate collection of paint and the promotion of best practice in waste prevention and reuse. Ultimately, this will ensure that the quantity of paint going to landfill and associated environmental impact is reduced.</p>
3.4	<p>An application for funding was made to the Paint Reuse Capital Grant Scheme prior to the closing date on the 24th February and a funding offer for £3,000 was subsequently received on the 3rd March. This funding will cover 50% of the cost of electrical and joinery fit out of our existing shipping containers, purchase of plastic boxes for initial collection, signage and spill kits. The Council will have to provide a further £3,000 of match funding towards these items under the funding conditions.</p>
3.5	<p>As part of the project operating procedures on the Recycling Centres will be updated with all paint received initially placed in the spill proof plastic containers. Appropriately trained site staff will periodically check these containers for paint suitable for reuse which will then be moved to a paint reuse container and sorted into type and colour. Members of the public, community groups and the Councils own painters will then be able to take away any paint they need free of charge. Appropriate signage with information and disclaimers will be displayed at each reuse location as well as record sheets to be signed when taking away paint.</p>
3.6	<p>A service level agreement for the scheme will be put in place between Community RePaint and Mid Ulster District Council (copy included for information in appendix).</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications

	<p>Financial:</p> <p>Estimated costs of the Paint Reuse Scheme are as follows:</p> <table data-bbox="225 405 1070 663"> <tr> <td>Supply of Spill Kits</td> <td>£100 x 5 = £500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Supply of Battery Boxes</td> <td>£200 x 7 = £1,400</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Signage</td> <td>£220 x 5 = £1,100</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Electrical Fit Out of Containers</td> <td>£500 x 3 = £1,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Joinery Fit Out of Containers</td> <td>£500 x 3 = £1,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>£6,000</td> </tr> </table> <p>Allowing for grant funding from the Paint Reuse Capital Grant Scheme of £3,000, this gives a net cost to the Council of £3,000 (match funding).</p> <p>Human: Some officer time will be required to oversee the introduction and monitoring of the Paint Reuse Scheme</p> <p>Risk Management: None</p>	Supply of Spill Kits	£100 x 5 = £500	Supply of Battery Boxes	£200 x 7 = £1,400	Signage	£220 x 5 = £1,100	Electrical Fit Out of Containers	£500 x 3 = £1,500	Joinery Fit Out of Containers	£500 x 3 = £1,500	Total	£6,000
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<p>4.2</p>	<p>Screening & Impact Assessments</p> <p>Equality & Good Relations Implications: N/A</p> <p>Rural Needs Implications: N/A</p>												
<p>5.0</p>	<p>Recommendation(s)</p>												
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<p>6.0</p>	<p>Documents Attached & References</p>												
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