

<b>Report on</b>	Launch of Community RePaint Scheme
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	10th October 2023
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<b>Is this report restricted for confidential business?</b> If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	Yes	
	No	X

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To update members on the launch of the Community RePaint / Reuse Scheme.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	At April Committee meeting members were informed of a successful funding application to the Paint Reuse Capital Grant Scheme through Community Repaint.
2.2	Community RePaint is a UK wide paint reuse network, sponsored by Dulux, which aims to collect leftover paint and redistribute it to benefit individuals, families, communities and charities in need at a zero 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.
2.3	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, and redistribute it into the community.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	The Council previously at 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).
3.2	Using the funding, the paint reuse scheme (previously in operation at Drumcoo Recycling Centre) has been expanded to include the sites in Cookstown and Magherafelt where paint collection boxes and reuse containers are now in place.
3.3	Appropriate signage with information and disclaimers are being displayed at each reuse location as well as record sheets to be signed when taking away paint.

3.4	The scheme became active on 24 July 2023 and Paint Reuse is now actively happening in all three of the main Recycling Centres where any householder or community group can drop off left over paint or collect some paint for reuse. There is also the additional social value of this paint during the current cost of living crisis.												
3.5	The expanded scheme was officially launched by the Council Chair on Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> of September 2023 (see photos of official scheme launch included in appendix). To date it is estimated that the scheme has recycled approximately 1.5 tonnes of paint which would have cost the Council in the region of £1,300 to have recycled.												
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>												
	<p><b>Financial, Human Resources &amp; Risk Implications</b></p> <p>Financial:</p> <p>The costs of the Paint Reuse Scheme were as follows:</p> <table data-bbox="225 842 1070 1099"> <tr> <td>Supply of 125l 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 Container</td> <td>£500 x 3 = £1,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Joinery Fit Out of Container</td> <td>£500 x 3 = £1,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total</b></td> <td><b>£6,000</b></td> </tr> </table> <p>Allowing for grant funding from the Paint Reuse Capital Grant Scheme of £3,000, this resulted in a net cost to the Council of £3,000.</p> <p>Human: Staff time to oversee the introduction and monitoring of the Paint Reuse Scheme</p> <p>Risk Management: Site risk assessments and safe systems of work are in place at the Councils Recycling Centres covering waste acceptance and handling procedures.</p>	Supply of 125l 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 Container	£500 x 3 = £1,500	Joinery Fit Out of Container	£500 x 3 = £1,500	<b>Total</b>	<b>£6,000</b>
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<b>4.2</b>	<p><b>Screening &amp; Impact Assessments</b></p> <p>Equality &amp; Good Relations Implications: N/A</p> <p>Rural Needs Implications: N/A</p>												
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>												
5.1	Members are requested to note the content of this report.												
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>												
6.1	Photographs of official Community Repaint Scheme launch by Council Chair.												



