

Report on	NILAS Annual Report 2019/20
Date of Meeting	12th January 2021
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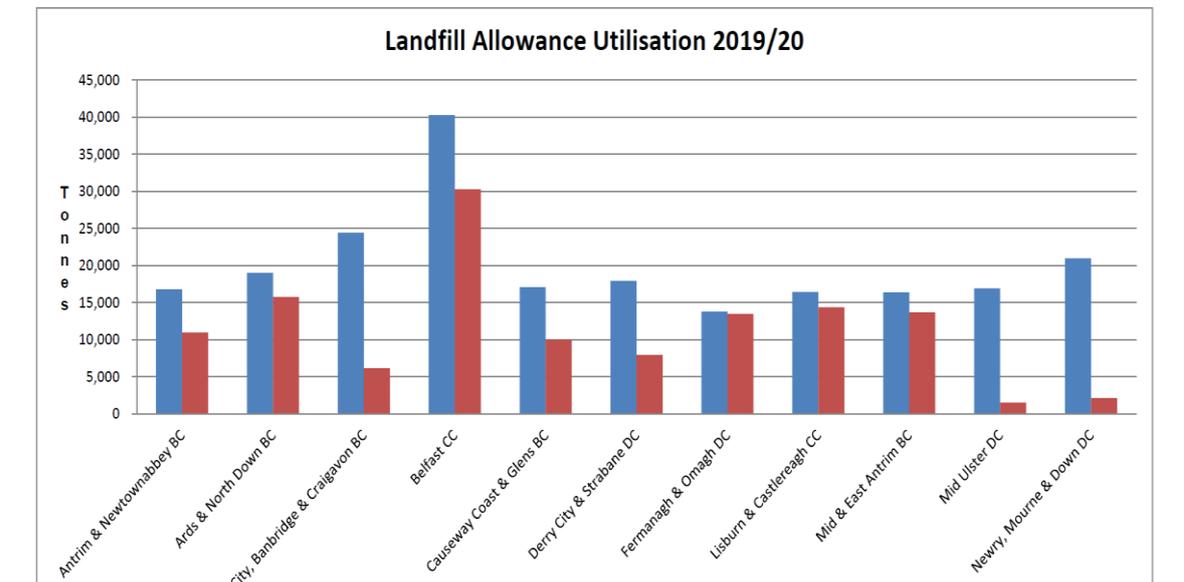
1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To inform members of the content of the Northern Ireland Landfill Allowance Scheme (NILAS) Annual Report for 2019/20 as published by NIEA on 26th November 2020.
2.0	Background
2.1	<p>The NILAS report covers the fifteenth (and final) scheme year of the Landfill Allowances Scheme (Northern Ireland) Regulations and summarises Council compliance with the scheme during 2019/20. The full report is available via the below link (copy also attached):</p> <p>https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/annual-nilas-reports</p>
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>The EU Landfill Directive obligated Member States to reduce their BMW (Biodegradable Municipal Waste) sent to landfill to 35% of the amount landfilled in 1995 by 2019/20.</p> <p>The Landfill Allowance Scheme (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2004 (NILAS) were designed to help Councils in NI meet targets as set out in the Landfill Regulations 2004 by allocating progressively challenging limits on the amount of Biodegradable Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste (BLACMW) which can be landfilled by each Council.</p> <p>Through WasteDataFlow Mid Ulster District Council has submitted quarterly returns for the scheme year 2019/20. From these returns, NIEA has calculated the amount of BLACMW sent to landfill by each of the eleven Councils for the scheme year 2019/20.</p>
3.2	In 2019/20 the total amount of BLACMW which was permitted to be sent to landfill was 220,000 tonnes. In Northern Ireland the total amount of BLACMW reported to have been sent to landfill was 126,286 tonnes i.e. 42.6% of landfill allowances

were not utilised. This was an increase of 8.0 percentage points compared to 2017/18 (34.6%).

NIEA issued the final reconciliation for 2019/20 for Mid Ulster District Council on 26th November 2020 (see copy letter attached) which confirmed that the Council utilised just 8.9% of its annual landfill allowance of 16,932 tonnes. This represents a fall of 22.6 percentage points from 2018/19 meaning only 1,505 tonnes was sent to landfill during the scheme year leaving a surplus of 15,427 tonnes. **This was the lowest ever annual utilisation of NILAS allowances and the lowest amount of BLACMW landfilled of all eleven Councils in Northern Ireland during the year.**

The Landfill Allowance utilisation for all the Councils are shown in Figure 1 below:

Figure 1: Landfill Allowance Utilisation for 2019/20



4.0 Other Considerations

4.1 Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications

Financial:

Council waste recycling and treatment costs are in the region of £6.5m per annum.

Human:

A significant amount of time is spent by the Recycling Officers in gathering, collating and submitting the necessary data for quarterly WDF/NILAS returns.

Risk Management:

Failure to meet recycling and landfill diversion targets could have resulted in fines.

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 contents of this report.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	NILAS Annual Report 2019/20
6.2	Annual NILAS reconciliation letter dated 26 th November 2020