

<b>Report on</b>	Big Spring Clean 2018
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2018
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	No	X

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To update members on the Annual Big Spring Clean Campaign and clean-up activities.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	<p>Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful (KNIB) promotes the annual Big Spring Clean, which is Northern Ireland's biggest volunteer clean up. The Big Spring Clean supports local community clean-ups across all 11 council areas in Northern Ireland. It is open to schools, community groups and businesses wishing to rid their streets of litter/rubbish.</p> <p>The aims of Big Spring Clean 2018 were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To raise awareness of the problems that litter causes in our local area in a fun and practical way.</li> <li>• To reduce litter in Mid Ulster through increased understanding and awareness.</li> <li>• To actually improve the quality of our local environment by physically removing litter from our local, schools, parks, roadsides and public places.</li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	<p>The Spring Clean activities supported by Council were scheduled to coincide with and complement the annual "Big Spring Clean" Campaign run by Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful. Whilst the Big Spring Clean focused on the month of April, clean ups took place from March right through to June, as schools, community groups and individuals all did their part in helping to tidy up their local area and environment. A total of 36 local clean ups were supported by Environmental Services, 15 schools and 21 community groups as listed below, involving hundreds of volunteers who collected hundreds of bags of rubbish. (encouragingly this was three times the number of events supported compared to 2017).</p> <p>Cookstown High School  Orritor Primary School, Cookstown  Derrychrin Primary Schools, Ballinderry  First Cookstown (Derryloran) Guides Unit  Cookstown Archery Club  Washingbay Community Association  Augher Community Garden Project, Augher GFC PRO  Drummerer Lane, Coalisland</p>

	<p>Millview Manor, Coalisland  Castlecaulfield Hort Society  Donaghmore Horticultural Community  St. Joseph's Donaghmore  St. Mary's Aughnacloy  Eglish GFC  Windmill Wood, Dungannon  Killyman Primary School  White City Community Association, Dungannon  Moss Road, Maghera  Craigadick Road Residents, Maghera.  Robin Kennedy, Castledawson  Bann Valley Community Big Spring Clean  Hillhead Road Residents, Castledawson  The Big Screen Clean, Ballinascreen  Killowen Community Clean Up  Leckagh Community Clean Up  Desertmartin GAC, Clean Up  Swatragh Community Clean Up  St Columba's Primary School, Straw  St Colm's High School, Draperstown  St. Mary's Primary School, Draperstown  St Columb's Primary School, Cullion,  Knocknagin Primary School, Desertmartin  John Bosco's Primary School, Ballynease  New Row Primary School, Castledawson  Castledawson Primary School  St Mary's PS, Glenview, Maghera</p> <p>In most instances in order to help facilitate the clean ups the Council loaned the groups litter pickers, provided bags and/or removed the rubbish for collection. Another important point to highlight is that this year the number of community based events, for the first time, out-numbered the number of schools events, as more and more residents took local action to combat the blight of litter.</p> <p>Clean ups ranged in size from individual schools and small groups of concerned residents living in specific estates or areas cleaning an area close to them, to large community events such as the Big "Screen" Clean or the Bann Valley Community Big Spring Clean both of which involved almost 100 volunteers collecting over 200 bags of rubbish from across a number of townlands or whole parish.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
<b>4.1</b>	<p><b>Financial, Human Resources &amp; Risk Implications</b></p> <p>Financial: The cost of supplying refuse bags and disposing of the waste/litter collected.</p> <p>Human: Some officer time in coordinating the various activities across the District</p>

	Risk Management: All groups taking part were advised to conduct their own risk assessments and to ensure that all persons taking part were equipped with the appropriate PPE (the Council had no responsibility or liability for any incident arising)
<b>4.2</b>	<b>Screening &amp; Impact Assessments</b>
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: The opportunity to participate in a clean-up was open to all throughout Mid Ulster District.
	Rural Needs Implications: Clean ups are especially welcome in rural areas where littering is a particular problem.
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	It is recommended that members note the content of this report.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
6.1	Photographs of 2018 Big Spring Clean events supported by Mid Ulster District Council.