

Report on	NI Waste Management Statistics Annual Report for 2019/20
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To inform members of the content of the Northern Ireland Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste Management Statistics 2019/20 as published by DAERA on 26 th November 2020.
2.0	Background
2.1	<p>The Waste Management Statistics report provides both summary and detailed figures on the amount of local authority collected municipal waste in Northern Ireland during 2019/20 and is available via the below link (copy also attached):</p> <p>https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/northern-ireland-local-authority-collected-municipal-waste-management-statistics-2019</p>
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p><u>Key points</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northern Ireland's councils collected 998,985 tonnes of waste during 2019/20 which was 0.9 per cent higher than that collected in 2018/19. During 2019/20, 51.1 per cent of waste collected by councils was sent for recycling, 1.3 per cent higher than in 2018/19. • The landfill rate for waste collected by councils recorded a new annual low of 24.0 per cent in 2019/20, a fall from 74.0 per cent in 2006/07 and 28.9 per cent in 2018/19. • More than one fifth of waste arisings were sent for energy recovery in 2019/20, compared to 19.4 per cent in 2018/19, and 0.4 per cent 10 years ago. • Household waste accounted for 88.2 per cent of all waste collected during 2019/20. The recycling rate for household waste was 51.9 per cent while the landfill rate for household waste was 23.7 per cent. • The household waste recycling rate of 51.9 per cent has met the Northern Ireland Waste Management Strategy target to recycle 50 per cent of household waste by 2020. This target was first met in 2018/19 with the latest figure the highest household recycling rate ever recorded for Northern Ireland.

- The household waste recycling rate is also a population indicator for the draft Programme for Government Framework 2016-2021. The household waste recycling rate of 51.9 per cent is an increase of 9.8 percentage points since the baseline year for Programme for Government reporting (2014/15) and is considered as a positive change for PfG reporting.

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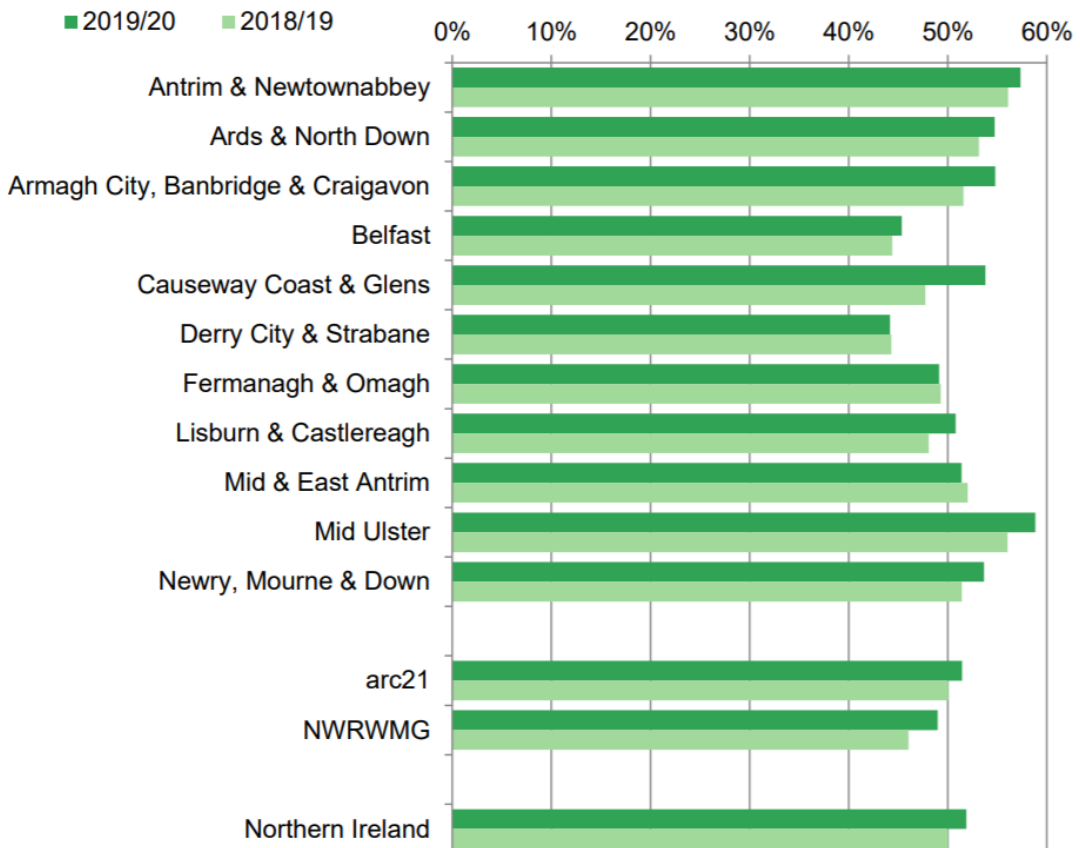
There were 126,286 tonnes of biodegradable waste sent to landfill during 2019/20. This was 17.6 per cent lower than the 153,323 tonnes sent in 2018/19 and also represents a lower proportion of the reduced annual allowance allocated to councils under the Northern Ireland Landfill Allowance Scheme (NILAS) in 2019/20. There is considerable variation between councils in the proportion of the 2019/20 allowance used, although there were no transfers of allowances required between councils in 2019/20. **Mid Ulster used the lowest share of its annual allocation at 8.9 per cent**, a fall of 22.6 percentage points compared to 2018/19.

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Mid Ulster recorded the lowest household landfill rate at 3.7 per cent, one sixth of the Northern Ireland rate of 23.7 per cent.

At individual Council level, **Mid Ulster District Council again achieved the highest Household Waste (preparing for reuse, dry recycling and composting) recycling rate at 58.8%** (a 2.8% increase from 2018/19 as shown in the graph below). **This is the fifth consecutive year that Mid Ulster District Council has been the top performing of all eleven local Councils** in respect of this key performance indicator (KPI).

Figure 7a: Household waste preparing for reuse, dry recycling and composting rate by council and waste management group
Northern Ireland, 2018/19 and 2019/20, KPI (a2)



4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: Council waste recycling and treatment costs are in the region of £6m per annum
	Human: A significant amount of time is spent by the Recycling Officers in gathering, collating and submitting the necessary data for quarterly WasteDataFlow returns
	Risk Management: Failure to meet recycling and landfill diversion targets could result in infraction fines
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: None
	Rural Needs Implications: None
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Members are asked to note and invited to comment on the performance of the Council in respect of recycling and waste management as outlined in this report.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	NI Local Authority Collected Waste Statistics Annual Report 2019/20