

Report on	KNIB Cleaner Neighbourhoods Survey/Report
Date of Meeting	10 th November 2020
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To update members on the results of the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Survey/Report.
2.0	Background
2.1	<p>Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful (KNIB) is an independent charity that works with the Department for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) local Councils and businesses to assist in improving our local environmental quality and increasing the cleanliness of our towns and countryside.</p> <p>The Cleaner Neighbourhoods Report for 2019/20 has been published by KNIB. This report is based on a number of sources: the litter and cleanliness data comes from a survey of 1,100 individual transects covering approximately 55km (or 34 miles) of streets and parks across all 11 Council areas, while fixed penalty records, spend on street cleansing data and information on enforcement and education activities was collected directly from individual local authorities</p>
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>A full copy of the report is included as an appendix however a summary of the key findings/issues for Mid Ulster District Council are as follows:</p> <p><u>Cleansing spend vs Cleanliness</u> – the Council's cleanliness index (LEAMS) score of 70 was the second highest score in Northern Ireland. Expenditure per head of population in Mid Ulster (at £23.84/head) was the third lowest in N Ireland and considerably lower than the N Ireland average figure (of £36.33 head).</p> <p><u>Fixed penalties</u> – the report highlights that Mid Ulster District Council issued the lowest number of fixed penalty notices for littering (10 No.) and dog fouling (4 No.) compared to a Northern Ireland average of 274 No. for littering and 25 No. for dog fouling. The respective figures for paid notices were 9 No. for littering (compared to average of 211 No.) and 4 No. for dog fouling (compared to average of 19 No.).</p>

	<p><u>Eco Schools Green Flags</u> – the report highlights that Mid Ulster District has the highest number of schools that hold a Green Flag (39 No.) in Northern Ireland.</p> <p>The findings and recommendations from this report will be used to inform and support the work of the Councils cross-departmental working group on litter.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: None
	Human: None
	Risk Management: The report identifies that rural areas are disproportionately affected by littering.
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 the contents of this report and results of the survey.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	KNIB Cleaner Neighbourhoods Report 2019-20