

Report on	Lough Neagh Access for boats
Date of Meeting	04 th April 2022
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To update members in relation to correspondence to the Department of Infrastructure about access to Lough Neagh around the quays for boats.
	Background
2.1	At the February 2022 Environment Committee it was recommended by Council to write to the Department for Infrastructure and Rivers Agency asking them to clarify their position regarding digging around the quays and also ask them how they propose to resolve the issues with access to Lough Neagh.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The Strategic Director of Environment wrote to the Department of Infrastructure on 18 February 2022 seeking an update on access to Lough Neagh because of low water levels on Lough Neagh and build-up of sand and debris at Quays affecting the depth of water available for fisherman, particularly in the Moortown and Ardboe areas. The letter included in Appendix 1 asked specifically what is being done by the department to address access issues for fisherman associated with low water levels, and digging around the quays to maintain access to the Lough.
3.2	A response from the Department for Infrastructure (Rivers) was received on 01 March 2022 and is included in Appendix 2.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: N/a
	Human: N/a

	Risk Management: N/a.
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: N/a
	Rural Needs Implications: N/a
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Members are requested to note the content of this report and correspondence included in the appendices.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix 1 – MUDC correspondence issued to the Department of Infrastructure dated 18 February 2022.
6.2	Appendix 2 – Correspondence received from the Department for Infrastructure (Rivers) dated 01 March 2022.