

Report on	Annual NIEA Waste Management Statistics and NILAS Reports
Date of Meeting	8 th January 2019
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	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To inform members of the content of the NIEA Northern Ireland Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste Management Statistics 2017/18 Annual Report and the Annual Northern Ireland Landfill Allowance Scheme 2017/18 Annual Report as published on 29 th November.
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 2017/18 and is available via the below link (copy also attached): https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/northern-ireland-local-authority-collected-municipal-waste-management-statistics-2017</p> <p>The NILAS report covers the thirteenth scheme year of the Landfill Allowances Scheme (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2004 summarising Council compliance with the scheme during 2017/18 and is available via the below link (copy also attached): https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/annual-nilas-reports</p>
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p><u>Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste Management Statistics Annual Report</u></p> <p>Northern Ireland's Councils collected 977,817 tonnes of LAC municipal waste in 2017/18. This was a 0.8% decrease on the 985,994 tonnes collected in 2016/17. Household waste accounted for 89.4% of total LAC municipal waste.</p> <p>In 2017/18, 48.1% of household waste was sent for preparing for reuse, dry recycling and composting, 3.7 percentage points higher than the 2016/17 rate of 44.3%. At Council level, rates varied from 42.2% in Causeway Coast & Glens to a high of 54.3% in Mid Ulster. This is the official confirmation that Mid Ulster District Council achieved the highest household waste recycling rate of all eleven Councils during 2017/18 (the third year running it has done so) which is an impressive corporate achievement.</p>

3.2	<p><u>Northern Ireland Landfill Allowance Scheme (NILAS) Annual Report</u></p> <p>In 2017/18 the total amount of Biodegradable Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste (BLACMW) which was permitted to be sent to landfill was 248,570 tonnes. In Northern Ireland the total amount of BLACMW reported to have been sent to landfill was 171,295 tonnes i.e. 31.1% of landfill allowances were not utilised. This was an increase of 8.8 percentage points compared to 2016/17 (22.3%).</p> <p>All eleven Councils in Northern Ireland achieved their 2017/18 landfill allowance target /obligations by diverting BLACMW from landfill. The final reconciliation for 2017/18 issued by NIEA on 29th November confirmed that Mid Ulster District Council utilised just 52.88% of its annual landfill allowance of 19,131 tonnes i.e. landfilled 10,117 tonnes during the scheme year leaving a surplus of 9,014 tonnes. This was the third lowest utilisation of all eleven Councils in Northern Ireland (which ranged from 11.0 to 99.2%).</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<p>Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications</p> <p>Financial: None</p> <p>Human: A significant amount of time is spent by the Recycling Officers in gathering, collating and submitting the necessary data for quarterly WDF and NILAS returns.</p> <p>Risk Management: On 17th August 2018 the NIEA conducted an audit of data submitted in Waste Data Flow as Monitoring Authority under Regulation 11 (5) of the NILAS Regulations and were satisfied with the data returns submitted by the Council.</p>
4.2	<p>Screening & Impact Assessments</p> <p>Equality & Good Relations Implications: N/A</p> <p>Rural Needs Implications: N/A</p>
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Members are asked to note and invited to comment on the performance of the Council in respect of waste management as outlined in this report.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste Management Statistics Annual Report
6.2	Northern Ireland Landfill Allowance Scheme (NILAS) Annual Report 2017/18