

Appendix 1 – Grounds Maintenance Outcomes based Delivery Standards

1 Civic/Flagship Buildings (Council Buildings)	ZONE TYPE	NARRATIVE	OUTCOME SPECIFICATION	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR
GRASS CUTTING	Amenity	Areas will include all grass amenity areas including banks, grass verges and borders	<p>The area will be maintained up to the building line, hedge or other obstructions with all edges trimmed.</p> <p>Cut and collect methodology with all clippings collected</p> <p>All clippings falling on driveways, paths will be cleared ensuring site is left clean and tidy</p> <p>All litter and debris will be removed from area prior to mowing.</p> <p>Leaves that have a detrimental effect on grass will be removed prior to mowing</p>	Grass will be no longer than approx. 35mm, cut uniformly with a minimum of 18 cuts per year
GRASS CUTTING	Long Grass	Areas will include meadow areas of grass that run alongside general grassed areas in the	The area will be maintained up to the borders of the site using a cut and drop methodology. Clippings to be collected as directed	1 cut per year, timed according to species and seasonal variations. All herbage to be reduced to 60mm and no longer than 80 mm

		peripheral areas of large sites	Edges to be trimmed with grass clippings blown from roadways and hard surfaces Litter and debris to be removed from site prior to mowing	
HEDGE MAINTENANCE	Amenity	All hedge features forming boundaries and screens	Field bound hedges to be flailed at the appropriate time of the year using a tractor mounted flail. Clippings to be left in the confines of the hedge Hedges to be cut back to designated size. Top of hedge where applicable should be level and even	1 cut per year
SHRUB MAINTENANCE	Amenity	Amenity shrubberies that provide screening add character to car parks etc.	Planted areas shall be maintained substantially free from weeds Shrubs shall be pruned to avoid overcrowding. All dead wood will be removed Shrubs will be pruned back to avoid encroachment over windows, footpaths roads etc.	Pruning 1 per year, spot treat weeds 3 times per year
BORDER MAINTENANCE	Amenity	Floral bedding areas at entrances to civic offices	Varieties of plants used will be true to type, healthy and in prime condition at time of planting	Bed preparation and planting 2 per year, monthly hand weed/deadhead weekly irrigation when in season

			Beds will be well prepared, irrigated and constructed to a good horticulture standard Beds will be maintained and be aesthetically pleasing. Free from litter, weeds and disease as is reasonably practical	
PLANTER, BOXES, FLORAL DISPLAYS AND BASKETS	Ornamental	Floral displays units in parks and civic buildings	<p>Varieties of plants used will be true to type, healthy and in prime condition at time of planting</p> <p>Containers/baskets will be safely installed and provide good display over full area of basket/container etc.</p> <p>Containers/baskets will be well prepared, irrigated and fed to produce good display and plant vigour</p>	Following supply and installation features will be irrigated and dead headed as required

2 Parks and Gardens (Maghera Wall Garden)	ZONE TYPE	NARRATIVE	OUTCOME SPECIFICATION	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR
GRASS CUTTING	Ornamental	Fine quality turf areas in high profile sites generally adjacent to ornamental features e.g. flowerbeds	<p>The area will be maintained up to the building line, hedge or other obstructions with all edges trimmed.</p> <p>Cut and drop methodology is preferred however a cut and collect will be implemented if required</p> <p>All clippings falling on driveways, ornamental areas, paths will be cleared ensuring site is left clean and tidy</p> <p>All litter and debris will be removed from area prior to mowing.</p> <p>Leaves that have a detrimental effect on grass will be removed prior to mowing</p>	Grass will be no longer than approx. 35mm, cut uniformly with a minimum of 18 cuts per year
GRASS CUTTING	Long Grass	Areas will include meadow areas of	The area will be maintained up to the borders of the site using a	2 cuts per year, timed according to species and

		grass that run alongside general grassed areas in the peripheral areas of large sites	<p>cut and drop methodology. Clippings to be collected as directed</p> <p>Edges to be trimmed with grass clippings blown from roadways and hard surfaces</p> <p>Litter and debris to be removed from site prior to mowing</p>	seasonal variations. All herbage to be reduced to 60mm and no longer than 80 mm
GRASS CUTTING	Amenity	Reasonable quality turf area in the remainder of parks and gardens	<p>The area will be maintained up to the building line, hedge or other obstructions with all edges trimmed.</p> <p>Cut and drop methodology to feature in cutting regime however clippings to be collected as directed</p> <p>All clippings falling on driveways, ornamental areas, paths will be cleared ensuring site is left clean and tidy</p> <p>All litter and debris will be removed from area prior to mowing.</p> <p>Leaves that have a detrimental effect on grass will be removed prior to mowing</p>	Grass no longer than 65 mm Minimum 16 cuts per year

HEDGE MAINTENANCE	Ornamental	Hedges in high profile areas generally adjacent to ornamental features	<p>Hedges should be cut back to designated size. The top of hedge should be level and even with in the design of the site.</p> <p>Any dead or diseased plant material should be removed with gaps replenished and protected.</p>	2 cuts per year (dependant on bird nesting). Extension growth no longer than 300mm
SHRUB MAINTENANCE	Ornamental	Colourful shrub beds in high profile areas of the park generally used to complement floral planting	<p>Beds to be maintained to ensure uniform plant cover with pruning regime to eliminate overhanging and intrusive growth</p> <p>Pruning as required by species in accordance with good horticulture practices</p> <p>Beds to be maintained in a cultivated or mulched soil surface and free from litter, pest and disease as is reasonable practicable</p>	Pruning 1 per year, define edge to border. Spot treat weeds 3 times per year
SHRUB MAINTENANCE	Amenity	Amenity shrubberies that provide backdrops to parks or gardens	<p>Planted areas shall be maintained substantially free from weeds</p> <p>Shrubs shall be pruned to avoid overcrowding. All dead wood will be removed</p>	Pruning 1 per year, spot treat weeds 3 times per year

			Shrubs will be pruned back to avoid encroachment over windows, footpaths roads etc.	
BORDER MAINTENANCE	Ornamental	Seasonal bedding and floral planting in high profile areas, complementing adjacent ornamental features and structures	<p>Varieties of plants used will be true to type, healthy and in prime condition at time of planting</p> <p>Beds will be well prepared, irrigated and constructed to a good horticulture standard</p> <p>Beds will be maintained and be aesthetically pleasing. Free from litter, weeds and disease as is reasonably practical</p>	Bed preparation and planting 2 per year, monthly hand weed/deadhead and weekly irrigation as required
PLANTER, BOXES, FLORAL DISPLAYS AND BASKETS	Ornamental	Floral displays units in parks	<p>Varieties of plants used will be true to type, healthy and in prime condition at time of planting</p> <p>Containers/baskets will be safely installed and provide good display over full area of basket/container etc.</p> <p>Containers/baskets will be well prepared, irrigated and fed to produce good display and plant vigour</p>	Following supply and installation features will be irrigated and dead headed as required

3 Natural and Semi Natural Open Spaces (Cabin Wood)	ZONE TYPE	NARRATIVE	OUTCOME SPECIFICATION	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR
GRASS CUTTING	General	General grass areas (including verges) that define pathways and ensure sites are accessible and suitable of recreational use	<p>Cut and drop methodology to feature in cutting regime to ensure grass is uniformly cut free from clumping and to include perimeter edges and obstacles. Clippings collected as directed</p> <p>All clippings falling on driveways, ornamental areas, paths will be cleared ensuring site is left clean and tidy</p> <p>All litter and debris will be removed from area prior to mowing.</p>	Grass will be no longer than 65 mm, cut uniformly with a minimum of 16 cuts per annum or as directed
GRASS CUTTING	Long Grass	Areas will include meadow areas of grass that run alongside general	The area will be maintained up to the borders of the site using a cut and drop methodology	2 cuts per year, timed according to species and seasonal variations. All herbage to be reduced to 60mm and no

		grassed areas in the peripheral areas of large sites	Edges to be trimmed with grass clippings blown from roadways and hard surfaces Litter and debris to be removed from site prior to mowing	longer than 80 mm
HEDGE MAINTENANCE	General	Hedges bordering natural spaces	Hedges should be cut back to designated size. The top of hedge should be level and even with in the design of the site. Profile of hedge should be narrower at top to encourage uniform and compact growth. Any dead or diseased plant material should be removed with gaps replenished and protected.	2 cuts per year (dependant on bird nesting). Extension growth no longer than 300mm

4 Amenity Green Areas (Windmill Wood)	ZONE TYPE	NARRATIVE	OUTCOME SPECIFICATION	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR
GRASS CUTTING	General	Residential recreational areas	<p>Cut and drop methodology to feature in cutting regime to ensure grass is uniformly cut free from clumping and to include perimeter edges and obstacles. Clippings collected as directed</p> <p>All clippings falling on driveways, ornamental areas, paths will be cleared ensuring site is left clean and tidy</p> <p>All litter and debris will be removed from area prior to mowing.</p>	Grass will be no longer than 65 mm, cut uniformly with a minimum of 16 cuts per year
HEDGE MAINTENANCE	Amenity	Hedges that form boundaries in amenity open spaces	<p>Hedges should be cut back to designated size. The top of hedge should be level and even with in the design of the site.</p> <p>Profile of hedge should be narrower at top to encourage uniform and compact growth.</p>	1 cut per year. Extension growth no longer than 300mm

			<p>Any dead or diseased plant material should be removed with gaps replenished and protected.</p> <p>Hedge base should be free from litter, debris and weeds as is reasonable practicable</p>	
HEDGE MAINTENANCE	Field	Field hedges bordering amenity green spaces and rural areas	<p>Field bound hedges to be flailed at the appropriate time of the year using a tractor mounted flail.</p> <p>Clippings to be left in the confines of the hedge</p> <p>Hedges to be cut back to designated size. Top of hedge where applicable should be level and even</p>	1 cut per year. Extension growth no longer than 600mm
SHRUB MAINTENANCE	Amenity	Amenity shrubberies that provide character to the area	<p>Planted areas shall be maintained substantially free from weeds</p> <p>Shrubs shall be pruned to avoid overcrowding. All dead wood will be removed</p> <p>Shrubs will be pruned back to avoid encroachment over windows, footpaths roads etc.</p>	Pruning 1 per year, spot treat weeds 3 times a year

5 Outdoor Sports Provision (MUSA)	ZONE TYPE	NARRATIVE	OUTCOME SPECIFICATION	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR
GRASS CUTTING	Amenity	Grassed areas on sport pitches	<p>The area will be maintained the standards required to meet the needs of the sport</p> <p>Cut and drop methodology to feature in cutting regime however clippings to be collected as directed</p> <p>All clippings falling on driveways, ornamental areas, paths will be cleared ensuring site is left clean and tidy</p> <p>All litter and debris will be removed from area prior to mowing.</p> <p>Leaves that have a detrimental effect on grass will be removed prior to mowing</p> <p>All pitches marked with clear white lines in accordance to sport rules and requirements</p>	Grass will be, cut uniformly with a minimum of 18 cuts per year with the height of cut determined by the requirements of the sport

			Pitches will be maintained to achieve a true and playable surface as is reasonable practical.	
GRASS CUTTING	Long Grass	Areas will include meadow areas of grass that run alongside outlying grass areas	<p>The area will be maintained up to the borders of the site using a cut and drop methodology</p> <p>Edges to be trimmed with grass clippings blown from roadways and hard surfaces</p> <p>Litter and debris to be removed from site prior to mowing</p>	2 cuts per year, timed according to species and seasonal variations. All herbage to be reduced to 60mm and no longer than 80 mm
HEDGE MAINTENANCE	Amenity	Hedge features that form boundaries or screens	<p>Hedges should be cut back to designated size. The top of hedge should be level and even with in the design of the site. Profile of hedge should be narrower at top to encourage uniform and compact growth.</p> <p>Any dead or diseased plant material should be removed with gaps replenished and protected.</p> <p>Hedge base should be free from litter, debris and weeds as is reasonable practicable</p>	1 cut per year (dependant on bird nesting). Extension growth no longer than 300mm

6 Council Operational Cemeteries (Polepatrick)	ZONE TYPE	NARRATIVE	OUTCOME SPECIFICATION	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR
GRASS CUTTING	Amenity	Areas will include all grass amenity and turf areas surrounding memorials and headstones	<p>The area will be maintained in areas surrounding memorials and headstones. Edges to be trimmed</p> <p>Cut and collect methodology with all clippings collected</p> <p>All clippings falling on driveways, paths and headstones will be cleared ensuring site is left clean and tidy</p> <p>All litter and debris will be removed from area prior to mowing.</p>	Grass will be no longer than approx. 65mm, cut uniformly with a minimum of 18 cuts per year or as directed
GRASS CUTTING	General	All remaining amenity areas around cemetery	The area will be maintained up to the building line, hedge or other obstructions with all edges trimmed	Grass will be no longer than approx. 65mm, cut uniformly with a minimum of 18 cuts per year or as directed

			<p>Cut and drop methodology to feature in cutting regime however clippings to be collected as directed to ensure no unsightly clumps of cuttings</p> <p>All clippings falling on driveways, paths will be cleared ensuring site is left clean and tidy</p> <p>All litter and debris will be removed from area prior to mowing.</p>	
GRASS CUTTING	Long Grass	Areas will include meadow areas of grass that run alongside general grassed areas in the peripheral areas of large sites	<p>The area will be maintained up to the borders of the site using a cut and drop methodology</p> <p>Edges to be trimmed with grass clippings blown from roadways and hard surfaces</p> <p>Litter and debris to be removed from site prior to mowing</p>	1 cuts per year, timed according to species and seasonal variations. All herbage to be reduced to 60mm and no longer than 80 mm
HEDGE MAINTENANCE	Amenity	All hedge features forming boundaries and screens	<p>Hedges should be cut back to designated size. The top of hedge should be level and even with in the design of the site.</p> <p>Profile of hedge should be narrower at top to encourage uniform and compact growth. Any dead or diseased plant material should be removed</p>	1 cut per year

			<p>with gaps replenished and protected.</p> <p>Hedge base should be free from litter, debris and weeds as is reasonable practicable</p>	
HEDGE MAINTENANCE	Field	Hedging that forms border between open green spaces and rural areas	<p>Field bound hedges to be flailed at the appropriate time of the year using a tractor mounted flail.</p> <p>Clippings to be left in the confines of the hedge</p> <p>Hedges to be cut back to designated size. Top of hedge where applicable should be level and even</p>	1 cut per year
SHRUB MAINTENANCE	Amenity	Amenity shrubberies to provide suitable backdrops to cemetery areas	<p>Planted areas shall be maintained substantially free from weeds</p> <p>Shrubs shall be pruned to avoid overcrowding. All dead wood will be removed</p> <p>Shrubs will be pruned back to avoid encroachment over windows, footpaths roads etc.</p>	Pruning 1 per year, spot treat weeds 3 times per year

7 Historic Cemeteries (As per sch7 1885 Order)	ZONE TYPE	NARRATIVE	OUTCOME SPECIFICATION	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR
GRASS CUTTING	Amenity	Cemeteries for which council may not have ownership but do conduct maintenance via the 1885 act/SLA or are identified as being of historical significance	<p>The area will be maintained in areas surrounding memorials and headstones. Edges to be trimmed</p> <p>Cut and collect methodology with all clippings collected</p> <p>All clippings falling on driveways, paths and headstones will be cleared ensuring site is left clean and tidy.</p> <p>All litter and debris will be removed from area prior to mowing.</p>	Grass will be no longer than approx. 75mm, cut uniformly with a minimum of 8 cuts per year or as directed
HEDGE MAINTENANCE	Amenity	All hedge features forming boundaries and screens	<p>Hedges should be cut back to designated size. The top of hedge should be level and even with in the design of the site.</p> <p>Profile of hedge should be narrower at top to encourage uniform and compact growth.</p>	1 cut per year

			<p>Any dead or diseased plant material should be removed with gaps replenished and protected.</p> <p>Hedge base should be free from litter, debris and weeds as is reasonable practicable</p>	
HEDGE / TREE MAINTENANCE	Field	Hedging that forms border between open green spaces and rural areas	<p>Field bound hedges to be flailed at the appropriate time of the year using a tractor mounted flail.</p> <p>Clippings to be left in the confines of the hedge</p> <p>Hedges to be cut back to designated size. Top of hedge where applicable should be level and even</p> <p>Tree work to be assessed and carried out by an approved arboriculturalist if required</p>	1 cut per year

8 Car Parks (As transferred 1st April 2015)	ZONE TYPE	NARRATIVE	OUTCOME SPECIFICATION	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR
GRASS CUTTING	General	Grass areas surrounding car parks	<p>The area will be maintained in areas surrounding car parks to ensure they are neat and tidy and aesthetically pleasing</p> <p>Cut and drop methodology to feature in cutting regime however clippings to be collected as directed to ensure no unsightly clumps of cuttings</p> <p>All clippings falling on driveways, paths will be cleared or blown ensuring site is left clean and tidy</p> <p>All litter and debris will be removed from area prior to mowing.</p>	Grass will be no longer than approx. 65mm, cut uniformly with a minimum of 16 cuts per year or as directed
HEDGE MAINTENANCE	Amenity	All hedge features forming boundaries and screens in car parks	Hedges should be cut back to designated size. The top of hedge should be level and even with in the design of the site.	1 cut per year

			<p>Profile of hedge should be narrower at top to encourage uniform and compact growth. Any dead or diseased plant material should be removed with gaps replenished and protected.</p> <p>Hedge base should be free from litter, debris and weeds as is reasonable practicable</p>	
SHRUB MAINTENANCE	Amenity	Amenity shrubberies that add character to car parks and provide additional screening	<p>Planted areas shall be maintained substantially free from weeds</p> <p>Shrubs shall be pruned to avoid overcrowding. All dead wood will be removed</p> <p>Shrubs will be pruned back to avoid encroachment over windows, footpaths roads etc.</p>	Pruning 1 per year, spot treat weeds 3 times per year

9 Leisure Centres (Cookstown)	ZONE TYPE	NARRATIVE	OUTCOME SPECIFICATION	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR
GRASS CUTTING	Amenity	Areas at the front of and adjacent to leisure centre buildings and car park areas	<p>The area will be maintained up to the building line, hedge or other obstructions with all edges trimmed.</p> <p>Cut and drop methodology to feature in cutting regime however clippings to be collected as directed</p> <p>All clippings falling on driveways, paths will be cleared ensuring site is left clean and tidy</p> <p>All litter and debris will be removed from area prior to mowing.</p> <p>Leaves that have a detrimental effect on grass will be removed prior to mowing</p>	Grass will be no longer than approx. 65mm, cut uniformly with a minimum of 16 cuts per year or as directed
HEDGE MAINTENANCE	Amenity	All hedge features forming boundaries and screens in leisure	Hedges should be cut back to designated size. The top of hedge should be level and even with in the design of the site.	1 cut per year

		centre grounds and car parks	<p>Profile of hedge should be narrower at top to encourage uniform and compact growth. Any dead or diseased plant material should be removed with gaps replenished and protected.</p> <p>Hedge base should be free from litter, debris and weeds as is reasonable practicable</p>	
SHRUB MAINTENANCE	Amenity	General shrubberies that add character to leisure centre car parks and provide additional screening	<p>Planted areas shall be maintained substantially free from weeds</p> <p>Shrubs shall be pruned to avoid overcrowding. All dead wood will be removed</p> <p>Shrubs will be pruned back to avoid encroachment over windows, footpaths roads etc.</p>	Pruning once a year, spot treat weeds three times a year

10 Golf Facilities (Tobermore Driving Range)	ZONE TYPE	NARRATIVE	OUTCOME SPECIFICATION	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR
GRASS CUTTING	Ornamental	Fine quality turf associated with greens and tees	<p>Grass sward should be maintained in a healthy weed and disease free condition</p> <p>Grass should be evenly cut using specialised cylinder type equipment for greens and tees</p> <p>Holes should be re cut and moved on a regular basis to avoid undue wear and tear</p> <p>Course furniture should be in good condition and available at all times during playing hours</p> <p>Bunkers should be evenly raked and should consist of soft, non-staining sand free from litter, debris animal fouling and weeds</p>	<p>Grass will be no longer than approx. 5mm during playing season and no more than 10mm close season It will be cut evenly across the whole surface with a minimum of 96 cuts per year or as directed</p> <p>The edges of greens should be trimmed neatly and be no longer than 10mm</p>
GRASS CUTTING	Fairways	Areas to include amenity/fairways areas of course	The area will be maintained up to the building line, hedge or other obstructions with all edges trimmed	Grass will be, cut uniformly with a minimum of 48 cuts per

			<p>Cut and drop methodology to feature in cutting regime however clippings to be collected as directed</p> <p>All clippings falling on driveways, paths will be cleared ensuring site is left clean and tidy</p> <p>All litter and debris will be removed from area prior to mowing.</p> <p>Leaves that have a detrimental effect on grass will be removed prior to mowing</p>	<p>year with the height of cut determined by the needs of the course</p>
GRASS CUTTING	Long grass regimes	Meadow areas of long grass that run alongside of general grassed areas	<p>The area will be maintained up to the borders of the site using a cut and drop methodology. Collection as required</p> <p>Edges to be trimmed with grass clippings blown from roadways and hard surfaces</p> <p>Litter and debris to be removed from site prior to mowing</p>	<p>2 cuts per year, timed according to species and seasonal variations.</p>
HEDGE MAINTENANCE	Ornamental	High profile areas generally adjacent to ornamental features	<p>Hedges should be cut back to designated size. The top of hedge should be level and even with in the design of the site.</p>	<p>2 cuts per year (dependant on bird nesting season)</p>

			<p>Profile of hedge should be narrower at top to encourage uniform and compact growth. Any dead or diseased plant material should be removed with gaps replenished and protected.</p> <p>Hedge base should be free from litter, debris and weeds as is reasonable practicable</p>	
PESTICIDE, FUNGICIDE AND HERBICIDE APPLICATION	Ornamental	Fungus, weed and pest control	<p>All affected areas will be treated with the application of residual and contact chemical control methods</p> <p>Application will be carried out in control conditions by trained suitably qualified operators in order to reduce the risk of drift or cross contamination.</p> <p>Selective weed control will be carried out throughout the year if required</p>	2 applications – 1 early spring followed by 1 mid-summer. Further applications if required

11 Bowling Greens (Drumcoo)	ZONE TYPE	NARRATIVE	OUTCOME SPECIFICATION	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR
GRASS CUTTING	Ornamental	Fine quality turf areas in high profile sites	<p>Grass sward should be maintained in a healthy weed and disease free condition</p> <p>Grass should be evenly cut using specialised cylinder cutting equipment.</p> <p>Surface should be even and free draining. This would include worm casts from the surface of the green</p> <p>A channel will be maintained around the perimeter of the green and will be kept free from litter, debris and weeds.</p> <p>Where channel boards are provided they should be properly aligned in the channel and should be complete, sound and painted.</p> <p>A programme of de thatching,</p>	<p>Grass will be no longer than approx. 5mm during playing season and no more than 10mm close season It will be cut evenly across the whole surface with a minimum of 96 cuts per year or as directed</p> <p>The edges of greens should be trimmed neatly and be no longer than 10mm</p>

			rolling, divot replacement and fertilisation will compliment the cutting regime when ground conditions allow	
GRASS CUTTING	Amenity	Reasonable quality turf areas in the remainder of the site	<p>The area will be maintained up to the building line, hedge or other obstructions with all edges trimmed.</p> <p>Cut and drop methodology to feature in cutting regime however clippings to be collected as directed</p> <p>All clippings falling on driveways, paths will be cleared ensuring site is left clean and tidy</p> <p>All litter and debris will be removed from area prior to mowing.</p> <p>Leaves that have a detrimental effect on grass will be removed prior to mowing</p>	Grass will be, cut uniformly with a minimum of 48 cuts per year. Grass no longer than 35mm

HEDGE MAINTENANCE	Ornamental	High profile areas generally adjacent to ornamental features	<p>Hedges should be cut back to designated size. The top of hedge should be level and even with in the design of the site.</p> <p>Profile of hedge should be narrower at top to encourage uniform and compact growth. Any dead or diseased plant material should be removed with gaps replenished and protected.</p> <p>Hedge base should be free from litter, debris and weeds as is reasonable practicable</p>	2 cuts per year (dependant on bird nesting season)
PESTICIDE, FUNGICIDE AND HERBICIDE APPLICATION	Ornamental	Fungus, weed and pest control on greens	<p>All affected areas will be treat with the application of broad spectrum fungicide application late spring/ early summer. Targeted applications as required. Pesticide and herbicide application as required.</p> <p>Moss control to be carried out by a mix of mechanical and chemical control.</p> <p>Application will be carried out in control conditions by trained suitably qualified operators in order to reduce the risk of drift or cross contamination.</p>	2 applications – 1 early spring followed by 1 mid-summer. Further applications if required

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12 Picnic Areas Countryside Walks (Ballyflore, Gortmoss)	ZONE TYPE	NARRATIVE	OUTCOME SPECIFICATION	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR
GRASS CUTTING	General	Grassed Areas and surrounding car parks	<p>The area will be maintained up to the hedge or other obstructions with all edges trimmed.</p> <p>Cut and drop methodology to feature in cutting regime however clippings to be collected as directed</p> <p>All clippings falling on driveways, roads, paths will be cleared ensuring site is left clean and tidy</p> <p>All litter and debris will be removed from area prior to mowing.</p>	16 cuts per year or as directed

			Leaves that have a detrimental effect on grass will be removed prior to mowing	
HEDGE MAINTENANCE	Ornamental	Good quality hedge features forming boundaries and screens in car parks	<p>Hedges should be cut back to designated size. The top of hedge should be level and even with in the design of the site.</p> <p>Profile of hedge should be narrower at top to encourage uniform and compact growth. Any dead or diseased plant material should be removed with gaps replenished and protected.</p> <p>Hedge base should be free from litter, debris and weeds as is reasonable practicable</p>	1 cut per year
SCHRUB MAINTENANCE	Amenity	Amenity Shrubberies that add character to car parks and provide additional screening	<p>Planted areas shall be maintained substantially free from weeds</p> <p>Shrubs shall be pruned to avoid overcrowding. All dead wood will be removed</p> <p>Shrubs will be pruned back to avoid encroachment over windows, footpaths roads</p>	Pruning 1 a year, spot treat weeds 3 times a year

13 Roadside Verges Gateway Features Roundabouts (30 MPH Zones)	ZONE TYPE	NARRATIVE	OUTCOME SPECIFICATION	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR
GRASS CUTTING	General	Town gateways and entrances including roundabouts and 30 MPH zones	<p>The area will be maintained up to 1 swathe width of the verge in 30 mph zones and 2 swathe widths in 30mph and gateways in 5 largest settlements by population size</p> <p>Cut and drop methodology to feature in cutting regime however clippings to be collected as directed</p> <p>All road channels will be kept free of grass and related debris</p> <p>All litter and debris will be</p>	16 cuts per year. All herbage to be reduced to 50 mm and no longer than 75mm

			<p>removed from area prior to mowing. Any fly tipping will be reported and removed by the appropriate personnel</p> <p>Grass height to be maintained to ensure that highway traffic have a clear sight line at all times</p> <p>Road side verges to be maintained to fit the character of the surrounding countryside ensuring that safety and nature conservation needs are dealt with effectively and sensitively</p>	
GRASS CUTTING	Long grass regimes	Meadow sites and areas of long grass that run alongside general grassed areas	<p>Areas to be maintained to fit the character of the surrounding countryside ensuring that safety and nature conservation needs are dealt with effectively and sensitively</p> <p>Cut and drop methodology to feature in cutting regime however clippings to be collected as directed</p> <p>All road channels will be kept free of grass and related</p>	2 cuts per year, timed according to species.

			<p>debris</p> <p>All litter and debris will be removed from area prior to mowing. Any fly tipping will be reported and removed by the appropriate personnel</p> <p>Grass height to be maintained to ensure that highway traffic have a clear sight line at all times</p>	
HEDGE MAINTENANCE	Field	Hedges on streetscape that form the border between verge and the carriageway that poses an obstruction to council works or safety	<p>Field bound hedges to be flailed at the appropriate time of the year using a tractor mounted flail.</p> <p>Clippings to be left in the confines of the hedge. All road channels will be kept free from clippings and risings</p> <p>Tree work to be assessed and carried out by an approved arboriculturalist if required</p>	1 cut per year
FLOWER BEDS / ORNAMENTAL/BASKETS	Amenity	Decorative seasonal planting within the precincts of key council facilities, towns and villages	Varieties of plants used will be true to type, healthy and in prime condition at time of planting	Indicator will be determined By population density, Community participation/partnership and seasonality

			<p>Containers/baskets will be safely installed and provide good display over full area of basket/container etc.</p> <p>Containers/baskets will be well prepared, irrigated and fed to produce good display and plant vigour</p>	
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14 Weed Control (General Hard Areas)	ZONE TYPE	NARRATIVE	OUTCOME SPECIFICATION	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR
PESTICIDE, FUNGICIDE AND HERBICIDE APPLICATION	General	The application of residual and contact herbicides to eradicate weed growth throughout streetscapes, car parks and hard areas	<p>All affected areas will be treated with the application of broad spectrum suitable weed control application late spring/ early summer.</p> <p>Application will be carried out in control conditions by trained suitably qualified operators in order to reduce the risk of drift or cross contamination.</p> <p>All weed control applications will align to council's health and safety and environmental policy. Giving due consideration for the environment, wild life and nature</p>	2 seasonal applications at facilities and streetscapes of business centres.

15 Artificial Playing Surfaces (3 G pitches)	ZONE TYPE	NARRATIVE	OUTCOME SPECIFICATION	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR
ASTRO TURF AND 3G PITCHES	General	Artificial surfaces to accommodate the playing of hockey, soccer etc.	<p>Surface to be dragged brushed weekly using a mat or brush. Brushing to alternate weekly between horizontal and vertical</p> <p>All litter and debris will be removed from area prior to brushing</p> <p>A deep clean and de-compaction will be carried out annually to relieve compactions and remove any contamination</p> <p>Vegetation treatment will be carried out to remove</p>	<p>Pitches to be brushed weekly throughout the year 48 times.</p> <p>Deep cleaned, groomed, and de-compacted 1 per year. Infill lost due to migration will be replaced</p> <p>Vegetation treatment 2 times a year to remove moss and algae</p>

			<p>contaminates such as moss, algae and to reduce the spread of spores</p> <p>Infill levels will be checked annually with the surface replenished if required during deep clean</p> <p>All pitches marked with clear white lines in accordance to sport rules and requirements Posts will be installed and maintained in accordance to health and safety requirements</p> <p>Pitches will be maintained to achieve a true and playable surface as is reasonable practical.</p>	
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