



11 January 2022

Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Environment Committee to be held in The Chamber, Dungannon and by virtual means Council Offices, Circular Road, Dungannon, BT71 6DT on Tuesday, 11 January 2022 at 19:00 to transact the business noted below.

A link to join the meeting through the Council's remote meeting platform will follow.

Yours faithfully

Adrian McCreesh
Chief Executive

AGENDA

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Report on	Recycling on the Go
Date of Meeting	11 th January 2022
Reporting Officer	Mark McAdoo, Assistant Director – Environmental Services
Contact Officers	Mark McAdoo, Assistant Director – Environmental Services

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To inform members of the implications of introducing Recycling on the Go schemes.
2.0	Background
2.1	At the Council meeting on 25 th November it was requested that a paper be brought back to the Environment Committee on the possibility of installing recycling litter bins in the main town centres in Mid Ulster. This is commonly known as Recycling on the Go (RotG)
3.0	Main Report
3.1	RotG involves having on-street recycling bins for individual materials situated in public places where people frequently visit or pass by i.e. town centres, tourist attractions etc. Whilst the RotG concept can promote the wider recycling message and provides the ability to recycle when out and about experience shows that it has rarely been a success.
3.2	Contamination of the contents of RotG bins has been found to be a very big problem. Contamination is the term used to refer to an item of non-target material in the RotG container that accepts only specific types of material for recycling e.g. paper, glass etc. Contamination can also arise in the form of target material that is not in an appropriate condition for recycling e.g. packaging still containing food or grease-stained cardboard etc. Liquid from hot and cold drinks containers leaking into other dry materials is also a significant cause of contamination. A study by Valpak found that 50% of the contents of RotG bins was contamination (non-target materials) including food waste and dog foul.
3.3	Indeed a separate UK wide study completed four years ago by RECOUP found that contamination was a major issue and that overall the costs of RotG outweigh the benefit. In addition to contamination the report also cited the following as barriers to RotG: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • significant budget required for ongoing support communication and education • procurement (a RotG bin can cost up to £850 depending on size and design) • maintenance and collection costs (existing mobile collection carts are not suitable)
3.4	A number of local Councils have tried RotG schemes, many of which have ceased due to the difficulties experienced and those that are still ongoing reported very limited success. Recent feedback from some of our neighbouring local authorities is detailed below:

	<p>Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council previously had RotG bins in place but found the scheme to be very unsuccessful. The bins were mainly used as general litter bins, especially at night, with very high levels of contamination. This gave a negative image with residents as it portrayed that the Council did not actively recycle due to the fact that such severe levels of contamination were seen. They also found that bins were very costly to purchase and were damaged/vandalised frequently so it was not an option to continuously replace them. The bins also involved additional keys for staff to carry and additional bins to empty which led to issues with getting bins emptied frequently enough. Overall, it was felt that the scheme was very hard to manage and not something they would recommend based on their experience.</p> <p>Fermanagh and Omagh District Council introduced RotG bins in 2013 which are currently situated across a selection of their towns and villages. They experience high levels of contamination mainly in the form of take away containers and as a result the contents from RotG bins often have to be disposed of within residual waste.</p> <p>Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council have RotG bins in place in Ballymoney Town Centre only, with intermittent success reported. They have concluded that unless bins are well labelled, monitored and an educational/media awareness campaign is run, the chances of bins being correctly used with little contamination is very limited indeed.</p>
3.5	<p>It is also important to highlight that the litter collected in litter bins across Mid Ulster is sent for processing alongside the residual waste collected in wheeled bins and a portion of same is extracted at the processing facility for recycling. It is equally important to be aware that one of the main aims of the planned Deposit Return Schemes (DRS) in the next couple of years is to reduce “on the go” littering via reverse vending which, if successful, would remove any need for RotG schemes as this would increase the quantity and quality of material collected for recycling in a much more efficient manner.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: There is significant financial investment required to purchase and install RotG bins and based on UK wide study and other Councils experiences it can be concluded that the costs outweigh the benefits.
	Human: Additional staff time and resources required to facilitate emptying of RotG bins.
	Risk Management: None
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: None
	Rural Needs Implications: None
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	It is therefore recommended based on the finding of this report and feedback from other Councils that Recycling on the Go litter bins are not introduced in the Mid Ulster district.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	None

Report on	Town and Village Entries for Award Competitions in 2022
Date of Meeting	11 th January 2022
Reporting Officer	Mark McAdoo, Assistant Director – Environmental Services
Contact Officer	Eunan Murray, Grounds and Cemeteries Manager

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If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To update members on the town and village entries for the Ulster in Bloom and Best Kept Awards 2022 and to approve the nomination of Donaghmore for Britain in Bloom 2022.
2.0	Background
2.1	Despite the pandemic the Ulster in Bloom competition continues to attract great interest locally. The Best Kept Awards are also planned to return in 2022 after a 2 year absence.
2.2	These annual competitions promote achievement and excellence in Horticulture, Amenity and Environmental Sustainability and are important in recognising the high quality local environments in which we live and work. The awards encourage towns and villages right across Northern Ireland to look their best and boost civic pride e.g. through floral displays
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>The nominations for entry into the Ulster in Bloom 2022 competition (under the appropriate categories based on population size) are proposed as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cookstown 2. Magherafelt 3. Coalisland 4. Maghera 5. Tobermore 6. Donaghmore 7. Swatragh 8. Caledon 9. Stewartstown 10. Castlecaulfield
3.2	It is also proposed that the above settlements will also be entered into Best Kept Awards (further details of the categories to be released by the Northern Ireland Amenity Council).
3.3	Whilst Mid Ulster District Council received recognition for a number of settlements and towns in Ulster in Bloom 2021, it was Donaghmore which scooped the Translink Ulster in Bloom Competition winner for the 'Village category'.

3.4	As a result of this achievement, NILGA are planning to nominate the village to go on and represent Northern Ireland in the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) Britain in Bloom Competition in 2022 (see correspondence at appendix 1).
3.5	A copy of the marking sheet including judging criteria for the Britain in Bloom Competition is included at appendix 2.
	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: Within existing resources.
	Human: Within existing resources.
	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 asked to note the contents of this report and approve the town and village entries for both the Ulster in Bloom and Best Kept competitions in 2022 as well as the nomination for Donaghmore into the "Village Category" of RHS Britain in Bloom 2022.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix 1 – Correspondence from NILGA for Britain in Bloom Nomination 2022
6.2	Appendix 2 – BIB marking sheet

Report on	Eco-Schools Programme Support 2022/23
Date of Meeting	11 th January 2022
Reporting Officer	Mark McAdoo, Assistant Director, Environmental Services
Contact Officers	Mark McAdoo, Assistant Director, Environmental Services

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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To seek approval to continue providing financial support to the Eco-Schools Programme
2.0	Background
2.1	Eco-Schools is an international award that guides participating schools on their sustainable journey, providing a framework to help embed these principles into the heart of school life. The Eco-Schools programme is an internationally recognised Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE) programme now operating in 72 countries worldwide, representing more than 59,000 schools and 20 million pupils. In addition to Eco-Schools, FEE runs Green Key, Young Reporters for the Environment, Blue Flag for Beaches & Marinas and Learning about Forests as well as supporting other initiatives such as Single Use Plastics and Wrigleys Litter Less Campaign.
2.2	Eco-Schools in Northern Ireland is administered by Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful (KNIB) with financial support from DAERA and all 11 local Councils. It is also supported by 8 sponsors and 32 Delivery Partners without whose practical support the programme could not have achieved the success and recognition it has received.
2.3	The programme encourages and directs young people to think about litter, waste and recycling, climate action, energy saving, water conservation, transport options, biodiversity, marine life, healthy living and the natural environment they are custodians of, and make positive choices for a better future.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	At the end of October 2021 the programme had 1,136 schools registered in Northern Ireland which is 100% of schools. The total number of live Green Flag awards is 358 which represents 32% of schools and is an increase of 5% since February 2021, with a greater number of schools receiving their assessment and award following reopening after Covid enforced closures.

3.2	<p>In addition to the Eco-Schools Green Flag, schools can also achieve intermediate accreditation by obtaining Bronze and Silver self-assessed award status, with at present 123 schools having achieved a <i>maximum</i> of Bronze level and 164 having achieved a <i>maximum</i> of Silver level. KNIB assessed and awarded 94 schools with Green Flags in Northern Ireland from April 2021 – June 2021. The graph below shows the percentage of live and lapsed Green Flags within each of the supporting council areas:</p>
3.3	<p>Mid Ulster Council's Recycling Officer team support schools wishing to gain Eco-School status as a means of assisting with the delivery of recycling and waste education in schools and the wider environmental message through a range of other topics e.g. litter.</p>
3.4	<p>Detailed metrics for Eco School activities in Mid Ulster are provided as an appendix.</p>
3.5	<p>Mid Ulster District Council has financially supported the Eco-Schools programme in Northern Ireland since 2015. KNIB has presented two funding options for continued support in 2022/23; Option One at £10,942 and option Two at £2,975 for the year. It is proposed that we support option two at £2,975 (which equates to an investment of approximately 10 pence per pupil in Mid Ulster). It should be noted that this is an increase in funding on previous years where £1,700 was contributed annually. The increased amount requested this year has been partially attributed to inflation which was not previously factored in. Additional Eco School staff have also been recently appointed and can offer further direct guidance to schools as a result of the increased funding.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: The expenditure of £2,975 can be met from Environmental Services budget
	Human: The Recycling Officers assist in the delivery of the programme and are trained Eco Schools assessors
	Risk Management: None

4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: None
	Rural Needs Implications: None
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	It is recommended that approval is granted to continue providing financial support to KNIB for delivery of the Eco Schools Programme to the amount of £2,975 in 2022/23.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Letter from KNIB outlining Eco-Schools Support Request for 2022/23
6.2	Report on the Eco Schools Programme for Supporting Councils
6.3	Mid Ulster District Council Eco-Schools Metrics (as at October 2021)

20 December 2021

Dear Council,

Council support request for the Eco-Schools Programme in Northern Ireland 2022/23.

This letter is a request for support for the Eco-Schools programme in your council area in 2022/2023 and to highlight the excellent value the Eco-Schools Programme brings to Northern Ireland in helping deliver a safe and sustainable future for our youth.

Your continued support both financially and with staff time is highly appreciated by Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful and is critical to the success of the programme in educating young people on environmental issues and empowering them to make informed choices, take positive action and be the change needed to ensure a sustainable Northern Ireland. We seek to give young people a platform to make their voices heard and influence their peers, communities, policy and decision-makers.

The Eco-Schools programme encourages and directs young people to think about litter, waste and recycling, energy saving, water conservation, transport options, biodiversity, the natural environment they are custodians of, and make positive choices for a better future. We look forward to continuing the relationship we have established over the years which has helped cement Northern Ireland as a top achiever globally in the Eco-Schools programme.

Eco-Schools creates behavioural change in our youth and we have seen it dispersing into society via our Eco-Campuses and Eco-clubs who are now engaging and valuing the impact of the Green Flag Award. Currently Stranmillis College and Queen's University are working with us and we now have over 30 Eco-Clubs engaging with us with 5 now having achieved their Green Flag. The programme may start in schools however, the impact is far reaching and we only have to look at this growth in Ireland to see the positive impact with 36 campuses registered with 13 awarded the Green Flag including one hospital site. Continued support of our programme will encourage this further growth and spread into the wider society through positive behaviour change.

We bring additional support from the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, grant making bodies and other corporate and charity funders and continue to make efforts to diversify funding opportunities for environmental education in Northern Ireland.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind councils they play a vital role in helping us meet our **match funding** for the grant received from DAERA to keep this programme operational. It is important to note that we have so far, because of your continued support, not had to pass the cost on to schools and have been able to offer the programme and assessments for free. We hope to continue this in the future as schools come increasingly under financial pressure. However, loss of council support nationally would result in match funding not being met and the programme either running at a cost to the school or the loss of core funding.

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Other countries have moved to charging schools, however, for us at Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful, we believe it is imperative this remains a free programme so **all sections of the community** can benefit equally and it not become a postcode lottery. We have seen recently at COP26 the need for a just transition and we believe environmental education should be free for all. However, the reality may be individual councils who do not support the programme may see their schools paying up to £200 for assessment and award of Green Flag next academic year.

Your responsibility to our youth and your constituents

Belfast Climate Commission Youth Work carried out a recent survey of 13 – 24 year olds with most of the response coming from post primary aged pupils. 1200 young people across Northern Ireland responded to the survey. The report published on the findings specifically mentions the Eco-Schools Programme and the Carbon Literacy Training we offer schools. Below is one of the 5 recommendations:

“According to the responses from the survey the young people trust schools and colleges as places to receive information about climate change. Therefore, it is important that educational settings and staff have the tools, resources and expertise to engage with young people on issues pertaining to climate change. There should also be an emphasis on teacher training and continued professional development on issues such as Carbon Literacy and the Eco-Schools Programme.”

A recent survey carried out by Eco-Schools of teachers across Northern Ireland 469 teachers responded. The results highlighted the need and demand for further support from the Eco-Schools team to support teachers grow in confidence around their knowledge and ability to teach on environmental topics:

- 86% said they had not enough knowledge of the impacts of climate change, biodiversity loss and waste and pollution
- 80% are not confident enough to teach on environmental topics such as climate change, biodiversity loss and waste and pollution
- 93% said it would be beneficial to include some modules on these environmental topics in teacher training either in initial teacher training or Professional development
- 92% said they would avail of the training if it was made available to them (including time to complete it)

This is clear evidence that not only our future voters will be influenced moving forward by whomever is looking after their collective future and the environment but also many of our current voters.

Dealing with the Climate Crisis moving forward, employment within this sector will be in demand and we need to prepare our young people for the jobs they will be working in. Eco-Schools is more than an extracurricular activity; our programme is shaping many young people's future career paths. We are in the process of developing a video to show good examples of how this has already been happening and will continue to expand. By fully investing in our programme you are investing in the NI youth's future.

We at Eco-Schools and Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful as a whole have already started to respond to this broader public agenda and demand from our teachers and youth. We are now delivering Carbon Literacy Training to our Teachers and Youth Leaders across the country. We went a step further to have the Carbon Literacy course accredited as a Grade B at GCSE with the Open College Network Northern Ireland (OCNNI). The official qualification is called: **OCNNI Level 2 Certificate in Reducing Carbon Footprints through Environmental Action**. There are 5 units available with Carbon Literacy being the core unit.

Within this Certificate are the 5 awards everyone helped us pull together:

1. OCNNI Level 2 Award in **Reducing Carbon Footprints through Environmental Action (core module)**
2. OCNNI Level 2 Award in **Biodiversity Recovery**
3. OCNNI Level 2 Award in **Climate Campaigning**
4. OCNNI Level 2 Award in **Tackling Single Use Plastic Waste**
5. OCNNI Level 2 Award in **Tackling Fast Fashion**

We have developed teaching resources to support teachers and youth workers with the delivery of this course.

Statistical Impacts from the Eco-Schools programme

- 100% of schools signed up to Eco-Schools Programme which equates to 326,537 pupils in 1,136 schools and 62 private nursery and educational facilities here.
- 358 schools currently have the Eco-Schools Green Flag and we've seen increases from 147 in 2016/17 to 176 in 2018/19 to 332 in 2019/20 indicating the upward trends in interest in the programme.
- 419,181 sustainable journeys have taken place since 2016 through the Translink Travel Challenge with 19,825 pupils getting involved
- Total increase of schools picking topics and raising awareness since 2017/18:
 - Biodiversity: increase of 209 schools: 15% increase
 - Healthy Living: increase of 251 schools: 22% increase
 - Litter: increase of 234 schools: 20% increase
- 32% of schools in Northern Ireland are flying the internationally recognised Green Flag - Ensuring a positive experience for our young people – through engaging them in actioned-based and socially-responsible learning.
- Total CO₂ saving recorded in the last 3 last academic years is 5602076 Kg

Support for Eco-Schools Going Forward

Over the past few years we have increased the amount of support we offer schools in your council area. The demand has grown exponentially since lockdown and our online resources and support offered during this time has increased in response. Through corporate

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partnerships we have been able to expand our Eco-Schools team to provide feet on the ground in your council area offering direct support to schools in the form of workshops, practical advice and support and online sessions. This corporate funding however is not secure and we can only hope your council play a bigger role in supporting Eco-Schools as we see the programme grow in popularity and strength.

This is already beginning to happen with other Councils partners in recognition of the importance of the Eco-Schools programme in the context of the wider climate crisis and the urgent need for all sectors to move further and faster towards a greener society. We were delighted to see several councils increase their level of support this year in recognition of the growing impact of the programme. Belfast City Council contribute 16.5% alone to the Eco-Schools programme with Derry City and Strabane District Council, Ards and North Down Borough Council and Mid & East Antrim Borough Council all contributing 13% respectively. We understand not all councils are in the position to offer this kind of support especially on the back of COVID19 however, we must be honest and inform councils we feel they are undervaluing the impact and importance of our work and the value added we bring.

From October 2020 – October 2021 as part of our support to schools in your council area our programme provided:

- **The installation of 1 outdoor learning garden to the value of approximately £2,500**
- **The installation of 4 productive biodiversity Gardens to the total value of approximately £6000**
- **£385 amount in Wrigley Litter Less Funding**
- **12 schools were awarded small grants from Live Here Love Here**
- **12 schools were awarded Pollinator Grants**
- **NIHE Energy Schools competition runner up prize: 1 tablet**

Currently your council contributes 2% of the overall Environmental Educational Team budget at a cost of £1,700 per annum (6 pence per pupil). We welcome the opportunity to discuss with you reviewing this investment in light of how the Eco-Schools programme has grown and developed in your Council area and to reflect and sustain the additional staff resource we have put in place to make this happen.

We must also consider there has only been a £200 increase in the level of support since 2015. However, when calculating staff costings, we must take into consideration the percentage increase in cost of living each year which has been approximately 2.4% each year which has not previously been factored in. If all councils were on board with our preferred support option, we would hope to recruit a new member of staff to better support individual councils and give the time for consultation and support which is often requested.

Your continued support also ensures that Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful can offer other environmental education initiatives to schools in your Council area most notably Young Reporter's for the Environment; Single Use Plastic initiatives, Coastal Schools Workshops, Fast fashion Workshops, Installation of Outdoor learning gardens and biodiversity gardens, Wheelie Big Challenge, NIHE schools Energy Competition, Translink Travel Challenge, Erasmus + among many others all of which contribute to schools achieving Eco-Schools Green Flag status.

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When budgets are tight across all sectors we understand now may not be the ideal time to request an increase in financial support however, we must emphasise councils have a responsibility to their constituents to create a 'more resilient Northern Ireland which will take timely and well-informed decisions to address the socio-economic and environmental impacts of climate change' as highlighted in NI's second Climate Change Adaptation Programme (NICCAP).

Taking all of the above into consideration, increased growth, increase in staff, footfall to our social media sites and online content, cost of living increase, support to council staff, voice of our young people, interest from teachers and the statistical impacts, we only see it fair councils consider an increase in their level of financial support to help match fund our programme. In order for this to happen councils will need to review and evaluate the level of support they currently provide Eco-Schools with and we would invite you to review the following 2 options and an additional awards ceremony contribution.

Option 1: Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful's preference.

Support of the Eco-Schools Programme at a cost of **£10,942**. This includes Wheelie Big Challenge and core running cost of the programme, which equates to an investment of approximately **38 pence per pupil** in your council area and would bring your council in line with other investors to the programme.

Option 2:

Support of the Eco-Schools Programme at a cost of **£2,975** would equate to an investment of approximately **10 pence per pupil** in your council area.

Please see the Matrix Grid to compare support

Additional Eco-Schools Award Ceremony: £5000

<p>Organisation and promotion of Eco-School's Award Ceremony - Council to provide a venue for the event to be hosted in June 2022. These award ceremonies are important to schools and pupils, re-enforcing the importance of their work and introducing pupils to their local council's involvement and relevance in what they are doing in school. Many have described the anti-climax of 2 years of work not being celebrated.</p> <p><i>Eco-Schools will organise and host the event including school's invitations, guest speaker, awards and food and refreshments.</i></p>	£5000	£5000
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Matrix for Council's Eco-Schools Support options

Deliverable	Option 1	Option 2
A pre-existing programme to assist council delivery of their waste and litter prevention programmes and to help councils meet waste prevention and landfill reduction targets.	X	X
Direct communication with all schools in your council and NI as a whole.	X	X
Support councils in educating and raising awareness on litter, waste and avoidable single use plastics that will be dealt with in forthcoming EU and Northern Ireland Executive Committee legislation.	X	X
The opportunity to be associated with this prestigious international environmental education programme.	X	X
Clear linkage to Council support for young people's environmental leadership development.	X	X
Free training for your staff to become Eco-Schools Green Flag Assessors.	X	X
Provision of assessments and flags	X	X
Organisation of 1 Cluster Group meeting and 1 Green Flag Clinic for teachers in the council area which deliver valuable information to schools progressing through the Eco-Schools programme and provide the council with opportunities to promote their own projects and build relationships with teachers.	X	X
Development of the Ambassador Eco-School network in your Council area - Ambassador Eco-Schools are flagship schools driving their environmental message further into the community and mentoring other schools in their area.	X	X
Providing reports and statistics on schools in your Council area which are involved in the Eco-Schools programme. Annual report provided in July to supporting councils highlighting statistics for schools and information about the new incoming initiatives.	X	X
We provide support for council staff and elected representatives such as responding to ad hoc queries on the status of schools in the council area. However, further consultation on support of developing and delivering initiatives will incur a consultancy fee charge.	X	X

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Access to the Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful Data Hub, which puts information and statistics from Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful programmes you support at your fingertips (www.keepnorthernirelandbeautiful.org).	X	X
Opportunities to promote your campaigns and activities through the monthly Eco-Schools newsletter and multiple social media channels and signposting schools to relevant council contacts on the Eco-Schools website (www.eco-schoolsni.org).	X	
Opportunity to promote campaigns, events and activities in the monthly Eco-Schools newsletter and two social media posts annually . Posts and article must be provided in full.		X
Preference given to schools in council areas supporting the programme for promotion through media outlets.	X	X
Allowing schools access to additional funding provided through Eco-Schools for projects such as the international Wrigley Litter Less campaign.	X	X
Dedicated Field Officer working on Wheelie Big Challenge and direct schools engagement in your council area.	X	
Wheelie Big Challenge: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • contact school Eco-Coordinators to recruit schools to the project, • manage all communications, • Provide the toolkit for school and home • provide workshops/webinars and support, • ensure data is gathered and uploaded correctly • gather competition entries, • organise invitations to the final award event and • generate PR around the project. • Produce an end of project report to be included with your Eco-Schools report in July. 	X	

We can all sense that these are important times for the environment and society both locally and globally. Eco-Schools therefore will have an increasingly critical role in mobilising staff and pupils to adapt to the changes that will be required and to be part of the answer and the solution to the many issues becoming apparent. It is evident from recent developments including the Global Climate Strikes and the Conference of Parties (COP26) in Glasgow that young people also are asking for support and affirmative action. Eco-Schools provides a very practical action-based delivery mechanism for the many solutions. Working together we can all build a better future. Whilst any one of us working alone will struggle to get the critical mass needed.

Enclosed is an Eco-Schools Support Request Form. I would be very grateful if you could provide the necessary Purchase Order number by the end of January 2022 to ensure access to the benefits listed above is maintained in 2022/23.

If you require any further information or clarification on anything above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely



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Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful

Eco-Schools Support 2022-2023 Request Form

Please tick your preferred option:

☐ Option 1: **£10, 942** at a rate of 38 pence per pupil

☐ Option 2: **£2,975** at a rate of 10 pence per pupil

☐ Additional Eco-Schools Award Ceremony: **£5,000**

..... Council

☐ Agrees to support the Eco-Schools Programme

OR

☐ Do not wish to support the Eco-Schools Programme

Council Purchase Order Number (required for invoicing)

Signed

Name

Position/job title.....

Date.....

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KEEP NORTHERN IRELAND BEAUTIFUL

Report on the Eco-Schools Programme

For supporting councils

October Report for the Period:

March 2021 – October 2021

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Introduction

Eco-Schools is an international award programme that guides schools on their sustainable journey, providing a framework to help embed these principles into the heart of school life. The Eco-Schools programme is an internationally recognised Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE) programme now operating in 72 countries worldwide, representing more than 59,000 schools and 20 million pupils.

Eco-Schools in Northern Ireland is administered by Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful with financial support from DAERA and 11 local councils. It is also supported by 8 sponsors and 32 Delivery Partners (councils, NGOs etc.), without whose practical support the programme could not have achieved the success and recognition it has received.

FEE

Eco-Schools is one of five environmental education programmes run internationally by the [Foundation for Environmental Education](#) (FEE). In addition to Eco-Schools, FEE runs Green Key, Young Reporters for the Environment, Blue Flag for Beaches & Marinas and Learning about Forests. In 2009, Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful (formerly TIDY Northern Ireland) became a full Member of FEE.

Present situation of the programme

On 28th October 2021, the programme had 1,136 schools and 64 private nurseries or educational centres registered in Northern Ireland which is 100% of schools. The total number of live Green Flag awards is 358 which represents **32% of schools**. This figure has **increased by 5%** since the February report, likely as a result of our late application window to ensure schools had every opportunity to apply when they returned to schools during COVID-19. School closures due to Covid-19, has had a negative impact on the amount of schools being able to gather enough evidence to reapply and we expect a huge increase in applications this March. We currently have **165 schools** who have begun and are actively working towards their Green Flag and it is only October.

We have moved all of our assessments to the one time of year this academic year and will continue to do this moving forward. Therefore, schools must apply in March 2022 and will be assessed during the months of April and May 2022. We will then invite schools along to Eco-School Award ceremonies in each of the 11 councils to celebrate the amazing work our young people and school staff have been doing. As a result, moving forward we will have one set of data every June/July representing the complete academic year's successes.

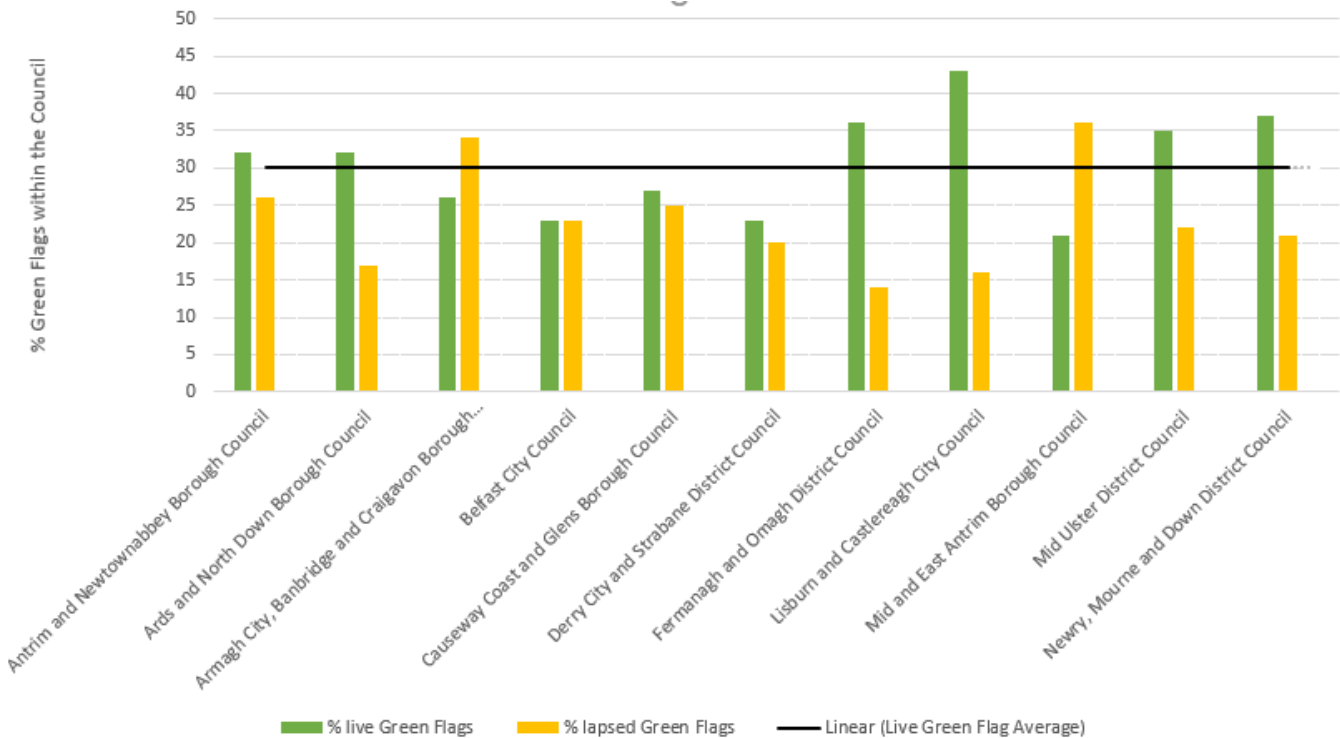
In addition to the Eco-Schools Green Flag, schools can also achieve intermediate accreditation by obtaining Bronze and Silver self-assessed award status, with at present 123 schools having achieved a *maximum* of Bronze level and 164 having achieved a *maximum* of Silver level.

Green Flag Schools

We assessed and awarded 94 schools with Green Flags in Northern Ireland from April 2021 – June 2021. Due to COVID-19, extended school closures and to accommodate our new annual application/assessment process we met with FEE to agree an extension of Green Flag Awards for schools due to expire in May 2021 through to March 2022. These figures are already included in our current total live green flags.

The graph below shows the percentage of live and lapsed Green Flags within each of the supporting council areas in relation to the national averages:

Figure 1
Figure 1: Percentage live and lapsed Green Flags in each of the supporting council areas. The solid horizontal line represents both the national average percentage of live Green Flags and the national average percentage of lapsed Green Flags. Both values are currently the same.



Updates, New Developments and Initiatives

In light of COVID-19 and the Climate Crisis we face, we at Eco-Schools have taken time to re-evaluate the programme and how accessible it is to a teacher and more particularly post primary teachers as they are the least likely to engage and also to our youth. Having the experience of a post primary teacher working on the programme has given us an insight into the barriers these teachers face when searching for additional time to work on the programme.

New Employees

With success of additional corporate partners of the Eco-Schools programme we have been successful in expanding our staff team. In June we employed a new Environmental Education Coordinator Niamh Nic Cana and now have four field officers working across the organisation but in particular Eco-Schools. Their names are Anna Green, Harry Murphy, Gareth Lamrock and Conor Bush. Each Field officer is responsible for particular schools in particular council areas and funding from councils has determined the amount of support available from the field officers in each area.

Early response to the new Field Officers in post

We have seen a huge increase in engagement from August to October from our schools with our Field Officers targeting dormant and lapsed schools with our new programmes and opportunities for schools to get involved in. This time last year we had 82 attendees at our Cluster Group Meeting and this year we saw 246, there have been 51 121 (30minute – 60 minute) meetings over zoom with

teachers in September and October compared to zero last year due to staff capacity, the field officers are able to deliver in person workshops and support on a daily basis to the schools in their assigned council areas and demand is already nearly at capacity until the New Year. The overwhelming gratitude from teachers to now have feet on the ground in their council area directly supporting them with the Eco-Schools Programme has been immense and already feedback is coming in weekly.

Please see appendix 1 attached to view the breakdown of these statistics for your council area.

Green Flag applications

A log in area, "School Zone", was developed several years ago for teachers and includes a Resource Library and Data Zone. This area has been designed to allow teachers to upload documents and data throughout the year, making the Green Flag application and renewal process simpler and more streamlined. Schools will not be able to submit their application without recording data in the Data Zone for at least their Major topic, with the intention that Minor topics must be included in the near future.

As a response to COVID-19 we continued with the desk assessment method, implemented in line with FEE international guidance and a decision to award the Green Flag was made based on the strength of information and evidence provided. As such, new guidance and resources were produced to ensure the confidence of teachers applying and the quality of applications. Flags were posted directly to successful schools and relevant documentation was emailed. We intend on where possible continuing with some desktop assessments if the evidence is overwhelmingly good and our field officers have visited the school on several occasions throughout the year and are aware of the standard of work ongoing in the school. We hope this will cut down on our Carbon Footprint and encourage more schools to upload and submit extensive data and evidence in support of their application which is something we have noted from June 2020 to June 2021.

As mentioned earlier we have moved the application window and assessment schedule to the one time of year to ensure we have one set of complete data at the end of each academic year. Applications will close in March each year, schools will be assessed in April/May and in person award ceremonies in each council area will happen in June. Those schools due to expire from September 2021 – February 2021 will have their Green Flag Award extended to allow for us to ensure a just transition to our award process. We consulted with FEE on this and they were happy to support this and feel it is an extremely worthwhile change to process.

School Zone Calendar/Planner Update

We have had the 'School Zone Calendar/Planner' updated to reflect all the programmes we now offer either as in person workshops or online support for projects. Teachers can now register their interest on the school zone and the field officer then downloads the schools in their council area and makes contact to arrange a workshop. This updated process went live on the 11th October and we have already 88 requests to take part in certain projects. We hope to see demand grow in this area but are aware in order to support all schools we will need to continue to grow our team.

Eco-Schools Newsletter

The monthly Eco-Schools newsletter is aimed at all Eco-Coordinators, Eco-Schools sponsors and delivery partners in Northern Ireland. The newsletter contains news, examples of good practice, statistics, case studies, workshop, environmental education activities, campaigns, training opportunities and latest awards. Monthly issues of the Eco-Schools Newsletters are published on the Eco-Schools website at <http://eco-schoolsni.org> There is a section dedicated to Council News with the aim to increase awareness of councils' support of the programme and provides an opportunity for you to share any news also. **Please send through any content by the 15th of the month for inclusion.**

Eco-Schools cluster group meetings and support workshops

Feedback from schools who attended the Cluster Group Meetings over ZOOM last year was overwhelmingly supportive of using this method moving forward. Therefore, this academic year we hosted 11 Cluster Group Meetings with a total of 246 attendees over the ZOOM platform.

Moving forward we at Eco-Schools will continue to organise all Cluster Group Meetings. The same process will remain: We will forward a few dates to you to pick from. Once a date is organised we will contact delivery partners to engage with us and then invite our teachers in your council area along to attend. We will continue using ZOOM as our platform. If there is a specific focus you would like for the meeting, we can discuss this in advance and be sure to focus on this area.

We have also planned 5 online workshops for teachers, delivery partners and councils. Two Action Plan Clinics and three Green Flag application clinics. Registration links are in our most recent newsletter.

Upcoming Action Plan Clinics:

- 9th November
- 11th November

Upcoming Application Clinics:

- 14th December
- 18th January
- 22nd February

Eco-Schools Awards Ceremonies

The Eco-Schools team will arrange Eco-Schools Award ceremonies across the 11 participating councils in June 2022. We hope for these awards to be hosted in council buildings in each area and that the work is a collaborative piece.

At the Award ceremonies schools from across your council area will be invited along to receive the winner's awards for programmes and initiatives such as:

- Eco-Schools Green Flag
- Eco-Teacher of the Year (in each council)
- Young Reporters for the Environment
- Wrigley Litter Less
- Wheelie Big Challenge
- NIHE School's Energy Competition
- Translink Travel Challenge
- 30 under 30

Eco-Schools Northern Ireland Website and Social Media Platforms

Eco-Schools Northern Ireland has its own dedicated section for [Delivery Partners](#) on the Eco-Schools website and a [Resources](#) section to which we are continually adding curriculum based teacher information and classroom activities linked to all key stages and school case studies sharing best practise.

The Eco-School's website also includes a News section with up-to-date information about events, initiatives, competitions, campaigns and newsletters etc.

Councils have been asked to provide information so that we can update individual pages for each council. Details of council contacts can be found at the following link: <https://www.eco-schoolsni.org/cgi-bin/partners?instanceID=1h>

Eco-Schools have active **Facebook**, **Twitter** and **Instagram** accounts. In response to COVID-19 we are aware these along with our website are our main means of effective communication with our partners,

teachers, parents and young people. As mentioned previously our newsletter will go out over these platforms and in addition, we are sending out online environmental education resources to encourage and enable the Eco-Schools programme to be applied in all settings.

We have also added an **Eco-Schools NI YouTube channel** to share all of our videos and online content created such as educational webinars and workshops for our teachers and young people.

We have a large increase in our footfall to our website and social media platforms over the last year as a result of our immense online effort. Our IGTV has started to get quite a lot of views. We hope to see this continue to grow now teachers and young people have returned to education. With ever-changing restrictions, here at Eco-Schools we were very much prepared to support parents home-schooling and sharing our message of sustainable living and working towards zero net emissions.

Resources to support New Programme Guidance

For each topic we have developed further whole school resources across 7 key stages to ensure the work is not burdensome for the Eco-Coordinator but is rather a whole school initiative. The Eco-Coordinator can now disseminate these resources across the school and ensure each teacher delivers them. Previously this happened in primary schools however there was not the same support for post primary. We have launched several of our topic resources with the rest due to be released throughout the academic year.

Added Value to the Schools in Your Council

There are a range of other opportunities available to schools to improve their environmental education credentials through the Eco-Schools team that provide added value to the Council investment in the Eco-Schools programme. **Please see the attached appendix for specific details relating to your Council area:**

Young Reporters for the Environment (YRE)

Young Reporters for the Environment gives young people aged 11-25 a platform to research environmental issues and promote solutions through investigative reporting, photography, and video journalism. It is an international programme, accredited by the Foundation for Environmental Education, with 360,000 reporters in 45 countries. Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful is the National Operator for the programme, which is open to schools across Northern Ireland, including your Council area. The YRE is run here as part of the Wrigley Litter Less Campaign to encourage positive behaviour change towards littering and the 6Rs.

Young reporters at post primary level are asked to investigate an environmental issue, propose solutions, report their findings in an article and inform others by sharing this through as many media outlets as possible. Themes explored in the past included litter and waste with an emphasis currently on the topical issues of single use plastics and the climate crisis. The programme effectively engages and equips young people to tell stories, building their communication and critical thinking skills and competencies.

This year we are asking 25 post-primary schools to take part in our YRE Programme. Eco-Schools has requested expressions of interest from schools, including those in your Council area. We are offering workshops to support teachers delivering YRE in their schools and have already seen a huge interest in this.

Wrigley Litter Less Campaign (WLL)

With the support of the Wrigley Foundation, the WLL has entered its 10th year in September 2020. An online campaign was launched and ran from the 18th – 31st October. In addition to the online campaign Eco-Schools is looking for 25 schools to take part in this year's campaign. Schools are being asked to choose one criterion among three possible criteria (weight of litter in the school grounds; weight of paper recycled in the school; weight of dry recyclable material). Eco-Schools has requested expressions

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of interest from schools, including those in your Council area. There is funding awarded to schools participating in this project to the tune of around £200.

Coastal Schools Workshop

With the support of our tackling Plastic Team at KNIB we have developed a Coastal Schools workshop looking at the dangers of plastic in the ocean. The pupils also receive OSPAR Marine Litter Survey Training and survey a transect of their local beach. The results from the 30 schools across NI will be compiled into a youth Marine Litter Survey this academic year. The delivery of this project is carried out by the Eco-Schools Team.

Tackling Fast Fashion Workshop

With the support of our Tackling Fast Fashion Team at KNIB and a partnership with Junk Kouture we have developed a Fast Fashion practical workshop which we hope to deliver across 30 schools in NI this year. We hope this programme will help with Post primary engagement.

Eco-Schools, Single-Use Plastic and YRE Webinars

Eco-Schools have had a range of key note speakers and social influencers to enthuse and motivate our teachers and young people to become more environmentally aware. We have covered topics such as fast fashion, plastic free beauty routines, home growing, outdoor learning, repurposing your waste, packaging, land-originated plastic pollution and many other areas of interest within all 11 of our topics. Again these social media influencers have brought a new post primary audience to our social media platforms. All webinars are uploaded on our website and our YouTube channel to ensure schools can use them as resources retrospectively.

Eco-Teacher of the Year Award in each council

This award will happen at the award ceremonies in each council in June 2022.

Eco-Campus

We are also targeting universities and colleges in council areas to participate in our YRE programme especially when students there have specifically chosen journalism and media as their preferred subject. Again we hope to see more engagement and as a result these campuses signing up to join Eco-Campus. We have been in talks with St Mary's University Belfast about working towards becoming an Eco-Campus. We are also delivering Carbon Literacy to Queen's University Belfast. Green Week for university campuses has been arranged for March 7th -11 2022.

Translink Travel Challenge

Translink has successfully teamed up with Eco-Schools over the past 11 years as sponsor of the Transport topic, which encourages children and young people to think about developing sustainable travel plans and/or habits. Through school engagement and support, Translink Travel Challenge promotion and delivery, production of transport themed learning resources, events and activities, the successful collaboration between Eco-Schools NI and Translink has successfully engaged a growing number of schools every year. This is evident in a 25% increase in participation in the Translink Travel Challenge since its inception in 2009.

Northern Ireland Housing Executive Schools Energy Efficiency Awareness Programme.

This new initiative will help encourage schools to become more aware of the amount of energy they are using and ways in which to reduce this. If schools adapt and make changes they will not only be reducing their emissions but will also make financial savings, similar to concept behind the Wheelie Big Challenge. There are awareness lesson plans and a poster competition toolkit. This is the first year NIHE and worked with Eco-Schools in what appears to be a very exciting partnership. The winners received £500 for their school, a laptop each and a professional sketch of their eco-hero. This project is about to move into phase II with an additional Young Reporters for the Environment Resource for

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Post Primary English Language Teachers to avail off. Please view the competition winners professional designs below:

[FULL DETAILS Design an Eco-Hero Competition WINNERS x 5 \(plus 8 Commended entries\) 2020-21\).pdf](#)

[The Housing Executive - News \(nihe.gov.uk\)](http://nihe.gov.uk)

Dankse Bank Productive Outdoor Learning Gardens Project

11 schools across the country (1 in each council area) have been chosen to take part in our new and exciting partnership with Danske Bank. To date they have engaged in an outdoor learning webinar, 2 outdoor learning and biodiversity workshops and carried out a planting project on their school grounds, planting fruit trees and bushes. Harvest events have just finished and the final workshop around composting and cuttings is due to take place in November. We are about to commence on 11 new outdoor learning gardens across the councils and hopefully will get to pilot a post primary aspect to this project also.

Radius Housing Productive Biodiversity Gardens Project

16 schools across the country are involved in this shared education project to increase Biodiversity on their school grounds on their journey towards a Green Flag. They were involved in the planning, planting and harvesting of a productive biodiversity garden. The harvesting is ongoing at present. This project is a legacy project with 18 new schools due to commence workshops late December and early January as part of phase II.

Wheelie Big Challenge

The Wheelie Big Challenge is a practical initiative that helps schools learn about and implement the waste topic, thus helping achieve the Eco-Schools Green Flag Award. The Wheelie Big Challenge programme combines teaching resources with practical actions and advice on how to improve the school's performance around the waste management 6 R's – **Rethink, Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Repair and Recycle**. Provision of a toolkit enables young people to also take this learning beyond the school grounds, having the added benefit of encouraging improved household recycling. This initiative has run in a number of Council areas over the past couple of years and has significantly contributed to Eco-Schools Green Flag accreditation for participating schools. Please contact a member of the Eco-Schools team if you are interested in running this scheme in your Council area. For those councils involved already workshops have commenced in participating schools.

Live Here, Love Here

There is a big push on schools to participate in 'Adopt a Spot' this will also help towards their application for Green Flag status and there is no reason this cannot be a starting point for all schools to get involved. The new app has launched and should really help and encourage young people especially post primary to engage.

We hope to see this reduce litter in local council areas and in and around school grounds which would be hotspots for litter and in time with education see a reduction of waste.

Small Grants, Marine Grants and Pollinator Grants

These grants have been made available to schools and this year alone we received applications from 174 schools across the country. These schools received support in applying from both the Eco-Schools and Live Here Love Here teams at Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful

Carbon Literacy Training

Teachers and pupils are now able to avail of the accredited Carbon Literacy Training provided by KNIB. There is teacher substitute cover available for teachers attending and they will be provided with the pupil teaching resources on completing the course.

OCNNI Level 2 Certificate in Reducing Carbon Footprints through Environmental Actions

We have recently been successful in developing a Grade B equivalent GCSE with the Open College Network Northern Ireland. Teachers receive the resources to teach the pupils the course and can avail as mentioned above of our Carbon Literacy Training free of charge.

Within this Certificate are the 5 awards everyone helped us pull together:

1. OCNNI Level 2 Award in **Reducing Carbon Footprints through Environmental Action (core module)**
2. OCNNI Level 2 Award in **Biodiversity Recovery**
3. OCNNI Level 2 Award in **Climate Campaigning**
4. OCNNI Level 2 Award in **Tackling Single Use Plastic Waste**
5. OCNNI Level 2 Award in **Tackling Fast Fashion**

Please view the full specification here: [Specification OCN NI L2 Award-Cert in Reducing Carbon Footprints through Environmental Action.pdf](#)

We are working in partnership with Action Renewables to release a teacher resource to support the Level 2 Award in Climate Campaigning.

Presence at COP26

Our Environmental Education Manager represented Eco-Schools NI along with teacher Sandra Patterson from Ambassador School Ulidia Integrated College to speak about the programme at the Teacher's COP in Glasgow on the 30th October. One of the main asks from teachers globally was more support from government and public bodies for the Eco-Schools Programmes and other environmental initiatives which will support pupil and teacher learning around Climate Education.

We also have sent 3 young people to report on COP26 as Young Reporters for the Environment. They have already been reporting from the Blue Zone and will continue to do this until Friday 12th November. Please follow us on social media to see their unique insight:

- Facebook @EcoSchoolsNI
- Instagram @eco.ni
- Twitter @Eco_SchoolsNI

Belfast Climate Commission Youth Working Group

Our Environmental Education Manager plays an active role on the Youth Working Group. The network Eco-Schools has provided in gaining feedback from young people across Northern Ireland has been pivotal in the large response to the recent survey results being showcased at Belfast city Hall on Friday 5th November at the 2021 Climate Crisis Youth Summit. We use our network to ensure all young people and teachers across NI are informed about the climate crisis and how young people can play their part.

Erasmus+ Youth Environmental Education Congress (YEEC)

WE have been successful in gaining 5 places for young people across NI to travel to Prague in March to attend and play a leading role in the Youth Environmental Education Congress which runs in parallel to the World Environmental Education Congress. We have recently interviewed and appointed 5 very impressive young climate activists to represent Eco-Schools and NI at the congress. Prior to going these young people will meet with ministers to discuss their asks and those asks of ministers from world leaders in the Education Sector.

[11TH WORLD Environmental Education CONGRESS WEEC \(weec2022.org\)](https://weec2022.org)

Promotional Added Value

Bauer Media Radio Campaign

We ran a £10,000 Bauer Media radio campaign across Cool FM and Downtown Radio to promote the Wrigley Litter Less campaign and the eco-schools programme as a whole. This ran for a week in October.

Social Media Post Boosts

We now have the facility to boost our social media posts to increase engagement. This will begin in December 2021 and we hope to see a marked increase in the audience we are reaching as we are keen to reach parents.

**Mid Ulster District Council Eco-Schools Metrics
October 2021**

- Number of schools registered in council area – 130
- Total number of pupils in council area – 29,036
- Number of schools who have achieved the Green Flag – 74
- Number of schools with current Green Flags – 45 (35%)
- Number of schools with lapsed Green Flags – 29 (22%)
- Green Flags awarded:
 - 2015/16 - 19
 - 2016/17 – 26
 - 2017/18 – 13
 - 2018/19 – 29
 - 2019/20 – 12
 - 2020/21 - 27
- Cluster Group Meetings: 1 meeting with 11 teachers in attendance.
- Danske Bank Outdoor Learning Garden installed – 1
- Radius Housing Productive Biodiversity Garden Installed - 4
- Harvest and Tasting Event at the Outdoor Learning Garden - 5
- NIHE Energy competition awards: 1 tablet
- Pollinator Grants Awarded: 12 schools
- Small Grants Awarded: 12 Schools
- Wrigley Litter Less Seed Funding Awarded: £385
- Wrigley YRE award: £500
- Awareness and engagement with Eco-Schools Topics:

Topic	Number of Schools engaged in topic	Overall Percentage (%)
Biodiversity	35	27
Climate Action	11	8
Energy	35	27
Global Perspective	22	17
Healthy Living	45	35
Litter	37	28
Marine	2	2
Outdoor Learning	36	28
Transport	13	10
Waste	41	32
Water	15	12

Report on	Consultation on the Assessment of Technical Competence
Date of Meeting	11 th January 2022
Reporting Officer	Mark McAdoo, Assistant Director - Environmental Services
Contact Officer	Karl McGowan, Waste Disposal and Contracts Manager

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To seek approval to respond to a Consultation on the Assessment of Technical Competence under the NI Waste Management Licensing and Permitting Regime.
2.0	Background
2.1	<p>The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) has published a consultation on amending options for the assessment of technical competence under the Waste Management Licensing and Permitting Regime Northern Ireland.</p> <p>The purpose of this consultation is to consult upon proposed amendments to the Waste Management Licensing Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 in order to update the options available to those who need to comply with the technical competence element of the Fit and Proper Person test. The consultation document:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • outlines the Department's proposal to add EU Skills as an additional accredited provider of assurance of technical competence in Northern Ireland; • seeks views on this proposal, and • seeks views on whether there are any other potential organisations which could act as assessors of technical competence in Northern Ireland for the purposes of waste management licensing and/or permitting.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The Waste and Contaminated Land (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 (the 1997 Order), supported by a number of pieces of subordinate legislation, transposes the key requirements of the Waste Framework Directive. The requirement to protect the environment and human health was put in place by way of a number of measures including provisions that allow the Department to determine if the person controlling the waste is a fit and proper person to be doing so.

	<p>In order for someone to be considered a fit and proper person (for the purposes of holding a waste management licence and permits), amongst other things they must be technically competent. Currently in Northern Ireland, waste operators are able to demonstrate technical competence by obtaining relevant Operator Competence Certificate(s) (OCCs) from Waste Management Industry Training & Advisory Board (WAMITAB).</p> <p>The proposed changes will update the options available to waste operators in Northern Ireland on how they may demonstrate that they have acceptable qualifications and/or experience required to be considered technically competent in order to hold a licence and/or permit. It is proposed to introduce an additional accredited provider of assurance of technical competence, Energy & Utility Skills Ltd (EU Skills) who had requested the Department consider them as an alternative option for Northern Ireland waste operators. In Northern Ireland, due to how the legislation is currently drafted, having an additional accredited provider of assurance of technical competence requires an amendment to the legislation.</p>
3.2	<p>The EU Skills' Scheme uses a management system approach to assess technical competence and requires waste operators to put in place a Competence Management System (CMS). The CMS enables operators to demonstrate technically competent management of licenced activities on the basis of corporate competence and employee individual competence.</p> <p>The EU Skills CMS focuses on assessing the competence, skills, and experience of an organisation, its staff and the internal competence management systems as a whole, rather than solely assessing the technical competence of individuals.</p> <p>To assess technical competence, EU Skills' Scheme Approval Bodies audit a waste operator to determine whether they have an acceptable technical competence management system in place. After a successful audit, they will achieve certification which is valid for three years, with annual surveillance visits.</p>
3.3	<p>The Council currently has a number of Officers who have been awarded Operator Competence Certificate(s) by WAMITAB with a number of others currently progressing. They have been achieved in the operation of non-hazardous landfills and/or treatment and transfer of waste. The new proposed scheme would be of benefit to the Council as it would certify the organisation as a whole covering all of its various waste facilities under one management system. This protects the Council from being in breach of the legislation should staff members with OCC qualifications be off for a long period of time or leave the organisation.</p>
3.4	<p>The consultation document can be found using the following link:</p> <p>https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-assessment-technical-competence-under-ni-waste-management-licensing-and-permitting</p>
3.5	<p>The consultation only asks for a response to two questions and the proposed response to be submitted is detailed below:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council agrees with the proposal to add UK Skills as an additional accredited provider of assurance of technical competence in Northern Ireland. • The Council is not proposing any other potential organisations which could act as assessors of technical competence in Northern Ireland.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: None
	Human: None
	Risk Management: Failure to be deemed technically competent would result in the Council breaching the conditions of its various waste licences and permits.
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: None
	Rural Needs Implications: None
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Members are asked to approve a response to the consultation as outlined.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	None

Report on	Dfl Roads Proposal to Mid Ulster District Council – 20mph Speed Limits
Date of Meeting	Tuesday 11 th January 2022
Reporting Officer	Terry Scullion, Assistant Director of Property Services
Contact Officer	Terry Scullion, Assistant Director of Property Services

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To seek the agreement of Members in relation to proposals from Dfl Roads to introduce measures to enhance the safety and development of the transport network with a range of transport proposals.
2.0	Background
2.1	Dfl Roads are consulting the Council with proposals to introduce measures designed to improve network safety, sustainability and efficiency to encourage safe and sustainable travel.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>The following outlines the proposal to be brought to the attention of the Environment Committee:</p> <p>Proposed part-time 20MPH Speed Limits – Spires Primary School, & St Pius College, Moneymore Road, Magherafelt</p> <p>Dfl Roads are proposing to introduce part-time 20mph speed limits at Spires Primary School and at St Pius College, Moneymore Road, Magherafelt.</p> <p>The description for the existing part-time 20mph at Ampertaine PS is being amended to correct the road number.</p> <p>Consultation letter and location maps of aforementioned proposal are attached as appendices to this report.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: None
	Human: Officer time in drafting reports

	<p>Risk Management:</p> <p>The introduction of the aforementioned proposal at these locations will assist in the management of road safety issues.</p>
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	<p>Equality & Good Relations Implications:</p> <p>The introduction of the aforementioned proposal at these locations will assist DfI in the discharge of their statutory duty.</p>
	<p>Rural Needs Implications:</p> <p>The rural needs assessment would be conducted by DfI Roads.</p>
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	That the Environment Committee endorses the proposal submitted by DfI Roads.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	<p>Appendix 1</p> <p>Letter from DfI Roads dated 30th November 2021; Proposed part-time 20mph speed limits at Spires Primary School and St Pius College, Moneymore Road, Magherafelt.</p>
6.2	<p>Appendix 2</p> <p>Drawings – Proposed part-time 20mph speed limits at Spires Primary School and St Pius College, Moneymore Road, Magherafelt and Ampertaine Primary School</p>



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Dear Mr McCreesh

PROPOSED PART TIME 20MPH SPEED LIMIT AT SPIRES PRIMARY SCHOOL AND ST PIUS COLLEGE, MONEYMORE ROAD, MAGHERAFELT

DfI Roads is proposing to introduce part time 20mph speed limits, as detailed on the attached maps, at Spires Primary School and St Pius College, Money more Road, Magherafelt.

The description for the existing part time 20mph at Ampertaine Primary School is being amended to correct the road number.

PSNI have been consulted and are in agreement with the proposals.

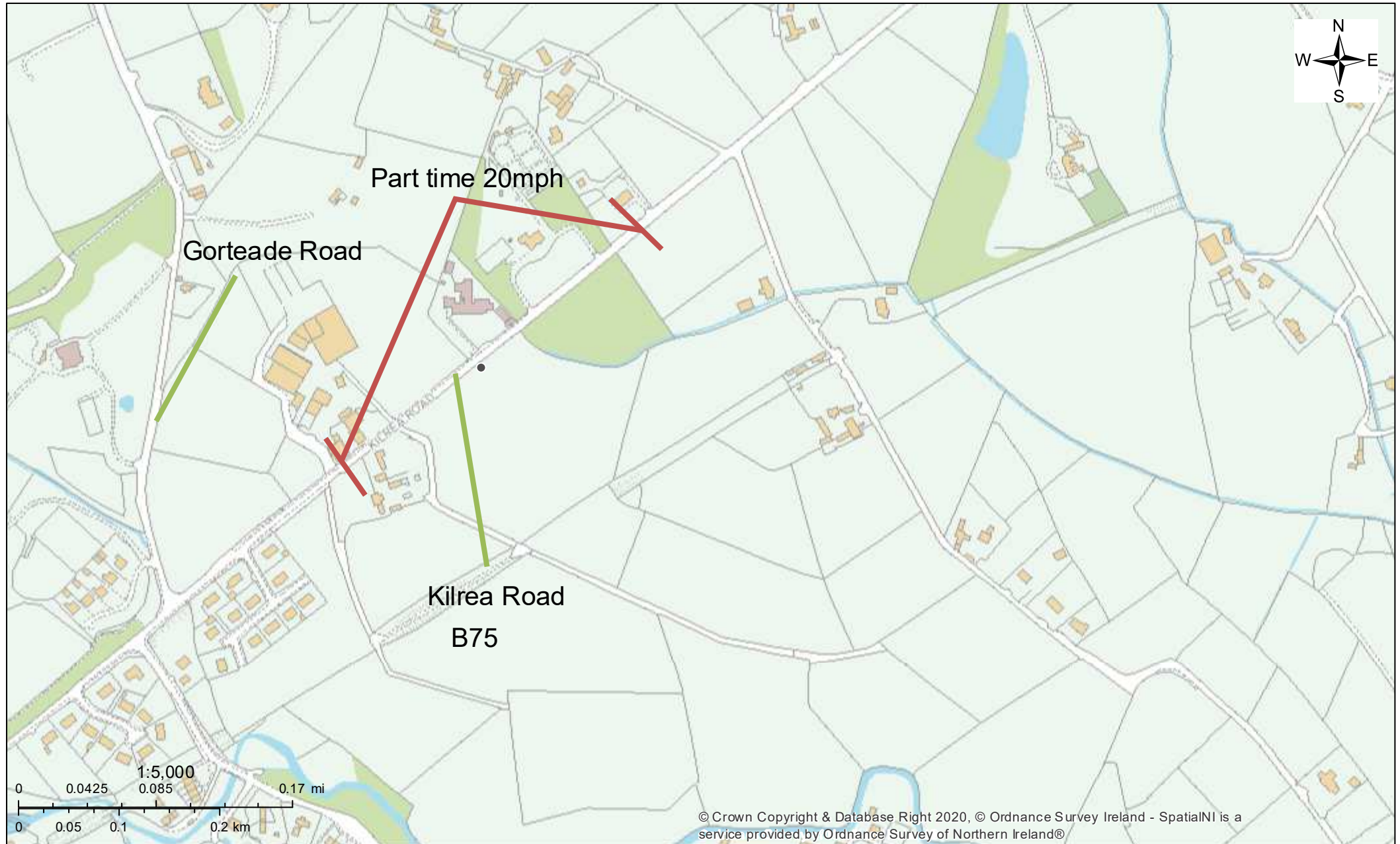
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Yours sincerely

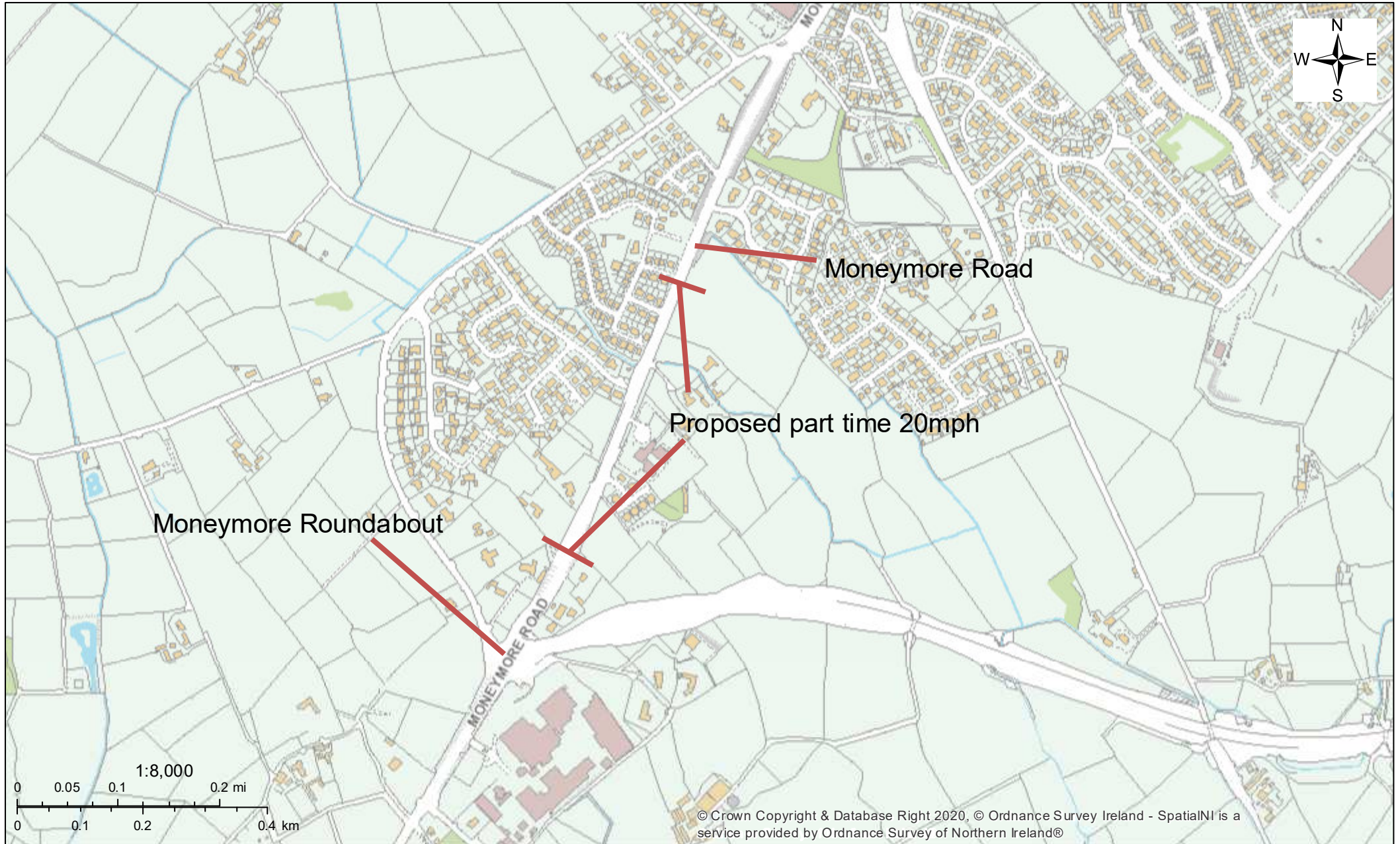
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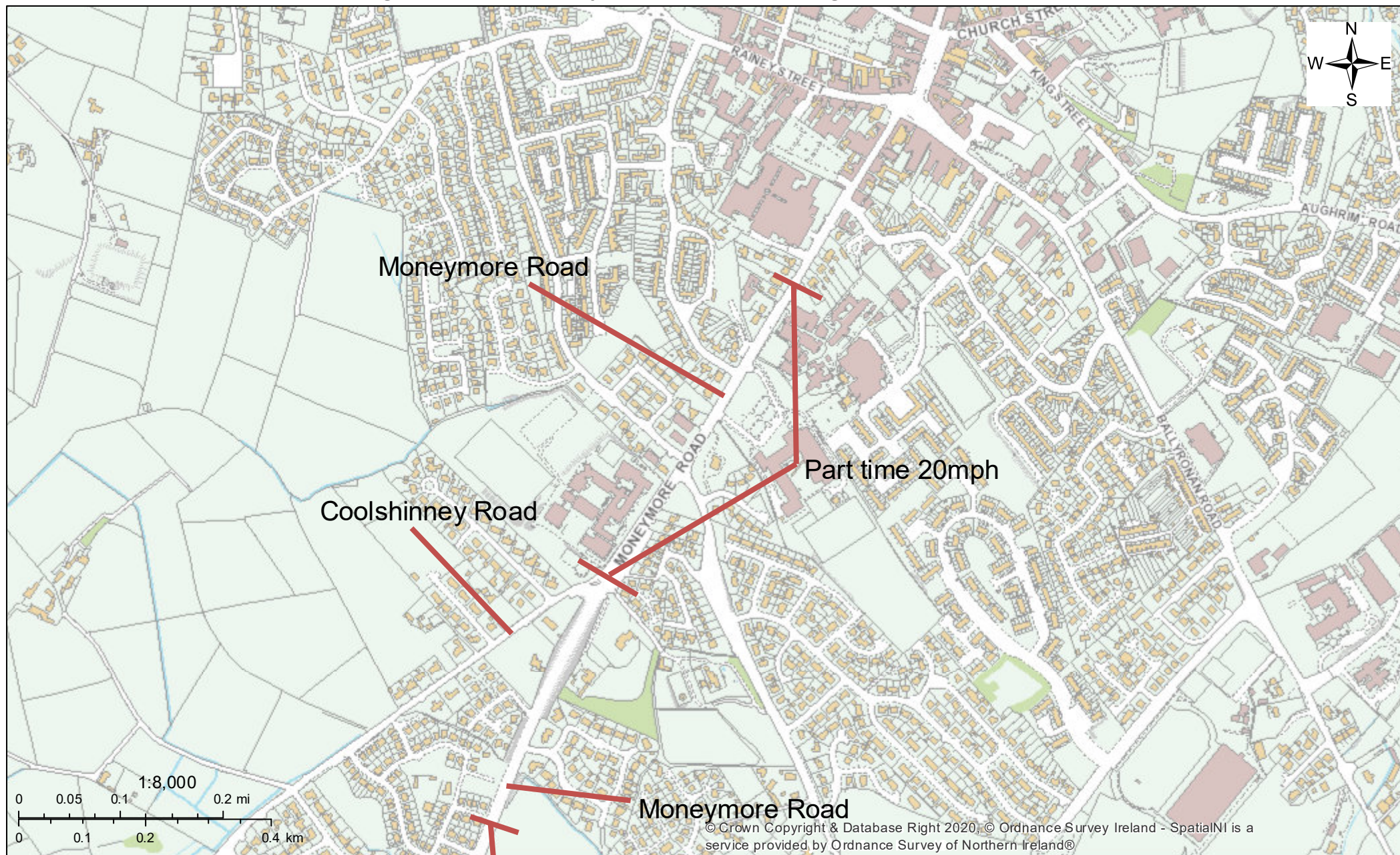


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St Pius College - B40 Moneymore Road, Magherafelt - part time 20mph



Tuesday 30 November 2021 12:16:51

Report on	Dfl Roads Proposal to Mid Ulster District Council
Date of Meeting	Tuesday 11 th January 2022
Reporting Officer	Terry Scullion, Assistant Director of Property Services
Contact Officer	Terry Scullion, Assistant Director of Property Services

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To seek the agreement of Members in relation to proposals from Dfl Roads to introduce measures to enhance the safety and development of the transport network with a range of transport proposals.
2.0	Background
2.1	Dfl Roads are consulting the Council with proposals to introduce measures designed to improve network safety, sustainability and efficiency to encourage safe and sustainable travel.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>The following outlines the proposals to be brought to the attention of the Environment Committee:</p> <p>Proposed Extension of Traffic Calming Measures at Brackaville Road, Coalisland</p> <p>Dfl Roads are proposing to extend the existing traffic calming measures at Brackaville Road, Coalisland.</p> <p>Consultation letter and location map of aforementioned proposal are attached as appendices to this report.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: None
	Human: Officer time in drafting reports

	<p>Risk Management:</p> <p>The introduction of the aforementioned proposal at this location will assist in the management of road safety issues.</p>
4.2	<p>Screening & Impact Assessments</p> <p>Equality & Good Relations Implications:</p> <p>The introduction of the aforementioned proposal at this location will assist DfI in the discharge of their statutory duty.</p> <p>Rural Needs Implications:</p> <p>The rural needs assessment would be conducted by DfI Roads.</p>
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	That the Environment Committee endorses the proposal submitted by DfI Roads.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	<p>Appendix 1</p> <p>Letter from DfI Roads dated 30th November 2021; Proposed extension of traffic calming measures at Brackaville Road, Coalisland</p>
6.2	<p>Appendix 2</p> <p>Drawing – Proposed extension of traffic calming measures at Brackaville Road, Coalisland.</p>

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30th November 2021

Dear Mr McCreesh

TRAFFIC CALMING PROPOSALS FOR EXTENDING EXISTING TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES, BRACKAVILLE ROAD, COALISLAND

Following a number of representations regarding vehicle speeds at the above location, DFI Roads are proposing to extend existing Traffic Calming measures to address local safety concerns.

The full extent of this proposal is illustrated on the attached layout drawing. I would appreciate if you could bring this matter to the attention of the relevant councillors for this area.

If you, or any elected representatives have any comments on our proposal please feel free to contact me using the above email address or by contacting me directly on **07825141873**

I trust that you will find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely

**Brendan Elliott
Network Development 2**

Report on	Dfl Roads Proposal to Mid Ulster District Council (Tullywiggan)
Date of Meeting	Tuesday 11 th January 2022
Reporting Officer	Terry Scullion, Assistant Director of Property Services
Contact Officer	Terry Scullion, Assistant Director of Property Services

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2.0	Background
2.1	Dfl Roads are consulting the Council with proposals to introduce measures designed to improve network safety, sustainability and efficiency to encourage safe and sustainable travel.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>The following outlines the proposal to be brought to the attention of the Environment Committee:</p> <p>Proposed Provision of a Disabled Persons' Parking Bay at Tullywiggan Cottages, Tullywiggan Road, Cookstown</p> <p>Dfl Roads are proposing to provide a disabled persons' parking bay at the above noted location.</p> <p>Consultation letter and location map of aforementioned proposal are attached as appendices to this report.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: None

	Human: Officer time in drafting reports
	<p>Risk Management:</p> <p>The introduction of the aforementioned proposal at this location will assist in the management of road safety issues.</p>
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	<p>Equality & Good Relations Implications:</p> <p>The introduction of the aforementioned proposal at this location will assist DfI in the discharge of their duties in regard to disability.</p>
	<p>Rural Needs Implications:</p> <p>The rural needs assessment would be conducted by DfI Roads.</p>
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	That the Environment Committee endorses the proposal submitted by DfI Roads.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	<p>Appendix 1</p> <p>Letter from DfI Roads dated 14th December 2021; Proposed Provision of a Disabled Persons' Parking Bay at Tullywiggan Cottages, Tullywiggan Road, Cookstown</p>
6.2	<p>Appendix 2</p> <p>Drawing – Proposed Provision of a Disabled Persons' Parking Bay at Tullywiggan Cottages, Tullywiggan Road, Cookstown</p>



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Dear Mr McCreesh

**PROPOSED PROVISION OF A DISABLED PERSONS' PARKING BAY AT
TULLYWIGGAN ROAD, COOKSTOWN**

DfI Roads is proposing to provide a disabled persons' parking bay at Tullywiggan Cottages on Tullywiggan Road, Cookstown as detailed on the attached map.

PSNI have been consulted and are in agreement with the proposal.

Please bring this matter to the attention of your council.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Hazel Burton
Network Development Section

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Proposed disabled parking bay - Tullywiggan Road, Cookstown



Wednesday 1 December 2021 14:44:30

Report on	NI Biodiversity Strategy 2032 – DAERA Consultation Response
Date of Meeting	11 th January 2022
Reporting Officer	Raymond Lowry - Head of Technical Services
Contact Officer	Mark Edgar – Biodiversity Officer

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	Mid Ulster District Council have been asked by DAREA to input into the Strategic Targets set out for the new NI Biodiversity Strategy 2032. The consultation requests are attached as Appendices 1 and 2. Appendix 3 is the draft responses covering questions 5(i) – 5(iv) and specified strategic targets 1, 3, 6, 8, 12, 14 and 15.
2.0	Background
2.1	With the previous NI Biodiversity Strategy to 2020 now elapsed, the Executive agreed to the development of a new Strategy. It is intended to develop this new Biodiversity Strategy to meet the challenges faced by the natural environment.
2.2	The scientific evidence points to an on-going decline in the world's overall biodiversity; with that trend very much mirrored in Northern Ireland. Internationally the United Nations, through the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), is refocusing its intention on reducing the loss of biodiversity through a Global Biodiversity Framework. This framework has been developed internationally with DEFRA representing the UK. Work is ongoing but it is likely that the framework will include the 21 strategic targets shown in Appendix 1 Annex A.
2.3	The CBD intends to get international agreement to the framework at the Council of the Parties meeting (CoP15) in May 2022 in China. In the meantime the four UK countries are refreshing their strategies, based on the draft framework.
2.4	The framework is very cross cutting and while the targets focus on many of DAERA's responsibilities, there are aspects of the targets which are relevant to Mid Ulster District Council.
2.5	Mid Ulster District Council are already taking actions which support and fulfil obligations in the NI Biodiversity Strategy. Through biodiversity initiatives both on council's own properties, and working with local community groups, local residents and schools, positive contributions are being made to a range of targets laid out in the Strategy.
3.0	Main Report

3.1	<p>Biodiversity Strategy to 2032</p> <p>Mid Ulster District Council would like to thank DAERA for the opportunity to feed into the development of a new Northern Ireland Biodiversity Strategy to 2032.</p> <p>As throughout the rest of the world, Northern Ireland is undergoing biodiversity loss. The evidence of this is clear to see, with many once familiar species and habitats becoming increasingly rare, and a few now even extinct from Northern Ireland. This loss of biodiversity impacts the way we live.</p> <p>Biodiversity represents the foundation, and the building blocks for the ecosystem services that we rely on in our everyday lives. The services ‘gifted’ to us by the natural environment include; purification of air and water, mitigation of floods and droughts, pollination of crops, generation and renewal of soil, as well as the sense of wellbeing provided by nature. Too often, the goods and services that a healthy natural environment provides for us are taken for granted.</p> <p>Most significant threats to our biodiversity are often caused by human activity. Fortunately, this means we are in a position to adapt our behaviour to manage and enhance our natural environment to safeguard our biodiversity for ourselves and for future generations.</p> <p>It is recognised that many targets set out in the previous Northern Ireland Biodiversity Strategy failed to be met. While some improvements have occurred, the decline of our natural environment continues.</p> <p>Mid Ulster District Council welcomes the development of a new Northern Ireland Biodiversity Strategy. This new strategy is an opportunity to set out how Northern Ireland could meet its commitments to protect nature, and ensure the environment can continue to support people and the economy. The strategy must recognise the biodiversity emergency we are currently facing, and the increasing public concern for our wildlife. To ensure the outcomes of the new strategy are implemented a strong, coordinated and adequately resourced effort will be required. In some cases, new or refined legislation will be required, (coupled with enforcement) to ensure action is taken to fulfil the new commitments.</p> <p>The responses to the specified questions with the comments on the Strategic Targets identified as being relevant to Mid Ulster District Council are in Appendix 3.</p>			
4.0	<p>Other Considerations</p>			
4.1	<p>Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications</p> <table><tr><td>Financial: None</td></tr><tr><td>Human: None</td></tr><tr><td>Risk Management:</td></tr></table>	Financial: None	Human: None	Risk Management:
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4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: N/A
	Rural Needs Implications: N/A
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Members to note the content of the draft responses as fully detailed in Appendix 3 and agree for Officers to respond to DAERA before the deadline of 31 st January 2022
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	Appendix 1 – Consultation request to CEO dated 8 th November 2021 Appendix 2 – Consultation request to Biodiversity Officer dated 8 th November 2021 Appendix 3 – Draft Consultation response to DAERA – combined response for Appendix 1 and 2

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Our reference: 1121/BIO/02
Date: 8th November 2021**

BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY TO 2032

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What is required?

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Department. You will also see that there are links within the biodiversity targets to address some of the issues affecting climate change, which is very relevant to the CoP 26 climate conference in Glasgow.

5. In order to assist with development of the new strategy, we would like you to tell us in relation to strategic targets; 3,8,14, and 15.
 - (i) How your area of responsibility relates to biodiversity?
 - (ii) What factors or changes do you intend to put in place that could benefit biodiversity – or possibly be counterproductive?
 - (iii) What do you envisage needs to happen in the medium to long term to assist “turning the curve” in terms of restoring species or habitats to a better overall ecological condition? And
 - (iv) What overall strategic milestones or outcomes do you envisage are required?
6. In addition, is there any other information in relation to other targets outside your direct area of responsibility that you may wish to highlight?

What will we do with the information?

7. We will coordinate all responses, edit and integrate them into an overall part of the strategy document which we will share with you. We would be happy to discuss our thinking with you prior to receiving your input if you think this would be helpful, either on a one to one basis or relevant group.

When do we need your input?

8. While we can progress parts of the document your input is fundamental to DAERA's overall direction in terms of safeguarding and restoring biodiversity. Therefore your input should be with us by Friday 3rd December 2021.
9. Many thanks in anticipation of your response to help ensure we have a strategy document that will help NI to make a positive benefit to our natural environment.

KEN BRADLEY
Regulatory & Natural Resources Policy Division
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Reducing threats to biodiversity

Target 1. Ensure that all land and sea areas globally are under integrated biodiversity-inclusive spatial planning addressing land- and sea-use change, retaining existing intact and wilderness areas.

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Appendix 3 – Draft consultation response

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28th January 2022

Your Ref: 1121/BIO/02

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Biodiversity Strategy to 2032

Mid Ulster District Council would like to thank DAERA for the opportunity to feed into the development of a new Northern Ireland Biodiversity Strategy to 2032.

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The responses to the specified questions and the comments on the Strategic Targets identified as being relevant to Mid Ulster District Council are detailed below.

Yours faithfully

Mid Ulster District Council

Draft Responses

Mid Ulster District Council draft response to specified questions:

5(i) How your area of responsibility relates to biodiversity?

Local authorities have a major role to play in safeguarding and restoring biodiversity at a local level. In addition to obligations under international, national and regional legislation, there is a moral obligation for local authorities to protect and enhance the wider environment for both nature and the wellbeing of residents.

5(ii) What factors or changes do you intend to put in place that could benefit biodiversity – or possibly be counterproductive?

Mid Ulster District Council are continually looking at ways to benefit biodiversity throughout the Mid Ulster area. Biodiversity values have been integrated into a range of policies and plans that will ensure positive action is taken to both protect and enhance our local environment.

MUDC Corporate Improvement Objective 1 states, “Mid Ulster District Council will seek to reduce the environmental impacts of our own activities and will contribute to the improvement of the wider environment through local action.” Activities and measures have been identified and are being put in action across the range of council services. In addition to having positive impacts on council property, partnerships have been and continue to be established with public, private, voluntary and community sectors, to encourage and engage participation in action to enhance our local biodiversity in the wider countryside.

5(iii) What do you envisage needs to happen in the medium to long term to assist “turning the curve” in terms of restoring species or habitats to a better overall ecological condition?

To assist in the restoration of habitats and species, a Biodiversity Strategy with associated and targeted Action Plans is required. This should identify the key pressures and solutions which will help “turn the curve”.

These solutions must be adequately resourced to enable implementation.

New or refined legislation will be required, coupled with enforcement to ensure the protection and enhancement of biodiversity is taken seriously.

While there is growing public concern for the state of our biodiversity, further awareness raising must be undertaken to ensure “buy in” from the wider community. This should highlight both the issues and the solutions, and the vital role the public play in enhancing our local biodiversity resource.

5(iv) What overall strategic milestones or outcomes do you envisage are required?

The first milestone required is to halt biodiversity loss. However, there is a lack of appropriate, up to date data to enable calculations to be made as to when this may occur. The production of baseline data is an essential requirement and in itself would be a significant outcome.

Milestones should be set for interim monitoring of the Strategy to enable any slippages to be identified and acted upon.

Mid Ulster District Council draft Comments on specific Strategic Targets as outlined in Appendices 1 and 2

Target 1 – Ensure that all land and sea areas globally are under integrated biodiversity exclusive spatial planning addressing land – and sea use change, retaining existing and wilderness areas

Draft Response –

Biodiversity will be considered through the adoption of policies in the Mid Ulster Local Development Plan 2030.

In order to protect and enhance our natural heritage in relation to biodiversity, the Strategy includes identifying sites of international, national and local importance in the Mid Ulster area. These designations will be accompanied by appropriate policies to ensure their protection and/or enhancement. MUDC will ensure that the precautionary principle is applied when considering the impacts of a proposed development on national or international significant landscape or natural heritage resources. A review of the existing SLNCIs is being undertaken and brought forward within the Local Policies Plan.

In order to protect and enhance our natural environment in terms of landscape and visual amenity our strategy is to designate Special Countryside Areas (SCA) which will protect our most sensitive landscapes from inappropriate development. The introduction of an SCA is anchored in regional strategic policy within the Strategic Planning Policy Statement (SPPS). The SCAs are designated at our most exceptional landscapes, such as along the shores of Lough Neagh and Lough Beg, and on the most wild and remote parts of the Sperrins AONB and Slieve Beagh. These are complemented with Areas of Constraint in other environmentally sensitive areas in order to control specific types of development, namely wind turbines and other high structures.

In addition to these designations biodiversity and landscape character are recognised through the designation of Local Landscape Policy Areas and they are also a planning consideration when determining a planning application in the context of the General Principles Planning Policy.

Target 3 – Ensure that at least 30 percent globally of land areas and of sea areas, especially areas of particular interest for biodiversity and its contributions to people, are conserved through effectively and equitably managed, ecologically representative and well-connected systems of protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, and integrated into the wider landscapes and seascapes.

Draft Response –

In an effort to ensure our most important areas for biodiversity are protected, a range of international, national and regional designations are in place. As a local authority, Mid Ulster District Council can only designate Local Nature Reserves (LNRs) and through the Local Development Plan, Sites of Local Nature Conservation Importance (SLNCIs).

The criteria for the suitability of a site as an LNR does include both the biodiversity value of the site, and the opportunity for people to visit the site to enjoy and learn about our natural environment. Where the conservation value of the site is the main objective, an LNR may already have a 'higher' designation such as being within an Area of Special Scientific Interest. If this is the case, such an LNR would

not contribute to the target of 30% of areas protected. If the site is not within any other designation, it could contribute to the 30% total of areas protected. However, to ensure the site maintains its conservation value, the development and implementation of management plans will be required, which would need to be adequately resourced.

Sites of Local Nature Conservation Importance (SLNCIs) can be designated through the Local Development Plan. Although this does give the site a certain level of protection, a change in legislation would be required to ensure the site is fully protected, and managed for its conservation value. Mid Ulster District Council are currently in the process of assessing SLNCIs to be brought forward within the Local Policies Plan. All of the proposed SLNCIs will be of biodiversity or geodiversity value. In addition to the value of the site on its own merit, a number of sites will have a Key Feature of “Wildlife Corridor” or “Wildlife Stepping Stone”, recognising the value of the site in connecting natural habitats and enabling movement of species across the landscape.

With regard to other designations, Mid Ulster District Council welcomes that the Strategic Target is to “Ensure that at least 30 percent globally of land areas and of sea areas ... are conserved through effectively and equitably managed...”. These sites hold the resource for many of our threatened species and habitats. To ensure these sites remain valuable they must be managed effectively and must be in favourable condition. Adequate resourcing must be in place to enable these sites to be of high quality.

Target 6 – Manage pathways for the introduction of invasive alien species, preventing, or reducing their rate of introduction and establishment by at least 50 per cent, and control or eradicate invasive alien species to eliminate or reduce their impacts, focusing on priority species and priority sites.

Draft Response –

Invasive Alien Species (IAS) can have a detrimental impact on our local environment through competition for resources, predation, alteration of habitats and food webs, disease, etc. and are a significant contributing factor to our biodiversity loss. The control of non-native invasive species in Northern Ireland is a huge undertaking and will require cooperation between a range of statutory and non-statutory organisations and individual landowners. However, Mid Ulster District Council is of the opinion that the target to reduce the rate of introduction and establishment by at least 50% should be substantially increased. The aim should be to have no further introductions of Alien Invasive Species and although this may not practically be achievable, the target should more closely reflect this. Adequate and appropriate enforcement of The Invasive Alien Species (Enforcement and Permitting) Order (Northern Ireland) 2019, should assist in this target.

Mid Ulster council have been undertaking an audit of council properties to identify where selected non-native invasive species are present. This has formed the basis of a management plan to control these species on council property. (Eradication is unlikely unless working in partnership with neighbouring landowners to prevent recolonization). This audit is reviewed and updated on a regular basis with resultant modifications to the management plan and implementation.

Target 8 – Minimize the impact of Climate change on Biodiversity, contribute to mitigation and adaption through ecosystem-based approaches, contributing at least 10 GtCO₂e per year to global mitigation efforts, and ensure that all mitigation and adaption efforts avoid negative impacts on biodiversity.

Draft Response –

Mid Ulster District Council recognises the importance of our natural assets and the impact of Climate change on these, and are currently reviewing their Climate Action Plan.

Target 12 - Increase the area of, access to, and benefits from green and blue spaces, for human health and well-being in urban areas and other densely populated areas.

Draft Response –

Mid Ulster District Council recognises our natural assets contribute to the health and well-being of our local community. The intrinsic value of such assets relates to their potential to provide opportunities for physical activity such as walking and cycling; and improve quality of mental health. The important role our environment plays is encouraged through the sustainable development of our natural heritage assets as part of the District's green and blue infrastructure.

It is difficult to "Increase the area of...green and blue spaces...in urban areas..." given the conflicting demands for land in densely populated or developed areas. However, there is an opportunity to incorporate such spaces in new development proposals through relevant planning policies.

Mid Ulster District Council is of the opinion that this target should not be restricted to just "urban areas and other densely populated areas", as access to safe open spaces is not always available in the rural setting.

Mid Ulster District Council does strive to provide suitable and appropriate access to open spaces to enable local residents to enjoy the benefits that come from connecting with nature. However, it is also recognised that occasionally some key areas of natural habitat may be more appropriately managed with only limited public access. A balance must be achieved between the value the site may have for biodiversity with the provision of public open spaces. Increasing access to such areas may destroy the very features that visitors come to see.

Target 14. Fully integrate biodiversity values into policies, regulations, planning, development processes, poverty reduction strategies, accounts, and assessments of environmental impacts at all levels of government and across all sectors of the economy, ensuring that all activities and financial flows are aligned with biodiversity values.

Draft Response –

Mid Ulster District Council supports this strategic target and agrees that wherever possible, biodiversity values should be embedded into all policies, plans and strategies.

The services 'gifted' to us by the natural environment have for too long been taken for granted. The purification of air and water, the pollination of crops, the mitigation of floods, etc. by the natural environment have been 'free', and have not always

been valued. It will require a change in society to get people to appreciate what the natural environment provides for us, and that it is to be valued.

Mid Ulster District Council also recognises the need for a better understanding of biodiversity values so it can be developed and incorporated into such plans and policies.

Target 15.

All businesses (public and private, large, medium and small) assess and report on their dependencies and impacts on biodiversity, from local to global, and progressively reduce negative impacts, by at least half and increase positive impacts, reducing biodiversity-related risks to businesses and moving towards the fully sustainability of extraction and production practices, sourcing and supply chains and use and disposal

Draft Response –

Whilst Mid Ulster Council strives to make positive impacts on council activities, partnerships have also been established with public and private businesses to encourage and engage participation in action to minimise impacts on and to and enhance both local and global biodiversity.

**Minutes of Meeting of Environment Committee of Mid Ulster District Council
held on Monday 6 December 2021 in Council Offices, Ballyronan Road,
Magherafelt and by virtual means**

Members Present	Councillor Brown Councillors Buchanan, Burton, Cuthbertson, Glasgow*, Graham*, Kearney, N McAleer*, B McGuigan, S McGuigan*, McNamee, Milne*, O'Neill* Totten*, Wilson*
Officers in Attendance	Mrs Campbell, Strategic Director of Environment Mr Gordon, Assistant Director of Health, Leisure and Wellbeing** Mr Kelso, Director of Public Health and Infrastructure Mr Lowry, Head of Technical Services** Mr McAdoo, Assistant Director of Environmental Services** Mrs McClements, Head of Environmental Health** Mr Scullion, Assistant Director of Property Services** Mr Wilkinson, Head of Building Control** Mrs Forde, Member Support Officer
Others in Attendance:	Councillor McFlynn

Deputation	Department for Infrastructure Roads
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Mr Harry Gallagher Divisional Roads Manager
Acting
Mr Johnny Graham
Ms Lesley Maxwell Maintenance Engineer
Mr Neill Bratton Maintenance Engineer
Mr Conall McKee

* Denotes members and members of the public present in remote attendance

** Denotes Officers present by remote means

*** Denotes others present by remote means

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

The Chair, Councillor Brown welcomed everyone to the meeting and those watching the meeting through the Live Broadcast. Councillor McNamee in introducing the meeting detailed the operational arrangements for transacting the business of the committee in the chamber and by virtual means, by referring to Annex A to this minute.

E287/21 Apologies

Councillor S McAleer

E288/21 Declarations of Interest

The Chair reminded Members of their responsibility with regard to declarations of interest.

Councillor Burton declared an interest in Agenda item 23 Update on Agewell Programme.

E289/21 Chair's Business

Councillor Cuthbertson highlighted the issue of Covid vaccine passports and stated there was a lot of talk about them and the NI Executive were to take a vote on Monday 13 December 2021 with regard to them. He said that the pending decision would have a major impact on businesses, licenced premises, bring your own bottle establishments and sports clubs. He said businesses had already been in contact to say they were losing bookings daily and when he had asked the Director of Public Health and Infrastructure who would enforce the decision he had indicated it would be the PSNI yet at the PCSP meeting the PSNI had said they did not know. Councillor Cuthbertson acknowledged that until the Assembly makes the decision and legislation has been shared the way forward was unclear but could assurance be given that Environmental Health team was not responsible, would not be making additional calls or requiring new risk assessments. He proposed that when the decision had been made a meeting should be called with Members to outline the position.

In response the Director of Public Health and Infrastructure said the matter was not a new one and had been an issue for 18+ months throughout the pandemic. He said that there was a memorandum of understanding with the PSNI that they would look after licenced premises whilst Council would look after commercial premises such as cafes, shops, retail outlets. He said the rationale is clear but the point of discussion was the interpretation of the NI Executive regulations which is subject to the guidance issued. He said as always Environment Health aim to issue current guidance and advice to all businesses on their registers, to provide clarity where possible. He concluded the matters were well documented on NI Direct and BBC website.

Councillor Cuthbertson asked would there be site visits at night over the next few weeks or is Council saying that is for the police to do. He also sought clarity as to whether or not premises would have to adjust risk assessments.

In response the Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised that Council officers continue to undertake visits as necessary as part of routine work and in providing advice and guidance to assist with updating of procedures. He concluded that Council had a good working relationship with businesses and indicated the guidance provided was being well received.

Councillor Burton said as Chair of the Tourism group it would be useful to engage with that section of the market as there has been excellent partnership and

messages currently were persistent. She said she felt for officers dealing with so many businesses and hospitality venues referring to an article on the news were staff had been reduced to tears in restaurants by disgruntled customers. Councillor Burton concluded it was imperative to keep people safe but there was a lot of frustration and Council needed to continue to engage with venues but also support officer teams who were at the cold face.

Councillor McNamee said that he too had been at the meeting when Councillor Cuthbertson had raised the issue of enforcement with the PSNI who claim they are awaiting direction. He asked who was going to be the enforcers, the PSNI, the section itself or who? He concluded that the issue was somewhat chaotic.

The Chair, Councillor Brown said that the points had been well made but Council should not pre-empt events on Monday but revert back when decisions are made.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure said that Council must bear in mind that it is at the end of this chain of decision making, it is the NI Executive who regulates the process. He said officers were endeavouring to do their utmost in providing help and guidance to businesses at this difficult time.

Councillor Wilson said it was difficult to know who is going to regulate the situation as from the start of the pandemic until quite recently no one had been prosecuted for not wearing masks. He said he hoped it would not rest with Council who should continue to send out a powerful message that Covid is a killer and people should be taking the jab.

The Chair, Councillor Brown said that the points had been well made and communications would continue to reinforce messages to wear mask, sanitise and do all we can to protect each other.

In response the Director of Public Health and Infrastructure stated that the Communications team had been active on social platforms and providing updates on revised guidance.

Councillor McFlynn highlighted a recent issue at Manor Park, Moneymore where there had been bad flooding and put on record her thanks to the maintenance team for getting gullies and drains cleaned out to alleviate the matter. She emphasised that parks and maintenance teams needed to work hand in hand. Councillor McFlynn also expressed concern regarding dog control especially on Council properties stating that dogs should be kept on leads and this needed to be enforced. She sought guidance with regard to bylaws.

In response the Director of Public Health and Infrastructure stated that legislation required dogs to be 'under control' and it was known that dogs are let off the lead to exercise but must be kept under control.

Councillor Cuthbertson said he had raised the matter with environmental health officers and the legislation is quite clear 'dogs must be under control' and this did not mean on a lead. He said a piece of work was required to get legislation changed.

D290/21 Deputation: Department for Infrastructure Roads Autumn Report

The Chair, Councillor Brown welcomed the delegation from the Department for Infrastructure Roads. Mr Gallagher presented the Network Development Draft Programme 2022-2024 and 2021 – 2022 Works Programme Update.

Mr Gallagher drew attention to the 'Planning for the Future of Transport: time for Change' published in June 2021 when the Minister set out ambitions for active travel. Members then received an overview of strategic road schemes, Active Travel initiatives highlighting that this would also be a factor of the A29 Cookstown Bypass route and were advised that the A5 scheme still on track with the public enquiry hopefully reconvening in 2022. Mr Gallagher also thanked Council for its contribution to infrastructure highlighting in particular the scheme at Davagh.

Mr Graham advised that 54 schemes had all been assessed in line with current policies which would include active travel bridge schemes. He referred to the recent District Electoral Area meetings and said that there was a comprehensive programme of schemes and whilst it was beyond the measure of budget and some schemes would not be delivered they would do their best to ensure delivery of as many as possible. He highlighted in particular A6 Glenshane Road, footway extension at Eglish Road, traffic calming at Washingbay Road and works outlined in the local transport and safety measures section of the report. Bridge schemes were also referenced together with £6m allocated to replacement lighting columns. In conclusion he drew attention to a brief update on the sprint report mentioning in particular foot road at Favour Royal Road.

Mr Bratton provided a synopsis of Mid Ulster North area highlighting that it had been a challenging year due to the contract difficulties but it was hoped to have active contracts resuming in February in Magherafelt with Cookstown and Dungannon following closely. He said that other smaller contracts were ongoing and together with DfI operatives' works was continuing for example upgrading of 'cats eyes' he confirmed that the section was on track to have budget spent.

Ms Maxwell provided a synopsis of work in Mid Ulster South and said that works was ongoing with regard to routine maintenance and tree surgery but resurfacing schemes would be carried forward. She said the roads recovery was slightly behind the Mid Ulster North but would continue to the end of the financial year.

The Chair, Councillor Brown thanked the team for the report and invited Members questions reminding them that DEA meetings had taken place.

Councillor Cuthbertson thanked the team for the presentation and congratulated them in their new posts. He drew attention to the draft schemes improvement roads at Bush Road listed as £120k which was a lot less than other aspirations, he said he had lobbied for this for 15 years and urged DfI to deliver it as soon as possible as it was a safety issue.

Councillor Cuthbertson referred to the DEA meetings and said that in relation to active travel it had been highlighted that scheme criteria dictated 6.5 meters would be the ideal. He said this may be fine for some areas such as Augher and Clogher but would rule out a lot of projects Council could bring forward. He asked if there was leeway on this stipulation.

In response Mr Gallagher said that with regard to the project at Bush Road DfI were keen to move it forward but there was still some survey work to be carried out regarding two properties with a party wall. He said that the challenge was to deliver high calibre cycle paths and that 6.5 meters would be the Rolls Royce but some may have to be of minimum standard and would also depend on the realistic use of the pathway.

Councillor Buchanan asked if the budget for resurfacing would be totally utilised or if it would carry forward.

Mr Gallagher responded that government did not permit budget transfer from one year to the next but Western Division had been creative in utilising the budget by completing lesser projects which although still very worthwhile would not have had priority in different circumstances.

The Chair, Councillor Brown referred to the A29 Moneymore to Cookstown resurfacing and asked if a definitive time could be given.

In response Mr Bratton said it was with procurement and he could not give a definitive answer in relation to time.

The Chair, Councillor Brown asked if Ardtree Bridge would be a longer term project. In response Mr Graham advised that it was with procurement to go to tender thus it would not be completed within the current financial year but hopefully maybe in the next one.

Councillor Burton drew attention to the Fivemiletown to Clabby Road and spoke of the issue of the location whereby if two trucks met they had to mount the footpath. She said that Council had upgraded the facility at Roundlake and it was hoped the road could be sorted. She also welcomed the site of the digger at the proposed footpath for Eglis.

Mr Graham said that he had taken measurements at the Fivemiletown to Clabby Road and there was most certainly a pinch point but there was issues with cable posts. He also said that traffic leaving Fivemiletown travelled at a rapid space and it was providing a traffic calming measure. He said any scheme would be expensive but he would be happy to meet the Member on site.

Councillor B McGuigan raised the issue of patrol crossings in towns for visually impaired and asked if they all had audible sounding. He said the matter had been brought to his attention and he did not know the criteria for them for use by all.

Mr Gallagher said that the question was thought provoking and DfI were ever conscious of new requirements and said that sound would be useful that whilst stand-alone patrols had a 'beeping sound' this would not be applicable for multiple crossings.

Councillor B McGuigan said it had only recently been raised with him by someone who had recently lost their sight.

Mr Gallagher said DfI worked with a charity on such issues but it was always good to engage with local people because as you attain more information you can better provide. He asked the Member to provide more definitive detail to the team.

Councillor Glasgow said that good work had been done with regard to the Ardtrea Bridge and the pressure needed to be kept on to bring the scheme to fruition which would alleviate traffic pressure for the village of Coagh. He also said that within active travel there should be due consideration for rural communities as for example on Drum Road there was need for a footpath leading to the bus stop to ensure children are kept safe as they walk to it. He said rural communities depended on their cars but there was scope for schemes. He asked if the budget to Western Division would be cut in the incoming year.

Mr Gallagher said that both Mr Graham and he had come across from Bridges division and that the one over Ballinderry River was on the agenda. He said there was a good point regarding active travel from a rural prospective and that it was not all about spending money in towns there had to be an acceptable level of service for rural dwellers also. He said it was difficult to get balance right and confirmed again that budgets could not be carried forward thus the team would do all in their power to utilise the current budget but schemes would be carried forward.

Councillor Oneill said that he was aware scheme to provide a footpath had been pencilled in for Clonoe Village and stressed the importance of it as residents and children crossed a busy road to go to the football field and the shop.

Mr Graham said that DfI were working on a traffic calming scheme in Clonoe and active travel scheme would also be scheduled.

Councillor Graham drew attention to page 22 of the report A45 Granville Road, Dungannon at Weirs Farm and asked if there was plans to include street lighting as many people walked the road from the various factories. She stated that a wider footpath with lights was needed as many cyclists mounted the footpath because the road was so busy.

In response Mr Gallagher said that the Granville Road scheme is a large one and would not be delivered in the immediate future. He said DfI had moved on now with active travel and it was unlikely to receive an extension to the lighting scheme.

Councillor Graham said the project was listed in 2022-2024 and was it likely to be completed in this time frame.

Mr Gallagher responded that some schemes would be done sooner than others but the programme was oversubscribed.

The Chair, Councillor Brown thanked the team for the report and their responses. He wished them all a Happy Christmas and they departed the meeting at 8.07pm.

E289/21 Chair's Business (continued)

The Chair, Councillor Brown reverted back to Chair's businesses and said he wished to reflect on the excellent support and guidance Members had received from the Head of Building Control and the Head of Environmental Health. He said both Willie

and Fiona were taking early retirement from Council having given over 70 years' service between them both in Mid Ulster Council and in senior roles in the legacy Council. He said they had shaped professional teams and delivered professional service and thanked them for this.

The Chair, Councillor Brown conveyed best wishes to Willie and Fiona for the future and hoped they enjoyed a well-earned, healthy long and productive retirement.

Councillor McNamee wished both Willie and Fiona well for the future and said it had been a pleasure to work with them. He said he had known Willie in legacy Cookstown days also. Councillor McNamee also acknowledged it would be Mark's last meeting in his current role.

Councillor Wilson extended best wishes to Willie and Fiona for the future and thanked them for their service.

Councillor Kearney concurred with previous speakers and said both had delivered long service, sterling advice and direction both in the legacy councils and Mid Ulster.

The Chair, Councillor Brown reiterated well wishes to Willie and Fiona and acknowledged Marks last evening in his current role. He welcomed Anne Marie who would keep them on the 'straight and narrow' in the future.

Matters for Decision

E291/21 Dfl Roads Proposal to Mid Ulster District Council – Part time 20mph Speed Limit at Schools.

The Head of Building Control presented previously circulated report detailing proposals from Dfl Roads to introduce part time 20mph speed limits at schools 2021-22 as undernoted:

- Augher Central Primary School – Knockmany Road, Augher
- St Joseph's Primary School – Lurgylea Road, Galbally
- Aughamullan Primary School – Coole Road, Dungannon
- Ballylifford Primary School – Ballinderry Bridge Road, Cookstown
- St Malachy's Primary School – Moneyhaw Road, Drumullan
- Lissan Primary School – Claggan Road, Churchtown
- Phoenix Primary School – Fountain Road, Cookstown

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Burton and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to endorse the proposals from Dfl Roads to introduce part time 20mph speed limits 2021-2022 as aforementioned.

E292/21 Street Naming and Property Numbering

The Head of Building Control thanked the Chair, Councillor Brown and Members for their well wishes.

The Head of Building Control presented previously circulated report which considered the naming of new streets within residential housing developments within Mid Ulster.

Site off Ferny Gardens, Donaghmore

Ferny Park Close
Ferny Park Lane
Ferny Park Way

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to name the development off Ferny Park Gardens, Donaghmore Ferny Park Close

Site off Drumearn Road, Orritor Road, Cookstown

Gortin Water Lane
Gortin Water Grange

Proposed by Councillor Brown
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to name the development off Drumearn Road, Orritor Cookstown be named Gortin Water Lane.

E293/21 Consultation on Proposed Amendments of Technical Booklet

The Head of Building Control presented previously circulated report detailing Council's draft response on the consultation regarding the proposed Amendment of the Building Regulation Guidance. The Head of Building control sought approval for the draft response.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor B McGuigan and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the response on the consultation response to the proposed Amendment of the Building Regulation Guidance

E294/21 Consultation on Building (Prescribed Fees) Amendment regulations (NI) 2022

The Head of Building Control presented previously circulated report detailing Council's draft response to the Department of Finance, proposed amendments to the Building (Prescribed Fees) Regulations The Head of Building control sought approval for the draft response.

Proposed by Councillor Brown
Seconded by Councillor McNamee

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the response to Department of Finance, proposed amendments to the Building (Prescribed Fees) Regulations

E295/21 Live Here Love Here Small Grants Scheme

The Head of Environmental Health thanked the Chair Councillor Brown and Members for their kind words.

The Head of Environmental Health drew attention to the previously circulated report and requested that Members, note the content of the report and approve £21k per annum funding for a further 3 years, 50% which comes back to Council through a small grants programme. Approval was also sought to put in place additional contributions to the small grants programme regarding the Clean Neighbourhood Programme as outlined in the report.

Councillor B McGuigan proposed to continue with the Live Here Love Here small grants scheme and remarked that community groups were doing sterling work.

Councillor Cuthbertson asked if Council allocates more money to the scheme if the Live Here Love Here programme receives a further 12% of it and if this was the case surely Council's grants officers could deliver.

The Head of Environmental Health highlighted that the scheme had received 57 applications of which 22 had been successful in receiving funding thus additional monies could be rolled out to unsuccessful applicants emphasising that the scheme would not be starting from scratch.

Councillor Brown sought clarity regarding the £21k half of which comes back to Council with the other 50% being spent on for example regional advertising, adopt a spot schemes. Thus the 12% would only be applied to the additional monies.

Councillor Kearney requested details of the 'adopt a spot' sites in Mid Ulster.

Councillor McNamee asked if there was an amount in mind for the additional contribution.

The Head of Environmental Health said that the suggestion had been raised during discussion on the Clean Neighbourhood programme and to date an amount had not been discussed just the idea that it could be rolled out to unsuccessful applicants to the original scheme.

The Director of Public Health & Infrastructure advised a member working group had previously discussed and had suggested perhaps another £000 could help another few schemes get off the ground with grants of a maximum of £300 but Live Here Love Here would take 12% of that in costs.

Councillor Cuthbertson said he would have concerns regarding the additional fee but if it was £3000 it would be better delivered 'in house'.

Councillor Burton asked if the 'adopt a spot' money goes to the same people year on year stating that whilst she was not against it there had to be opportunities for other groups to come on board. She highlighted that other villages were now getting involved in Ulster in Bloom and especially with the rates setting looming Council should allocate more money that all villages can receive flowers to assist in their schemes. Councillor Burton also said she was not aware Council had a grants department for Environment.

The Head of Environmental Health advised that 'adopt a spot' is different from the small grants programme. For adopt a spot participants receive a kit whilst the small grants programme has a criteria set for the region. She also clarified that a list of successful applicants is shared with relevant sections to avoid duplication.

Proposed by Councillor Brown
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to

- (i) Note the content of the report;
- (ii) Approve £21k per annum funding for a further 3 years, 50% which comes back to Council through a small grants programme.
- (iii) Address in the future putting in place additional contributions to the small grants programme regarding the Clean Neighbourhood Programme as outlined in the report.
- (iv) Members receive a list of adopt a spot locations

E296/21 Changes to payment for trading at Cookstown Market

The Head of Environmental Health presented previously circulated report outlining proposed changes to payment for trading at Cookstown market to promoted cashless payment to include upfront payment in advance for right to trade and an additional administration fee for cash payments made at the market.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Burton and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the movement to upfront method of payment in advance for right to trade and the additional administration fee for cash payments made at the market.

297/21 Drinking Water Quality Report

The Head of Environmental Health presented previously circulated report detailing the Drinking Water Quality in NI 2020 annual report and sought approval for the feedback on the consultation document.

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor Kearney and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the response to DEARA, Stakeholder feedback on Drinking Water Quality in NI 2020 report.

E298/21 Memorandum of Understanding DEARA & MUDC

The Head of Environmental Health presented previously circulated report outlining a proposed Memorandum of Understanding between Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs and Council in respect of certification of certain products of animal origin.

The Chair Councillor Brown asked if Council signed the memorandum of understanding if it would result in an ever increasing workload for Environmental Health officers and if Council would receive recompense from DEARA.

In response the Head of Environmental Health advised that there had been discussion regarding funding and a paper had went to SOLACE. She also clarified that currently Council has provided certification for activity 1 and activity 3 as outlined in the report but not activity 2. She said the purpose of the certificates was to keep products moving and not to certify would hinder local businesses however it was not a statutory duty Council and it was additional workload. The Head of Environmental Health concluded that Councils such as Newry Mourne and Down District Council who have to also carry out certification for activity 2 may well raise the issue with DEARA as they would be incurring more work than Mid Ulster were at present the amount of work to date was not excessive.

Councillor S McGuigan said that he had been going to raise the issue of costs but if Councils such as Newry, Mourne and Down District Council secured funding then this would be the same for all. He also asked if Council had no activity in relation to Lough Neagh fisheries.

In response the Head of Environmental Health said they had done extensive scoping with businesses and at this point in time most were trading within the European Union.

Councillor Wilson asked what would happen if Council doesn't sign the memorandum of understanding.

In response the Head of Environmental Health said that Council had engaged in the scoping and preparation for businesses but if they did not enter the understanding she would presume DEARA would have to make other arrangements. She did however emphasise that businesses in the district may well be impacted but that she could raise the question with DEARA that should workload increase there would be an expectation from Council for remuneration.

Councillor Wilson proposed that Council write back to DEARA and pose the question regarding remuneration.

The Chair Councillor Brown said he would be content to second the proposal that Council summarising that Council would ask formally if there would be financial commitment from DEARA to Council to carry out certification of certain products of animal origin prior to entering into the memorandum of understanding.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson
Seconded by Councillor Brown and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council

- (i) Council write to DEARA seeking clarity on the financial commitment from DEARA to Council to carry out certification of certain products of animal origin;
- (ii) Pending confirmation concerning financial commitments, enter into the Memorandum of Understanding between Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs and Council in respect of certification of certain products of animal origin; and
- (iii) Should Health Certification be requested by local businesses in the future that Council explore further with DEARA how the resource could be sustained in the longer term through potential funding from DEARA or via DEARA introducing a charging regime to cover costs.

E299/21 Private Tenancies Bill – Call for Views by Department of Communities

The Chair, Councillor Brown brought forward agenda item 24 at this point and sought clarity as to whether Council had the manpower to cope should the function of private tenancies regulation be given to Councils.

The Chair, Councillor Brown proposed that Council should write to the Department of the Communities and seek clarity if there will be a financial contribution for increased workload should additional duties be allocated to Councils in relation to the Private Tenancies Bill.

Councillor Burton seconded the proposal.

The Head of Environmental Health stated that should this happen it would bring forward a considerable work load.

Proposed by Chair, Councillor Brown
Seconded by Councillor Burton and

Resolved That Council write to Department of Communities seeking clarification if there will be a financial contribution for increased workload should additional duties be allocated to Councils in relation to the Private Tenancies Bill.

E300/21 Consultation on the Reduction of Single Use Plastic Beverage Cups and Food Containers

The AD: Environmental Services drew attention to the previously circulated report outlining Council's draft response to DEARA consultation on the Reduction of Single Use Plastic Beverage Cups and Food Containers.

Councillor Cuthbertson expressed concern in relation to hot food carry out establishments and said it would be difficult for them to work with people handing over containers to be placed in sterile areas. He said Council must be practicable and hot food businesses needed to use some form of container.

The Chair, Councillor Brown said he did not think it was aimed at for example chip shops.

Councillor Cuthbertson said chips shops were named in scope one.

Councillor Burton said that Council should encourage use of compostable containers and said at many car parks and leisure sites you see for example pizza boxes lying around and mind set needed to be changed. She also made reference to coffee shops where you can bring your own refillable cup.

The Chair, Councillor Brown asked if comments could be included.

In response the AD: Environmental Services advised that the definition of boxes was already covered in foods that was for immediate consumption.

Proposed by Councillor B McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor McNamee

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve response to DEARA consultation on the Reduction of Single Use Plastic Beverage Cups and Food Containers.

Matters for Information

E301/21 Minutes of Environment Committee held on 9 November 2021

Members noted minutes of Environment Committee held on 9 November 2021.

E302/21 WEEE Reuse Project/Funding

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on the WEEE Reuse Project/Funding.

E303/21 Environmental Services – Christmas Working Arrangements

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on Environmental Services – Christmas Working Arrangements.

E304/21 Dual Language Signage Surveys

Members noted previously circulated report which advised of the result of surveys undertaken on all applicable residents on the streets/roads in response to Dual Language Signage Nameplate requests.

Councillor Cuthbertson drew attention to Earls Court and said he had mentioned it at the October meeting and had also attended a meeting with the Housing Association in Dungannon in which it had been detailed in the minutes that they were writing to the Department for Communities to seek guidance. Councillor Cuthbertson proposed that progression of signage at Earls Court, Dungannon be deferred until the Housing association attain a response from the Department. Councillor Cuthbertson advised he had submitted copy of the Housing Association minute to the Head of Building Control.

The Director of Public and Health and Infrastructure said if Members were mindful the progression of signage at Earls Court could be deferred.

Councillor McNamee said a similar situation had taken place in Cookstown and he saw no reason to defer.

Councillor McNamee proposed that Council progress the complete list of signage as detailed in the report.

Councillor B McGuigan seconded the proposal.

Councillor Cuthbertson proposed that Earls Court was deferred.

Councillor Buchanan seconded the proposal.

The Chair, Councillor Brown called for a vote on Councillor McNamee's proposal

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Resolved That

- (i) Members note the results of the surveys for application of Dual Language Nameplates in Irish for the streets/roads as detailed below. Where more than 51% of occupiers that respond indicated that they were in favour of the erection of a dual language signage, nameplates will be erected.

1 Sessiagh Scott Road, Rock, Dungannon	8 The Shanoch, Coalisland
2 Lester Park, Magherafelt	9 Kellys Lane, Dungannon
3 The Meadows, Bellaghy	10 Ballynakilly Road, Coalisland
4 Earls Court, Dungannon	11 Killeeshill Road, Dungannon
5 Maplebrook Hill, Coalisland	12 Kanes Rampart, Coalisland
6 Forth Glen, Cookstown	13 Corr Road, Dungannon
7 Ferny Park Gardens, Donaghmore	

- (ii) Where more than 51% of occupiers of the street as noted below did not respond to indicate that they were in favour of the

erection of a dual-language street nameplate, then the dual language nameplate will not be erected

1 Knockaleery Road, Cookstown	2 Causeway Terrace, Coalisland
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E305/21 Dual Language Signage Requests

Members noted previously circulated report which advised of requests for Dual Language Signage from residents on streets/roads in the District.

E306/21 Entertainment Licensing Applications

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on Entertainment Licensing Applications received in November 2021.

E307/21 Bus Shelters Update

Members noted previously circulated report which provided an update on current bus shelter status.

In response to Councillor Milne's query regarding the commencement of works at the bus shelter Main Street, Bellaghy the Head of Technical Services said he would engage with properties team to clarify and report directly to the Member. It was noted that properties team had been engaged heavily in erection of festive lighting.

E308/21 NI Biodiversity Strategy 2032

Members noted previously circulated report advising that Council Officers are currently preparing a submission for the NI Biodiversity Strategy 2032.

E309/21 Update on Agewell Programme

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on the Agewell programme between 1 April and 30 September 2021.

Live broadcast ended at 8.24 pm.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 - Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor B McGuigan and

Resolved In accordance with Section 42, Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 that Members of the public be asked to

withdraw from the meeting whilst Members consider items E310/21 to E319/21.

Matters for Decision

- E310/21 Ballysaggart Lough Retaining Wall Remedial Works Tender Report.
- E311/21 Installation of Memorial Tree on Council Property
- E312/21 Contract Extension: PPE/Workwear Supplier

Matters for Information

- E313/21 Environment Committee Confidential minutes of meeting held on 9 November 2021
- E314/21 Confidential Minutes of Special Environment Committee held on 16 November 2021

- E315/21 Update on Procurement of Contract for Bio-Waste Services
- E316/21 Cemetery Improvement works update and Future Burial Provision in Cookstown
- E317/21 Capital Framework – ICT Contracts Update
- E318/21 Capital Framework – IST Contracts Update
- E319/21 Capital Projects – Scoping Contracts Update

E320/21 Duration of Meeting

The Chair, Councillor Brown wished everyone a blessed Christmas and a peaceful new year. He said the New Year would bring new faces to the Committee with old ones in the background.

The meeting was called for 7.00 pm and ended at 9.25 pm.

CHAIR _____

DATE _____

Annex A – Introductory Remarks from the Chairperson

Good evening and welcome to the Council's [Policy & Resources/Environment/Development] Committee in the Chamber, [Dungannon/Magherafelt] and virtually.

I specifically welcome the public watching us through the Live Broadcast. The Live Broadcast will run for the period of our Open Business but will end just before we move into Confidential Business. I let you know before this happens.

Just some housekeeping before we commence. Can I remind you:-

- If you have joined the meeting remotely please keep your audio on mute unless invited to speak and then turn it off when finished speaking
- Keep your video on at all times, unless you have bandwidth or internet connection issues, where you are advised to try turning your video off
- If you wish to speak please raise your hand in the meeting or on screen and keep raised until observed by an Officer or myself
- Should we need to take a vote this evening I will ask each member to confirm whether they are for or against the proposal or abstaining
- When invited to speak please introduce yourself by name to the meeting
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- If referring to a specific report please reference the report, page or slide being referred to
- Lastly, I remind the public and press that taking photographs of proceedings or using any means to enable anyone not present to see or hear proceedings, or making a simultaneous oral report of the proceedings are not permitted

Thank you and we will now move to the first item on the agenda - apologies and then roll call of all other Members in attendance.

Report on	Northern Ireland Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste Management (LACMW) Annual Report for 2020/21
Date of Meeting	11 th January 2022
Reporting Officer	Mark McAdoo, Assistant Director - Environmental Services
Contact Officer	Mark McAdoo, Assistant Director - Environmental Services

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To update members on the Council's performance in relation to recycling and landfill diversion targets as outlined in the NIEA Northern Ireland Local Authority Waste Management Statistics Annual Report for 2020/21.
2.0	Background
2.1	<p>The above report was published on 25th November 2021 by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA). The data in the report is based on quarterly returns made to WasteDataFlow, a web-based system, used by all local authorities throughout the UK to report on local authority collected municipal waste (LACMW). This publication provides information on local authority collected municipal waste from household and non-household sources and recycling and landfill rates in Northern Ireland.</p> <p>Headline figures are shown in the attached infographic with the full report available via the below link:</p> <p>https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/northern-ireland-local-authority-collected-municipal-waste-management-statistics-2020</p>
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is the first annual waste report covering the period when measures were introduced in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. • Northern Ireland councils collected 1,031,169 tonnes of waste during 2020/21 which was 3.2 per cent higher than that collected in 2019/20. During 2020/21, 50.0 per cent of waste collected by councils was sent for recycling, 1.1 per cent lower than the recycling rate for 2019/20. • The landfill rate for waste collected by councils recorded a new annual low of 22.8 per cent in 2020/21, a fall from 74.0 per cent in 2006/07 and 24.0 per cent in 2019/20. • A quarter of waste arisings were sent for energy recovery in 2020/21, compared to 22.1per cent in 2019/20, and 0.4 per cent 11 years ago.

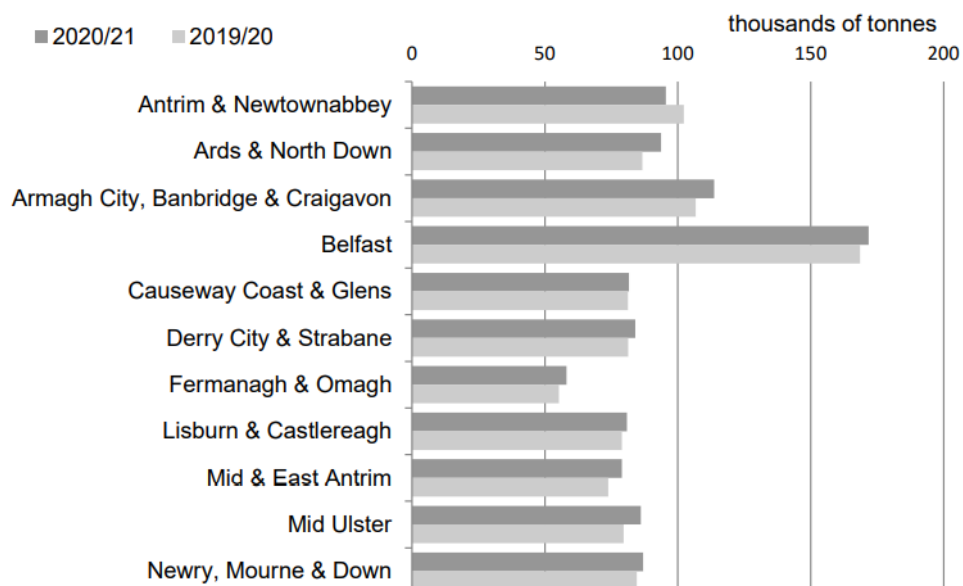
- Household waste accounted for 89.6 per cent of all waste collected during 2020/21. The recycling rate for household waste was 50.9 per cent while the landfill rate for household waste was 22.4 per cent. Fermanagh & Omagh generated the smallest amount of household waste per capita at 438 kg whilst Antrim & Newtownabbey recorded the largest at 543 kg per capita.
- The household waste recycling rate of 50.9 per cent has once again 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. The 2020/21 figure is a decrease of 1.0 percentage points compared to the previous year.
- There were 126,404 tonnes of biodegradable waste sent to landfill during 2020/21, similar to the quantity reported in 2019/20.

3.2 **Waste Arisings:**

In 2020/21, Northern Ireland's councils collected 1,031,169 tonnes of waste. This was a 3.2 per cent increase on the 998,985 tonnes collected in 2019/20. Whilst the tonnage of waste collected at kerbside increased by 12.0 per cent during 2020/21 compared to the previous year, waste collected at civic amenity sites fell by 14.1 per cent. The extra waste collected at kerbside and bring sites is likely to be a consequence of people spending more time at home due to Covid-19 restrictions, for example, working from home, the closure of schools, bars and restaurants. Whilst Recycling Centres (civic amenity sites) were closed many will have utilised their kerbside collection more fully.

Most councils (as illustrated in the below graph) reported increased waste arisings compared with 2019/20. Mid Ulster waste arisings increased by 8.0% in the last year, which was the second largest increase of the 11 Councils:

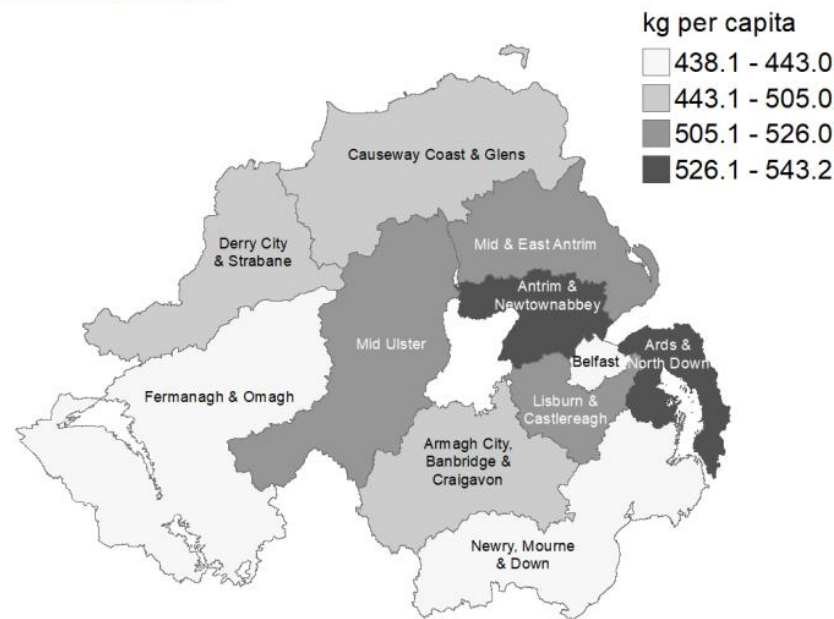
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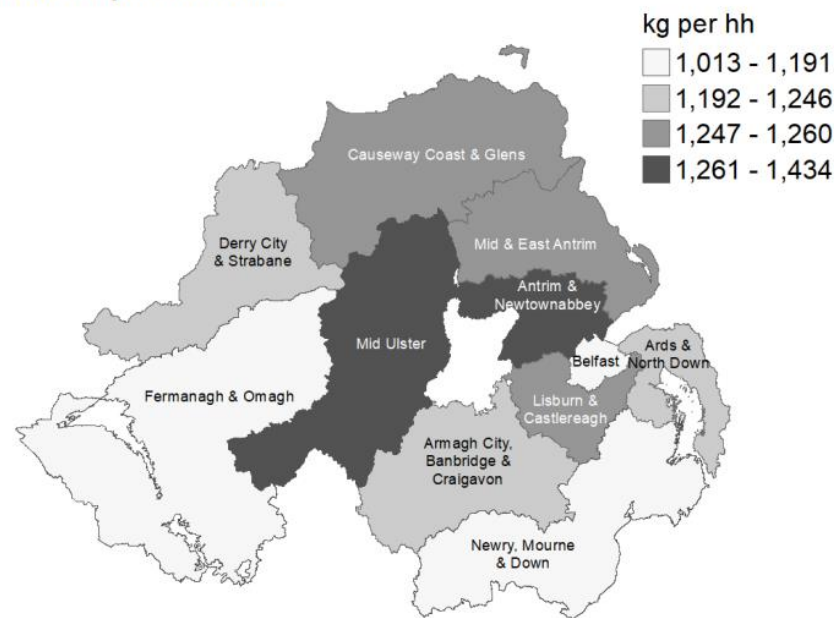
In Northern Ireland there were 488 kilogrammes (kg) of household waste collected per capita (per head of population) and 1,207 kg per household during 2020/21, compared to 465 kilogrammes (kg) of household waste collected per capita and 1,160 kg per household during 2019/20.

The infographics below show the household waste generated across the 11 councils on a per capita and per household basis. The largest quantity per household was recorded in Mid Ulster at 1,434 kg per household. Mid Ulster was the joint 3rd highest on a per capita basis at 515 kg per capita indicating larger household sizes in the district. The high waste arisings per households in Mid Ulster is, in part, be due the provision of 240l brown bins to all households for food and garden waste collections. This can be seen in the relatively higher tonnages collected for composting compared to some other Councils who provide smaller kitchen caddies for food waste only.

Household waste per capita



Household waste per household



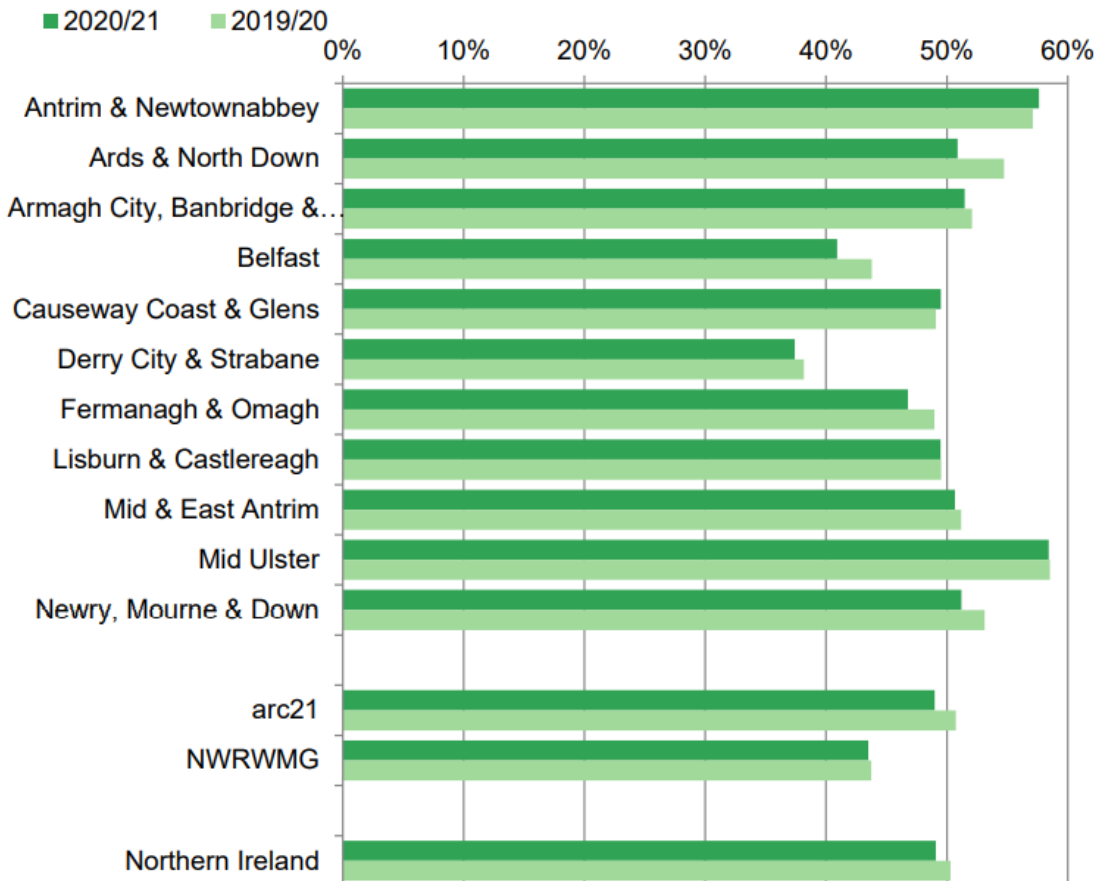
3.3 **Waste to Recycling:**

In 2020/21, the tonnage of waste sent for preparing for reuse, dry recycling and composting increased by 0.9 per cent to reach a record high of 515,183 tonnes. The recycling rate was 50.0 per cent, 1.1 percentage points lower than the recycling rate recorded in 2019/20. The

reuse and composting rates remained similar to those reported in 2019/20, however the dry recycling rate decreased by 0.9 percentage points.

Most Councils (as illustrated in the below graph) reported decreased household recycling rates compared the previous year. **However, Mid Ulster actually recorded an increase and again achieved (for the sixth year running) the highest household recycling rate of all eleven Councils for the year, recycling 58.9 per cent of our household waste:**

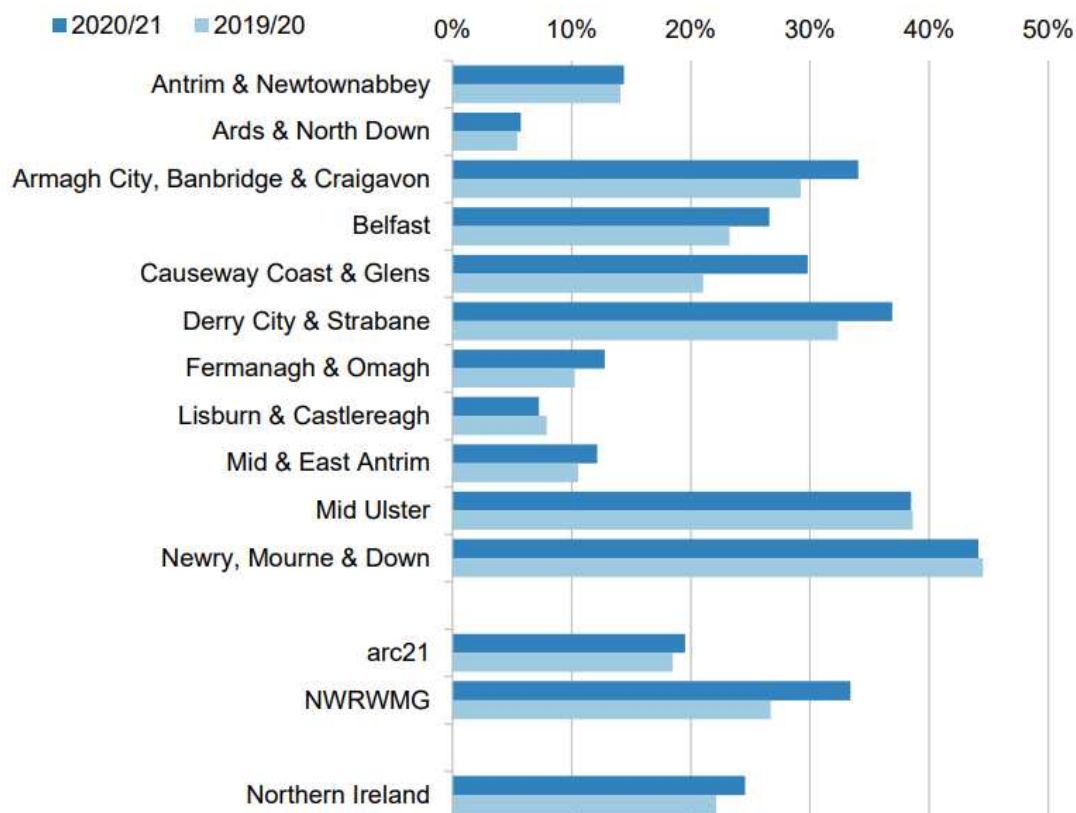
Northern Ireland, 2019/20 and 2020/21



3.4 Waste to Energy

In 2020/21, 253,180 tonnes of waste arisings were sent for energy recovery. This gave an energy recovery rate of 24.6 per cent, higher than the 22.1 per cent recorded in 2019/20. In each year, the majority was mixed residual waste with a smaller proportion from specific streams, e.g. wood. Mid Ulster had the second highest energy recovery rate at 38.5% as can be seen in the chart overleaf:

Northern Ireland, 2019/20 and 2020/21



3.5

Waste to Landfill:

The quantity of waste sent to landfill decreased by 2.2 per cent from 240,220 to 234,956 tonnes between 2019/20 and 2020/21. This gave a landfill rate of 22.8 per cent for 2020/21, 1.3 percentage points lower than the 24.0 per cent recorded in 2019/20 and the lowest ever recorded. Similarly, the landfill rate for household waste has recorded a new low of 22.4 per cent in 2020/21, a drop of 1.2 percentage points on the 2019/20 rate of 23.7 per cent and a fall from a high of 72.3 per cent in 2006/07.

Mid Ulster achieved the lowest landfill rate of all eleven Councils at 3.4 per cent, one sixth of the Northern Ireland rate of 22.4 per cent (as illustrated overleaf):

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4.0	Other Considerations																																													
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications																																													
	Financial: Failure to meet waste targets could result in fines.																																													
	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 waste targets would result in reputational damage.																																													
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments																																													
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: None																																													
	Rural Needs Implications: None																																													
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Waste Collections by NI Councils 2020/21

Waste collected by NI Councils



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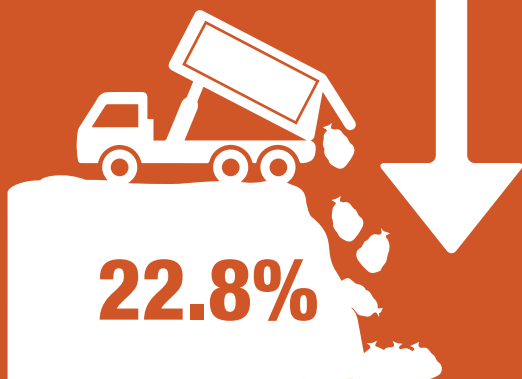


50.0%
down from **51.1%**
in 2019/20



Recycling, energy recovery and landfill rates of LAC municipal waste 2020/21 compared to 2019/20.

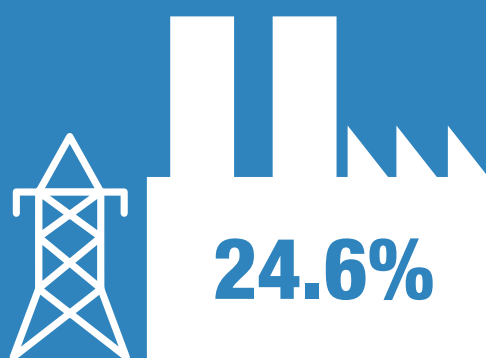
Landfill



down from **24.0%**
in 2019/20



Energy Recovery



up from **22.1%**
in 2019/20



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Report on	Dual Language Signage Surveys
Date of Meeting	Tuesday 11th January 2022
Reporting Officer	Terry Scullion, Assistant Director of Property Services
Contact Officer	Colm Currie, Principal Building Officer

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report						
1.1	To advise Members on the result of surveys undertaken on all applicable residents on the streets/roads in response to Dual Language Signage Nameplate requests.						
2.0	Background						
2.1	In accordance with the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) NI Order 1995 – Article 11 the Council is tasked with the responsibility to erect dual language signs or second nameplates, adjacent to the nameplate in English.						
2.2	The Policy for Street Naming and Dual Language Signage – Section 6.0, as adopted (See Appendix 1) forms the basis for considering requests expressing the name in a language other than English, to both existing and new streets.						
2.3	In accordance with the Policy as adopted, all occupiers as listed on the Electoral Register residing on the streets/roads as noted below were canvassed, by post seeking their views on the request to erect dual-language street nameplates in the Irish Language as requested in each case.						
3.0	Main Report						
3.1	The Building Control Service within the Public Health and Infrastructure Directorate issued occupiers of the undernoted streets, correspondence seeking their views on the request to erect a dual-language street nameplate.						
3.2	Completed surveys were received by the return date and the outcome is as follows in each case: <table border="1" data-bbox="276 1928 1313 2042"> <tr> <td>Name of Street</td><td>Gortindarragh Road, Dungannon</td></tr> <tr> <td>Language Requested</td><td>Irish</td></tr> <tr> <td>Date Request Validated</td><td>06/05/2021</td></tr> </table>	Name of Street	Gortindarragh Road, Dungannon	Language Requested	Irish	Date Request Validated	06/05/2021
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Survey Request Reported to Environment Committee	14/09/2021
Surveys Issued	25/10/2021
Surveys returned by	22/11/2021
Survey Letters Issued	90
Survey Letters Returned	43
Replies in Favour	34
Replies not in Favour	5
Invalid	4
Valid Returns	39
Percentage in Favour	87%

In accordance with the Dual Language Signage Nameplates Policy, where more than 51% of the completed replies returned by occupiers indicate that they are in favour of the erection of a dual language street nameplate, it is confirmed that the dual language nameplates at Gortindarragh Road, Dungannon will be erected.

Name of Street	Old Caulfield Road, Dungannon
Language Requested	Irish
Date Request Validated	06/05/2021
Survey Request Reported to Environment Committee	14/09/2021
Surveys Issued	25/10/2021
Surveys returned by	22/11/2021
Survey Letters Issued	121
Survey Letters Returned	63
Replies in Favour	41
Replies not in Favour	17
Invalid	5
Valid Returns	58
Percentage in Favour	71%

In accordance with the Dual Language Signage Nameplates Policy, where more than 51% of the completed replies returned by occupiers indicate that they are in favour of the erection of a dual language street nameplate, it is confirmed that the dual language nameplates at Old Caulfield Road, Dungannon will be erected.

Name of Street	Mullaghbane Road, Dungannon
Language Requested	Irish
Date Request Validated	08/07/2021

Survey Request Reported to Environment Committee	14/09/2021
Surveys Issued	25/10/2021
Surveys returned by	22/11/2021
Survey Letters Issued	31
Survey Letters Returned	14
Replies in Favour	12
Replies not in Favour	0
Invalid	2
Valid Returns	12
Percentage in Favour	100%

In accordance with the Dual Language Signage Nameplates Policy, where more than 51% of the completed replies returned by occupiers indicate that they are in favour of the erection of a dual language street nameplate, it is confirmed that the dual language nameplates at Mullaghbane Road, Dungannon will be erected.

Name of Street	Drumaspil Road, Dungannon
Language Requested	Irish
Date Request Validated	08/07/2021
Survey Request Reported to Environment Committee	14/09/2021
Surveys Issued	25/10/2021
Surveys returned by	22/11/2021
Survey Letters Issued	109
Survey Letters Returned	69
Replies in Favour	20
Replies not in Favour	47
Invalid	2
Valid Returns	67
Percentage in Favour	30%

In accordance with the Dual Language Signage Nameplates Policy, where more than 51% of the completed replies returned by occupiers did not indicate that they were in favour of the erection of a dual language street nameplate, it is confirmed that the dual language nameplates at Drumaspil Road, Dungannon will not be approved or erected.

Name of Street	Tullydowney Road, Dungannon
Language Requested	Irish

Date Request Validated	08/07/2021
Survey Request Reported to Environment Committee	14/09/2021
Surveys Issued	25/10/2021
Surveys returned by	22/11/2021
Survey Letters Issued	47
Survey Letters Returned	26
Replies in Favour	25
Replies not in Favour	1
Invalid	0
Valid Returns	26
Percentage in Favour	96%

In accordance with the Dual Language Signage Nameplates Policy, where more than 51% of the completed replies returned by occupiers indicate that they are in favour of the erection of a dual language street nameplate, it is confirmed that the dual language nameplates at Tullydowney Road, Dungannon will be erected.

Name of Street	Grange Park, Dungannon
Language Requested	Irish
Date Request Validated	08/07/2021
Survey Request Reported to Environment Committee	14/09/2021
Surveys Issued	29/10/2021
Surveys returned by	26/11/2021
Survey Letters Issued	48
Survey Letters Returned	19
Replies in Favour	18
Replies not in Favour	1
Invalid	0
Valid Returns	19
Percentage in Favour	95%

In accordance with the Dual Language Signage Nameplates Policy, where more than 51% of the completed replies returned by occupiers indicate that they are in favour of the erection of a dual language street nameplate, it is confirmed that the dual language nameplates at Grange Park, Dungannon will be erected.

Name of Street	Woodlawn Park, Dungannon
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Language Requested	Irish
Date Request Validated	08/07/2021
Survey Request Reported to Environment Committee	14/09/2021
Surveys Issued	29/10/2021
Surveys returned by	26/11/2021
Survey Letters Issued	52
Survey Letters Returned	15
Replies in Favour	14
Replies not in Favour	0
Invalid	1
Valid Returns	14
Percentage in Favour	100%

In accordance with the Dual Language Signage Nameplates Policy, where more than 51% of the completed replies returned by occupiers indicate that they are in favour of the erection of a dual language street nameplate, it is confirmed that the dual language nameplates at Woodlawn Park, Dungannon will be erected.

Name of Street	Windmill Hill Road, Dungannon
Language Requested	Irish
Date Request Validated	08/07/2021
Survey Request Reported to Environment Committee	14/09/2021
Surveys Issued	29/10/2021
Surveys returned by	26/11/2021
Survey Letters Issued	13
Survey Letters Returned	2
Replies in Favour	2
Replies not in Favour	0
Invalid	0
Valid Returns	2
Percentage in Favour	100%

In accordance with the Dual Language Signage Nameplates Policy, where more than 51% of the completed replies returned by occupiers indicate that they are in favour of the erection of a dual language street nameplate, it is confirmed that the dual language nameplates at Windmill Hill Road, Dungannon will be erected.

Name of Street	Windmill Drive, Dungannon
Language Requested	Irish

Date Request Validated	08/07/2021
Survey Request Reported to Environment Committee	14/09/2021
Surveys Issued	29/10/2021
Surveys returned by	26/11/2021
Survey Letters Issued	55
Survey Letters Returned	5
Replies in Favour	5
Replies not in Favour	0
Invalid	0
Valid Returns	5
Percentage in Favour	100%

In accordance with the Dual Language Signage Nameplates Policy, where more than 51% of the completed replies returned by occupiers indicate that they are in favour of the erection of a dual language street nameplate, it is confirmed that the dual language nameplates at Windmill Drive, Dungannon will be erected.

Name of Street	Cave Hill Drive, Dungannon
Language Requested	Irish
Date Request Validated	08/07/2021
Survey Request Reported to Environment Committee	14/09/2021
Surveys Issued	29/10/2021
Surveys returned by	26/11/2021
Survey Letters Issued	26
Survey Letters Returned	12
Replies in Favour	11
Replies not in Favour	0
Invalid	1
Valid Returns	11
Percentage in Favour	100%

In accordance with the Dual Language Signage Nameplates Policy, where more than 51% of the completed replies returned by occupiers indicate that they are in favour of the erection of a dual language street nameplate, it is confirmed that the dual language nameplates at Cave Hill Drive, Dungannon will be erected.

4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: Within Current Resources

	Human: Within Current Resources
	Risk Management: None
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: None
	Rural Needs Implications: None
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	That Members note the results of the surveys for application of Dual Language Nameplates in Irish for the streets/roads as detailed below.
5.2	Where more than 51 % of occupiers that respond indicated that they were in favour of the erection of a dual language signage, nameplates will be erected. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gortindarragh Road, Galbally 2. Old Caulfield Road, Dungannon 3. Mullaghbane Road, Dungannon 4. Tullydowey Road, Benburb 5. Grange Park, Ballygawley 6. Woodlawn Park, Dungannon 7. Windmill Hill Road, Dungannon 8. Windmill Drive, Dungannon 9. Cave Hill Drive, Ardboe
5.3	Where more than 51 % of occupiers of the street as noted below did not respond to indicate that they were in favour of the erection of a dual-language street nameplate, then the dual language nameplate will not be erected <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Drumaspil Road, Dungannon
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix 1 – Dual Language Nameplate Translation for each street/road

Appendix 1

Dual Language Nameplates

	Current Name	Irish Translation
Road	Gortindarragh Road	Bóthar Ghort na Darach
Townland	Galbally Gortavoy Ballymacall	Gallbhuaile Gort an Bheathaigh Baile Mhic Cathmhaoil

	Current Name	Irish Translation
Road	Old Caulfield Road	Seanbhóthar Bhaile Uí Dhonnaíle
Townland	Drumreany Lisnahull Glenadush	Droim Raithní Lios an Choill Cluain an Dois

	Current Name	Irish Translation
Road	Mullaghbane Road	Bóthar an Mhullaigh Bháin
Townlands	Mullaghbane Cullenfad	An Mullach Bán Cuilleann Fada

	Current Name	Irish Translation
Road	Tullydowey Road	Bóthar Thulaigh Dhubhthaigh
Townlands	Moyard Tullydowey	Maigh Ard Tulaigh Dubhthaigh

	Current Name	Irish Translation
Road	Grange Park	Páirc na Gráinsí
Townlands	Grange	An Ghráinseach

	Current Name	Irish Translation
Road	Woodlawn Park	Páirc Fhaiche na Coille
Townlands	Drumcoo	Droim Cuach

	Current Name	Irish Translation
Road	Windmill Hill Road	Bóthar Chnoc an Mhuilinn Ghaoithe
Townlands	Killymaddy (Knox)Ballysaggart	Coill na Madadh

	Current Name	Irish Translation
Road	Windmill Drive	Céide an Mhuilinn Ghaoithe
Townlands	Ballysaggart	Baile na Sagart

	Current Name	Irish Translation
Road	Cave Hill Road	Bóthar Chnoc na hUamha
Townlands	Mullanahoe	Mullach na hUamha

Report on	Entertainment Licensing Applications
Date of Meeting	Tuesday 11th January 2022
Reporting Officer	Terry Scullion, Assistant Director of Property Services
Contact Officer	Colm Currie, Principal Building Officer

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To update Members on Entertainment Licensing applications across Mid Ulster District Council.
2.0	Background
2.1	The Council has responsibility for licensing places of entertainment in accordance with The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (NI) Order 1985. Entertainment Licensing applications are received on a continued basis across the District. Statutory consultations are carried out with PSNI and NIFRS for each Entertainment Licence application (grant or renewal) submitted.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	As previously agreed a list of applications for all grant/renewal of Entertainment Licences in Mid Ulster District Council is attached (see Appendix 1). The number of applications received on a monthly basis will vary depending on the date of expiry of the current licence.
3.2	<p>Each application is accompanied by the following documentation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 A current Fire Risk Assessment detailing the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) means of escape from premises (b) management responsibilities for day to day safety aspects (c) details of review on an annual basis <p>The fire risk assessment submitted is audited by the inspecting officer.</p> 2 Electrical certification is required for the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) General electrical installation (b) Emergency lighting system (c) Fire alarm system

	<p>3 Details of current public liability insurance for premises</p> <p>4 Copy of public advertisement in local press</p>
3.3	Following the application for the Grant/Renewal of an Entertainment Licence being submitted and validated, an inspection is carried out to ensure that the premises are in compliance with all relevant guidance and legislation.
3.4	<p>Areas which would be inspected are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Means of escape from the venue i.e. Final Exit Doors and Easy Opening Devices are satisfactory and escape routes are free from obstruction etc. 2. All floor, wall, and ceiling coverings are in compliance and in good condition 3. All firefighting equipment are correctly positioned and serviced as required 4. The general condition of the premises is satisfactory 5. All management documentation is in place
3.5	Entertainment licensing applications have continued to be processed where possible including statutory consultations with external Bodies as required by legislation.
3.6	Licences have been issued where inspections had been completed and all points requiring attention have been addressed.
3.7	Inspection of venues have continued where possible to do so and specifically where issues in relation to the current Covid-19 Guidance can be achieved.
3.8	In addition, within the correspondence to all licensees which accompanies newly issued licences, it is highlighted that on re-opening of their premises, the numbers permitted are likely to be reduced in line with current Government Guidance regarding Covid-19.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: Within Current Resources
	Human: Within Current Resources
	Risk Management: Within Current Resources
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments

	Equality & Good Relations Implications: None
	Rural Needs Implications: None
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Members are requested to note the content of this report.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix 1 – Schedule of applications received for the Grant/Renewal of Entertainment Licences.
6.2	Appendix 2 – Schedule of Entertainment Licence applications which have been granted/renewed.

Schedule of applications Received for the Grant/Renewal of Entertainment Licences January 2022

Name of Applicant	Name of Premises	Address of Premises	Type of Licence	Days and Hours proposed	Max Number of Patrons
S Faloon	Bardic Theatre	9 Hillview Avenue Dungannon	Annual	Monday To Thursday From: 09.00 To: 23.00 Friday To Sunday From: 09.00 To: 23.00	200
A Quinn	Dalys Bar	65 Irish Street Dungannon	Annual	Monday To Sunday From: 10.00 To: 01.00	50
N & L McKearney	The Gables Bar and Restaurant	40 Cookstown Road Dungannon	Annual	Monday To Saturday From: 11.00 To: 01.00 Sunday From: 11.00 To: 24.00	360

Name of Applicant	Name of Premises	Address of Premises	Type of Licence	Days and Hours proposed	Max Number of Patrons
NJ Downey	Downey's Jubilee Bar	124 Main Street Fivemiletown	Annual	Monday To Thursday From: 11.30 To: 23.00 Friday & Saturday From: 11.30 To: 02.00 Sunday From: 12.00 To: 22.00	150
F Lavery	PB's BAR	1 Dungannon Street Moy	Annual	Monday To Thursday From: 11.30 To: 23.00 Friday and Saturday From: 11.30 To: 23.00 Sunday From: 12.30 To: 24.00	122

Name of Applicant	Name of Premises	Address of Premises	Type of Licence	Days and Hours proposed	Max Number of Patrons
Chief Executive	Seamus Heaney Home Place	45 Main Street Bellaghy	Annual	Monday To Thursday From: 22.00 To: 23.00 Friday To Saturday From: 10.00 To: 01.00 Sunday From: 13.00 To: 22.00	220
C Forbes	Elite Gaming	1 Cemetery Road Cookstown	Annual	Monday To Saturday From: 12.00 To: 23.00 Sunday From: 14.00 To: 23.00	40
J O'Hagan	Killyman St Mary's Community Centre	Drumaspil Road Dungannon	Annual	Monday To Sunday From: 08.00 To: 02.30	300

Name of Applicant	Name of Premises	Address of Premises	Type of Licence	Days and Hours proposed	Max Number of Patrons
T McNiece	The Mill Court Bar And Restaurant	40 Main Street Coalisland	Annual	Monday To Thursday From: 10.00 To: 22.00 Friday From: 10.00 To: 24.00 Saturday From: 10.00 To: 01.00 Sunday From: 12.00 To: 22.30	160
R Mulholland	Ballyscullion House	61 Ballyscullion Road Bellaghy	Annual	Monday to Sunday From: 10.00 To: 01.00	300

Name of Applicant	Name of Premises	Address of Premises	Type of Licence	Days and Hours proposed	Max Number of Patrons
H Corey	Loup GFC Social Club	111a Ballyneil Road Moneymore	Annual	Monday To Saturday From: 11.30 To: 01.00 From: 12.30 To: 24.00	220
A Trotter	Dungannon Presbyterian Church Halls	53a Scotch Street Dungannon	14 Unspecified Days	Monday To Saturday From: 09.00 To: 24.00	810
B Morris	Glenavon House Hotel	52 Drum Road Cookstown	Annual	Monday To Saturday From: 11.00 To: 01.00 Sunday From: 12.00 To: 01.00	2310
I Burrows	Braeside Bar	221 Orritor Road Cookstown	Annual	Monday To Saturday From: 11.00 To: 01.30 Sunday From: 11.00 To: 12.30	183

Name of Applicant	Name of Premises	Address of Premises	Type of Licence	Days and Hours proposed	Max Number of Patrons
P Forbes	The Cove Bar	126 Shore Road	Annual	Monday To Saturday From: 11.30 To: 01.00 Sunday From: 11.30 To: 24.00	120

Schedule of applications Issued for the Grant/Renewal of Entertainment Licences in January 2022

Name of Applicant	Name of Premises	Address of Premises	Type Of Licence	Days and Hours Granted
1 Oak Leisure (Ireland) Ltd	Clubland	21-23 Molesworth St, Cookstown	Annual	Monday To Sunday From: 12.00 To: 02.00

Report on	Building Control Workload
Date of Meeting	Tuesday 11th January 2022
Reporting Officer	Terry Scullion, Assistant Director of Property Services
Contact Officer	P J Fox, Principal Building Officer

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report		
1.1	To provide Members with an update on the workload analysis for Building Control across Mid-Ulster District Council.		
2.0	Background		
2.1	<p>Building Control applications are received in three different forms:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a Full Applications - submitted with detailed working drawings. b Building Notices - minor work not usually requiring detailed plans, e.g. provision of insulation to roof space, etc. c Regularisation Applications – where work has been carried out without an approval, an application must be submitted for retrospective approval. 		
3.0	Main Report		
3.1	Workload Analysis	December 2021	Accumulative 2021/22
	Total number of Applications	149	1496
	Full plans applications received	49	570
	Building Notices applications received	86	819
	Regularisation applications received	14	107
	Estimated value of works submitted	£10,503,930	£131,994,019

	Number of inspections carried out by Building Control Officers	657	5974
	Commencements	136	1504
	Domestic Dwellings	57	539
	Domestic alterations and Extensions	70	849
	Non-Domestic work	9	116
	Completions	163	1178
	Domestic Dwellings	79	472
	Domestic alterations and Extensions	79	636
	Non-Domestic work	5	70
	Property Certificates Received	121	1634
3.2	As previously indicated, the Building Control Department have continued to provide a full service to the Public as required during the Covid-19 Pandemic.		
3.3	It should be noted from the Workload Analysis in 3.1, that the full range of applications are being received and administered in accordance with our procedures and performance criteria.		
3.4	It can also be noted that the demand for the service has increased over the past number of months and Building Regulation applications submitted are now at pre pandemic levels		
3.5	All inspections are now being carried out as requested subject to a risk assessment being completed.		
4.0	Other Considerations		
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications		
	Financial: Within Current Resources		
	Human: Within Current Resources		
	Risk Management: None		

4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: None
	Rural Needs Implications: None
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Members are requested to note the content of this report.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix 1 – List of significant applications received by the Building Control Service

Significant Developments December 2021

Applicant	Location of Development	Details of Development	Estimated value of development
ARC Construction Ltd	F2 Kilcronagh Business Park, Cookstown.	Erection of portal framed workshop (Floor area 1700m2) B.C. fee - £4,920	£895,900
Cherrybrook Developments Ltd	Sites 1-10 Gorteade Park, Upperlands, Maghera.	Erection of 10no. dwellings (Ave floor area 130m2) B.C. fee - £2,651	£825,500
St Pius X College	59 Moneymore Road, Magherafelt. .	Erection of 2no. triple modular accommodation units (Floor area 428m2) B.C. fee - £2,510	£414,000
NIHSCT, Cookstown Day Centre	2 Westland Road, Cookstown. .	Alterations to Day/Adult Centre (Floor area 662m2) B.C. fee - £2,230	£409,560

Report on	Bus Shelters Update
Date of Meeting	11 th January 2022
Reporting Officer	Raymond Lowry

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To update Members on the current bus shelter status.
2.0	Background
2.1	Council is empowered under the Local Government Miscellaneous Provisions (NI) Order 1985, with the consent of the department to erect and maintain on any road within the district of the council, shelters for the protection from the weather or persons waiting to enter public service vehicles. Bus shelters are erected following local representations. They are provided, particularly for those who have to use public services who may have to stand out in the inclement weather.
2.2.	Following the bus shelter collaborative workshop held in March 2020, the bus shelter process was discussed and agreed at the Council meeting held on the 27 th March 2020. Members are advised in a monthly report of progress made on the various applications that have been lodged with the department.
2.3	Due to the Covid-19 pandemic progress has been delayed with unavailability of staff and priority of workloads within the various departments involved in dealing with the shelter installation. MUDC / DfI Roads have met (through "Microsoft Teams") to discuss a selection of these projects and will continue to carry out similar meetings to progress shelter applications.
2.4	Members to note current Procedural guide approved by Council March 2021. (see appendix 1)

3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>The following information headings will be covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New applications received in the past month (see 3.2) • Progress on stages 2-4 application process (see 3.3) • Request for Council to move from stage 5 (see 3.4) • Progress update on stages 6-9 (see 3.5) • Neighbour Notification summary and detailed analysis (see 3.6) • Projects recommended for approval (3.7) • Projects recommended for withdrawal (see 3.8) • Shelters passed to Property Services for installation (3.9) • Progress update on stages 10-11 (see 3.10) • Update on statutory response times in relation to agreement on time related responses for application (see 3.11) • Other issues (see 3.12)
3.2	New Applications received in the past month – None
3.3	Progress on stages 2-4 of the application process – see table in Appendix 1.
3.4	Requests for Council to move from stage 5 of the application process – None
3.5	Progress update on stages 6-9 – the applications below have been discussed with a view to getting approval:
3.6	<p>Summary of Neighbour Notifications</p> <p>Following the Statutory meeting held on 13 December, we are awaiting confirmation of on- site meetings for discussions from DFI Roads to see if proposed locations are suitable to issue nearest neighbour notifications. These include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coagh Road, Stewartstown • Reenaderry Road, Washjingbay • Eglish View, Ballinderry • Main Street, Benburb • Tullyhogue Village • Innisrush Village • Killeshill, Old Ballygawley road, (Opposite Sandvik Factory)

3.7 Projects noted below are recommended for approval – 0 Nr application currently being recommended for approval.

3.8 Projects noted below are recommended for withdrawal – 0 Nr applications are being recommended for withdrawal.

3.9 Members to Note the following shelters as listed in Table 3 have been passed over to Property Services for installation and these are currently being programmed for installation within their current workload. Further discussions ongoing with Technical services to confirm / clarify installation requirements

Table 3

Shelter Location	Current Status	Date programmed by Property Services for installation	Shelter type to be installed
Washingbay Road, Moor Road, Clonoe	Approved	Q4	Glazed
Brackaville, Coalisland	Approved	Q4	Glazed
Drummullan village	Replacement shelter with one side removed to allow safe access from existing footpath	Q4	Metal
Main Street, Bellaghy (SH HomePlace)	Approved	Q4	Glazed, Cantilever
Knockloughrim Village	Approved	Shelter installation on Hold due to Translink relocation of bus stop location.	Glazed

3.10

Progress update on stages 10-11 – Onr shelters installed since date of last meeting.

3.11

Progress on response times – Agreed response times within 30 days with statutory agencies.

Statutory Agencies	Number requests sent	Reply <30 Days	Reply >30 Days
Translink	3	2	1
Education Authority	3	1	2
Dfl Roads	0	0	0
NIHE	1	0	1

Translink,
Responses Outstanding

1.Tullyhogue Village, Tullyhogue

2. Brough Road, Castledawson

Education Authority,
Responses Outstanding

1. Mountjoy Road, Brocagh

2. Brough Road, Castledawson

3. Coagh, road, Stewartstown

NIHE
Responses Outstanding

1. Innishrush Village

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Interagency Meeting;

Statutory update meeting held on 13 December 2021, with DFI Roads, Education Authority, and Translink, to discuss new Bus shelter locations, response times and any other issues.

New contacts for DFI (Roads) and Translink introduced in a bid to help progress current applications

Elected members to be invited for update on all existing issues regarding Bus Shelter delivery at a meeting date to be confirmed. .

3.12

Other issues: None to report.

4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: Within budget for Technical Services and Property services to action provision / installation costs within their budget.
	Risk Management: Non-delivery will have adverse impact of users of public transport.
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: N/a
	Rural Needs Implications: N/a
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Members to note the content of the report on the progress made on bus shelters within the district.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix 1 – March 2021 - Procedural guide
6.2	Appendix 2 – Progress table with comments

Procedural Guide on the Provision of Bus Shelters



1.0 Bus Shelters – Mid Ulster District Council

Council is empowered under the Local Government Miscellaneous Provisions (NI) Order 1985, with the consent of the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) to erect and maintain on any road within the district of the council, shelters for the protection from the weather or persons waiting to enter public service vehicles. Bus shelters are erected following local representations. They are provided, particularly for those who have to use public services who may have to stand out in the inclement weather.

1.1 PROCEDURAL STATEMENT

Council will erect a bus shelter where there is shown to be a need, providing the location does not present a safety or nuisance problem and adequate funding is available. Relocation of bus shelters should only take place as a result of either road alignment or the bus companies relocating their bus stops. All other cases of relocation should be resisted as long as there is an identified need for the shelter. Any relocation as a result of retail business / property owner request will only be considered if an alternative suitable location (distance restrictions will be considered) can be accommodated AND the retail business / property owner covers all associated costs for relocated shelter.

If there is any reported anti-social behaviour over a 12 month period at the location of a new/existing shelter the shelter location will be reviewed by Council with an option to remove the shelter and make good the existing surfaces.

1.2 CRITERIA FOR THE ERECTION OF A BUS SHELTER

1. Usage must be a minimum of 6 passengers over a period of a day and applications will be considered on a first come, first served basis, with Translink NI / Education Authority confirming this information. Less than 6 passengers will only be considered by a Council/DEA approval process.
2. The location must be at a recognised bus stop.
3. Following validation, the Council will canvass, by post, all property addresses within 50m frontage to the bus stop (25m either side) on the erection of the shelter, including the type of shelter.
4. At least 51% of the addresses surveyed must have no objections to the shelter.

NOTE - for the purposes of assessment where 51% (rounded to the nearest whole number) of property addresses that respond indicate that they are not in favour of the erection of a shelter, then the results of the survey will be forwarded to the Environment Committee for information confirming that the shelter will not be approved or erected.)

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5. There should be no Department for Infrastructure Roads objections on traffic grounds.
6. There must be sufficient budgetary provision available to provide the bus shelter.
7. All Survey results that do not meet the essential criteria to be reported to Council for consideration.
8. Once refused a request may not be considered for a further 12 month period from the original decision by Council.
9. Form TS/BSRF/01 to be completed and signed off by Head of Service.
10. Bus Shelter request to be approved by Environment Committee.

1.3 DESIGN OF BUS SHELTER

The Council endeavour to provide good quality, comfortable bus shelters purchased through the Procurement Department. Where appropriate they will endeavour to have bus shelters erected free of charge, other than services by Adshel.

1. All shelters within 30mph speed limits will have shelter in accordance with **Example A**, (as below).
2. All shelters outside 30mph speed limits will have shelter in accordance with **Example B**, (as below).

Council will consider in conservation areas the erection of shelters above this standard, but the cost of such shelters excluding erection and servicing costs shall not exceed £3000.00.



Example A, within
30mph speed limits,
Glazed shelter.



Example B, outside
30mph speed limits,
painted metal shelter.

1.4 REPLACEMENT OF BUS SHELTERS

Any defective shelters that require replacement as part of their life span to be replaced using location criteria and shelter design Examples A or B as noted above as part of the maintenance of the Council Estate .

1.5 PROVISION OF BUS SHELTERS – PROCESS

Stage 1: Send application form to person requesting Erection of Shelter.

Stage 2: Acknowledge receipt of request (in writing) – standard letter sent.

Stage 3: Carry out preliminary visit to investigate suitability of site.

Stage 4: Contact Translink / SELB / Private approved Coach Companies to confirm viability of erecting bus shelter i.e. recognised "Bus Stop", number and age of children, bus routes etc. 1st organisation to respond with numbers meeting the criteria i.e. 6 or more then proceed to next stage.

Note – shelters only provided at locations where it is confirmed a minimum of six people await / board buses.

Organisational Name	Contact Name	Contact Number	

Stage 5: Report to Environment Committee to seek Council approval/instruction.

Stage 6: Identify landowner e.g. Housing Executive, local farmer, etc. and obtain their written consent for erection of bus shelter and consult with adjoining properties (contact local Councillor and arrange site meeting if necessary). Elected members to be notified by email when letters are to be issued to neighbours for information purposes.

Stage 7: Send letters (with location maps) for approval/comments to DfI (Roads) / Water Service, PSNI, BT and NIE (arrange follow-up site meetings if necessary).

Stage 8: Sign and return DfI (Roads), Article 66, Consent/Schedule at least six days prior to erection of bus shelter.

Stage 9: Erect bus shelter – Example A or Example B (see 1.3).

Stage 10: Send request to GIS officer to have new asset plotted, and add to shelter register which is to be forwarded to Procurement Department, for insurance cover. Information to include erection/ maintenance/ ownership/ risk assessments / inspection regime / legal agreements between Council and the relevant landowners.

Stage 11: Report back to Council.

Date

Our Ref: MUDC/TS/BS/

The Occupier

Address 1

Address 2

Postcode

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Application for Provision of Bus Shelter at [Enter Location]

Mid Ulster District Council have received an application to erect a bus shelter at the above location and as noted in attached map (see Appendix 1).

The Council's Procedural Guide on the Provision of Bus Shelters outlines that validated applications are subject to neighbour notification. Those who meet the following criteria are eligible to register their preference on this matter:

- All property addresses within 50m frontage to the bus stop (25m either side) on the erection of the shelter, including the type of shelter

Our records indicate that this address is within 50m criteria and therefore subject to neighbour notification.

If approved Council would install Bus Shelter type **[Enter Bus Shelter Example A or B]** as detailed in Appendix 2.

On completion of this survey Council will provide a determination on this request on the basis of the majority preference as submitted. For approval to be considered, at least 51% (majority) of respondents must be in favour of the proposal.

Please read carefully the statements on the survey form attached. Tick your preferred option in the appropriate box, print your name and address and sign the document. The completed survey form(s) should be returned to this office by either:

- a. returning in Self Addressed Envelope provided, or
- b. emailing to Technicalservices@midulstercouncil.org

Forms received after **[Enter Day and Date]** will not be considered.

Thank you for your time completing this survey.

If you have any queries on the above, please contact (Officer Name) in the Cookstown Office by email at (,,,,,,,) or by telephone on 03000 132 132 Ext: 24400.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Raymond Lowry', is enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Raymond Lowry
Head of Technical Services

Encs.

Cc DEA Councillors



PROVISION OF BUS SHELTER – SURVEY FORM

1. **I HAVE NO OBJECTIONS** to have a Bus Shelter erected at **[Enter Location]**

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2. **I DO NOT WISH** to have a Bus Shelter erected at **[Enter Location]**

☐

If you have ticked this box please give reason for objection

Reason for Objection:

Name: _____
(CAPITALS)

Address: _____

Signature: _____

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Appendix 1

[Insert Map of proposed Bus Shelter location]

Appendix 2

BUS SHELTER TYPE

See below Example A - within 30mph speed limits, glazed shelter.



See below Example B - outside 30mph speed limits, painted metal shelter.



Table 1 – Applications awaiting formal application to be submitted (2nr)				
No	Location	Stage	Status / Comment	Progress status
1	The Mills, Coalisland	0	Application sent out for completion	New enquiry awaiting formal application form, reminder to be sent to applicant
2	Thatch Inn, Hillhead Road	0	Presented to Translink for comment	Exact location for shelter to be determined with DFI Roads, in relation to A6 new road alignment
Table 2 – New applications received since last Committee (0nr)				
0				No new applications received in the last month
Table 3 – STAGES 2-4, (9nr)				
1	Derryvale, Coalisland	3	Proposed location has been declined by Translink. Alternative sites being sought.	Site visit held, 08 February with DFI roads and Translink to agree site. Alternative location has been identified, Landowner to be identified as adjacent to existing field access. DFI roads to confirm.
2	Jordan Engineering, Benburb	4	Meeting to be organised with Cllr Burton on site to agree location	Site visit held, 08 February 2021 with DFI roads and Translink to review shelter location options. TS to discuss existing routes with EA, and discuss possible new location with landowner. Potential new application to be lodged by current applicant.
3	Brough Road, Castledawson (Private Application) - 2018/001	3	Application Form returned .	User numbers requested by Translink/EA . Translink Have reported 4nr passengers, EA to confirm numbers. Reported up to 21 passengers use the stop. Reminder to be sent to Translink for user numbers
4	Tirkane Road, Maghera	2	Application Form returned .	Site visit 08 April, identified site for shelter. User numbers to be revisited by Translink. Reminder sent to Translink for user numbers
5	Coagh Rd, Stewartstown	3	New application	Application form signed and progressing with letters sent to Translink and EA to confirm user numbers. Translink confirmed they do not pick-up at this location. Awaiting EA response for numbers.
6	Annaghmore Rd, Clonoe	3	New application	Application form signed and progressing with letters sent to Translink and EA to confirm user numbers
7	Cloverhill, Moy	3	Application received	Passenger numbers requests sent to Translink and Education Authority confirmed, Translink are reviewing pick up locations and this potentially will be moved into Moy village. During discussions at the statutory meeting 13/12/2021, Translink advised that this will be confirmed at the next stakeholder meeting in January 2022. Update report due in February 2022.
8	Killeshill- A29 Ballygawley Road	3	Application received	Application form received, Translink confirming numbers, DFI to visit site after passenger numbers confirmed.
9	119 Millix Road, Ballygawley	3	Application received	Application form received, Translink confirming numbers, DFI to visit site after passenger number confirmed.
Table 4 – STAGES 5-8, (9 NR)				

No	Location	Stage	Status / Comment	Progress status
1	Tullyhogue Village	6	Residents declined original location as will promote anti-social behaviour. Limited options for alternative sites that suit bus pick-ups.	New site identified within village. Travel directions and pick up numbers confirmed with EA and Translink still to respond. Reminder sent. Discussed at Statutory meeting 13/12/2021, site visit to be arranged to review proposed locations with DFI Roads
2	St Colmans Park, Moortown	6	Met applicant on site 9 October 2020, site agreed.	NIHE confirmed that they are the registered owner. Letter sent from applicant to Minister for comment on the requirement by NIHE to sell/ lease grounds. Nearest neighbour returned 27 October 2021, no responses received. Proposal to move to installation stage subject to lands approval from NIHE
3	Glendavagh Road, Crilly, Aughnacloy - 2016/013	6	Application Form filled in during meeting with Cllr Burton	Site visit held 08 February 2021, with DFI roads. Site identified, subject to landowner agreement. Translink confirmed 0nr users, EA confirmed 6nr users. Site visit to be confirmed with EA and DFI roads for site location.
4	Church street , Cookstown	6	Site meeting held with applicant, user number requests issued to Translink and EA	User numbers requested from Translink and EA. Translink responded to say they lift 20nr passengers. EA confirmed 10nr users. Site estate agent for adjacent vacant site to be consulted on shelter location. Reminders sent. Site meeting 08 April confirmed site for shelter subject to approval.
5	Kinrush Road/Battery Road Junction, Moortown	6	Original site limited space, alternative site to be confirmed.	Original location deemed not acceptable although alternative location has now been identified and progress to install shelter to programmed. TS programmed to discuss with DFI roads at next meeting and progress to instruct to install shelter.
6	Kingsisland Primary School	6	Final confirmation from primary school required to progress.	Meeting to be held with school on exact location of shelter, location drawing circulated to school and church for final approval for shelter location. Meeting held with Primary school. A Planning application has been lodged to extend the school. (On hold subject to Planning decision)
7	Magheracastle Road / Mountjoy Road, Brocagh	6	Pending withdrawal notification from applicant as proposed site on wrong side of the road for pick-up.	Report at next Council Site meeting held 3 August, site agreed, requests sent to Translink and EA for number confirmation. Reminders sent to both parties awaiting responses
8	Goland Road/ Armaghlughey Road, Ballygawley - 2016/015	6	Site and user numbers confirmed .	Translink users confirmed, 10nr. Location to be agreed with DFI roads./ Translink. Neighbour notification to be issued.
9	Reenaderry Rd, Reenaderry	6	New application	Application form signed. User numbers confirmed by Translink, 16nr users. Site visit with DFI roads TBA. Neighbour notification to be issued after visit.

Table 5 – STAGE 9, (5NR),

No	Location	Stage	Status / Comment	Progress status
1	Drumullan	9	Translink and Education Authority to confirm user numbers to progress.	Existing shelter to be replaced with new shelter (minus one end piece) the removal of end piece will facility access from existing footpath thus meaning users will not have to egress onto public road to access the shelter. Progress - Property services instructed to proceed with replacement shelter to be installed with narrow sides .

2	Clonoe Crossroads	9	Relocation of existing shelter as too close to junction. Land search in progress to find alternative suitable site.	Discussion with DfI have indicated a suitable location can be accommodated and subject to community engagement should be able to install. DfI Roads to check pedestrian crossing points in the locality. Relocation agreed with Translink 11 September 2020, from Dormans Bar, 30m to housing entrance. Neighbour notification approved. Minor adjustment in location.
3	Brackaville, Four Seasons Bar, Coalisland	9	Limited space on existing footpaths. Translink deemed unsafe. New site required for shelter.	Discussions with DfI Roads have indicated that potential location can be facilitated pending community engagement. Final location to be agreed with agreed applicant/resident and Property Services. Translink have approved adjusted location, DfI roads to visit site for final sign-off.
4	Main Street, Bellaghy	9	Existing shelter removed, at chemist. Proposed new sites have been identified at Seamus Heaney HomePlace.	Discussed with DfI roads and alternative 2no locations have been agreed. Translink to confirmed locations . Community engagement to complete to ensure all residents are in agreement to new shelter locations. Site meeting 20/12/2021 with Property services for final location
5	Knockloughrim Village	9	Landowner unknown for proposed site. Further investigations underway to determine landowner.	Parks department have agreed location within their site. Nearest neighbour consultation returned, did meet required criteria to proceed. Approved, passed to Property Services 27/08/2021 for installation. Translink confirmed change of bus route with pick-up moved to the centre of village, discussed at statutory agencies meeting 13/12/2021. New shelter is not to be installed.

Table 6 – Stage 10-11 - Bus Shelters Installed (13nr)

No	Location	Stage	Status / Comment	Progress status
1	143 Omagh road, Ballygawley	10	Existing Bus stop/layby, report to committee required	Installed.
2	Millview/Dunnamore Road, Dunnamore	10	Location agreed, site, DfI Roads compliant for new location.	Installed.
3	Kildrum Estate, Galbally	10	New shelter provision at entrance to housing development.	Installed.
4	Thornhill Road, Pomeroy	10	Location opposite community Hall	Installed.
5	Killeenan Road/Camlough Road/Loughdoo Road	10	Proposal to locate shelter in Kildress GAC.	Installed.
6	Glebe Court, Castlecaulfield	10	Relocation of existing shelter, land ownership to be confirmed for new site.	Installed.

7	Culnady Village	10	Site approved in centre of village, located on DFI Roads lands.	Installed.
8	Stewartstown	10	Translink to provide Clear Channel shelter at this location. Available budget for Translink causing delay.	Installed.
9	Credit Union, Moygashel	10	Location agreed with MUDC, Translink and Cllr Cuthbertson on 28-02-2020	Installed.
10	Cappagh Village	10	Existing shelter in dangerous location, no footpath. Community request to have children lifted in the village. Limited turning space for buses in village.	Installed.
11	Whitebridge, Ballygawley	10	New request for shelter	Installed.
12	Annaghoboe Road/ Washingbay Road Junction, Clonoe - 2017/006	10	Siting of new shelter on Washingbay Road.	Installed.
13	Killeen, Lisacclare Road	10	Translink provided alternative pick-up avoiding dangerous road crossing to Coole Road. New pick-up on Lisacclare Road	Installed.

Table 7 – Applications to be Withdrawn/ Re- visited (6Nr)

No	Location	Stage	Status / Comment	Progress status
1	Coole Road	Revisit application	Re-open application	Discussion with DfI Roads to be held in light of new agreed process principals. Report at next Council Meeting
2	Main Street, Benburb	6	Review Application	Following recent DEA meeting 06/08/2021, Objection status still evident in current position – recommendation – seek statutory comments on the proposed slightly adjusted position. Discussed at Statutory meeting 13/12/2021, site visit to be arranged to review proposed location
3	Innishrush Village	6	Application pending Statutory authorities meeting	Following recent DEA meeting 19/08/2021, Objection status still evident in current position – recommendation – seek statutory comments on the proposed slightly adjusted position
4	Bellaghy, Overends layby	6	Withdraw Application	Following recent DEA meeting 11/08/2021, agreed to withdraw the current application
5	Meenagh Park, Coalisland	6	Withdraw Application	Application to be withdrawn by applicant

6	Eglish View, Ballinderry	6	Application pending Statutory authorities meeting	Following recent DEA meeting, 09/08/2021. Objection status still evident in current position – recommendation – seek statutory comments on the proposed slightly adjusted position. Discussed at Statutory meeting 13/12/2021, site visit to be arranged with DFI Roads to review new location. DFI roads also to review footpath provision to see if it can be funded under their Active travel programme.
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