

Title of Report:	NORTHERN IRELAND LOCAL AUTHORITY COLLECTED MUNICIPAL WASTE MANAGEMENT STATISTICS ANNUAL REPORT 2019/20 AND LANDFILL ALLOWANCE SCHEME 2019/20
Committee Report Submitted To:	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
Date of Meeting:	8th DECEMBER 2020
For Decision or For Information	FOR INFORMATION

Linkage to Council Strategy (2019-23)	
Strategic Theme	Protecting and enhancing or environment and assets
Outcome	
Lead Officer	Head of Operations

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	N/A
Included in Current Year Estimates	N/A
Capital/Revenue	N/A
Code	N/A
Staffing Costs	N/A

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	N/A	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	N/A	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	N/A	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	N/A	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	N/A	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	N/A	Date:

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Members on the publication of the Northern Ireland Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste Management Statistics Annual Report and the Landfill Allowance Scheme Final Reconciliation on 26th November 2020 by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) for the April 2019 to March 2020 reporting period.

2.0 Background

2.1 DAERA produce an annual publication which reports finalised and validated information on the key measurements of local authority collected municipal and household waste for councils and waste management groups in Northern Ireland.

2.2 DAERA produce an annual final reconciliation for the Landfill Allowance Scheme in respect of biodegradable local authority collected municipal waste sent to landfill.

3.0 Information

3.1 Finalised and validated statistics for council recycling performance in 2019-20 as follows.

3.2 Household waste sent for preparing for reuse, dry recycling and composting was 53.8%. The Northern Ireland average was 51.9%.

3.3 In the corresponding period 2018-19, household waste sent for preparing for reuse, dry recycling and composting was 47.7%.

3.4 The increase in the household waste recycling rate of 6.1% in 2019-20 was the largest of all local councils.

3.5 The improved recycling rate can in part be attributed to a rise in household waste composting which increased by 4.4%. The percentage increase in the household waste composting rate was the highest in Northern Ireland in 2019-20. Also, the household waste dry recycling rate (25.8%) was the second highest.

3.6 The household waste recycling rate achieved by council meets the Northern Ireland Waste Management Strategy target to recycle 50% of household waste by 2020.

3.7 Provisional waste statistics released by DAERA on 22nd October for the April to June 2020 reporting period further highlights progress in household waste recycling.

- 3.8 Household waste sent for preparing for reuse, dry recycling and composting was 58%. The Northern Ireland average was 54.4%. Council ranked 3rd for April to June 2020 reporting period.
- 3.9 DAERA has also reported on the Landfill Allowance Scheme (NI) Regulations 2004 for scheme year 2019/20.
- 3.10 The total amount of Biodegradable Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste (BLACMW) sent to landfill by council in 2019/20 was 10,004 tonnes, equating to 58.6% utilisation of the 17,062 tonnes allocated allowances available for the scheme year.

4.0 Recommendation

It is recommended that the Environmental Services Committee note the information on household waste recycling and the Landfill Allowance Scheme for 2019-20 issued by DAERA.