Causeway
Coast & Glens
Borough Council

Title of Report:	PROSECUTION OUTCOME WELFARE OF ANIMALS ACT (NI) 2011
Committee Report Submitted To:	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
Date of Meeting:	14th January 2020
For Decision or For Information	FOR INFORMATION

Linkage to Council Strategy (2019-23)	
Strategic Theme	Protecting and Enhancing our Environments and Assets
Outcome	Compliance with statutory obligations
Lead Officer	Head of Health & Built Environment

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

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	Yes/No N/A	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No N/A	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	Yes/No N/A	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes/No N/A	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	Yes/No N/A	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No N/A	Date:

1.0 **Purpose of Report**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise members of the outcome of a recent court case taken on behalf of Council by our Animal Welfare service provider.

2.0 **Background (***to include any previous decisions of Council***)**

2.1 On the 6th December 2019 at Coleraine Magistrates court a defendant pleaded guilty to an offence under section 4 of the above Act (causing unnecessary suffering) to a single equine. The defendant at the time owned a number of horses and the remainder were in good health as confirmed by the veterinary inspector employed by Council at that time.

2.2 The Judge stated that it was clear that other animals were fine, but that the care received by this single horse was not acceptable and the defendant's failure to act lead the animal to suffer for a period.

2.3 The defendant was fined £250, £15 offenders levy fee and £230 costs (£100 legal costs, £21 Court Costs and £109 vet costs) and given 26 weeks to pay.