



<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>CORRESPONDENCE REPORT</b>
<b>Committee Report Submitted To:</b>	<b>ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2020</b>
<b>For Decision or For Information</b>	<b>FOR DECISION</b>

<b>Linkage to Council Strategy (2019-23)</b>	
Strategic Theme	Leader and Champion
Outcome	Establish key relationships with Government, agencies and potential strategic partners
Lead Officer	Director of Environmental Services

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

<b>Screening Requirements</b>	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**

The purpose of this report is to present correspondence for Members consideration.

**2.0** The following correspondence has been received:

**2.1 Re-Gen Waste Ltd (dated 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020)**

### **Summary**

Re-Gen Waste Ltd are an integrated Recycling and Waste Management Company, and in that time, they have developed one of Europe's most advanced MRF (materials recovery facility) installations. The Newry-based factory handles mixed waste processing with best in class technologies in place to ensure European standards of recycling are not only met, but regularly exceeded.

This Waste to Energy facility is ideally located to serve the needs of customers and councils across the UK and Ireland, to help them meet their recycling needs and achieve waste to landfill targets. Re-Gen Waste now operates their Newry-based factory 24 hours a day to process over 1.5 million tonnes of waste. Company operations include waste to energy (WTE), mixed dry recycling (MDR) processing, multiple solid waste (MSW) processing and engineering.

Re-Gen would like to make an annual presentation to the committee to offer advice on how to increase Council's recycling rates and discuss the very latest technologies. They can demonstrate that the systems they currently use with blue bin waste is best value and best for recycling rates. It is also the most convenient for the householder and puts the onus on the recycler to separate the material and not the householder who pays for the service. They also believe that with specific tweaks to the waste streams and system they can make it the best by far of all other recycling methods. Re-Gen's aim is to get the best recycling rates for all local government councils and not simply those that they are in partnership with already.

Re-Gen would like to present to the committee membership and Council Officers to share their expertise in the Waste Industry and the knowledge and understanding Re-Gen have gained over the last 15 years. Re-Gen believes this is a critical and costly area of Council spend and one they feel should be discussed and more openly explained to the ratepayer.

## **2.0 Council Current Position**

Members will be aware that ReGen Waste Ltd has a current extension to the Mixed Dry Recyclables (Blue Bin) Contract. It is extended for a one year period from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020. Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council through the North West Regional Waste Management Group

(NWRWMG) are due to issue tender documents shortly for our Residual Contract (Black Bin Waste). Following discussions with the Clerk of the NWRWMG it was suggested that it would not be advisable to hold a separate presentation with one of the likely bidders in this tender exercise at this time. It was suggested that it would be better to invite them to present to the Technical Advisors Group (TAG) where Senior Waste officers of all the Councils could attend.

### **3.0 Recommendation(s)**

**It is recommended** that the Environmental Services Committee note the correspondence and refuse the offer of the presentation until after the tender exercise has taken place.



30<sup>th</sup> October 2020

FAO: Aidan McPeake

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14 Charles Street

Ballymoney

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Good afternoon,

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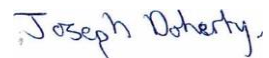
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We would like to present to your committee membership and your council officers to share our expertise in the Waste Industry and the knowledge and understanding we have gained over the last 15 years. We believe this is a critical and costly area of Council spend and one we feel should be discussed and more openly explained to the ratepayer.

Please contact Josephine at [josephinemcshane@regenwaste.com](mailto:josephinemcshane@regenwaste.com) to arrange a suitable date/time that we could present to the Waste Committee. We can offer this via TEAMS to all your members.

We look forward to hearing from you soon,

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joseph Doherty".

Joseph Doherty  
Managing Director, Re-Gen Waste Lt.

CC. Adrian McQuillan