



Title of Report:	Tyre Amnesty Pilot
Committee Report Submitted To:	Environmental Services Committee
Date of Meeting:	13th June 2023
For Decision or For Information	For Information

Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)	
Strategic Theme	Climate Change and our Environment
Outcome	Reduction in illegal dumping of tyres and use on traditional bonfires.
Lead Officer	Head of Health and Built Environment

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	Nil
Included in Current Year Estimates	NO
Capital/Revenue	N/A
Code	N/A
Staffing Costs	N/A

Legal Considerations	
Input of Legal Services Required	NO
Legal Opinion Obtained	NO

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 of Council's participation in a tyre amnesty pilot scheme.

2.0 Background

2.1 The Environmental Health Service is working in partnership with the Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA) to implement a tyre amnesty pilot scheme with the aim of reducing incidences of both illegal dumping of tyres and their use in traditional bonfires.

2.2 The illegal dumping of tyres is a common problem across Northern Ireland and significant resources are utilised in collecting and legally disposing of them after they have been dumped.

2.3 Tyres have also been an issue on traditional bonfires. In recent years significant efforts have been to reduce the number of tyres on bonfires primarily through community engagement and encouragement and Council facilitating the removal of tyres from sites with community consent.

2.4 There is an indication that some illegally dumped tyres may originate from agricultural premises where they are traditionally used to weigh down silage covers etc.

2.5 Council was approached by NIEA to pilot a scheme whereby any agricultural premises who wished to dispose of old tyres could do so free of charge. The pilot is operating in two ways:

- Any agricultural premises with less than 50 old tyres for disposal can deposit them at the Councils Civic Amenity Sites. There are four Council sites who can receive tyres, in Limavady, Ballycastle, Coleraine and Ballymoney. These tyres will subsequently be collected and disposed of by NIEA free of charge.
- Any agricultural premises, within the whole Borough, with more than 50 tyres for disposal can contact NIEA who will arrange collection and disposal from the premises, again free of charge.

2.7 NIEA have promoted the scheme by engaging with Ulster Farmers Union who in turn promote the scheme to their members.

2.8 NIEA provided Council with posters for use at each Civic Amenity site. The scheme was implemented by the Environmental Warden for the Ballymoney area who distributed the posters and engaged with the management of the Civic Amenity Sites to prepare them.

- 2.9 Once the scheme concludes, after the summer, it is anticipated that NIEA will furnish Council with data regarding the quantity of tyres disposed of through the program. The initiative is set to operate from May until the end of July.
- 2.10 NIEA also implement an annual programme of inspection of local tyre retailers to prevent illegal tyre disposal in general and to prevent their use on traditional bonfires. On 12th May 2023 Council Environmental Wardens worked in partnership with officers from NIEA to jointly inspect ten tyre retailers within the Borough to provide advice. NIEA found the initiative valuable both practically and in sending out a strong message.

3.0 Recommendation

It is recommended that Committee note the content of the above report.