

HOUSEHOLD AND MUNICIPAL WASTE RECYCLING / NORTHERN IRELAND LANDFILL ALLOWANCE SCHEME	5th December 2017
TO: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE	
FOR INFORMATION	

Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)	
Strategic Theme	Innovation and Transformation
Outcome	Continuously examine and introduce ways to provide services in more accessible and efficient ways
Lead Officer	Head of Operations
Cost: (If applicable)	N/A

1.0 Household and Municipal Waste Recycling

The undernoted information outlines the annual recycling (including compost) rates achieved by council since its inception.

Percentage of household waste arisings sent for recycling (including composting):-

2015-16	38.76%
2016-17	42.28%

Percentage of local authority collected municipal waste arisings sent for recycling (including composting):-

2015-16	39.10%
2016-17	42.48%

Council continues to make progress towards the EU statutory recycling target of 50% by 2020 as noted in the revised Northern Ireland Waste Management Strategy entitled 'Delivering Resource Efficiency' published in 2013 that sets the policy framework for the management of waste in Northern Ireland.

2.0 Northern Ireland Landfill Allowance Scheme

The Landfill Allowance Scheme (NI) Regulations (2004) (NILAS) sets targets by allocating annual limits on the amount of biodegradable local authority collected municipal waste (BLACMW) which can be landfilled by a district council. The Regulations place a statutory responsibility on district councils, in each scheme year, to landfill no more than the quantity of BLACMW for which they allowances.

The following table summarises council allocated allowances and utilisation:-

Year	Allocated Allowances (t)	Allowance Utilised (t)	Utilisation (%)
2015-16	21,494	17,553	81.67
2016-17	20,386	18,996	93.18

THE NILAS allocations for the next three scheme years are 19,278 tonnes (2017/18), 18,170 tonnes (2018/19) and 17,062 tonnes (2019/20).

The EU Landfill Directive obligates Member States to reduce their biodegradable municipal waste to landfill to 75% of 1995 baseline levels by 2020.