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Waste Management Background

According to the Department for Agriculture Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) (2016), Northern Ireland's district councils collected 969,157 tonnes of local authority collected (LAC) municipal waste during 2015/16 compared to 95,423 tonnes collected during the previous year. The following trends were also identified;

- Recycling rates are starting to plateau;
- Tonnage going to landfill continues to fall;
- Volume of Refuse Derived Fuel being exported is growing year on year in the absence of indigenous infrastructure;
- Waste Crime has distorted the local market. This typically occurs when users of waste services opt for unscrupulous illegal operators who charge less and dump illegally;
- Northern Ireland is unlikely to meet the revised Waste Framework Directive target of 50% recycling by 2020 based on the current trajectory; and
- Proposed EU Circular Economy Target will only heighten the need for infrastructure and increased recycling.

Derry City and Strabane District Council provides a range of waste and environmental services across the city, towns, villages and district such as the collection and treatment of waste from 58,798 domestic properties and approximately 300 commercial customers on a weekly basis and the provision of a street cleaning services to cover approximately 1,130 kilometres of carriageway - with an emphasis on cost effective Waste Management services to all its citizens.

Strategic and Policy Context for Waste Management in the LDP

- The Regional Development Strategy 2035 – RG9 & RG10
- EU *Waste Framework Directive* (Recycling Target of **45%** by **2015** Recycling Target of **50%** by **2020**)
- Programme for Government (PfG) 2011-2015 and Draft PfG 2016-2021
- Strategic Planning Policy Statement 2015 (SPPS)
- **Planning Policy Statement: PPS 11: Planning and Waste Management**
This planning policy related to the development of waste management facilities and seeks to promote the highest environmental standards in development proposals and includes guidance on the issues likely to be considered in the determination of planning applications. A recent policy review concluded that the existing policies of PPS 11 should be largely retained unchanged.
- The Northern Ireland Waste Management Strategy - '*Delivering Resource Efficiency*' (October 2013) – emphasises that waste is a resource and an opportunity, rather than a burden. The strategy recognises that smarter use of scarce resources is both a strategic necessity and an economic opportunity. It reflects the EU Waste Framework Directive.

- (WFD) target of recycling (including preparing for re-use) 50% of household waste by 2020, as well as the Executive's Programme for Government commitments.
- Derry Area Plan 2011 (DAP)
- Strabane Area Plan (SAP) 2001

2015/16 Performance

- **Northern Ireland** - Generated 969, 157 tonnes of LAC Municipal Waste of which 42% was prepared for re-use, dry recycling/composting. 40% Landfilled.
- **Derry City and Strabane District Council** – Generated 70,901 tonnes of LAC Municipal Waste of which 33.3% was prepared for re-use, dry recycling and composting. 28.4% landfilled.
- **North-West Region Waste Management Group (NWRWVG)** – DCSDC and CC&G collected 149, 265 tonnes of which 37.1% was recycled and 33.65% landfilled.

See Questions on Screen re. a) Key Planning Issues, b) LDP Proposals and c) LDP Policies

Prompts for Table to Discuss

Questions

- What would your waste management vision be for this District?
- In Planning terms, what are the most pertinent issues affecting your area of interest?
- How could issues around waste management be sustainably approved in the forthcoming LDP?
- Do you consider that current planning policies in relation to waste management are adequate – if not, how do you suggest we could improve these?
- Is there a need for specific site or facilities in the District – to be included in the LDP?