

Title of Report: Six Monthly Progress Report – Environment & Regeneration Directorate	Officer Presenting: Director of Environment & Regeneration Author: Director of Environment & Regeneration
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1 Purpose of Report/Recommendations

- 1.1 To present Members with a six monthly update in relation to progress against the Environment & Regeneration Annual Service Plan for 2017/18.

2 Background

- 2.1 Members will recall that they adopted the Service Plan for the Environment & Regeneration Directorate in May 2017 (Min Ref ER94/17).

3 Key Issues

- 3.1 The report presented as Appendix 1 Environment & Regeneration Progress Report, provides a detailed overview of progress against planned activity for the first 6 months of 2017/18.

- 3.2 Key achievements during this period include:

- The newly opened Brooke Park achieved a number of accolades including:

Being shortlisted for a National Association of Public Sector Excellence Award for Best Housing, Regeneration or New Build Initiative.

Being highly commended at the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors Awards for Community benefit

Being awarded a Green Flag Award by Keep NI Beautiful.
- Opening of the new play park at Strathfoyle.
- Completion of two play parks at Brandywell and Ballyarnett, which will open in the coming weeks with commencement of works on site at play parks in Kilfennan and Ballymagroarty.

- Significant progress on construction of new stadium and dog track at Brandywell with completion expected in the coming weeks.
- Roll out and promotion of food waste collection service. At present more than 75% of households have a food waste collection service and plans are in place to ensure the service is rolled out to the remaining households by the end of this financial year.
- Completion of Gransha Greenway Phase 3 to the Gransha Estate. Officers are currently working with WHSCT to extend this route through the Gransha Estate.
- Planning permission secured for greenways at Clooney and Kilfennan
- Appointment of Design Team to take forward North West Greenways project – 46.5km of greenway across 3 cross border routes.
- Awarded Britain in Bloom Gold Award Ireland, awarded Best Kept City in Northern Ireland at Best Kept Awards, awarded winner in City category of Ulster in Bloom Awards.
- Awarded Royal Town Planning Institute Best Place in Northern Ireland Award.
- Awarded Active Travel Workplace of the Year at the UK Healthy Streets Awards.
- Completed Zero Waste Strategy in conjunction with Zero Waste North West.
- Upgraded Christmas lights in Donemana, Sion Mills and Newtownstewart.
- The team worked with two rural communities in Victoria Bridge and Magheramason to enter the Pride of Place Awards and will be advised of outcome in December 2017.
- In the 7 months to the end of October 2017, the Building Control section received applications with a construction value of more than £91 million.

4 Financial, Equality, Legal, HR, Improvement and other Implications

- 4.1 The implementation of a robust framework for monitoring progress is a key element in delivering continuous improvement and meeting Council's statutory duty under Part 12 of the Local Government (NI) Act 2014.

5 Recommendations

5.1 Members are asked to note the contents of the 6 monthly progress report.

Background Papers

Appendix 1 – E&R Progress Report