

<b>Title of Report:</b>  Kerbside Green Waste Collections	<b>Officer Presenting:</b>  Head of Environment  <b>Author:</b>  Acting Waste Services Manager
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## **1 Purpose of Report/Recommendations**

- 1.1 To advise Members of plans to extend the kerbside garden waste collections to areas within the Derry City area on a fortnightly basis following a successful funding application made to the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs.

## **2 Background**

- 2.1 Members will recall that the legacy Strabane District Council secured funding for a similar scheme which was implemented initially across 6,000 households in May 2015 with a further 2,500 households being added during July 2016.
- 2.2 This scheme saw 1,329 tonnes of green waste collected in 2017/18 which contributed to an increase in Council's composting rate which historically had been low.
- 2.3 Following on from this, the intention was to introduce a similar arrangement for households within the Derry area and the current proposal will see that happen.

## **3 Key Issues**

- 3.1 The Northern Ireland Landfill Allowance Scheme (NILAS) places mandatory limits on Councils with regard to the volumes of biodegradable municipal waste that can go to landfill with failure to attain these targets leading to fines.

- 3.2 It is projected that the introduction of this scheme will divert a further 1,521 tonnes of waste from residual treatment and consequently contribute to an increase in Council's composting rate, which for the year to date is 17.20%.
- 3.3 Council Officers will identify suitable areas to participate in the scheme, taking due consideration of properties that have gardens and commence a roll-out of bins to these households thereafter.
- 3.4 Information packs will be distributed to householders in tandem with bin delivery so that householders are aware of how the scheme will operate.

#### **4 Financial, Equality, Legal, HR, Rural Needs and other Implications**

- 4.1 In order to successfully implement this scheme two additional Refuse Collection Vehicles (RCVs), equipped with crews, will be required as well as 11,700 240 litre sized bins and accompanying information materials.
- 4.2 Following a successful application, the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) is providing funding to the value of £531,840 through the Recycling Optimisation Project 2018/2019 which will cover the capital costs associated with the scheme.
- 4.3 The diversion of green waste from the residual waste stream will represent a cost saving in terms of treatment as green waste attracts a treatment cost of £60 per tonne compared with a residual treatment cost of £112 per tonne.

#### **5 Recommendations**

- 5.1 Members are asked to consider and endorse the plans to introduce the scheme.