# **Notice Of Meeting**

You are requested to attend the meeting to be held on **Wednesday**, **5th January 2022** at **7:00 pm** in **via Zoom**.

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Robert Adair
Stephen Addy
Naomi Armstrong-Cotter
Graeme Bannister
Craig Blaney
Joe Boyle
Mark Brooks
Peter Caldwell
Angus Carson
Alistair Cathcart
David Chambers
Simon Christie
Stephen Cooper
Trevor Cummings
Alison Curtis
Andrew Dadley
Brian Dorrian
Karen Douglas
Stephen Dunlop
Nigel Edmund
Connie Egan
Paulene Foster
Robert Gibson
Jennifer Gilmour
Deborah Girvan
Jennifer Glasgow
Paula Gowdy
Gillian Greer
Stephen Grieve
Wesley Irvine
Claire Jackson
Peter Johnson
Bill Keery
Lauren Kendall
Colin Kennedy
Richard King
David Lindsay
Heather Loebnau
Janice MacArthur
Patricia Mackey
Sharon Mahaffy
Nigel Martin

Nick Mathison
Lorna McAlpine
Carl McClean
Sian McConnell-Porter
Rosemary McCullough
Ann McCullough
Susie McCullough
Alan McDowell
Michelle McElveen
Clare McGill
Stephen McIlveen
Barry McKee
Ray McKimm
Martin McRandal
Moira McVeigh
James Menagh
Wendy Monson
Jan Nixey
lan O'Neill
Marcus Potts
Stephen Reid
Rosemary Richardson
Gillian Robinson
Richard Smart
Marion Smith
Tom Smith
Philip Smith
Eddie Thompson
Gavin Walker
Colin White
Jeanette Wilson
Scott Wilson

### ARDS AND NORTH DOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL

15 December 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

You are hereby invited to attend a meeting of the Environment Committee of the Ards and North Down Borough Council which will be held virtually on Zoom on **Wednesday, 5 January 2022** commencing at **7.00pm.** 

Yours faithfully

Stephen Reid
<a href="#">Chief Executive</a>
Ards and North Down Borough Council

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- 4. Review of Commercial Waste Service Charges (Report attached)
- 5. Letter from Dfl Minister Helen's Bay (Report attached)
- 6. On Street Residential Charge Point Scheme (Report attached)
- 7. Building Control Activity Report Quarter 2 (1 July 2021 to 30 September 2021) (Copy attached)
- 8. Licensing Service Activity Report Quarter 2 (July to Sept 2021) (Copy attached)
- 9. Grant of Entertainment Licences (Report attached)
- 10. Entertainment Licence Prosecution Update (Report attached)
- 11. Car Parking Order Update (Report attached)
- 12. Any Other Notified Business

# **MEMBERSHIP OF ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE (16 Members)**

Alderman Carson	Councillor Douglas
Alderman M Smith (Vice-Chair)	Councillor Edmund
Alderman Wilson	Councillor Greer
Councillor Armstrong-Cotter	Councillor Kendall
Councillor Boyle	Councillor MacArthur (Chair)
Councillor Cathcart	Councillor McAlpine
Councillor Cummings	Councillor McKee
Councillor Johnson	Councillor Smart

# **ITEM 3.1**

# **Ards and North Down Borough Council**

Report Classification	Unclassified
Council/Committee	Environment
Date of Meeting	5 January 2022
Responsible Director	Director of Environment
Responsible Head of Service	Head of Assets and Property Services
Date of Report	15 December 2021
File Reference	43600
Legislation	
Section 75 Compliant	Yes □ No □ Other □  If other, please add comment below:
Subject	Assets and Property Services Quarter 2 Performance Report
Attachments	Quarterly Performance Report

#### Context

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#### Unclassified

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### Reporting approach

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Reference	Period	Reporting Month
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Q2	July – September	December
Q3	October – December	March
Q4	January - March	June

The report for Quarter 2 2021-22 is attached.

### Key points to note:

- As noted last quarter, the bio-fuel trial could not proceed as costs rose considerably. This fuel type has been included in our recent fuel supply tender (reported last month), so officers will review once the new tender is in place.
- Roadside audits still cannot be completed due to Covid 19 considerations (it requires the Transport team to enter the cab).
- First time PSV pass rate slightly below target, but this was due to fewer tests being carried out over summer and just one failure noted.

#### Key achievements:

The following property refurbishment schemes were completed:

- Cloughey toilets
- Spafield extension toilets.
- Town Hall asbestos removal

### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council notes the report.

# **Quarterly Performance Report - Assets and Property Services**

Generated on: 14 December 2021

# Last Update Q2 2021/22

Performance Data Traffic Light Icon	PI Short Name	Performance Data Current Value	Performance Data Current Target
	% of applicable properties achieving an E rating or better (cumulative)	91%	0%
	Set Action Plan implementation dates for Sustainable Energy Management Strategy (cumulative)	No	No
	Trial of Biofuel in the fleet completed and results reported back	No	Yes
	Trial of roof mounted Solar Panels in the fleet completed (cumulative)	Yes	No
	Roll out the agreed Vehicle telematics systems to the fleet (cumulative)	100%	100%
	No. of roadside audits complete per quarter	0	23
	% of fleet is audited every quarter	5%	5%
	% of condition surveys completed against schedule (cumulative)	100%	50%
	Required number of refurbishments carried out according to the schedule	Yes	Yes
	% of time that life belts are serviceable	97%	90%
	% of vehicles that pass PSV first time	91%	95%
	% of maintenance jobs completed within timescales	82%	80%
	% maintenance jobs quality assured	14%	10%
	% spend against budget	102.87%	100%
	Internal Customer Feedback surveys completed	No	No

Performance Data Traffic Light Icon	PI Short Name	Performance Data Current Value	Performance Data Current Target
	% questionnaires issued to berth holders	100%	0%
	Consultation and roll out of Port Marine Safety Code Compliance Document (cumulative)	No	No
	% staff attendance	84.85%	95%
	% staff receiving team briefings	100%	100%
	% staff receiving regular Pride in Performance Conversations	0%	0%
	% planned training Vs actual completed as per training register (cumulative)	55%	40%
	System of slipway management improvements implemented (cumulative)	100%	50%
	% Playground inspections are carried out as per schedule	100%	90%
	Planned maintenance of public areas carried out according to the schedule	Yes	Yes

# **ITEM 3.2**

# Ards and North Down Borough Council

Report Classification	Unclassified
Council/Committee	Environment Committee
Date of Meeting	5 January 2022
Responsible Director	Director of Environment
Responsible Head of Service	Head of Regulatory Services
Date of Report	15/12/2021
File Reference	43600
Legislation	
Section 75 Compliant	Yes x No □ Other □  If other, please add comment below:
Subject	Regulatory Services - Service Plan Performance Report Q2 2021/22
Attachments	Quarterly Performance Report

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### Key achievements:

Building Control is extremely busy and is meeting the increased demand and
is therefore generating a larger than expected income. The Neighbourhood
Environment Team continued to be considerably understaffed during Q2 but
through the hard work of officers they continue to deliver on their outcomes.
This is a similar picture for the Licensing Department who also face the
increased demand of interpreting changing legislation and guidance from the
NI Executive. Staff right across Regulatory Services have performed
extremely well in Q2 to meet these demands.

#### **Emerging issues:**

The 'after use' surveys that all Regulatory Service users receive have an
extremely low uptake. This is important as our four customer service
objectives use this data to report on our performance. This is despite many
attempts to encourage and make as easy for people to access and fill out the
survey.

#### Action to be taken:

 The Service Plan for 22/23 is currently being developed and early discussions are looking at more meaningful and qualitive ways to accurately gauge our customer service performance.

#### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council notes the report.

# **Quarterly Performance Report - Regulatory Services**

Generated on: 16 December 2021

# Last Update Q2 2021/22

Performan ce Data Traffic Light Icon	PI Short Name	Performance Data Current Value	Performance Data Current Target
	Deliver LHLH grants through RCIF	£0.00	£0.00
	Redesign the delivery model for the Environmental CLEAR programme to year 8's	No	No
	% reduction in the number of streets affected by dog fouling	12%	10%
	% spend against budget	40.13%	100%
	% of all applications made online (cumulative)	45%	25%
	Maintain top 3 position for Fixed Penalty Enforcement in NI	No	No
	Develop and implement Building Control awareness campaign	No	No
	% customer satisfaction survey (services easily accessed)	93%	70%
	% customer satisfaction survey (Regulatory Services processes)	85%	70%
	% customer satisfaction survey (staff courtesy and helpful)	94%	80%
	% customer satisfaction survey (regulatory services outcomes)	91%	70%
	Develop a cross borough market working group	No	No
	% Staff attendance	89.65%	95%
	% staff receiving regular team briefings	100%	100%

Performan ce Data Traffic Light Icon	PI Short Name	Performance Data Current Value	Performance Data Current Target
	% staff receiving regular Pride in Performance Conversations	65%	0%
	Quarterly staff 1 to 1s	50%	70%
	Review of income generation - % self-sustained	83.4%	80%
	Implement agreed car park strategy	No	No

# **ITEM 3.3**

# **Ards and North Down Borough Council**

Report Classification	Unclassified		
Council/Committee	Environment		
Date of Meeting	05 January 2022		
Responsible Director	Director of Environment		
Responsible Head of Service	Head of Waste and Cleansing Services		
Date of Report	06 December 2021		
File Reference	43600		
Legislation			
Section 75 Compliant	Yes X No □ Other □  If other, please add comment below:		
Subject	Waste and Cleansing Services - Quarter 2 Performance Report for 2021 - 2022		
Attachments	Quarterly Performance Report		

#### Context

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### Key points to note:

- The Covid-19 Pandemic continues to have an impact on the delivery of Waste and Cleansing services. These include social distancing measures, staff availability, increased waste arisings, increased litter and litter bin collections.
- Covid-19 restrictions has also meant that few face-to-face meetings with employees can take place and with limited access to computers, virtual meetings are difficult, especially with a large workforce, spread across multiple sites.

### Key achievements:

- 100% delivery of waste collection services during the guarter.
- Enhanced collection service for street litter bins and the provision of seasonal litter bins in a number of litter "hotspots" helped manage the problem of overflowing litter bins, over the summer months.

### **Emerging issues:**

- Towards the end of the quarter, there was evidence that the spike in waste arisings may have plateaued.
- A number of waste contracts are due for renewal in the next 12 18 months and with limited availability of waste disposal/treatment facilities, gate fees are anticipated to increase significantly.
- There has been a marked increase in vandalism and anti-social behaviour incidents, especially in relation to public conveniences.

#### Action to be taken:

Continue to update and modify service delivery in line with Covid-19 regulations and restrictions

# RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council notes the report.

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# **Quarterly Performance Report - Waste and Cleansing Services**

Generated on: 06 December 2021

# Last Update Q2 2021/22

Performance Data Traffic Light Icon	PI Short Name	Performance Data Current Value	Performance Data Current Target
	Tonnage of municipal solid waste sent to landfill	21,032	17,250
	% household waste collected sent to landfill	42.6%	35%
	% of household waste recycled, reused and composted	51.35%	60%
	Amount (tonnes) of biodegradable waste to landfill	9,890	9,509
	Local Environmental Audit and Measurement Score (LEAMS) (Street Cleansing)	72	75
	No of solar compaction litter bins introduced	24	20
	% spend against budget	101.86%	100%
	No of temporary traffic management controls (days) implemented during the quarter	4	5
	% staff attendance	92.84%	95%
	% staff receiving regular team briefings	0%	100%
	% staff receiving regular Pride in Performance Conversations	0%	0%

# ITEM 4

# **Ards and North Down Borough Council**

Report Classification	Unclassified		
Council/Committee	Environment		
Date of Meeting	05 January 2022		
Responsible Director	Director of Environment		
Responsible Head of Service	Head of Waste and Cleansing Services		
Date of Report	13 December 2021		
File Reference	71004		
Legislation			
Section 75 Compliant	Yes ⊠ No □ Other □ If other, please add comment below:		
Subject	Review of Commercial Waste Service Charges		
Attachments	None		

The Council's commercial waste collection charges have remained unchanged since April 2020, partly as a result of the significant impact the Covid-19 pandemic had on the sector, with many businesses closed during the various lockdowns. With the Council facing a number of above inflation gate fee increases for waste contracts (landfill, waste haulage, landfill tax and organics), it is proposed to apply a 5% increase to the current charges, to help meet the additional financial pressures on the service.

The following table lists the proposed revised charges:

# Proposed Revised Commercial Waste Charges for 2022 - 2023

# **Commercial Residual Waste (Grey Bin)**

Container size	Current charge	Proposed Charge from 1 April 2022
140 litre	£3.50	£3.65
240 litre	£6.50	£6.80
360 litre	£8.00	£8.40
660 litre	£13.00	£13.65
1100 litre	£18.00	£18.90

## Commercial Waste - Mixed Dry Recyclables (blue bin)

Container size	Current charge	Proposed Charge from 1 April 2022
240 litre	£2.00	£2.10
360 litre	£3.00	£3.15
660 litre	£5.00	£5.25
1100 litre	£9.00	£9.45

### Commercial Waste - Food Waste (Brown/Green bin)

Container size	Current charge	Proposed Charge from 1 April 2022
240 litre	£3.50	£3.70

# Commercial Waste - Glass (Red bin)

Container size	Current charge	Proposed Charge from 1 April 2022
240 litre	£2.50	£2.60

### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council applies the above revised commercial waste service charges for 2022/23.

# ITEM 5

# **Ards and North Down Borough Council**

Report Classification	Unclassified	
Council/Committee	Environment Committee	
Date of Meeting	05 January 2022	
Responsible Director	Director of Environment	
Responsible Head of Service		
Date of Report	14 December 2021	
File Reference	90303	
Legislation		
Section 75 Compliant	Yes ⊠ No □ Other □ If other, please add comment below:	
Subject	Letter from DfI Minister - Helen's Bay	
Attachments	Appendix 1 - Letter from the Chief Executive Appendix 2 - Response from the Minister's Office	

Further to a meeting convened by the DAERA Minister in relation to issues arising at Helen's Bay/Crawfordsburn, officers were asked to write to the Dfl Minister requesting a response to earlier correspondence that had been sent by the Council on the matter.

A letter was issued by the Chief Executive (Appendix 1) and a letter of reply has now been from the Minister's office (Appendix 2).

#### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that this report be noted.



12 October 2021

Ms Nichola Mallon MLA Minister for Infrastructure Clarence Court 10-18 Adelaide Street Belfast BT2 8GB

Via email: Private.office@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk

Dear Minister

#### MEETING RE. HELEN'S BAY AND CRAWFORDSBURN

I refer to my correspondence of 6 August 2021 in which I outlined a request for a crossparty delegation from the Council to meet with you to discuss concerns in relation to ongoing anti-social behaviour, traffic and parking issues in the villages of Helen's Bay and Crawfordsburn.

I wrote to the DAERA Minister on similar terms and, as you may be aware, he convened a multi-agency meeting earlier this week to discuss what actions could be taken. The Council's cross-party delegation was invited to attend along with the MLAs and MPs from the area, representatives from PSNI, Translink and Crawfordsburn Country Park, along with officials from your department. While the meeting was beneficial and some next steps were agreed, it was evident that inconsiderate, often illegal, parking and heavy traffic flow significantly contribute to the problems in the area.

Members attending the meeting noted that they had not yet received a response from you and asked that I write again to ask that you agree to meet with the cross-party delegation to discuss the ongoing problems in Helen's Bay and Crawfordsburn.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely





# From the office of the Minister for Infrastructure Nichola Mallon MLA

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Email: <u>Private.office@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk</u>

Your reference:

Our reference: INV-0471-2021

26 November 2021

Dear Mr Reid,

### MEETING REQUEST – HELEN'S BAY AND CRAWFORDSBURN

Thank you for your letter of 12 October 2021 to Minister Mallon's office, asking for a response to your previous letter of 6 August 2021, and requesting the Minister's attendance at a meeting with a cross-party delegation to discuss the ongoing problems in Helen's Bay and Crawfordsburn. Your request for a meeting in your previous email of the 6 August was overtaken by the subsequent meeting convened by Minister Poots to discuss the issues in Helen's Bay which was attended by officials from the Department's Parking Enforcement Unit.

It is acknowledged that popular local areas of interest, such as Helen's Bay, have limited parking opportunities and therefore a significant increase in visitor numbers will lead to the available parking capacity being exceeded which in turn can lead to traffic progression and road safety issues on the network. To help address some of the issues, the Department has introduced waiting restrictions, indicated by double yellow lines, to facilitate traffic progression while improving road safety for all road users in this area.

I am also advised that Departmental officials who attended the multi-agency meeting chaired by Minister Edwin Poots explained that Traffic Attendants (TAs) have been deployed in Helen's Bay on many occasions this year in response to the parking issues that have been brought to the Department's attention. TAs have issued over 380 PCNs since January 2021 in the Church Road / Fort Road / Grey Point area.

The Department, and the Parking Enforcement Unit in particular, will continue to work with others to assist in the management of high visitor numbers to this area, through the multi-agency meetings organised by the local Neighbourhood Policing Team. Targeted parking enforcement will also continue, however the capacity constraints of the TAs does need to be recognised, and for clarity, inconsiderate parking causing an obstruction is an offence that should be brought to the attention of the PSNI on their

non-emergency number telephone 101, as they have the authority to take enforcement action.

Given that the Department is already working on this matter, the Minister wishes to assure you that she is very concerned about inconsiderate pavement parking and on 2 November 2021 launched a new road safety campaign aimed at highlighting the associated dangers and urging drivers to 'Think Before You Park'. Minister Mallon also intends to seek the views of the public on pavement parking later this year to help determine the need for more effective legislation in this area.

KATHRYN MCFERRAN

**Private Secretary to the Minister** 

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# ITEM 6

# **Ards and North Down Borough Council**

Report Classification	Unclassified	
Council/Committee	Environment Committee	
Date of Meeting	05 January 2022	
Responsible Director	Director of Environment	
Responsible Head of Service	Head of Regulatory Services	
Date of Report	10 December 2021	
File Reference	90313	
Legislation		
Section 75 Compliant	Yes ⊠ No □ Other □ If other, please add comment below:	
Subject	On Street Residential Charge Point Scheme	
Attachments	Appendix 1 - SUB-0783-2021 ANDBC Dfl Match Funding for ORCS Appendix 2 - Potential Sites for ORCS Funded Charge Points ANDBC	

### 1.0 Background

Back in April 2021, a report was brought to Committee on the subject of electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

As highlighted in this report, the UK government has established a capital grant funding scheme for installation of On Street Residential Charge Points. This is a UK wide £20 million grant pot administered by the Office for Zero Emission Vehicles (OZEV), and the scheme has been extended into 2021. It is only available to Local Authorities and the funding available is for 75% of the capital costs of procuring and installing on-street residential charge points and associated dedicated parking bays (where applicable), in line with OLEV technical specifications. It is understood that whilst NI Local Authorities can, like all other UK local authorities apply to the ORCS, central government departments such as the Department for Infrastructure (Dfl) cannot.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/grants-for-local-authorities-to-provide-residential-on-street-chargepoints/grants-to-provide-residential-on-street-chargepoints-for-plug-in-electric-vehicles-guidance-for-local-authorities

Whilst Council officers have welcomed any measures aimed at facilitating the transition to electric vehicles by as many people as quickly as possible, they have concerns about a number of issues in relation to the balance of roles and responsibilities in facilitating the transition. The fact that the ORCS is available to local authorities in the UK is reflective of the fact that in Great Britain, Councils are the statutory roads authorities; they own and control the streets where the installation of the on-street residential charging infrastructure is to be installed under the ORCS. It is understood that NI Councils could apply for funding from the ORCS to install residential charge points in public car parks (rather than on a residential street itself), provided the car park is located in a residential area where there is demand for residential electric vehicle charging and there is 24/7 access.

Council officers had liaised with Sustainable Northern Ireland (SNI) in relation to this hugely important strategic issue. The Executive Director of SNI wrote to the DfI Minister recently, highlighting some of our concerns about the delivery of a comprehensive, efficient and effective electric vehicle charging network that is accessible to all. Probably the most important concern raised, is the lack of an NI 'strategy' or 'plan' on electric vehile/charging infrastructure roll out.

Recently, the DfI Minister has responded in relation to this matter, by way of establishing a £350K package of support towards the 25% match funding requirement for Councils that are successful in attaining ORCS grants (Appendix 1). Additionally, the DfI Minister recently announced at the COP26 Transport Day that she would be establishing a new Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Task Force; this is greatly welcomed and is something that we have called for to ensure an appropriately strategic/integrated approach to this vital subject area.

Sync NI - Mallon announces new Electric Vehicle Infrastructure task-force for Northern Ireland at COP26 Transport Day

#### 2. NI Electric Vehicle Consortium

The NI EV Consortium Working Group was established in 2021 to facilitate the improvement of NI Councils' electric vehicle Charge Point Infrastructure. This working group is contributing to the Councils' objective to net zero carbon in line with Government targets.

The scope of the EV NI Consortium Working Group is to create and develop a knowledge-based approach and share best practice from other UK and EU Cities. Many of these Cities have successfully implemented EV Charge point infrastructures within their local areas and the working group can benefit from these experiences.

Working Group membership is open to a number of public stakeholders such as ten Councils across Northern Ireland, Department of Infrastructure, NI Housing

Executive and Sustainable NI. The Working group members will act as a key point of contact within their respective organisations, with the aim to share knowledge and best practice. A database of membership is maintained by Derry City and Strabane District Council.

Regular meetings will enable NI Councils/stakeholders to work together to prioritise the actions to progress the strategic development of electric vehicle charge point infrastructure in Northern Ireland. Each meeting will focus on a key actions, with guest speakers on presenting on relevant topics.

### 3. ORCS Application

Derry City and Strabane District Council is currently collating a list of potential electric vehicle charge point sites from all Council areas within the Consortium.

Ards and North Down Borough Council has submitted a list of fifteen suitable Council car park sites, located widely across the Borough in Bangor, Newtownards, Holywood, Comber, Donaghadee, Groomsport, Portaferry and Kircubbin. Council officers have focussed upon suitable Council owned car parks, as these are deemed to be electric vehicle charge point sites that are most readily deliverable by Council with the minimum of impediments and timeframes required.

This list was compiled following discussions with all relevant Service Units including Assets and Property and Licensing and Regulatory Services. Key considerations in those discussions were: proximity to residential properties that do not have access to off street parking (and therefore convenient home electric vehicle charging options), size of car park and if the location was already serviced by charge points and/or was on the list as a potential location for the EU Interreg FASTER project (The Faster Project - Sustainable Transition to EV's (fasterevcharge.com).

This list is now with NIE to assess feasibility and current infrastructure suitability.

Once all councils have submitted locations and NIE has approved them, it is hoped that an application to the ORCS Fund will be completed in February 2022 and submitted on the Consortium's behalf by Derry City and Strabane Council. If successful a joint collaborative tender will follow, again led by Derry City and Strabane. The aim is that this process will be completed by March/April 2022.

Update reports on this initiative will be brought to Members in due course.

#### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council notes this report.



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# From the office of the Minister for Infrastructure Nichola Mallon MLA

Chief Executive

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Your reference:

Our reference: SUB-0783-2021

8 October 2021

### BLUE GREEN MATCH FUNDING TO SUPPORT SUCCESSFUL COUNCIL ON-STREET RESIDENTIAL CHARGE POINT SCHEME (ORCS) APPLICATIONS

I am writing to inform you, I have set aside an allocation of £350k match-funding which has been ring-fenced within the Blue Green Fund, for councils that are successful with an application to ORCS.

The British Government has confirmed that grant funding for ORCS will continue for 2021/22 and £20 million in total is available for local authorities/councils across GB-NI, which includes local councils here in the North, to provide charge points for residents without off-street parking. The grant funding available is for 75% of the capital costs of procuring and installing charge points and associated dedicated parking bays. The £350k match-funding, which I have ring-fenced from the Blue Green Fund, could further assist councils in respect of the remaining 25% spend.

An ORCS council consortium, led by Derry City and Strabane District Council, was recently established to look at applying for ORCS funding, working with all councils, and my Department is represented in an advisory capacity on this group. ORCS funding is only available to local councils, not my Department, and in order to access the match-funding which I have put in place, applications submitted to the scheme must be successful.

This is an important funding opportunity for our Councils and I would strongly urge you to now progress an application(s) for ORCS support as a matter of urgency. If you require access to the match-funding, following a successful application to ORCS, further details about the availability of this allocation can be obtained from my official who sits on the ORCS consortium.

NICHOLA MALLON MLA Minister for Infrastructure

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### ORCS Fund (Residential) - proposed locations

**ORCS criteria-** Fast chargers up to 23 kw with 2-4-hour charging. Mainly to provide for EV car owners who cannot charge from their homes- so mainly aimed at providing public on -street charging facility in residential areas with no garden or driveway.

For info - **FASTER project** -Rapid chargers (50kw) to provide for EV car owners access to charging away from home on main arterial routes across the province.

Town	Location	comments	Yes/no	Comments following meeting
Bangor	Mills Road Car Park	Could service Hamilton Hub too, some housing nearby	Yes	
	Holborn Square Car Park	Surrounded by terrace housing with limited parking	Yes	
	Central Avenue Car Park,	Surrounded by terrace housing	Yes	
	Newtownards Road/Church St Car Park	Residential area	Yes	
Newtownards	Ann Street	Town central, surrounded by housing	Yes	
	Kennel Lane Car Park	Town Central, some residential nearby, big	Yes	
	West Street Car Park	Town Central, some residential	Yes	
	Mill Street Gasworks, Newtownards	Town central, residential around	Yes	Potential for FASTER project but will try for both
Holywood	Church Road Car Park	Town Centra and close to residential	Yes	Potential from FASTER project too as is Hibernia Street so will try Church Road for ORCS too – ensuring a point in Holywood with this fund

Comber	Park Way/behind	Not the largest car park in comber but	Yes	Good existing connections there, residential nearby,
	Comber Community	the large one wont qualify for this		Community Centre adjacent
	Centre	fund so this one could be a solution to		
		get points in comber. Residential		
		nearby		
Donaghadee	Railway St Car Park	Surrounded by terrace housing but	Yes	Both could apply for FASTER too but worth doing for
		small. It would be here or Distillery		residential fund
		car park		
	Distillery, Manor St	Slightly more central than Railway	Yes	
	Car Park	Street – has it just been re surfaced?		
Portaferry	Meeting House	Less residential although Portico is	Yes	Next best location to the Aquarium as it is covered,
	Street	here		residential nearby, Portica site. Possible site for
				FASTER project
Kircubbin	Kircubbin		Yes	Some residential nearby
	Community Centre			
Groomsport	Springwell Road Car	Some residential nearby	Yes	A point in Groomsport – main harbour Road car park
	Park			won't qualify for this fund

# ITEM 7

# **Ards and North Down Borough Council**

Report Classification	Unclassified
Council/Committee	Environment Committee
Date of Meeting	05 January 2022
Responsible Director	Director of Environment
Responsible Head of Service	Head of Regulatory Services
Date of Report	15 December 2021
File Reference	BC01 / 91000
Legislation	The Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) Order 1979 (as amended) The Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012
Section 75 Compliant	Yes ⊠ No □ Other □  If other, please add comment below:  If other, please add comment below:
Subject	Building Control Activity Report - Quarter 2 (01 July 2021 to 30 September 2021)
Attachments	None

### 1.0 Introduction

The information provided in this report covers, unless otherwise stated, the period 1 July 2021 to 30 September 2021. The aim of the report is to provide members with details of some of the key activities of Building Control, the range of services it provides along with details of level of performance. This report format has been introduced across Regulatory Services.

### 2.0 Applications

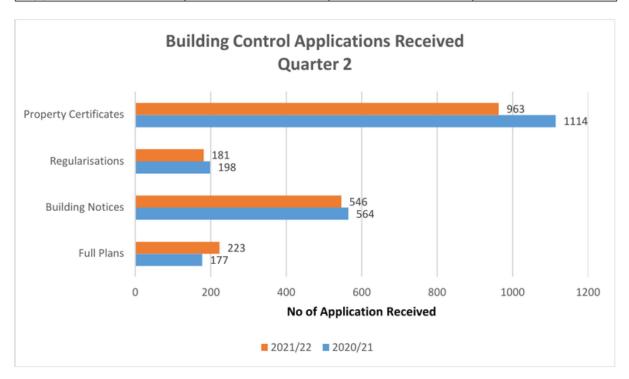
Full Plan applications are made to Building Control for building works to any commercial building, or for larger schemes in relation to residential dwellings.

Building Notice applications are submitted for minor alternations such as internal wall removal, installation of heating boilers or systems, installation of all types of insulation and must be made before work commences. These applications are for residential properties only.

Regularisation applications consider all works carried out illegally without a previous Building Control application in both commercial and residential properties. A regularisation application considers all types of work retrospectively and under the Building Regulations in force at the time the works were carried out.

Property Certificate applications are essential to the conveyancing process in the sale of any property, residential or commercial, and provide information on Building Control history and Council held data.

	Period of Report 01/07/2021 – 30/09/2021	Same quarter last year	Comparison
Full Plan Applications	223	177	1
Building Notice Applications	546	564	•
Regularisation Applications	181	198	•
Property Certificate Applications	963	1114	1



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The number of Full Plan applications received is very much determined by the economic climate, any changes in bank lending or uncertainly in the marketplace may cause a reduction in Full Plan applications. There is no internal means to control the number of applications received.

## 3.0 Regulatory Approvals and Completions

The issuing of Building Control Completion Certificates indicate that works are carried out to a satisfactory level and meet the current Building Regulations.

Building Control Full Plan Approval indicates that the information and drawings submitted as part of an application meet current Building Regulations and works can commence on site.

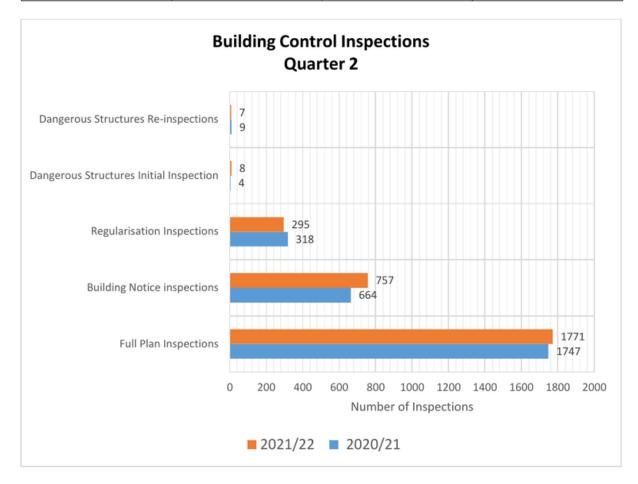
	Period of Report 01/07/2021 – 30/09/2021	Same quarter last year	Comparison
Full Plan Approvals	178	117	1
Full Plan Completions	257	221	1
Building Notice Completions	309	227	1
Regularisation Completions	134	143	•



### 4.0 Inspections

Under the Building Regulations applicants are required to give notice at specific points in the building process to allow inspections. The inspections are used to determine compliance and to all for improvement or enforcement.

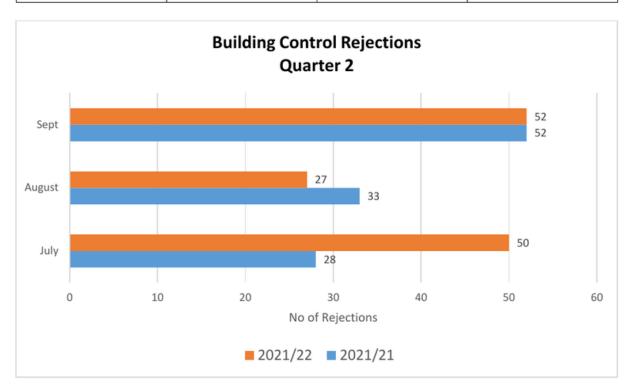
	Period of Report 01/07/2021 – 30/09/2021	Same quarter last year	Comparison
Full Plan Inspections	1771	1747	1
Building Notice Inspections	757	664	1
Regularisation Inspections	295	318	1
Dangerous structures initial inspection	8	4	1
Dangerous structure re-inspections	7	9	•
Total inspections	2838	2742	1



### 5.0 Non-Compliance

Where it is not possible to Approve full plan applications they are required to be rejected. Building Control Full Plan Rejection Notices indicate that after assessment there are aspects of the drawings provided that do not meet current Building Regulations. A Building Control Rejection Notice sets out the changes or aspects of the drawings provided that need to be amended. After these amendments are completed, the amended drawings should be submitted to Building Control for further assessment and approval.

	Period of Report 01/07/2021 – 30/06/2021	Same Quarter last year	Comparison
Full Plan Rejection Notice	129	113	1
Dangerous Structure Recommended for legal action	0	0	
Court Cases	0	0	
Other	0	0	_



# 6.0 AOB

No AOB to report.

### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council notes the report.

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# ITEM 8

# **Ards and North Down Borough Council**

Report Classification	Unclassified	
Council/Committee	Environment Committee	
Date of Meeting	05 January 2022	
Responsible Director	Director of Environment	
Responsible Head of Service	Head of Regulatory Services	
Date of Report	13 December 2021	
File Reference	LQR	
Legislation		
Section 75 Compliant	Yes ⊠ No □ Other □  If other, please add comment below:  If other, please add comment below:	
Subject	Licensing Service Activity Report Quarter 2 (July to September 2021)	
Attachments		

### 1.0 Introduction

The information provided in this report covers, unless otherwise stated, the period from 1 July to 30 September 2021. The aim of the report is to provide Members with details of some of the key activities of the Licensing Service, the range of services it provides along with details of level of performance.

## 2.0 Applications Received

The Service deals with a wide range of licensing functions which require the officers to consult with the PSNI, NIFRS and a range of other internal Council Sections in making their assessment of an application.

	Period of Report 01/07/21 – 30/09/21	Same quarter last year
Entertainment Licence	50	4
Cinema Licence	1	0
Amusement Permits	2	1
Marriage and Civil Partnership Place Approval	2	1
Pavement Café Licence	4	13
Street Trading Licence	1	2
<b>Lottery Permits</b>	0	1

Most of the licences issued are for renewals and hence the workload is constant year on year. Renewing a licence still entails considerable work to assess the application and consult with the other bodies.

### 3.0 Regulatory Approvals

This is the number of licences, approvals and permits that have been processed and issued.

	Period of Report 01/07/21 – 30/09/21	Same quarter last year
Entertainment Licence	37	1
Cinema Licence	0	0
Amusement Permits	3	0
Marriage and Civil Partnership Place Approval	1	6
Pavement Café Licence	0	2
Street Trading Licence	2	0
<b>Lottery Permits</b>	0	1

### 4.0 Inspections

The Service normally carries out a range of inspections in connection with the grant and renewal of licences to establish if the premises are suitable. In some cases, officers inspect with the NIFRS.

Due to the COVID crisis all entertainment in premises had stopped. Whilst premises continued to apply for the grant and renewal of licences officers had not been able to enter any licensed premises to carry out inspections.

#### 6.0 Town Centre CCTV

The Council currently operates 18 cameras in Bangor, Holywood and Newtownards with the control room located in Bangor. They are manned for 40 hours per week; the remainder of the week the cameras are recording from a fixed position.

During the period of this report 7 incidents were recorded and reported to the PSNI by the CCTV operator:

Offence Recorded	Bangor	Holywood	Newtownards	Total
Assaults	3		1	4
Theft	1		2	3

### 7.0 Off Street Car Parking

Whilst the car parks were in use again, they had not returned to their previous levels due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

**Table 1: Income from Ticket Sales** 

	Period of Report 01/07/21 – 30/09/21	Previous year
Income from ticket sales	£178,423	£146,744

Table 3: PCN's Issued

	Period of Report 01/07/21 – 30/09/21	Same quarter last year
Bangor	405	312
Holywood	276	186
Newtownards	432	345
Total	1113	843

# RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council notes the report.

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# ITEM 9

# **Ards and North Down Borough Council**

Report Classification	Unclassified	
Council/Committee	Environment Committee	
Date of Meeting	05 January 2022	
Responsible Director	Director of Environment	
Responsible Head of Service	Head of Regulatory Services	
Date of Report	14 December 2021	
File Reference	LR 100 / 90101	
Legislation	The Local Governmet (Miscellaneous Provisions) (NI) Order 1985	
Section 75 Compliant	Yes ⊠ No □ Other □ If other, please add comment below:	
Subject	Grant of Entertainment Licences	
Attachments		

The Council agreed in November 2021 that up until 31 December 2021 Council Officers could grant entertainment licenses without referring them to Committee, subject to compliance with all necessary requirements. This was to ensure premises that had delayed applying for a licence could be facilitated to operate through the Christmas period.

The following licences were issued in line with the temporarily amended policy.

### 1. The Guillemot, 2 Seacliff Road, Bangor

Applicant: Rachel Armstrong, Groomsport Road, Bangor

Days and Hours: Monday - Sunday 11.00am -10.30pm

Type of entertainment: Indoor dancing, singing and music

### 2. The Marine Court Hotel, Bangor

Applicant: Mr Eamon Diamond, Bangor Road, Holywood

Days and Hours: The permitted hours in which intoxicating liquor can be sold or consumed on theses premises under the Licensing Order (NI) 1996 9as amended).

**Type of entertainment**: Indoor dancing, singing and music, a theatrical performance; a public contest match, exhibition or display of boxing, billiards, snooker, or a similar game.

### 3. Ards and North Down Borough Council – Community Facilities

- Manor Court Hall
- Ballygowan Village Hall
- Marquis Hall
- Alderman George Green Hall
- Redburn Community Hall
- Conlig Community Hall
- Market House (First Floor)
- Groomsport Boat House
- Queens Hall

- Donaghadee Community Centre
- · Carrowdore Community Centre
- Kircubbin Community Centre
- Portavogie Community Centre
- Kilcooley Community Centre
- Skipperstone Community Centre
- Green Road Community Centre
- West Winds Community Centre

Applicant: Ards and North Down Borough Council

Days and Hours: Monday – Sunday 9:00 am - 1:00 am

**Type of entertainment**: A theatrical performance, dancing, singing or music or any other entertainment of a like kind. Any entertainment which consists of, or includes, any public contest, match, exhibition or display of - boxing, wrestling, judo, karate, or any similar sport; billiards, pool, snooker, or any similar game; darts.

### 4. The Town Hall, The Castle, Bangor

**Applicant:** Ards and North Down Borough Council

Days and Hours: Monday – Sunday 9:00 am - 1:00 am

**Type of entertainment**: A theatrical performance, dancing, singing or music or any other entertainment of a like kind. Any entertainment which consists of, or includes, any public contest, match, exhibition or display of - boxing, wrestling, judo, karate, or any similar sport; billiards, pool, snooker, or any similar game; darts.

### 5. Ards and North Down Borough Council, North Down Museum

**Applicant:** Ards and North Down Borough Council

Days and Hours: Monday - Sunday 9:00 AM - 1:00 AM

**Type of entertainment**: A theatrical performance, dancing, singing or music or any other entertainment of a like kind. Any entertainment which consists of, or includes, any public contest, match, exhibition or display of - boxing, wrestling, judo, karate, or any similar sport; billiards, pool, snooker, or any similar game; darts **Comment** 

All the above premises had previously held an entertainment licence, but due to the Covid restrictions had not renewed them.

There were no structural changes to any of the premises and no objections were received from the PSNI, NIFRS or the public.

#### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council notes the report.

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# **ITEM 10**

# **Ards and North Down Borough Council**

Report Classification	Unclassified
Council/Committee	Environment Committee
Date of Meeting	05 January 2022
Responsible Director	Director of Environment
Responsible Head of Service	Head of Regulatory Services
Date of Report	14 December 2021
File Reference	LR 100 / 90101
Legislation	The Local Governmet (Miscellaneous Provisions) (NI) Order 1985
Section 75 Compliant	Yes ⊠ No □ Other □ If other, please add comment below:
Subject	Entertainment Licence - Prosecution Update
Attachments	

A prosecution against Circus Vegas for providing entertainment at Ballymacormick Road, Bangor on the 15 May 2019 has been concluded with the Circus accepting a Formal Caution and paying the Council's legal fees.

This mater arose following the Circus providing entertainment at a site on the Ballymacormick Road, Bangor from the 14 - 19 May 2019. They had previously applied for a licence on 29 March 2019 but had not completed the application and the Council had not issued a licence.

#### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council notes the report.

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# **ITEM 11**

# Ards and North Down Borough Council

Report Classification	Unclassified
Council/Committee	Environment Committee
Date of Meeting	05 January 2022
Responsible Director	Director of Environment
Responsible Head of Service	Head of Regulatory Services
Date of Report	13 December 2021
File Reference	90303
Legislation	The Road Traffic Regulations (NI) Order 1997 (as amended) The Traffic Management (NI) Order 2005
Section 75 Compliant	Yes □ No □ Other ⊠  If other, please add comment below:
Subject	Car Parking Order Update
Attachments	None

### Background

The Council agreed the Car Parking Strategy in June 2021 and Officers have been progressing the implementation of the various strands within it as advised to the Committee in December.

An important element to secure the full implementation of the Strategy is the redrafting of the Off Street Car Parking Order but following discussion with other Councils and the receipt of legal advice from the Council's Solicitor it is clear that there is a deficiency in the current legislation. This relates to the fact that the Council can make a new Order but does appear to have the authority to repeal the existing Order or any Orders made in the future; only the Department can legally do that.

A new Ards and North Down Off-Street Parking Order has been drafted but following legal advice it cannot be progressed at this time.

### Legislative context

When the Off Street Car Parks were transferred to the Council in 2015, a number of pieces of legislation were amended to permit Councils to continue to enforce and manage the car parks.

The Road Traffic Regulations (NI) Order 1997 was amended to give Councils the authority to provide car parks, appoint Parking Attendants and enforce the rules within the car parks.

The Traffic Management (NI) Order 2005 was also amended so that the Council could issue PCNs for parking offences. They did not however amend article 42 of this Order which would give the Council the authority to revoke Orders. This power appears to remain with the Department for Infrastructure.

The Off Street Car Parking Order (NI) 2000, which covers all 11 district Council car parks across the province, was also amended. Council requires this Order to be partly repealed, as outlined above.

### Proposal

It is considered that the Council should write to the Minister for Infrastructure and request that they take urgent action to:

- Request that the Department work with the Council to revoke the Off Street Car Parking Order (NI) 2000 as it applies to Ards and North Down car parks and if necessary to do this on a council-by-council basis; and
- That they amend Article 43 of the Management (NI) Order 2005 to enable Councils to repeal Orders in the future without reference to or action by the Department.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Council writes to the Minister for Infrastructure and request that they:

- Work with the Council to revoke the Off Street Car Parking Order (NI) 2000 as it applies to Ards and North Down car parks and if necessary to do this on a council-by-council basis; and
- That they amend Article 43 of the Management (NI) Order2005 to enable Councils to repeal Orders in the future without reference to or action by the Department.