



February 1st, 2024

Chairperson: Councillor C McCready

Vice-Chairperson: Councillor R Carlin

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Ex Officio:

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor A Gowan

Deputy Mayor, Councillor G McCleave

Notice Of Meeting

A meeting of the Environment and Sustainability Committee will be held on **Wednesday, 7th February 2024 at 6:00 pm** for the transaction of the undernoted Agenda.

For those Members attending this meeting remotely, the Zoom details are included in the Outlook invitation that has been issued.

David Burns
Chief Executive

Agenda

1.0 Apologies

2.0 Declaration of Interests

- (i) conflict of interest on any matter before the meeting (Members to confirm the specific item)
- (ii) pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest (Member to complete disclosure of interest form)

3.0 Report by the Head of Service (Building Control and Sustainability)

3.1 Climate Change Reporting by Specified Public Bodies – Publication of ‘Summary of Responses’ to the Consultation and ‘Next Steps’

For Noting

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4.0 Report by the Acting Head of Service (Waste Management and Operational Services)

4.1 Consultation on reforming the producer responsibility system for waste electrical and electronic equipment

For Decision

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5.0 Confidential Report from the Acting Director of Environmental Services

5.1 arc21 Procurement of Waste Transfer, Bulking & Haulage

For Decision

Confidential due to Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information).

5.2 11 Council Waste Collaboration Post (Report to Follow)

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6.0 Any Other Business

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| Committee: | Environment & Sustainability |
| Date: | 7 th February 2024 |
| Report from: | HoS – Building Control & Sustainability |

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| Item for: | Noting |
| Subject: | Climate Change Reporting by Specified Public Bodies – Publication of ‘Summary of Responses’ to the Consultation and ‘Next Steps’ |

1.0 **Background and Key Issues**

1. The purpose of this report is to bring to the attention of Elected Members, the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) Summary of Responses to the consultation on ‘Climate Change Reporting by Specified Public Bodies – Developing New Regulations.’
2. Members approved the Councils response to the original consultation through this Committee in June 2023.
3. Please find the link which directs Members to the Department website, and the ‘Summary of Responses.’
[Consultation on Climate Change Reporting by Specified Public Bodies - Developing New Regulations - Summary of Responses and Next Steps \(daera-ni.gov.uk\)](https://daera-ni.gov.uk/consultation-on-climate-change-reporting-by-specified-public-bodies-developing-new-regulations-summary-of-responses-and-next-steps)
4. Members were previously advised that Section 42 of the Climate Change Act (NI) 2022, allows the making of Regulations in relation to Public Body Reporting (which includes local government). A link to the Act, for information: [Climate Change Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2022 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](https://legislation.gov.uk/ukni/2022/1/section-42)
5. It is important to note that there are a series of ‘Next Steps’ detailed on page 57 of the ‘Summary of Responses’ report, which will impact councils.
6. The Report recognises that the Regulations are still under development, but notes certain considerations to support the specified bodies in meeting their reporting duties:
 - Consideration of the following to inform the timing and frequency of reporting:
 - the need to allow sufficient time for public bodies to collect and report the data, including the potential need for upskilling and training;
 - the advice of the CCC; and
 - the importance of mitigating potential resource and cost pressures for public bodies, while still ensuring that meaningful and timely information is provided.
 - Provision of a reporting template (consisting of climate change questions for bodies to complete) and detailed technical guidance to the regulations including the technical detail on what is reported and how.

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The development of an online portal for bodies to input their reports into. • Provision of training to help the reporting bodies in meeting their reporting duties. <p>7. Council Officers will continue to work with our partners and DAERA in developing the Public Body Reporting requirement and will update this Committee as this progresses.</p> | | |
| 2.0 | <p><u>Recommendation</u></p> <p>It is recommended that Members Note the DAERA Publication of ‘Summary of Responses’ to the Consultation and ‘Next Steps.’</p> | | |
| 3.0 | <p><u>Finance and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None at this time, however any new enacted Regulations in meeting the Public Body Reporting requirement will have financial implications, which are yet unknown to Council.</p> | | |
| 4.0 | <p><u>Equality/Good Relations and Rural Needs Impact Assessments</u></p> | | |
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| Appendices: | None |
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| Date: | 7 th February 2024 |
| Report from: | Acting Head of Waste & Operations |

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| Item for: | Decision |
| Subject: | Consultation on reforming the producer responsibility system for waste electrical and electronic equipment |

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| 1.0 | <p><u>Background and Key Issues</u></p> <p>A Consultation and Call for Evidence on reforming the Producer Responsibility System for Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) was issued by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) on 28th December 2023, with a closing date of 7th March 2024.</p> <p>The consultation document sets out detailed proposals for reforms relating to the provision of collection infrastructure for household WEEE, financed by producers of electrical and electronic equipment as well as detailed proposals for reforms to the take-back obligations that currently apply to distributors, i.e., retailers and online sellers. Proposals to place new obligations on Online Marketplaces, and on ensuring producers of vapes properly finance recycling costs when they become waste, are also considered. Full details are provided in the consultation document, which is available via the following link:</p> <p>https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-and-call-evidence-reforming-producer-responsibility-system-waste-electrical-and</p> <p>Responses will be used to determine the best policy options to help achieve a reduction in e-waste and promote the re-use of electrical items before they become waste.</p> <p>Given the closing date of 7th March 2024 it is recommended that the March Environment & Sustainability Committee is given delegated authority to approve the draft response for submission.</p> <p>To assist in a response for consideration and approval at the March meeting of the Environmental & Sustainability Committee, Members are asked to forward any comments they have regarding the Consultation to the Acting Head of Waste & Operations, by close of business on Friday 16th February 2024.</p> |
| 2.0 | <p><u>Recommendation</u></p> <p>It is recommended that Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide any comments to the draft response to the Acting Head of Waste & Operations no later than Friday 16th February. • Approve delegated authority for the March Environment & Sustainability Committee to approve the draft response for submission. |
| 3.0 | <p><u>Finance and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>To be considered on presentation of the draft response at the March Environment & Sustainability Committee.</p> |
| 4.0 | <p><u>Equality/Good Relations and Rural Needs Impact Assessments</u></p> |

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