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Dear Member

MEETING OF THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Operations Committee will be held in the **Round Tower Chamber, Antrim Civic Centre on Monday 3 September 2018 at 6.30pm.**

You are requested to attend.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jacqui Dixon".

Jacqui Dixon, BSc MBA
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ITEMS FOR DECISION

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

3.1 EH/GEN/009 CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Members are advised that the Health and Wellbeing Team within Environmental Health has been shortlisted as a finalist in the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH) Outstanding Environmental Health Team Excellence Awards 2018. The category recognises a team which has delivered a significant improvement to health, wellbeing and environment over the last 3 years. The Health and Wellbeing Team's submission outlined the team's role in tackling the complex determinants of health and outlined how its work with the community in Duneane has helped embed co-production as an approach at individual, community and strategic level.

Category winners will be announced at the awards ceremony on Wednesday 28th November at 12.00 noon at CIEH'S Headquarters, Chadwick Court, 15 Hatfields, London.

The cost to attend the Excellence Awards is

- Shortlisted nominees and up to 8 guests - £95 each
- Shortlisted nominees and 9 guests (party of 10) - £86 each

Travel Costs

A return flight (same day) from Belfast City Airport to London City Airport is approximately £162 per person.

RECOMMENDATION: that the Mayor and Chair of Operations Committee, or their nominees, attend as an approved duty together with an officer.

Prepared by: Wendy Brolly, Environmental Health Manager (Health and Wellbeing)

Agreed by: Clifford Todd, Head of Environmental Health

Approved by: Geraldine Girvan, Director of Operations

3.2 EH/GEN/009 NORTHERN IRELAND HEALTH AND FITNESS AWARDS

Members are advised that Dr Janice McConnell, Nutrition and Wellbeing Officer has been shortlisted as a finalist in the Nutritionist/Dietitian category of the Northern Ireland Health and Fitness Awards. This is the first year for these awards in Northern Ireland. Janice's entry highlighted her unique role as the only registered nutritionist working at local government level in Northern Ireland and the innovative interventions such as Sowing Seeds for Healthy Living, Muddy Boots and Nutritious Nursery Nosh she has developed.

Category winners will be announced at the awards ceremony on Saturday 22nd September 2018, in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Belfast.

The cost to attend the Northern Ireland Health and Fitness Awards Dinner is:

- Individual Reservation - £70.83 plus VAT
- Table of ten guests - £666.67 plus VAT

RECOMMENDATION: that the Mayor and Chair of Operations Committee, or their nominees, attend as an approved duty together with an officer.

Prepared by: Wendy Brolly, Environmental Health Manager (Health and Wellbeing)

Agreed by: Clifford Todd, Head of Environmental Health

Approved by: Geraldine Girvan, Director of Operations

3.3 EH/EHS/3 FOOD STANDARDS AGENCY CONSULTATION ON THE FOOD LAW CODE OF PRACTICE (NORTHERN IRELAND), CLOSING DATE: 27TH SEPTEMBER 2018

Members are advised that the statutory Food Law Code of Practice (Northern Ireland) (the Code) sets out the instructions and criteria that local authorities need to follow when planning and carrying out their food law regulatory responsibilities. The Code requires periodic revision so that it reflects current enforcement practices and supports local authorities in ensuring that the delivery of their Official Control obligations is effective, consistent, risk based and proportionate.

The Food Standards Agency (FSA) is currently seeking comments on its most recent proposals to amend the Code. The main changes relate to the risk assessment tool used to determine the minimum frequency applied to verify compliance in food establishments.

The proposals aim to: -

- Review the risk scoring by updating and clarifying the risk categories and descriptors used to assign risk scores; and
- Improve the effectiveness of enforcement by redistributing the minimum inspection frequency of a number of businesses to allow enforcement to focus on businesses that are non-compliant with food law requirements;
- Introduce on line registration for new food businesses.

The current Code sets out the scheme used to risk score premises and categorises them the highest risk "A" to the lowest risk "E". Part of the risk score reflects the level of compliance observed during inspection and is used to determine the Food Hygiene Rating which is published under the mandatory Food Hygiene Rating Scheme. The risk category determines the minimum intervention frequency that must be applied. Higher risk premises are normally subject to more frequent, thorough inspections whereas lower risk premises may receive a range of light touch interventions at a reduced frequency.

The FSA is also proposing the introduction of 'minus scores' for establishments where sustained compliance has been identified. This means businesses that have maintained a food hygiene rating of 5 on two consecutive visits will be given recognition of this achievement by allowing less frequent inspections of the premises.

Experience across the Borough has shown that for some food businesses the level of compliance does not remain static over time and that external factors including staff turnover often result in falling standards between inspections. Periodic inspection is considered the most reliable way of detecting and assisting businesses to remedy non-compliance.

It is Officers' view that the proposed changes to the Code appear to primarily assist local authorities, in England, which are facing severe financial hardship and have been forced to reduce resources. There is evidence that increasing numbers of these Authorities struggle to comply with the requirements of the current Code. It is not however clear if the revised proposals adequately consider the potential impact on consumer confidence of the mandatory food

hygiene rating scheme in Northern Ireland. However, most councils in Northern Ireland are in a strong position in terms of food hygiene and should be able to absorb changes, if implemented, with no detriment to the scheme.

Should the proposals be implemented the staff time involved in inspections will reduce, freeing up time to concentrate on other priority areas identified by FSA including Brexit and the implications for some local exporters.

Members are asked to consider and agree the **enclosed** response the key points of which are set out below: -

Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council is committed to the principles of better regulation and to ensuring that our regulatory activities not only protect the consumer, but also encouraging and supporting the economy. Council:

- Supports the overall aim of this proposal to reduce interventions;
- Supports a minimum reduction in the frequency of intervention, thereby giving Council greater flexibility to decide and target local priorities;
- Proposes that risks to ensure the inspection programme and the level of intervention applied must be sufficient to protect the consumer and maintain consumer confidence in the Food Hygiene Rating Scheme;
- Proposes that changes have minimum impact on the current inspection programme by introducing a minus score of -5 only;
- Proposes that the removal of a 22 score for premises providing for vulnerable groups (such as young children or the elderly) is only applied in cases of sustained compliance.

The full consultation document can be accessed at: -

<http://www.food.gov.uk/news-alerts/consultations/regulating-our-future-amendments-to-the-food-law-code-of-practice-northern-ireland>

RECOMMENDATION: that the response to the Food Standard Agency's Consultation on the Food Law Code of Practice (Northern Ireland) be approved.

Prepared by: Clifford Todd, Head of Environmental Health

Approved by: Geraldine Girvan, Director of Operations

PARKS

3.4 PK/GEN/107 DAERA: ENVIRONMENT FUND

Introduction:

Officers recently attended an information workshop in relation to the Environmental Fund administered by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA). The fund provides support for strategic projects, which will help effectively deliver key environmental outcomes in Northern Ireland.

Application

Having considered the criteria and discussed potential projects with DAERA staff on the day Officers deemed an application based on eradication of invasive species as the one most likely to be successful to this oversubscribed fund.

Members may be aware that the presence of invasive non-native plant species, within the river catchment area, has been highlighted as an issue by the Six Mile Water River Trust in recent years. Council treats invasive species on its land but there are many landowners along the banks of the river, making it difficult to eradicate without a joined up approach.

Officers submitted a pre-application form in July 2018, proposing that Council works in partnership with the Six Mile Water River Trust (and local landowners) in the delivery of a 3-year programme to eradicate Japanese Knotweed, Himalayan Balsam and Giant Hogweed within the Six Mile Water river catchment area. This would require collaboration with all landowners, to prevent the invasive species reseeding in treated areas.

An overall eradication programme would be required for the river catchment and it is proposed to work with the volunteers of the Sixmilewater River Trust to carry out some of the work in return for an annual fee. This would be much more effective than individual landowners addressing the problem in isolation.

The funding breakdown would be as follows if the application is successful:

Source			
	2019	2020	2021
DAERA Environment Fund (@50%)	£15,000	£10,000	£10,000
Council: Parks Budget	£7,500	£5,000	£5,000
Council: Waste Management Budget	£7,500	£5,000	£5,000
Total Cost:	£30,000	£20,000	£20,000

This would include the provision of materials for clearance works and a training programme for local landowners, so that they can work in partnership in subsequent years. The project would also involve regular litter clean-ups along the banks and in the river itself.

The outcomes must be delivered between April 2019 and March 2022. The minimum total cost of a project is £20,000; no maximum cost has been specified. Match funding of 50% must be provided by Council projects.

RECOMMENDATION: that Council works in partnership with the Six Mile Water Trust on a 3-4 year non-native invasive species eradication programme at river catchment level, subject to securing funding from DAERA's Environment Fund.

Prepared by: Elaine Upton, Countryside Officer

Agreed by: Ivor McMullan, Head of Parks

Approved by: Geraldine Girvan, Director of Operations

3.5 PK/GEN/085 PK/GEN/041 RATHCOOLE AND CRUMLIN ALLOTMENTS

Introduction:

In March 2016, Council approved plans to provide allotments across the Borough. Two possible locations for the development of new allotments were agreed at Rathcoole and Crumlin.

Rathcoole Allotments:

A number of potential locations for a new allotment were investigated and an area of land owned by the Education Authority (EA) adjacent to Rathcoole Primary School, was identified as a possibility. The site entrance would be off the Derrycoole Way (see **enclosed** Appendix 1). The EA has agreed in principle, subject to a Board meeting on 4 September 2018, for the land to be released on a restrictive lease, for a one-off cost of £20,000 for the development of allotments.

If approved, the project could be delivered in 2 phases, depending on level of demand. Initially, the following is proposed:

- 14 small (25m²) and 14 medium (50m²) allotment plots
- 12 No. raised beds (3m x 2m) within school grounds
- car parking for 12 vehicles (including 2 No. disabled bays)
- 2.4m perimeter Ilex fencing
- 0.9m internal steel mesh fencing between plots
- Pathways
- Provision of sheds
- 5m wide access gates
- 2 No. water taps
- Bays for skips

Crumlin Allotments – The Barley/Show Field:

Members are reminded that it was intended that allotments would be developed at the Cidercourt Road in Crumlin, adjacent to Crumlin Glen. This has not been progressed due to delayed plans by NI Water for the site. They indicated that there are future plans for the upgrade of the pumping station, which would need completion before they could consider release of lands. For this reason, the land at the rear of Crumlin Community Centre, which is owned by Council has been identified as an option for allotments. This land has access available from Orchard Road (see **enclosed** Appendix 2).

If approved, the project could cover approximately 2,116 metres square (0.52 acre) of land and it could comprise:

- 10 small (50m²) and 20 large (100m²) allotment plots
- car parking for 12 vehicles (including 2 No. disabled bays)
- 2.4m perimeter Ilex fencing
- 0.9m internal steel mesh fencing between plots
- Pathways
- Provision of sheds
- 5m wide access gates
- 2 No. water taps
- Bays for skips

The Economic Appraisals and Business cases are being drafted and will be presented to the Community Planning and Regeneration Committee for

consideration in October.

RECOMMENDATION: that

- (i) approval is given in principle to proceed with allotments at Rathcoole and Crumlin as set out, subject to all legal and administrative matters being resolved and;**
- (ii) approval is given to acquire lands at Rathcoole Primary School from the Education Authority at a cost of £20,000, on the basis of a restricted lease for an allotment facility.**

Prepared by: Elaine Upton, Countryside Officer

Approved by: Ivor McMullan, Head of Parks

Agreed by: Geraldine Girvan, Director of Operations

WASTE

3.6 WM/WM/37 REVIEW OF WASTE COLLECTION POLICY

Members are reminded that further to the report on the review of the Waste Collection Policy being considered at the operation Committee in June Members requested further information on the impact of the changes proposed.

The Waste Collection Policy is reviewed on an annual basis and updated if required. The Policy provides a framework for the collection of waste in the Borough and is required to ensure the effective and efficient delivery of the service.

The proposed changes to the Waste Collection Policy were as follows:

1. In order to encourage greater recycling in schools and increase awareness of recycling for pupils, it is proposed that schools will be supplied with the liners free of charge. Previously, schools had to purchase the liners like other commercial customers or encourage pupils to bring them in from home. It is envisaged that the cost of the change will be minimal (approximately £500 per annum). The provision of free liners would not extend to the school kitchens;
2. In line with the Waste Management's Business Plan, the aim is to complete all bulky collections within 5 days of the residents request rather than 10 days as previously stated;
3. Simplification of the 'bulky waste collections' section to state that a *bulky collection will become chargeable if it takes longer than 15 minutes for the staff to collect the waste.*

Previously the Policy stated that the bulky collection would be chargeable if it took *'more than 15 minutes to carry out collection OR over 15 bags of waste OR over the approximate volume of a small 'builder's skip'*.

It is not envisaged that there will be any additional cost incurred as a result of the change, but it will be improve customer service as the statement is easier to understand.

At the meeting of Committee there no issues with the first two proposed changes, however with the third, the issue of ability to pay was raised.

Whilst the majority of bulky collections are free a charge has been in place for some bulky collections since the creation of the new council in 2015. For example, if a resident requested collection of a three piece suite, a bed and a mattress this would be free of charge. There is no changed proposed to the amount charge, simply to the definition of the type of collection which will attract a charge.

The time restriction of 15 minutes is included to prevent Council being requested to carry out what basically amounts to a house clearance.

The table below shows the number of bulkies collected last year and the proportion of those which were charged for. As illustrated, the amount of residents charged for a bulky collection was very low at less than 1%.

Total No of Bulky Collections in 2017/18	Number of Chargeable Bulky Collections in 2017/18	% of Bulky Collections that were Chargeable in 2017/18
15,113	103	0.68%

Officers have also collected information from other Councils in Northern Ireland in relation to their bulky waste collection service and this is presented in the table below:

Council	Charge	Restrictions
Antrim & Newtownabbey Current charging	Free of charge if the removal of the waste takes no more than 15 minutes to carry out If the items take more than 15 minutes to carry out OR is more than 15 bags of waste OR over the approximate volume of a small 'builders' skip then a collection charge of approximately £50 per hour.	<i>No glass, sinks or toilets and bulky items must be bundled and tied.</i>
Ards & North Down	No free collections £15.00 for up to six bulky household items	<i>No garden waste, trees and hardcore, material from building or DIY activity such as old windows, doors, bathroom suites and kitchen units, or boilers, radiators.</i>
Armagh City, Banbridge, & Craigavon	No free collections £6 for up to 3 bulky household items	<i>No DIY materials, metals, and garden waste.</i>
Belfast City	Free of charge	<i>This service is for reasonable amounts of bulky waste from households and does not include waste which is a result of work carried out in your home, such as bathroom suites, kitchens or fireplaces.</i>
Causeway Coast & Glens	No free collections £5 for up to 3 bulky household items and then £2 for each additional item	<i>No Fixtures and fittings (bathroom suites, kitchen units, doors etc.), concrete, soil, & green waste.</i>
Derry City & Strabane	Free of charge	<i>This service is for reasonable amounts of bulky waste from</i>

		<i>households and does not include waste which is a result of work carried out in your home, such as bathroom suites, kitchens or fireplaces.</i>
Fermanagh & Omagh	Free of charge for up to 3 items at one time with a maximum of 3 Free of Charge collections per household per year.	<i>Larger items of domestic household waste only.</i>
Lisburn & Castlereagh	Free of charge for up to 3 items at one time with a maximum of 3 Free of Charge collections per household per year. Additional collections charged at £10 for up to three bulky items.	<i>This service is for reasonable amounts of bulky waste from households and does not include waste which is a result of work carried out in your home, such as bathroom suites, kitchens or fireplaces.</i>
Mid & East Antrim	Information not available	
Mid Ulster	No free collections £5 for up to 3 bulky household items	<i>No fixtures and fittings of a house like bathroom suites, oil tanks, garage or internal/external doors, garden waste or general waste (e.g. bin bags).</i>
Newry, Mourne & Down	No free collections £10 for up to 5 bulky household items	<i>No Fixtures and fittings (kitchen and bathroom), building materials and plaster board, garden sheds and Garden waste/trees.</i>

Five of the 11 Councils apply a charge for the collection of any bulky waste and Antrim and Newtownabbey appears to have one of the more customer friendly services with no cost and fewer restrictions. No councils appear to subsidise rates for any sections of the community.

As a result of the further research, it is proposed to maintain the 3 changes to the Waste collection Policy as stated. If approved, Officers will amend the website page on bulky collections to make it more user friendly as a result of comments made at the June meeting.

A copy of the draft Waste Collection Policy (**enclosed**) is included for Members' approval with the recommended changes highlighted.

RECOMMENDATION: that Council approves the proposed Waste Collection Policy 2018.

Prepared by: Michael Laverty, Head of Waste Management

Approved by: Geraldine Girvan, Director of Operations

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

3.7 EH/EHS/FC/9 DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR NORTHERN IRELAND 2017

Members are reminded that Northern Ireland Water produce a report to demonstrate water quality for each council in Northern Ireland based on the level of compliance.

For monitoring purposes, Northern Ireland Water's supply area is divided into water supply zones, each of which supplies a maximum of 100,000 people.

Samples are taken randomly from customer taps in each supply zone and from planned samples at supply points.

Of the four zones supplying the Borough, the following minor exceedances above the prescribed standards were observed. These were fully investigated and remedied as necessary and did not impact on neighbouring properties or the wider supply network.

ZN0402 Killylane Ballynure

Iron – single exceedance

ZS0109 Dorisland Whiteabbey

Lead – single exceedance

Odour – single exceedance

ZS0111 Dunore Point HydePark

Total coliforms – 2 exceedances

The report also details the capital works carried out by Northern Ireland Water in the Borough.

A copy of the full report is **enclosed** and can also be found at:

<https://www.niwater.com/sitefiles/resources/pdf/reports/2017niwaterdrinkingwaterqualityannualreport.pdf>

RECOMMENDATION: that the report be noted.

Prepared by: Clifford Todd, Head of Environmental Health

Approved by: Geraldine Girvan, Director of Operations

3.8 EH/GEN/010 FLOODING 28TH JULY 2018

Members are reminded that on Saturday 28th July 2018, over 1 month's average rainfall fell in parts of the Borough giving rise to localised flooding.

The Department for Communities has an Emergency Financial Assistance Scheme in place to cover any flooding caused by rainfall from 1st June 2018 until 31st August 2018.

Council's Environmental Health staff have been assessing the impact of the floods. To date 162 grants, totalling £162,000 have been paid to residents in Borough.

Working as part of a multi-agency group including the Department for Communities, staff have offered advice and made referrals through to other organisations such as the Northern Ireland Housing Executive, Rivers Agency, Northern Ireland Water and the Department for Infrastructure. The Red Cross also offered emotional support and guidance to those affected.

A special meeting was convened with the Department for Communities Discretionary Support Services and the Northern Health and Social Care Trust to discuss particularly vulnerable householders severely affected by the flooding.

The Council's Cleansing Section has also been supporting residents and businesses on the ground by removing damaged items and helping with clean up.

RECOMMENDATION: that the report be noted.

Prepared by: Clifford Todd, Head of Environmental Health

Approved by: Geraldine Girvan, Director of Operations

3.9 PK/GEN/001/VOL2 COMMEMORATIVE PROGRAMME

18 benches have been installed and 9 trees planted during the period 01 April 2017 to 30 June 2018. A breakdown is as follows:

Benches

Year	Total	Location
Qtr 2 2017	7	Carnmoney Cemetery, Hazelbank Park, Loughshore Jordanstown
Qtr 3 2017	3	Carnmoney Cemetery, Hazelbank Park
Qtr 4 2017	5	Carnmoney Cemetery, Hazelbank Park, Gideons Green
Qtr 1 2018	3	Carnmoney Cemetery, Mill Race Trail, Macedon Point
Qtr 2 2018	4	Carnmoney Cemetery, Hazelbank Park, Crumlin Cemetery

Trees

Year	Total	Location
Qtr 2 2017	0	
Qtr 3 2017	3	Carnmoney Cemetery, Hazelbank Park
Qtr 4 2017	6	Carnmoney Cemetery, Hazelbank Park
Qtr 1 2018	0	
Qtr 2 2018	0	

All requests were compliant with Council policy.

RECOMMENDATION: that the report be noted.

Prepared by: Mark Wilson, Parks Manager

Agreed by: Ivor McMullan, Head of Leisure

Approved by: Geraldine Girvan, Director of Operations

3.10 EH/PHWB/8 INTERNATIONAL HEALTHY CITIES CONFERENCE

Members are advised the World Health Organisation Healthy Cities International Conference is being held in the Belfast Waterfront and Conference Hall from 1st - 4th October 2018. Marking thirty years of the Healthy Cities Network, the theme of this year's conference is "Changing Cities to Change the World".

The World Health Organisation European Healthy Cities Network is a crucial platform for bringing about change and achieving improved health, wellbeing, and equitable and sustainable development in cities across the region and globally.

The Network's strong and active leadership has shown that many health, wellbeing and sustainable development challenges are most effectively addressed at a local level and the Network has presented multiple examples of innovative ways of achieving this.

The International Healthy Cities Conference, which takes place every five years, presents the opportunity to learn from the work of healthy cities globally and attracts politicians and key decision-makers as well as technical experts. It offers the chance for delegates to engage with their counterparts from all over the world and to benefit from the experience that this Network has to offer.

The Health and Wellbeing team have been successful in having a paper accepted for a Learning Through Practice session at this year's conference.

Alison Briggs, Principal Environmental Health Officer and Wendy Brolly, Environmental Health Manager will make a presentation on their work on Co-production with the Duneane Community Collective. The presentation highlights how barriers which prevent people from participating in the decisions that affect their lives can be overcome.

RECOMMENDATION: that the report be noted.

Prepared by: Wendy Brolly, Environmental Health Manager, (Health and Wellbeing)

Agreed by: Clifford Todd, Head of Environmental Health

Approved by: Geraldine Girvan, Director of Operations

3.11 WM/WM/37 WASTE MANAGEMENT ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2017/18

WASTE TREATMENT:

Council has two statutory waste targets that have to be complied with and they are as follows:

1. Recycle 50% of all household waste by 2020;
2. Limit the landfilling of biodegradable waste to no more than 16,358 tonnes in 2020.

Under the Landfill Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003, Council submits waste data returns to the Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA). These are completed on a quarterly basis throughout the year and are used by the NIEA to calculate Council's recycling rate and compliance with the landfill diversion targets i.e. Northern Ireland Landfill Allowance Scheme (NILAS).

The waste data submission for 2017-18 has been submitted and the waste data for the year is shown below compared to the previous year: (subject to verification by NIEA in November)

	2016-17		2017-18	
Total Household Waste Arisings	78,219		77,584	-1%
Household Waste Arisings to Recycling	37,185	48%	40,715	52%
Household Waste Arisings to Recovery	10,942	14%	10,637	14%
Household Waste Arisings to Landfill	30,091	38%	26,232	34%
Total Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste Arisings	91,631		93,001	1%
Municipal Waste Arisings to Recycling	46,779	51%	52,002	56%
Municipal Waste Arisings to Recovery	11,537	13%	11,326	12%
Municipal Waste Arisings to Landfill	33,315	36%	29,673	32%

* Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste is ALL the waste that the Council collects i.e. commercial, street sweepings, recycling centres as well as household waste.

In summary, the key points are as follows:

- The overall increase in municipal waste arisings is 1%, down from an increase of 7% in the previous year, and while this may indicate continuing economic prosperity, albeit it at a slower rate, it does have an adverse impact on the Council's budgets as we handle and treat more waste;
- Significant increase in tonnage of both household and municipal waste recycled;
- Recycling rates up 4-5% for both household and municipal waste and this appears to be largely due to effectiveness of the food waste recycling campaign and the impact of the triple stack expansion.
- Energy recovery continues to be an important element of waste treatment and reduces Council dependency on landfill disposal;

- Significant reduction in the amount of waste landfilled.

In 2017-18 Council landfilled 14,151 tonnes of biodegradable waste which equates to 74.61% of its NILAS allocation. Overall in the arc21 region, all Councils met their NILAS obligations and therefore no transfer of allowances is required.

MISSED BINS:

Council has a Key Performance Indicator to ensure that 99% of bins are collected on the correct day. Every day Council and its contractors complete approximately 13,000 bin collections and this equates to nearly 3 million per annum. During 2017-18 Council collected approximately 99.9% of bins on the designated day.

Those bins recorded as missed are where the Council is deemed at fault and the bins will have been collected by the Waste Section or our contractors if the resident reports the issue within 24 hours of their designated collection day.

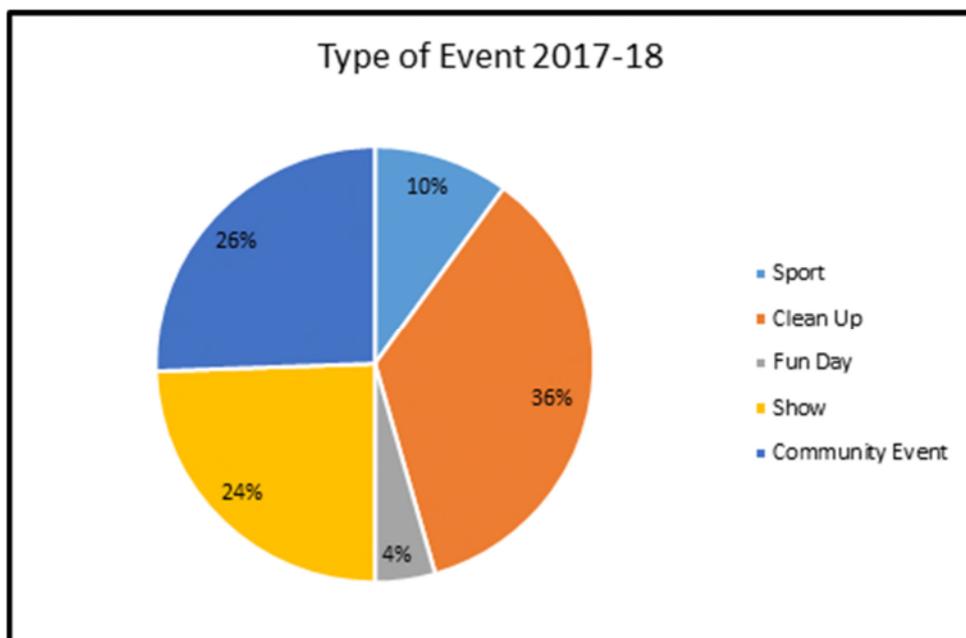
SUPPORT IN KIND REQUESTS:

The Waste Management section operates a Support in Kind scheme for local organisations or individuals. Members are reminded that this service provides litter pickers, black bags, gloves, etc for community clean-ups, assistance at events, etc. The applications generally relate to requests for waste collection and disposal activities, although portable toilets are also included in the scheme.

In 2017-18, a total of 98 Support in Kind requests were approved, which was a 27% increase on the number of supported requests in 2016-17. The approximate cost of Support In Kind scheme this year was approx. £23,720 and this is an increase of over £4,750 on the previous year.

The costs accrued are mainly from the provision of non-returnable items such as gloves and bags, waste disposal, post event sweepers and the hire of portaloos. The cost of delivering and collecting items, i.e. fuel and staff costs, are not included in this total.

The graph below shows the breakdown of the type of events that were supported through the Support in Kind scheme in 2016-17, with the largest proportion of the requests for assistance with environmental clean-ups in the Borough.



RECOMMENDATION: that the report be noted.

Prepared by: Michael Lavery, Head of Waste Management

Approved by: Geraldine Girvan, Director of Operations