

Title of Report:	DAERA Waste Data (Provisional) – January to March 2026
Committee Report Submitted To:	Environmental Services Committee
Date of Meeting:	8th September 2026
For Decision or For Information	For Information
To be discussed In Committee YES/NO	NO

Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)	
Strategic Theme	Climate Change and our Environment
Outcome	Increasing proportion of domestic and commercial waste recycled
Lead Officer	Head of Operations

Estimated Timescale for Completion	
Date to be Completed	

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	N/A
Included in Current Year Estimates	
Capital/Revenue	
Code	
Staffing Costs	

Legal Considerations	
Input of Legal Services Required	NO
Legal Opinion Obtained	NO

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	Yes/No	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Members on the publication of provisional waste statistics on 30th July 2026 by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) for the January to March 2026 reporting period.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 DAERA produce quarterly provisional Northern Ireland local authority collected municipal waste management statistics between April and March each year.
- 2.2 The publication provides information on local authority collected municipal waste from household and non-household sources and recycling and landfill rates.
- 2.3 In November each year, notwithstanding any delays, the Department produces a validated report for the proceeding April to March 12 month reporting period.

3.0 Information

- 3.1 Provisional statistics for recycling performance in the January to March 2026 reporting period as follows.
- 3.2 Household waste sent for preparing for reuse, dry recycling and composting was 47.8%. The Northern Ireland average was 47.2%. Ranked 5th out of 11.
- 3.3 Household waste dry recycling rate was 28.0%. The NI average was 26.5%.
Household waste composting rate was 19.3%. The NI average was 20.4%.
- 3.4 Municipal waste sent for preparing for reuse, dry recycling and composting was 46.0%. The Northern Ireland average was 46.5%.
- 3.5 Waste from households (WfH) preparing for reuse and recycling including composting was 46.7%. The Northern Ireland average was 46.2%.
- 3.6 The WfH recycling rate is a harmonised indicator across the four UK countries.
- 3.7 Provisional figure for annual household waste sent for preparing for reuse, dry recycling and composting in 2025-26 was 53.42%. This compares to 50.42% in 2024-25.

4.0 Recommendation

It is recommended that the Environmental Services Committee note the provisional recycling statistics for January to March 2026 reporting period published by DAERA.