

ENVIRONMENTAL OBJECTIVES AND TARGETS 2019/20 – End of Year Status

OBJ Code	Objective Title	Target	End of Year Status.
OBJ 1	Raise environmental awareness among staff in Council.	To reduce internal waste by 2% in 2019/20	6 Environmental awareness sessions were delivered. Internal waste reduced by 2% 2019/20
OBJ 2	Implement fuel saving initiatives in Council fleet.	To reduce fuel use by 5% each year for two years from 2017/18 levels	Fleet fuel has reduced by 6% in 2019/20
OBJ 3	To reduce the environmental impact of chemicals used by Council.	To increase the use of environmentally friendly products.	Parks have reduced pesticide use in some parks. Chemical free cleaning has been introduced to two sites.
OBJ 4	Improve internal recycling arrangements within Council Buildings	Complete a trial on the use of a three bin internal recycling system with a view to Council wide roll out where internal arrangements are currently not in place.	Internal recycling arrangements were introduced to 4 new sites. Internal recycling rate has increased from 66% to 73%.
OBJ 5	To raise awareness of paper use across all Council Services.	To reduce paper use by 5% in 2019/20	Paper usage reduced by 7% across Council. Equivalent saving of 22 trees and 1.33 tonnes CO ₂ .
OBJ 6	Reduction in the amount of Single Use Plastics in use within the Council	Develop a Single Use Plastics reduction strategy and action plan for the Council	Council joined the NI Water Refillution campaign. Employees have access to re-usable bottles.
OBJ 7	To reduce utilities (electricity, natural gas and water) consumption	To identify opportunities to reduce utilities consumption by 5%	Completed October 2019.
OBJ 8	To improve understanding of electricity consumption in the Council's 3 leisure centres	Complete a detailed consumption profiling exercise for all 3 leisure centres to include half hourly demand profiling and daily consumption analysis.	Completed October 2019.
OBJ 9	Improve utilities monitoring capability	Develop a proposal/ business case for the introduction of an automatic monitoring and targeting system.	Completed October 2019.
OBJ 10	Gain overview of the scale of invasive species in MEA Council owned land.	Digitally map locations and extent of key invasive species within MEABC owned land and resources in place to manage these.	Locations are recorded as reported.
OBJ 11	Implement objectives from the Local Biodiversity Action Plan across the MEA Council area.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Help conserve habitats and species. 2. Raise awareness of local biodiversity. 3. Involve people in biodiversity projects and develop partnerships. 	Objectives successfully implemented.
OBJ 12	Increase tree planting in the Borough in support of Council motion in 2019.	Produce plan for 56,000 trees to be planted over the next five years - areas + resources	2019/20 target surpassed for year 1: 17,348 trees planted.