



**UPDATE OF EASTERN REGION WASTE  
MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT SCREENING**

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## **Title of Policy**

- The arc21 Waste Management Plan, which is being updated to account for recent developments in waste management in Northern Ireland, namely,
- The Landfill Allowance Scheme (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2004 (NILAS);
- The Northern Ireland Best Practicable Environmental Option (NI BPEO) 2005
- The Thematic Strategy on the Prevention and Recycling of Waste
- The Northern Ireland Waste Management Strategy 2006;

## **Brief Policy Description**

This Plan sets out how arc21 propose to deal with our wastes for the next 15 years. It also considers our immediate needs and changes that need to be made in waste management in light of progress since the Waste Management Plan was adopted in January 2003 and provides proposals up to 2020. The central focus of this Waste Management Plan is an analysis of the waste streams arising in the arc21 Region and associated potential for waste prevention, recycling and recovery and disposal.

This Plan sets out the range of facilities that will be needed to deliver the strategic targets and criteria for locating these. The primary areas of change from the Waste Management Plan adopted in 2003 are:

- A revised projection of municipal waste growth up to 2020 (detailed in Chapter 5);
- An updated review of the arisings of commercial, industrial, construction, demolition and excavation wastes in the arc21 region (detailed in Chapter 5);
- A chapter focused on measures to optimise waste prevention (Chapter 6); and
- An updated preferred waste management solution for arc21 consistent with the Northern Ireland BPEO ( detailed in Chapter 10)

## **Policy Aim(s)**

The principal objective of the Plan is to identify the options for managing waste within the arc21 Region, which draws the right balance between:

- meeting strategic targets for reduction, recycling and recovery
- the protection of the environment for present and future generations; and
- The provision and maintenance of sufficient disposal capacity and treatment capacity to deal with the waste produced

### **How is the policy defined?**

The policy is defined by the 11 member Councils of arc21.

### **Who are the relevant stakeholders?**

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| 1. Ratepayers/householders in each Council area                |
| 2. Members of each Council                                     |
| 3. Refuse Collection Operatives                                |
| 4. Waste Management Sections in each of the 11 Arc 21 Councils |
| 5. arc21   |
| 6. Waste management industry                                   |
| 7. Government  |

### **Please list any related policies:**

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| 1. Waste Collection Policies of each relevant Council                |
| 2. Council Equality Schemes  |
| 3. Council Health and Safety policies                                |
| 4. European, National and Regional legislation and related guidance. |

### **What data is available to assist screening?**

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| 1. Revised Plan                        |
| 2. Responses to the consultation       |
| 3. Existing Equality Impact Assessment |

### **How will the policy be implemented?**

Through the adoption by each Council and then operationally by arc21 and by each Council.

### **What factors will facilitate implementation?**

Good communication throughout the arc21 region  
Application of appropriate resources.  
Government approval and support.  
A high level of public participation and support.

### **What factors will hinder implementation?**

Delays associated with the planning process.  
Affordability incorporating central government financial support.  
Poor public participation and support

**Is implementation undertaken with other bodies/organisations?**

Yes. Implementation is undertaken in partnership with central government and the private and voluntary sectors.

**What data will be required to assist monitoring of policy implementation?**

1.Relevant statistical waste data, e.g. recycling rate, BMW landfilled etc.
2.Relevant financial data, e.g. cost of waste disposal and treatment per household
3.Residents' Satisfaction Surveys
4.Complaints
5.Participation studies
6. The Plan will be reviewed at least once every 5 years

**The following is the list of issues and the recommended practices:**

		Q1. Is there any evidence of higher or lower participation or uptake by different groups?  Tick as required	Q2. Do different groups have different needs, experiences, issues and priorities in relation to this policy issue?  Tick as required	Q3. Have consultations with relevant groups, organisations or individuals indicated that policies of this type create problems that are specific to them?  Tick as required
Yes	All 9 Groups			
	Religious belief			
	Political Opinion			
	Racial Group		x	x
	Age		x	
	Marital Status			
	Sexual Orientation			
	Gender			
	Disability		x	x
	Dependancy		x	
No				
D/Know		x		

Please give any comments for each of the questions here:	Q1. Unable to complete this section as data not available.	Q2. Language, physical ability and understanding may be barriers.	Q3. NICEM - need for accessible info for those not fluent in English. MENCAP - need for targeted information for learning disability RNIB - need for accessible information, identification of bins and avoiding footway obstruction.
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**Q4. Regarding implementing the policy, is there an opportunity to better promote equality of opportunity or good relations by altering the policy or by working with others in Government or in the larger community?**

	Yes	No
Amend policy?		x
Work with others?	x	

**Please give any additional comments below:**

There will be specific needs for each Council which must be taken into consideration. Barriers will need to be overcome including language, identification of range of containers, informing ratepayers of their responsibilities etc.

**Please summarise policy impact on the organisations obligation to have due regard to promote equality of opportunity (with particular reference to questions 1 to 4 above).**

Policy aims to ensure equality of opportunity across the arc21 region

**Are there any relevant groups that should be consulted at this time (with particular reference to question 3 above)?**

Attempted to establish an Equality Consultation Panel in 2005, with a very poor response at that time. A further attempt will be made in the late summer/early autumn.

**On the basis of answers given to the above (and with particular reference to questions 1 to 4) is the recommendation that the policy be subject to a full EQIA?**

Yes: EQIA		No: No EQIA	x
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**Please give reasons below for recommending/not recommending an EQIA:**

The revised Waste Management Plan was screened for the need for an additional EQIA to take account of the changes to the previous plan. The screening concluded that a further EQIA was not required as there is no evidence that the changes may have an adverse impact on equality of opportunity.