



<b>Subject:</b>	Proposed enforcement mechanism – banning the manufacture and sale of microbeads in cosmetic products
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<b>Restricted Reports</b>	
<b>Is this report restricted?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?</b>	
<b>After Committee Decision</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>After Council Decision</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Some time in the future</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Never</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Call-in</b>	
<b>Is the decision eligible for Call-in?</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
1.1	The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) is involved in a UK-wide project to ban the manufacture and sale of cosmetic products containing microbeads. DAERA propose to introduce bans using powers in Article 32 of the Waste and Contaminated Land (NI) Order 1997. The Chief Executive received a letter from the Permanent Secretary of DAERA requesting the Council to allow staff to be authorised by the Department for the purposes of enforcing the ban in the Belfast area.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Agree to regulatory officers in the Environmental Health Service being authorised by DAERA, for the purposes of assisting in the enforcing of the proposed legislation to</li></ul>

	ban the manufacture and sale of rinse-off cosmetic products containing plastic microbeads.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	Microbeads are tiny pieces of plastic, which are added to products such as shower gels, toothpaste and face scrubs. These are then washed down the drain and are deposited in the marine environment.
3.2	From 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2018, The Environmental Protection (Microbeads) (England) Regulations 2017 banned the manufacture of personal care products containing microbeads. From 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2018, the Regulations will prohibit the sale of any such product. Scotland, Wales and NI propose similar legislation to be in force by July 2018.
3.3	The ban will be enforced by local authorities in England and it is proposed that Scotland and Wales will follow suit. This is due to the existing enforcement powers of Regulation (EC) No 1223/2009 under the remit of consumer protection legislation. Regulatory Officers in the Environmental Health Service already deal with manufactures, importers and distributors of cosmetic products and initial research has shown that there do not appear to be any manufacturers or distributors using microbeads in the Belfast area. Regulation of the ban would not therefore be onerous and could be accommodated within existing work streams.
	<u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u>
3.4	There are no financial and resource implications associated with this report. This work can be absorbed within existing work streams at no additional cost.
	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u>
3.5	None
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>
	Appendix 1 - Letter from DAERA to Chief Executive.