



Subject:	CIWM (NI) Conference 2019: <i>Life beyond Plastics?</i> - 24 October 2019 – Titanic Belfast
Date:	6 August 2019
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Restricted Reports	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?	
After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	The Chartered Institution of Wastes Management (CIWM) (NI) is holding its biannual conference on 24 October 2019 in Titanic Belfast this year. The title of this conference is " <i>Life Beyond Plastics?</i> "
2.1	In light of the Council's ongoing work implementing the Waste Framework, developing its approach to the Circular Economy (Resourceful Belfast), the Blue Planet effect, changes to the international marketplace for the sale of recyclables, Members are asked to approve the attendance of Members at this event. It should be noted that senior officers will also be in attendance.
2.0	Recommendations
	The Committee is requested to;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> approve the Chair and Deputy Chair (or their nominees) to attend this event, and the speakers' dinner on the preceding evening. 				
3.0	Main report				
	<u>Key Issues</u>				
3.1	This year's CIWM (NI) Conference offers a line-up of expert speakers. It will be one of the biggest gatherings of its kind and will welcome key decision makers and stakeholders within the Circular Economy agenda, from product designers and waste producers to council officers and recycling champions.				
3.2	This engaging programme will be concentrating on the themes of disruption and the Circular Economy with a particular focus on plastics and the plastics recycling journey.				
3.3	Organised by the CIWM (NI) centre council, the conference will take place at the Titanic Belfast. The Keynote Speaker is Sir Tim Smit KBE, co-founder of the Eden Project in Cornwall. Mr Smit will talk about the NI Eden Project planned for the banks of the river Foyle in Derry/Londonderry extending from Foyle Bridge towards Culmore Point, based around the old stately homes of Boom Hall and Brook Hall. The intention is to create new educational opportunities for a diverse range of students, and Queen's University Belfast and Ulster University are co-operating on the project. The initiative aims to link the two estates, including previously inaccessible river frontages, to support regeneration in the city.				
3.4	The programme will also include a line-up of speakers from DAERA, CIWM, QUB, ICPEN, Denroy Plastics and others about actions and initiatives happening in NI in relation to resources and in particular, plastics.				
3.5	This year the Speakers Dinner, to be held in the Titanic Hotel the night preceding the conference, will be open to all CIWM Members. The Council is an associate member of CIWM.				
	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u>				
3.6	<p>Delegate packages and prices:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Conference Delegate Rate Only (includes lunch)</td> <td>£95.00 + VAT</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Speakers Dinner* & Conference Delegate Rate</td> <td>£145.00 + VAT</td> </tr> </table>	Conference Delegate Rate Only (includes lunch)	£95.00 + VAT	Speakers Dinner* & Conference Delegate Rate	£145.00 + VAT
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	<p>* 4 course dinner & drinks reception in Titanic Hotel, limited places</p> <p><u>Equality / Good Relations or Rural Needs Assessment Implications</u></p>
3.7	There are no relevant equality, good relations or rural need assessment issues associated with this report.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 - Draft Programme Agenda for 24 October