



Subject:	Fixed Penalty Charges – correspondence from Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
Date:	6 October 2020
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Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To inform Members of correspondence received from Newry, Mourne and Down District Council in relation to Dog Fouling Legislation and to seek their views on the proposals contained within.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> note the attached correspondence from NMDDC and advise if they are in agreement to support the proposal to raising the maximum fine payable for Fixed Penalty Notices in regard to littering and dog fouling offences; advise if they support the devolution of powers for setting Fixed Penalty rates to local councils; and advise if a letter to the DAERA Minister outlining support for these proposals should be issued
3.0	Main report
3.1	Newry, Mourne and Down District Council have written to the Chief Executive (Appendix 1) to request support for a proposal submitted to the DAERA Minister (Appendix 2) which

3.2	<p>requests that the maximum amount payable under a Fixed Penalty Notice in respect of littering and dog fouling offences be increased from the current limit of £80 to £250.</p> <p>NMDDC are also asking the DAERA Minister to consider the possibility of devolving powers for setting Fixed Penalty rates to councils.</p> <p><u>Financial implications</u></p> <p>The financial implications of any alteration of Fixed Penalty Notices fees will require review if support for this proposal is agreed for further assessment.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>There are no additional impacts related to this report.</p>
4.0	Appendices - Documents Attached
	<p>Appendix 1 - Letter to BCC from Newry, Mourne and Down District Council</p> <p>Appendix 2 - Letter to DAERA Minister from Newry, Mourne and Down District Council</p>