

Food recycling update



A number of constituents have asked the position regarding the possible restoration of the food recycling service.

The council's Head of Environment has updated me as follows :

"At the present time we are unable to recommence with the re-introduction of food waste collections, due to having to utilise available staff resources in order to ensure that the other collections are maintained. Unfortunately, the requirement to ensure safe physical distancing into waste collection operations slows down the collection operation significantly and requires more vehicles, staff and time to complete daily routes.

In order to reintroduce food waste collections, there is a similar requirement to allocate specific resources and to introduce engineering controls within cabs of the Refuse Collection Vehicles. Similar to many other local authorities, we are not yet in a position to return to regular collections of all waste streams at this time.

However, please be assured that my waste team are working hard to look at ways that we can re-introduce food waste collections over the coming months and I will provide you with more detail when I am able to update you further."

Reappointment of Non-Executive Chair to the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service

Health Minister Robin Swann, has announced the reappointment of the Non-Executive Chair of the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service (NIFRS).

Charities urged to apply for emergency funding

The COVID-19 Charities Fund is reopening on 3 August, Communities Minister Carál Ní Chuilín has today announced.

Road improvement scheme for Trench Road, Derry

A £89,000 resurfacing scheme on the Trench Road, Derry will commence on 3 August 2020 and is scheduled to last for four weeks.

Minister Swann committed to full consultation on alcohol pricing

Health Minister Robin Swann has announced his commitment to a full consultation on Minimum Unit Pricing for Alcohol.