



Progress Report – 31st December 2016.

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Service Level Agreement: Provision of Services by Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful to Belfast City Council in Respect of its Eco-Schools Programme 2016-2017.

	Delivery Date	Deliverables	Progress to date
1	Oct 2016	Organise a meeting between relevant Council and Eco-Schools staff to ensure thorough understanding of project organisation.	Initial Project meeting with Martin Doherty (BCC Waste Manager), Ian Humphreys (Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful, CEO) and Ruth Van Ry (Eco-Schools Coordinator, Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful) held on the 19 th October 2016.
2	30 th Jun 2017	At least 30 Belfast schools to have progressed through the Eco-Schools awards i.e. to achieve bronze, silver or Green Flag status by the end of June 2017. Seek progression through the awards (from Bronze to Silver to Green Flag) and encourage biennial re-application for Green Flag.	<p>Ongoing - delivered to date 6 progressions: Greenwood House – Green Flag Hazelwood Primary School – Green Flag St Joseph's College – Silver St Teresa's Primary School – Silver Springhill Primary School – Bronze St Matthew's Primary School – Bronze</p> <p>There are 185 schools in Belfast City Council. They have achieved the following highest awards: No award - 63 Bronze - 22 Silver - 39 Green Flag – 38 current, 23 lapsed.</p> <p>Eco-Schools will alert Belfast City Council of Green Flag Awards as they happen to optimise the opportunity for publicity and school engagement.</p> <p>The Eco-Schools team actions are focused on working with schools to support their progression through the programme via engagement in projects, school visits, and delivering workshops to schools, with the result that schools achieve awards by end June 2017.</p>
3	June 2017	Administer the programme for all schools within the Council area including registrations, telephone support, production of six monthly council reports and regular newsletters, arrangement and completion of schools assessments, international reporting, payment of contribution towards international membership fees and Eco-Schools programme levy, general web maintenance, financial management, promotion etc.	<p>The Eco-Schools team offer on-going support for all registered Eco-Schools including regular updates via our dedicated Eco-Schools website, social media and newsletter for schools.</p> <p>Belfast City Council is provided with a programme report every six months with the next report due March end 2017.</p>

4	Feb 2017	Annually organise two cluster group meetings to promote Eco-Schools to schools to assist schools to be active and show progression in their Eco-Schools performance and to support involvement in the Council's Eco-Schools was competition.	<p>Two cluster group meetings will be organised with different themes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Going for Awards 2. Best Practice <p>A 'Going for Awards' Cluster Group Meeting took place on 8th December 2016 at Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful's offices to encourage award progression before the end of the school year. 11 schools, 12 teaching staff, attended and viewed a presentation on project updates from Belfast City Council and Eco-Schools, including the Wheelie Big Challenge, and took part in discussions focusing on progressing the to the next award level. The resources and contact details provided during the meeting were emailed to all schools who attended.</p> <p>A Best Practice Cluster Group meeting will be organised for the end of January 2017 and will feature information from Green Flag schools, case studies and encourage participation in Belfast City Council waste projects including the Wheelie Big Challenge.</p>
5	30th June 2017	Support schools studying various Eco-Schools topics and disseminate curriculum linked educational resources to assist schools in studying the topics (waste, litter, transport, energy, water, biodiversity, school grounds, climate change, healthy living and global perspective).	<p>Waste resources will be reviewed and shared with schools for the Wheelie Big Challenge 2017. Eco-Schools staff will provide direct support for participation and completion of the Wheelie Big Challenge. There will be a food waste recycling emphasis in the Challenge for 2017 with schools being educated on the food waste legislation being introduced in April 2017 and encouraged to start composting or introduce a brown bin collection.</p> <p>The focus of school visits is on supporting the Waste topic.</p> <p>Litter and waste resources from Belfast City Council are made available to schools via the Eco-Schools website.</p>
6 7 8	June 2017	<p>To organise a promotional launch of the waste competition, the Wheelie Big Challenge, in partnership with Belfast City Council, and to promote the competition to all schools in the Council area.</p> <p>To update materials to support the delivery of the waste competition involving special, primary and post-primary schools.</p> <p>Manage the delivery of materials to schools including providing schools with the support needed to encourage increased participation in the competition.</p>	<p>The Wheelie Big Challenge waste project and competition will be run by Eco-Schools in the spring and summer terms. A press release for the Challenge will be organised for January/February.</p> <p>The Wheelie Big Challenge will launch in February 2017 allowing four months for schools to participate until the end of May 2017.</p> <p>A series of new resources will be developed for the Wheelie Big Challenge which consists of several components –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Workshop resources on the topic of waste, the importance of recycling and reducing food waste. 2. Practical actions for the school to take to improve recycling and reduce food waste at school. 3. Home based actions and homework tasks to encourage less food waste and recycling at home. 4. A competition based on the reported actions taken at school and home.

			<p>Schools participating in the Challenge will be provided with advice and information on how to implement a school recycling system and practical ideas on reducing food waste.</p> <p>Eco-Schools staff will work directly with schools to support their participation and completion of the Wheelie Big Challenge competition entry by the end of May 2017.</p> <p>A final judging and prize giving will take part during the event scheduled for June 2017 in Belfast City Hall.</p>
9	Jun 2017	Provide targeted actions via the schools to encourage families to reduce consumption, increase recycling and tackle food waste.	<p>Schools will be encouraged to engage their wider community through the Eco-Schools Programme.</p> <p>The Wheelie Big Challenge will include home based actions and information on how to reduce food waste. Love Food Hate Waste resources will also be promoted as part of the Wheelie Big Challenge home actions.</p>
10	30 th Jun 2017	Work with the Council to organise a final event for the waste competition and an official Green Flag presentation ceremony.	An event will be held in Belfast City Hall in June 2017 which will be the final event and competition judging for the Wheelie Big Challenge. The event will also incorporate the official presentations of some Green Flags awarded throughout 2016/2017. A press release will be organised high-lighting the success of Eco-Schools in the last academic year with Belfast City Council support.
11		Provide quarterly reports to the Council (Dec 2016; Mar 2017; June 2017 and an end of project annual report July 2017)	<p>Eco-Schools will provide a quarterly report on progress in the council area.</p> <p>Next report due March 2017.</p>

	Delivery Date	Added Value	Progress to date
1		To include approximately 10 schools in the Wrigley Litter Less Campaign (bringing additional financial resource to the schools).	7 Belfast City Council schools have confirmed participation in the Wrigley's Litter Less Campaign. Each school who participates will receive £329 of funding for the project.
2		To facilitate at least one Wrigley's Litter Less community action day on the theme of waste in the Belfast City Council area	Facilitating a community day is a requirement of the Wrigley's Litter Less Campaign for schools. Eco-Schools will support one of the participating Belfast schools on a waste focused community day with additional funding of £195 being provided to the school.
3		Hosting of the Eco-Schools Teachers Conference in March 2017, in Belfast, which will invite teachers from all over NI to attend a special Eco-Schools event inspiring participation and progression in the programme, and involvement in various topics including waste/resource efficiency. The event will include, guest speakers, the presentation of the Eco Teacher of the Year award and Ambassador	<p>The Eco-Schools Teachers Conference is scheduled for the 9th March 2017 in Stranmillis College. The event is expected to host over 40 teachers from around NI, delivery partners and other environmental educators in an informative day including keynote speakers, workshops and exhibit areas. Awards for Eco Teacher of the Year and Ambassador Eco-Schools will be handed out on the day.</p> <p>Belfast City Council are invited to exhibit on the day. The Eco-Schools exhibit stand will provide award information and topic information including waste to the attending teachers.</p>



	Eco-School presentations. It is anticipated that the event will attract some media attention.	Keynote speakers are Judy Braus from NAAEE and Dr William Bird from Innovation Health.
4	To engage approximately 30 Belfast schools in the Live Here Love Campaign (a nationwide Civic Pride Campaign supported by the Council) to raise the profile of responsible waste management among schools in the council area and to support the in the measurement of litter reduction as a result.	The Live Here Love Here Small Grants Scheme provided funding to 5 schools in the Belfast City Council area in December 2016. Live Here Love Here will be promoted again as the platform for the BIG Spring Clean in April 2017.

Belfast City Council Eco-Schools Key Statistics:

Total Schools in BCC	185
Total No. of registered Eco-Schools	185
No. of new Eco-Schools	0
Percentage of Total Schools in Council area registered as Eco-Schools	100%
Bronze awards	22
Silver awards	39
Green Flags	38 current and 23 lapsed

Appendixes

Appendix 1 – School Engagement Dec 2016

I hope this information is sufficient. If you require any further details please do not hesitate to contact me.

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