



Subject:	Service Level Agreement between the Drinking Water Inspectorate and Belfast City Council with regard to Private Water Supplies
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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	In Northern Ireland drinking water supplies are either provided through the public water supply or via private supplies. Northern Ireland Water Ltd (NI Water) supplies water to over 99% of the Northern Ireland population; the remainder of the population is served by private water supplies.
1.2	In Northern Ireland, water supplies are mostly obtained from surface water sources (approximately 99%) which include upland impounding reservoirs, rivers and loughs with the remainder being groundwater sources.

1.3	Approximately 800,000 domestic, agricultural, commercial and business properties in Northern Ireland are connected to the public water supply.
1.4	Private water supplies are defined as any supplies of water provided otherwise than by NI Water. Private water supplies are diverse in nature and range from those which serve single domestic dwellings through to those supplying large commercial properties. Belfast has currently 9 private water supplies.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider and endorse the draft Service Level Agreement (Appendix 1) and authorise the Director of City and Neighbourhood Services to sign the agreement on the Council's behalf.
3.0	Key Issues
3.1	The quality of drinking water at private water supplies in Northern Ireland is monitored under the Private Water Supplies Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 (as amended). The statutory body responsible for the monitoring and enforcement regimes under these regulations is the DWI (the Inspectorate).
3.2	The DWI a business unit within the Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA), part of the Department for the Environment & Rural Affairs.
3.3	In implementing the requirements under the regulations the Inspectorate works closely with the Environmental Health Departments who carry out sampling at private water supplies and liaise with owners/users of these supplies during the investigation of exceedances of water quality standards.
3.4	The Inspectorate has an arrangement with the Environmental Health Service to undertake sampling at private water supplies on its behalf. An annual sampling programme is in place which details the frequency of sampling for each site. The frequency of sampling is set within the Regulations and is proportionate to the volume of water used or the population served by the supply.
3.5	This agreement outlines the arrangement between the Drinking Water Inspectorate for Northern Ireland (DWI) and the City and Neighbourhood Services Department of Belfast City Council, appointed as a competent person, for the purposes of undertaking on behalf of the DWI risk assessments and sampling of private water supplies under The Private

<p>3.6</p> <p>3.7</p> <p>3.8</p>	<p>Water Supplies Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 (as amended)</p> <p>It defines each party's role, responsibilities and obligations. It will also enable the DWI to individually authorise the Council to carry out duties on their behalf. The agreement will be in place for 2 years and then bi-annually subject to a review process.</p> <p>The document has been reviewed by the Council's Legal Services Department.</p> <p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>The DWI have set the following fees for all District Councils:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="331 656 1428 864"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="331 656 884 707">Activity</th> <th data-bbox="884 656 1428 707">Unit Cost</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="331 707 884 759">Scheduled Sample Collection</td> <td data-bbox="884 707 1428 759">£75/sample</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="331 759 884 810">Resample Collection (Investigation)</td> <td data-bbox="884 759 1428 810">£75/sample</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="331 810 884 864">Completion of Risk Assessment</td> <td data-bbox="884 810 1428 864">£150/risk assessment</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>There are no relevant equality considerations associated with the delivery of the service level agreement.</p>	Activity	Unit Cost	Scheduled Sample Collection	£75/sample	Resample Collection (Investigation)	£75/sample	Completion of Risk Assessment	£150/risk assessment
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<p>4.0</p>	<p>Appendices – Documents Attached</p>								
	<p>Appendix 1- Draft Service level agreement between the Drinking Water Inspectorate and Belfast City Council.</p>								