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# **Inspection & Compliance plan under RMCEI 2022**

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## Glossary/Definitions

Activity - The aim of the activity should be to achieve the intermediate outcomes and/or the final environmental outcome associated with the National Priority

Additional Intermediate outcome – Other outcomes, identified by a Council, outside those that have been specified by the EPA in the RMCEI Return template

ATF – Authorised Treatment Facility (processing of ELVs);

Baseline - To measure the progress in achieving the intermediate outcome over time, a baseline value must be established. Data gathered in subsequent years can then be compared to the baseline value in order to measure progress towards achieving the intermediate outcome.

C&D – Construction & Demolition (Waste);

CCMA – County & City Management Association;

CoR – Certificate of Registration;

DAFM – Department of Agriculture Food & Marine;

DECC – Department of the Environment, Climate Action & Communications;

DHPLH – Department of Housing, Planning, Local Government and Heritage;

DWWTS – Domestic Wastewater Treatment System;

Environmental inspection according to RMCEI includes:

- site visits,
- monitoring achievement of environmental quality standards,
- consideration of environmental audit reports and statements,
- consideration and verification of any self-monitoring carried out by or on behalf of operators of controlled installations,
- assessing the activities and operations carried out at the controlled installation,
- checking the premises and the relevant equipment (including the adequacy with which it is maintained) and the adequacy of the environmental management at the site,
- checking the relevant records kept by the operators of controlled installations.

ELV – End of Life Vehicle;

EPA – Environmental Protection Agency;

Final Environmental Outcome - is a measurable change in the environment, e.g. cleaner air or improved water quality

GAP – Good Agricultural Practice for the protection of waters Regulations;

LAWPRO – Local Authority Waters Programme;

Metric – A metric is a way of measuring the progress to achieving the intermediate outcome or the objective

NIECE – Network for Ireland's Environmental Compliance & Enforcement;

NIP – National Inspection Plan;

Non-routine inspection – an inspection carried out in such cases in response to complaints, in connection with the issuing, renewal or modification of an authorisation, permit or licence, or in the investigation of accidents, incidents and occurrences of non-compliance.

PMDS – Performance Management Development System;

PRI/EPRI – Producer Responsibility Initiative or EPRI Extended Producer Responsibility Initiative;

RBMP – River Basin Management Plan;

RMCEI – EU Recommendation on Minimum Criteria for Environmental Inspections;

Routine inspection – an inspection carried out as part of a planned inspections programme, e.g. scheduled inspection of a permitted facility, scheduled monitoring of a licensed discharged; compliance assessment of a regulated facility, etc.

Specified Intermediate outcome – Those intermediate Outcomes specified by the EPA in the RMCEI Return template

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TARGET - Once the baseline is established, the goal should be to reduce/increase the baseline value over time, thereby achieving the intermediate outcome. A target is the value to which the baseline value is aimed to be reduced (or increased) to for that year. A qualitative target can be developed where a baseline has not been established or targets may also be set centrally to ensure a consistent approach to achieving an intermediate outcome/objective”

VOC – Volatile Organic Compounds;

WEEE – Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment;

WERLA – Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authority;

WFD – Water Framework Directive;

WFP – Waste Facility Permit.

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## 1. Introduction

### 1.1 Plan Details

Table 1: Plan Details

<b>Geographic Area</b>	187 km <sup>2</sup>
<b>Population</b>	210,000
<b>Calendar Year</b>	2021
<b>RMCEI Coordinator Name and Position</b>	Tony O Sullivan, Senior Executive Engineer

### 1.2 Expected Known Once-Off Challenges that may be Faced in Implementation of this Plan

Table 2 Expected Known Once-Off Challenges that may be Faced in Implementation of this Plan (if any) & how these will be Addressed

Description of known challenge and outline of how these will be addressed
1. Holding onto experienced staff has been a challenge
2. Providing the necessary training for new staff in 2022 e.g., delays due to Covid-19 restrictions. the new course in at LIT Sligo organised through the WERLA should help in 2022
3. although restrictions have lifted to a degree Conducting inspections face-to-face will continue to be difficult and therefore may inhibit the quality of the information coming in during investigations.
4. Illegal dumping and littering offence continue to take up valuable resources including gatherings at outdoor locations unorganised and uncontrolled.
5.

### 1.3 Staff Structure

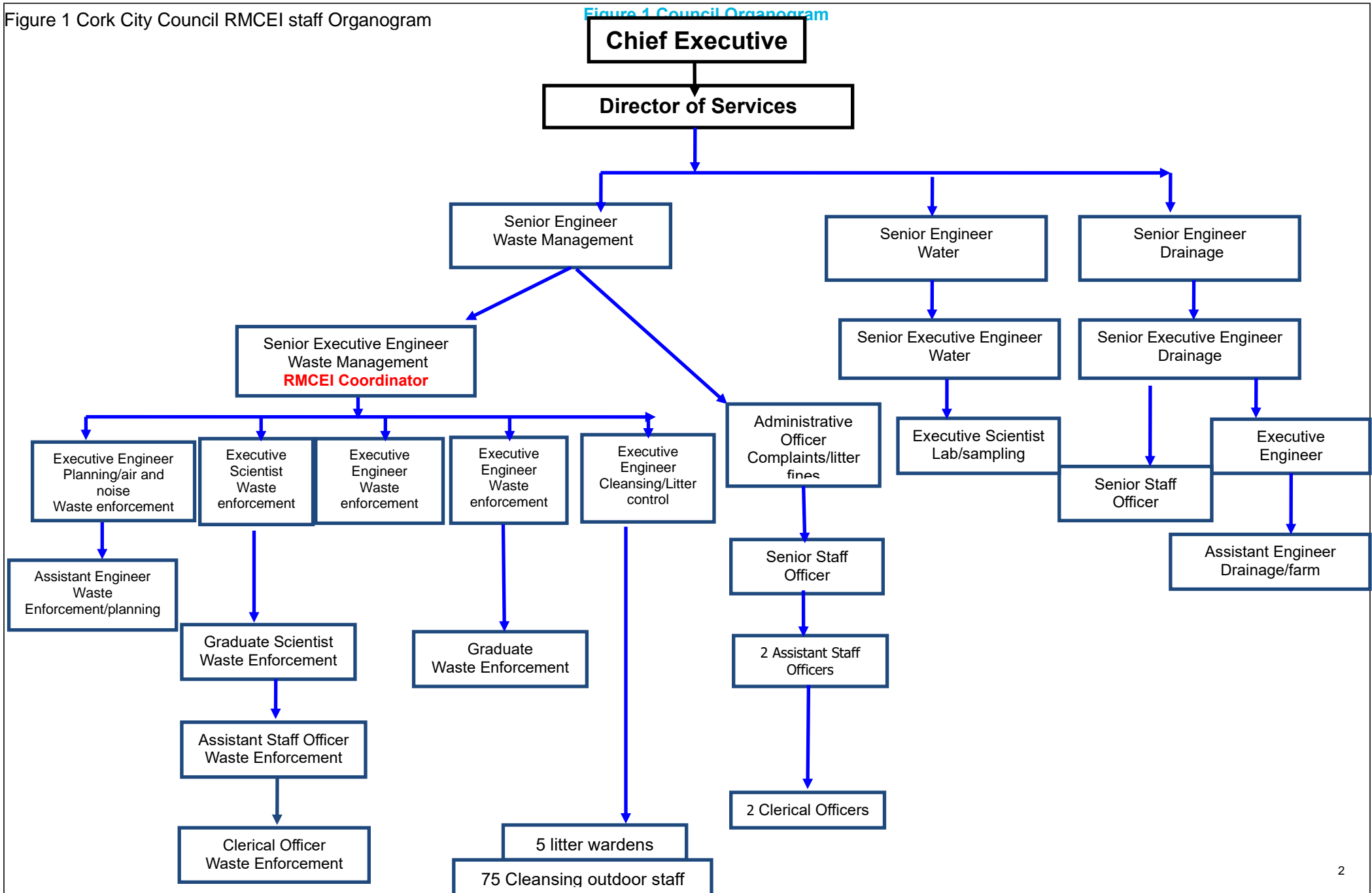
The resources for undertaking environmental inspections are shown in Section 5. A more comprehensive explanation of the available staff time is set out in Table 7. Resources in the Section are split between routine and non-routine inspections. Routine inspections are planned based on risk prioritisation of facilities/premises. Staff resources are prioritised to undertake routine inspections while the remaining time is allocated to non-routine inspections.

The Environment Section plans to carry out 6,958 inspections in 2022 which is up from 6,621 in 2021. This is mainly due to increase in available resources as well as new staff becoming familiar with legislation and procedures. It is estimated that these inspections will take 2,512 days to complete. The Section has available capacity of 2,512 days for inspections in 2022. Therefore, sufficient resources are available to carry out the 2022 planned inspections.

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Figure 1 Cork City Council RMCEI staff Organogram

Figure 1 Council Organogram



## 2. Priorities for Environmental Enforcement for the Year Ahead

### 2.1 National Environmental Enforcement Priorities for the Year Ahead

Table 3 National Environmental Priorities Checklist

Ref. No	National Environmental Priorities	Have you completed a National Priority Template for this Priority (Appendix A)?		Where you have answered 'No' please provide a comment to explain.
		Yes	No	
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Water - Improving Water Status in all waterbodies</b>			
1.1	Pressures from Agriculture (slurry/soiled water collection and storage)	Yes		
1.2	Pressures from Agriculture (slurry and fertiliser spreading)	Yes		
1.3	DWWTS/Septic Tanks	Yes		
1.4	Discharge licences/ Misconnections	Yes		
1.5	Local Priorities and water quality monitoring	Yes		
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Air - Protecting public health and to improve and maintain air quality</b>			
2.1	Solid Fuel	Yes		
2.2	Air Quality Monitoring and Data Use	Yes		
2.3	Environmental Noise Directive (ENDs)	Yes		
2.4	Air and Noise Control (including Planning)	Yes		
2.5	Ongoing Air and Noise Enforcement Work	Yes		
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Waste - Improving waste management and protecting our environment</b>			
3.1	Tackling illegal waste activities and Multi-Agency Sites of Concern	Yes		
3.2	Construction and Demolition waste	Yes		
3.3	ELV and Metals	Yes		
3.4	Household & Commercial waste	Yes		
3.5	Producer Responsibility Initiatives and additional local priorities	Yes		

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### 2.2 Ongoing RMCEI/Local Priorities

**Table 4 (i) Additional Local Priorities**

Local Priorities	Yes	No	Where you have answered 'No' please provide a reason why
Are additional local priorities included in the Plan for the year ahead?	<b>Yes</b>		<p><i>In addition to the national priorities a number of local priorities have been identified and for each of these a template has been completed and is attached in appendix A</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Waste complaints</i></li> <li>• <i>Enforcement actions and ongoing court cases</i></li> <li>• <i>Litter enforcement.</i></li> </ul>

**Table 5 (ii) Work Planned with Regional Lead Authorities**

Authority	Plans for the Year ahead
<p>This may include work with some of the following bodies not referred to above:</p> <p>e.g., WERLA, Teagasc &amp; Dept of Agriculture Food &amp; the Marine (DAFM), EPA, DECC &amp; DHPLG or LAWPRO (including LAWCO)</p> <p>If all such work has already been referred to above leave this blank.</p>	<p>Cork City Council works closely with WERLA's, An Garda Siochana and other local authorities. We also carry out projects with the probation service, cork business association and cork rotary clubs as well as community associations.</p> <p>We attend regular meetings with WERLA and the Southern Regional Authority, as well as multiagency meetings which are to resume after they had been put on hold due to covid. During these meetings we will set out plans and have a coordinated approach to work.</p> <p>The plan for 2022 is to continue this working relationship and target the national priorities in a coordinated fashion. Utilising plans set out by WERLA These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anti-Dumping Initiative</li> <li>• Packaging Regulations</li> <li>• PRI's</li> <li>• ELV's</li> <li>• Site of interest</li> </ul>

### 3. Risk Assessment

Table 6 Selection of Sites for Assessment in the Year Ahead

Type of Regulated Installation (i.e. Discharge Licences/ Waste Permit Facilities / Certificate of Registration)	Total No. of Installations in your functional area	Total No. of Installations in your functional area Per Risk Category			No. Of Inspections Planned Per Risk Category <sup>1</sup>			Total No. Of Inspections Planned	Additional Comment (e.g. include rationale for selection of sites to be inspected and/or indicate whether any of the inspections planned include installations that have been recommended for inspected by Lead Authorities)
		A	B	C	A	B	C		
Waste Facility Permit	23			23			23	23	These facilities have a risk rating of C and therefore will be inspected as necessary in this case we plan to inspect most sites
Discharge Licence	6			6			6	6	
Cert of registration	11			11			9	9	These facilities have a risk rating of C and therefore will be inspected as necessary in this case we plan to inspect most sites
Petroleum Vapour Regulations	63			63			10	10	Inspection carried out in rotation to correspond with licence
Deco Paints	33			33			10	10	Inspection carried out in rotation to correspond with licence
Solvent Regulations	9			9			3	3	Inspection carried out in rotation to correspond with licence
Dangerous substances Licence	63			63			10	10	These facilities have a risk rating of C and therefore will be inspected as necessary or when a licence is due for renewal
Self-compliance under Packaging Regulations	2			2			2	2	There are only 2 self-compliers so they both will be inspected
<b>Total No. Of Inspections Planned</b>								73	

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### 4. Resource Assessment for the Year Ahead

#### 4.1 Review of the Achievement of the Previous Years Inspection Targets

Table 7 Review of Previous Years Inspections

<b>Inspection Type</b> <i>Figures available from your RMCEI return (Section 6) or previous years RMCEI plan</i>	<b>No. of Planned Inspections set out at the start of the Previous Year</b>	<b>No. of Completed Inspections at the end of the Previous Year</b>	<b>Outline any reason for significant difference in completed versus planned figures (i.e. +/- 25%)</b>	<b>Please provide a brief narrative to demonstrate that the previous years completed inspections have been considered when planning the inspections for the year ahead</b>
Routine Waste Inspections	430	479	Increase of 11% due to more household investigations in waste presentation.	
Non-Routine Waste Inspections	150	165	Slight increase in inspections mainly due to increase in article 27 inspections.	Anticipated inspections for 2022 will be based on 2021 inspections completed
Routine Litter Patrols/Investigations	5189	4840	A decrease of 6.7% due to a litter warden's being out sick	The number of planned inspections should be back on track for 2022
Routine Water/Wastewater Inspections	133	253	Major increase mainly due to a settling in period as a result of transition and the newly acquired rivers and farms within the boundary area as well as building a knowledge and experience increase of 90%.	This number of inspections will be carried forward to 2022,
Non-Routine Water/Wastewater Inspections	29	32	Slight increase in inspections due to increased number of complaints. Increase of approx. 10%	We will use completed inspections for 2021 as baseline for inspections to be carried out in 2022
Routine Air/Noise Inspections	80	85	Slight increase approx. 6% mainly due to more solid fuel inspections.	We will use completed inspections for 2021 as baseline for inspections to be carried out in 2022
Non-Routine Air/Noise Inspections	28	53	Increase of 89% in inspections mainly due to increase in Noise complaints due to outdoor dining/music	Use number of completed inspections as baseline figure for 2022.
Routine producer Responsibility Inspections	57	72	Increase of 26% due to relaxation of covid restrictions as well as better training for staff	Use 2021 completed figure as planned inspections for 2022
Planning inspections	421	450	Steady stream of desktop inspections in relation to planning files has increased each year for the past 3 years.	Use 2021 completed figure as planned inspections for 2022

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### 4.2 Number of Staff Days Available

Table 8 Resources Available to undertake required Work for the Year Ahead

Department	Available Resources	Name	Focus Area for this Resource (please ensure you outline which National Environmental Priority area this resource will be associated with)	Available days for RMCEI (both routine and non-routine)	Basis of calculating Resource Available days (take account of e.g. job-sharing, full/part-time working, expected leave, secondment to other work areas and therefore unavailable, basis for a standard working year e.g. 220 days)
Waste Enforcement	Senior Engineer	Noel Murtagh	waste/regulation and litter control	10	100
	Sen. Exec. Engineer	Tony O'Sullivan	waste/regulation and litter control	61	200
	Executive Engineer	Owen O'Sullivan	waste /regulation	160	200
	Graduate Scientist / Exec. Engineer	Eva Martin	waste/PRI	70	200
	Executive Scientist	Eilish O'Boyle	waste	110	150
	Executive Engineer	Kevin McGill	waste /regulation/noise	160	200
	Executive Engineer	Con O'Flynn	Air/Planning	88	100
	Grade 1 Technician	Pat Murphy	Air/noise/Planning	122	150
	Executive Scientist	Kevin Ryan	Air	10	40
	Staff Officer	Deirdre O'Shea	Complaints/non routine	70	200
	Assistant Staff Officer	Kieran Browne	waste /regulation	100	150
	Clerical Officer	Jean Kent	Complaints/non routine/waste	10	50
	Staff Officer	Sinead O Leary	Complaints/non routine/waste/PRI	40	100
Litter Control	Executive Engineer	John Keane	Litter control	34	200
	Litter Warden	Noel Long	Litter control	100	220
	Litter Warden	Barry Hughes	Litter control	155	220
	Litter Warden	Cormac O'Callaghan	Litter control	155	220
	Litter Warden	Geno Cox	Litter control	155	220

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	Litter Warden	Kevin O'Sullivan	Litter control	155	220
	Litter Warden	Darren Fitzgerald	Litter control	155	220
	Area Foreman	Ursula Cunningham	Litter control	70	220
	Area Foreman	Mick Rawley	Litter control	70	220
	Area Foreman	Timmy Ryall	Litter control	70	220
	Area Foreman	Vincent Forde	Litter control	70	220
	Administrative Officer	Michael Sheehan	Litter control	0	220
	Staff Officer	Pauline Olden	Litter control	0	220
	Clerical Officer	Stephanie O'Regan	Litter control	0	220
Water and wastewater	Senior Engineer	Helena O'Riordan	water and wastewater	4	10
Water and wastewater	Senior Executive Engineer	James Goulding	water and wastewater	4	10
Water and wastewater	Senior Engineer	Sean Lynch	water and wastewater	4	5
Water and wastewater	Executive Scientist	Michael McGrath	water and wastewater	50	165
Water and wastewater	Grade 2 Technician	Annette Cotter	water and wastewater	60	165
Water and wastewater	Grade 1 Technician	Pat Foley	water and wastewater	20	80
Water and wastewater	Executive Technician	Liz O'Leary	water and wastewater	20	80
Water and wastewater	Executive Engineer	Michelle Keane	water and wastewater	150	200
Water and wastewater	Staff Officer	Ann Whyte	water and wastewater	10	20
<b>TOTAL DAYS AVAILABLE</b>				<b>2512</b>	<b>5635</b>

### 4.3 Training Requirements

The implementation of this Plan requires the development of certain competencies within the inspection team. The necessary competencies identified as part of the preparation of this inspection plan are:

- Inspection Skills Course
- Environmental Auditing Course
- Dealing with aggressive behaviour
- New staff receive induction training specific to the section.

Training for relevant staff members, including refresher training and training for new personnel, is organised as required. We currently have staff participating in online training through Sligo IT for "Waste Policy & Legislation & the Regulation of Waste Activities"

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the following training was given in 2021 and as mainly conducted online. These courses will continue in 2022 and staff are already enrolled in several of these which also tie into there PDP.

Course/Training completed in 2021	Training given by	No of people trained
Safe Pass	SOLAS	3
Pilot Course - Management of Construction & Demolition Waste for Local Authority Operations & Project Based Staff	Ballincollig regional training centre	4
Covid awareness training	Cork City Council	12
Open-Source Training	La Touché Training	5
Implementing CDW & Resource Management Best Practice	SRWMO	4
waste management cert (Sligo IT)		1
Introduction to the AACI Planning Guidance Document	Association of Acoustic Consultants of Ireland	1
Courtroom Skills Training	Hanley Consulting & Training	1
LA climate action raising awareness	Cork City Council	12

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#### 4.4 Health and Safety

Safety is paramount when carrying out inspections and monitoring. All inspections are carried out in accordance with the Council's Safety Statement and Plan which was updated in January 2022.

When on site, City Council personnel comply with the site's safety procedures. Local Authority staff may, where they deem it necessary, contact An Garda Siochana and ask to be accompanied on site. All inspectors have an up to date SAFEPASS.

Ancillary health and safety plans are up-to-date and have taken account of risk factors in relation to Covid-19. All personnel have been made aware of this and have signed off on Covid-related training as well as online refresher training

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## 5. PLANNED INSPECTIONS/OTHER ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

### 5.1 Planned Routine & Non-Routine Inspections

Table 9 Summary of Planned Routine & Non-Routine Inspections for the Year Ahead

	Inspection Types	Planned Inspections for Year	Estimate time per inspection & write up (days)	No. of Inspections Days for this Inspection Type	Local Authority Comments for Planned Inspections for the Year Ahead
<b>Waste</b>					
	<b>Total Routine Inspections end of year</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>285</b>	Routine inspections for the year are dependent on a number of factors in relation to covid and lockdown. Although we can overcome this in certain areas, some areas remain a challenge such as the entertainment and catering premises and we may have to alter the plan as we progress through the year. The number of planned inspections is up from 430 in 2021 to 450 in 2022.
	<b>Total Non-Routine Inspections end of year</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>1.73</b>	<b>287</b>	Non Routine inspections are Cork City Council's priority and generally arise as a result of a Service Level Request. The planned inspections for the year are estimated based on the previous year.
	<b>Total Inspections end of year</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>0.79</b>	<b>572</b>	Overall there is an increase of 15 inspections planned for 2022. This figure is based on what was achieved in 2021.
<b>Litter</b>					
	<b>Total Routine Inspections end of year</b>	<b>5189</b>	<b>0.23</b>	<b>1189</b>	Litter inspections are generally carried out by litter wardens. However, the street cleaning supervisors also carry out inspections and respond to Service Level Requests. Averaging approx. 4 per day, the number of planned inspections is the same as what was planned in 2021.
	<b>Total Inspections end of year</b>	<b>5189</b>	<b>0.23</b>	<b>1189</b>	
<b>Water/Wastewater</b>					
	<b>Total Routine Inspections end of year</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>295</b>	
	<b>Total Non-Routine Inspections end of year</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>0.84</b>	<b>27</b>	
	<b>Total Inspections end of year</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>0.98</b>	<b>322</b>	

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	Inspection Types	Planned Inspections for Year	Estimate time per inspection & write up (days)	No. of Inspections Days for this Inspection Type	Local Authority Comments for Planned Inspections for the Year Ahead
<b>Air/Noise Inspections</b>					
	<b>Total Routine Inspections end of year</b>	85	0.5	42	<b>Slight increase in planned inspections from 202.</b>
	<b>Total Non-Routine Inspections end of year</b>	53	2	106	Significant increase in planned inspections due to the increase in complaints in 2021 mainly relating to outdoor activities e.g. beer gardens.
	<b>Total Inspections end of year</b>	138	1.07	148	
<b>Producer Responsibility Inspections</b>					
	<b>Total Routine Inspections end of year</b>	72	0.33	24	Planned inspections based on what was carried out in 2021
	<b>Total Non-Routine Inspections end of year</b>				
	<b>Total Inspections end of year</b>	72	0.33	24	
<b>Planning (Environmental) Inspections</b>					
	<b>Total Routine Inspections end of year</b>	450	0.28	126	Planning inspections are mostly desk-top related and mostly dealing with domestic properties. However, some larger schemes can take time to go through there has been an increase from last year these include Strategic housing development (SHD) applications
	<b>Total Non-Routine Inspections end of year</b>				
	<b>Total Inspections end of year</b>	450	0.28	126	

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### 5.2 Outstanding Enforcement Actions & Complaints Requiring Resources for the Year Ahead

**Table 10 Outstanding Enforcement Actions & Complaints to be Closed Out**

Inspection Type	No. of Inspections to close out in the Year Ahead	Estimate time per inspection+ write up (days)	Time for all Inspections (days)
<b>Outstanding Complaints</b>			
4.1.1 Litter (excluding fly tipping and illegal dumping)	50	0.3	15
4.1.2 Waste, non C&D. Includes fly tipping and illegal dumping	30	1	30
4.1.3 Waste, C&D.	2	1	2
4.2 Water/Wastewater	3	1	1
4.3 Air/Odour	3	2	6
4.4 Noise	12	2	24
<b>Outstanding enforcement Actions</b>			
Warning Letters	15	0.2	3
Section Notices	1	1	1
Complaints	30	0.3	9
Court Cases	10	4	40
Etc.			
<b>Total</b>	<b>146</b>		<b>131</b>

### 5.3 Summary of Resource Requirements

**Table 11 Summary of Inspections to Complete and Resources Required for the Year Ahead**

Inspection Type	No. of Inspections Planned for the Year Ahead	Total Time for all Inspections (days)
<b>Total Routine Inspections – (obtained from completed rows A-F of Section 6 of the RMCEI Return)</b>	<b>6561</b>	<b>1961</b>
<b>Total Non-Routine Inspections end of year – (obtained from completed rows A-F of Section 6 of the RMCEI Return)</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>420</b>
<b>Outstanding Enforcement Action &amp; Complaints to be Closed out – (outlined in Table 9)</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>131</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6958</b>	<b>2512</b>
<b>Total Available Resources (Days) – (outlined in section 5 Table 8 of the Plan)</b>		<b>2512</b>

The Total available resources are in balance with the total time for inspections for 2022. However, it is worth noting that there are several people from table 7 above that although are not counted in the inspection days they will be involved in administration e.g., litter control.

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## 6. PLAN REVIEW MECHANISMS

Table 12 Summary checklist of plan review mechanism


Question	Yes	No
Q1 Have progress implementation meetings been planned to be undertaken to assess Plan progress through the year?	Yes	
Q2 Will the Director of Services, Senior Engineer, Senior Management and Environment Strategic Policy Committee be informed of Plan progress (on a monthly or quarterly basis).	Yes	
Q3 Are objectives for the delivery of the RMCEI Plan incorporated within staff PMDS Team Development Plans?	Yes	
Q4 If aspects of the Plan need to change (i.e. achieved good progress in some areas and are behind in other areas), as a result of a quarterly review, is there a mechanism in place to implement the change?	Yes	
Q5 Will monitoring of the progress of the Plan be documented (i.e. monthly/quarterly monitoring reports, preparation of minutes and circulation of same in relation to any progress meetings)?	Yes	


## **Appendix A PRIORITY TEMPLATE**

### **A.1 NATIONAL PRIORITY 1.1**

**Local Authority: Cork City Council**

**National Water/Wastewater Priorities**

National Priority; Pressure from agriculture (Slurry/soiled water collection)	
	Activities
<b>Looking forward to the year ahead</b> 	<b>Tell the story of what your council plans to do on this priority in the year ahead. You are not required to duplicate other information within this plan.</b>
<p><b>1. Describe the work to be carried out to address this National/Additional Local priority <u>FOR THE YEAR AHEAD</u> – including:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaborative work with WERLA, LAWPRO, EPA, Catchment Care Projects etc.</li> <li>• Site selection methodology and plan for early interventions and compliance inspections</li> <li>• Compliance promotion &amp; awareness raising activities</li> <li>• Cross organisations activities on data validation, data analysis, guidance development or multiagency investigations</li> <li>• Case studies</li> <li>• Significant enforcement actions/prosecutions and the outcomes such as remediation, sharing of lessons learnt to aid national consistency of enforcement</li> </ul>	<p><b>Pressure from agriculture (Slurry/soiled water collection)</b></p> <p>Cork City Council's Farm inspections was limited to 2no. desktop investigations and 1 no site visit in conjunction with planning application files in 2021. It is planned to increase these inspections in 2022 as our knowledge base grows.</p> <p>There are 300 farms identified in the cork city council area but with no background knowledge further desktop investigations and collaboration with Cork county council is needed</p> <p>A review of data and a complete list of farms in the extended boundary area is to be finalised. Cork city council will continue to engage with the DAFM and inspect farms identified as having breached the law.</p>
<p><b>2. Have appropriate resources being assigned to carry out the work associated with this activity <u>FOR THE YEAR AHEAD</u>?</b></p>	Yes
<b>The Final Environmental Outcome to be achieved?</b>	Groundwater and surface waters improved; GAP (Good Agricultural Practice) objectives realised


National Priority; Pressure from agriculture (Slurry Fertilizer spreading)	
	Activities
<b>Looking forward to the year ahead</b> 	<b>Tell the story of what your council plans to do on this priority in the year ahead. You are not required to duplicate other information within this plan.</b>
<p><b>3. Describe the work to be carried out to address this National/Additional Local priority <u>FOR THE YEAR AHEAD</u> – including:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaborative work with WERLA, LAWPRO, EPA, Catchment Care Projects etc.</li> <li>• Site selection methodology and plan for early interventions and compliance inspections</li> <li>• Compliance promotion &amp; awareness raising activities</li> <li>• Cross organisations activities on data validation, data analysis, guidance development or multiagency investigations</li> <li>• Case studies</li> <li>• Significant enforcement actions/prosecutions and the outcomes such as remediation, sharing of lessons learnt to aid national consistency of enforcement</li> </ul>	<p><b>Pressure from agriculture (Slurry/soiled water collection)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experience and Expertise in this area is required and further training will take place in 2022.</li> <li>• Sites for inspections will be chosen based on information received through complaints system or through dialog with DAFM.</li> <li>• A review of data and a complete list of farms in the extended boundary area is to be finalised.</li> <li>• Cork city council will continue to engage with the DAFM and inspect farms identified as having breached the law.</li> </ul>
<p><b>4. Have appropriate resources being assigned to carry out the work associated with this activity <u>FOR THE YEAR AHEAD</u>?</b></p>	<p>Yes</p>
<b>The Final Environmental Outcome to be achieved?</b>	Groundwater and surface waters improved; GAP (Good Agricultural Practice) objectives realised


National Priority; DWWTs/ Septic Tanks	
	Activities
<b>Looking forward to the year ahead</b>	<b>Tell the story of what your council plans to do on this priority in the year ahead. You are not required to duplicate other information within this plan.</b>
<p><b>5. Describe the work to be carried out to address this National/Additional Local priority <u>FOR THE YEAR AHEAD</u> – including:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaborative work with WERLA, LAWPRO, EPA, Catchment Care Projects etc.</li> <li>• Site selection methodology and plan for early interventions and compliance inspections</li> <li>• Compliance promotion &amp; awareness raising activities</li> <li>• Cross organisations activities on data validation, data analysis, guidance development or multiagency investigations</li> <li>• Case studies</li> <li>• Significant enforcement actions/prosecutions and the outcomes such as remediation, sharing of lessons learnt to aid national consistency of enforcement</li> </ul>	<p><b>DWWTs/ Septic Tanks</b></p> <p>Cork City Council inspected 6no. sites under the National Inspection Plan as per the EPA guidelines in 2021. Cork city council plan to carry out inspections on a further 6 sites in 2022 again this will be done on a risk bases inline with the EPA’s Risk Zone maps based on environmental risk.</p> <p>A continuation of the training programme cork city council have in relation to “Inspection of DWWTs” for 2022.</p> <p>Cork City will commence it’s NIP for 2022. Again, sites will be selected using an environmental risk-based methodology and picked from EPA’s Risk Zone maps based on environmental risk. Follow up on non-compliance notices will issue were required. Investigations following complaints of non-compliance which may occur during 2022 will be carried out. Any LAWPRO referrals will also be investigated, and appropriate actions implemented.</p> <p>Cork City Council will continue to engage and raise awareness through the CCC website regarding septic tank inspections and requirement to register on protectourwater.ie Engagement through issuing of condition on planning applications to register DWWTs on protectourwater.ie will be maintained. Continued training of staff is planned to ensure resilience and safeguard service delivery.</p>
<p><b>6. Have appropriate resources being assigned to carry out the work associated with this activity <u>FOR THE YEAR AHEAD</u>?</b></p>	<p>Yes</p>
<b>The Final Environmental Outcome to be achieved?</b>	Improvement of groundwater quality and increased awareness of septic tank maintenance responsibilities for householders

National Priory; Discharge Licences /Misconnections	
	Activities
<b>Looking forward to the year ahead</b>	<b>Tell the story of what your council plans to do on this priority in the year ahead. You are not required to duplicate other information within this plan.</b>
<p><b>7. Describe the work to be carried out to address this National/Additional Local priority <u>FOR THE YEAR AHEAD</u> – including:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaborative work with WERLA, LAWPRO, EPA, Catchment Care Projects etc.</li> <li>• Site selection methodology and plan for early interventions and compliance inspections</li> <li>• Compliance promotion &amp; awareness raising activities</li> <li>• Cross organisations activities on data validation, data analysis, guidance development or multiagency investigations</li> <li>• Case studies</li> <li>• Significant enforcement actions/prosecutions and the outcomes such as remediation, sharing of lessons learnt to aid national consistency of enforcement</li> </ul>	<p><b>Discharge Licences /Misconnections</b></p> <p>Cork City Council plans to review all its Section 4- Licences to Discharge to Groundwater in 2022. This review will cover administration, monitoring, sampling, and testing of Section 4 Licences. Cork City Council will continue to carryout its annual inspection and monitoring regime of private wastewater treatment facilities and discharge points. We will investigate any complaints that may arise and take appropriate actions. Cork City Council will work with the Licence on any follow up works required.</p> <p>Cork City Council intends to increase awareness and knowledge, to enable adequate maintenance and operation standards throughout all Section 4 licences. Update of the Cork City Council website with Section 4 Licence Application form and information on associated responsibilities will be on going.</p>
<p><b>8. Have appropriate resources being assigned to carry out the work associated with this activity <u>FOR THE YEAR AHEAD</u>?</b></p>	<p>Yes</p>
<b>The Final Environmental Outcome to be achieved?</b>	Improvement of water bodies from which private wastewater treatment facilities are discharging


National Priory; Local Priorities and water Quality Monitoring.	
	Activities
<b>Looking forward to the year ahead</b>	<b>Tell the story of what your council plans to do on this priority in the year ahead. You are not required to duplicate other information within this plan.</b>
<p><b>9. Describe the work to be carried out to address this National/Additional Local priority <u>FOR THE YEAR AHEAD</u> – including:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaborative work with WERLA, LAWPRO, EPA, Catchment Care Projects etc.</li> <li>• Site selection methodology and plan for early interventions and compliance inspections</li> <li>• Compliance promotion &amp; awareness raising activities</li> <li>• Cross organisations activities on data validation, data analysis, guidance development or multiagency investigations</li> <li>• Case studies</li> <li>• Significant enforcement actions/prosecutions and the outcomes such as remediation, sharing of lessons learnt to aid national consistency of enforcement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cork City Council’s team of Water Inspectors works with its team of laboratory technicians and scientists to investigate customer complaints on the Public Water Supply as they arise. Complaint resolution often requires a combination of sampling and testing, flushing of mains and the redirection of flow within the network to ensure that all customers receive a flow of water of adequate pressure and quality.</li> <li>• Cork city will continue to provide this service as a priority and respond to the public in a timely manner.</li> <li>• Cork city council has identified a shortfall in training and experience within the water and wastewater section and will prioritise training in relation to farm inspections septic tank inspections and water quality training. Many of these areas are new to cork city council as a result of the transition of 300 farms from Cork county to cork city council in 2019.</li> </ul>
<p><b>10. Have appropriate resources being assigned to carry out the work associated with this activity <u>FOR THE YEAR AHEAD</u>?</b></p>	<p>Yes.</p>
<p><b>The Final Environmental Outcome to be achieved?</b></p>	

**National Air & Noise Priorities**

National Priority: Solid Fuel	
	Activities
<b>Looking forward to the year ahead</b> 	<b>Tell the story of what your council plans to do on this priority in the year ahead. You are not required to duplicate other information within this plan.</b>
<b>11. Describe the work to be carried out to address this National/Additional Local priority <u>FOR THE YEAR AHEAD</u></b>	<p><b>Solid Fuels:</b> Compliance of fuel merchants, retailers and householders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reminders will be issued to solid fuel suppliers across Cork City area, advising them of their obligations in relation to the labelling of solid fuel products (including coal), registration and application requirements for the Fuels Register and the sulphur standard (2%).</li> <li>This is being done to Improve compliance of fuel merchants, retailers and householders with Air Pollution Act (Marketing, Sale, Distribution and Burning of Specified Fuels) Regulations 2012 or as amended.</li> <li>Cork City Council are going to continue carried out a 'mystery shopper' exercise at major fuel retailers and issue Fixed Payment notices to all those non-compliant.</li> <li>During the mystery shopper exercise, samples collected will be tested for Sulphur content and for volatile bituminous material. Following this any retailer seen to be in breach will be informed of the issues with the product they are placing onto the market and that it should not be sold to residents in the low smoke zone.</li> <li>Existing low smoke zone was expanded in 2019 as part of the transition area for Cork City Council. Established that an extra 20+ fuel retailers are located within the zone boundary, and therefore we plan allocated resources in incorporate these into inspections and mystery shopper locations.</li> <li>30 inspections planned for 2022 – this is due to the increase in the number of locations supplying solid fuel products within Cork City Council's area.</li> <li>Ongoing social media campaigns will be further utilised to improve awareness to households in the low smoke zone and inform them of their legal obligations.</li> <li>Several projects in relation to air quality and the Solid Fuel regulations are being undertaken alongside the air quality team to improve awareness in Cork city, including, AQ primary school info packs, biodiversity and air quality schools' competition coming up in March 2022 and a clean air zone is to be launched in March in Cork city centre along with enhanced NOx monitoring in city centre.</li> </ul>
<b>12. Have appropriate resources being assigned to carry out the work associated with this activity <u>FOR THE YEAR AHEAD</u>?</b>	Yes
<b>The Final Environmental Outcome to be achieved?</b>	<b>To improve air quality and to increase awareness of public obligations in not burning smoky fuel in the low smoke zone</b>

National Priority: Air Monitoring and Data Uae	
	Activities
<b>Looking forward to the year ahead</b> 	<b>Tell the story of what your council plans to do on this priority in the year ahead. You are not required to duplicate other information within this plan.</b>
<b>13. Describe the work to be carried out to address this National/Additional Local priority <u>FOR THE YEAR AHEAD</u></b>	<p><b><u>Ambient Air Monitoring Programme</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to Act as “agents “ for the EPA in monitoring and maintaining Air monitoring stations</li> <li>• Carry out NOX diffusion tube survey , citywide, for the EPA</li> <li>• Assist in locating and setting up of new air monitoring sites</li> <li>• Promote greater awareness by utilising data from monitoring stations and displaying on live feed.</li> </ul>
<b>14. Have appropriate resources being assigned to carry out the work associated with this activity <u>FOR THE YEAR AHEAD</u>?</b>	Yes it forms part of a role carried out by executive scientist
<b>The Final Environmental Outcome to be achieved?</b>	<b>Provider of air quality awareness to the public</b>


National Priority: Environmental Noise End Directive (ENDS)	
	Activities
<b>Looking forward to the year ahead</b>	<b>Tell the story of what your council plans to do on this priority in the year ahead. You are not required to duplicate other information within this plan.</b> <i>[Guideline of 250-400 words per priority area]</i>
<b>15. Describe the work to be carried out to address this National/Additional Local priority <u>FOR THE YEAR AHEAD</u> – including:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaborative work with WERLA, LAWPRO, EPA, Catchment Care Projects etc.</li> <li>• Site selection methodology and plan for early interventions and compliance inspections</li> <li>• Compliance promotion &amp; awareness raising activities</li> <li>• Cross organisations activities on data validation, data analysis, guidance development or multiagency investigations</li> <li>• Case studies</li> <li>• Significant enforcement actions/prosecutions and the outcomes such as remediation, sharing of lessons learnt to aid national consistency of enforcement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to engage with the EPA in relation to the <a href="#">S.I. No. 140/2006 - Environmental Noise Regulations 2006</a>.</li> <li>• Continue to prepare and publish strategic noise maps and noise management action plan.</li> <li>• Continue to reduce, where possible, the harmful effects of exposure to environmental noise.</li> </ul>
<b>16. Have appropriate resources being assigned to carry out the work associated with this activity <u>FOR THE YEAR AHEAD</u>?</b>	Yes
<b>The Final Environmental Outcome to be achieved?</b>	<b>To protect health of the public and to ensure compliance with noise regulations.</b>


National Priority: Air and Noise Control (including Planning)	
	Activities
Looking forward to the year ahead 	Tell the story of what your council plans to do on this priority in the year ahead. You are not required to duplicate other information within this plan.
17. Describe the work to be carried out to address this National/Additional Local priority <b>FOR THE YEAR AHEAD</b>	<p><b><u>Air – Complaints</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• complaints are to be logged by our Customer Relationship Management system</li> <li>• Warning letters are issued to the residents who are suspected to be burning waste or smoky fuels</li> <li>• Most warning letters also requested proof of waste disposal to be submitted stated they are not burning waste</li> <li>• required site investigation only if absolutely necessary</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Noise – Complaints</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• complaints are to be logged by our Customer Relationship Management system</li> <li>• Warning letters are issued to residents requesting them to limit their noise under the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992</li> <li>• A number of complaints related to disputes between private residents were advised the local authority does not get involved but informed the complainant that they have the option of getting a District Court Order</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Air and Noise Control (planning):</u></b> assessment and conditioning of planning permissions in relation to air/noise regulation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaborate with other Local Authorities on planning conditions used.</li> <li>• Attend noise assessment training.</li> <li>• Expand team dealing with planning applications.</li> <li>• Review external case studies of planning application that were seen by An Bord Pleanála or the court system.</li> <li>• Review and update planning conditions as required.</li> </ul>
18. Have appropriate resources being assigned to carry out the work associated with this activity <b>FOR THE YEAR AHEAD?</b>	Yes
The Final Environmental Outcome to be achieved?	Aim to resolve complaints of these matter in the most prompt time possible to improve the standard of living of the person whose environment is effected due to the excess of air (odour) and noise experienced


National Priority: Ongoing air and noise Enforcement work	
	Activities
Looking forward to the year ahead	Tell the story of what your council plans to do on this priority in the year ahead. You are not required to duplicate other information within this plan.
19. Describe the work to be carried out to address this National/Additional Local priority <b>FOR THE YEAR AHEAD</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• cork city council will continue to carry out enforcement work in the coming year for breaches in relation to the regulations.</li> <li>• we will continue to issue notices and prosecute were necessary.</li> <li>• we will continue to monitor our licenced sites including checks on emissions in relation to air and noise.</li> </ul> <p><b>Air:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Collaborations:</u> Waste enforcement will continue to work alongside internal departments (Air Quality, Planning, Comms), and external parties (EPA, DECC, UCC) to improve air quality standards.</li> <li>• <u>Planning:</u> All planning applications will be assessed from an air quality perspective and environmental planning conditions will utilised to address potential issues.</li> <li>• <u>Compliance with regulations:</u> All VOC premises to be issued reminders of their responsibility under the VOC legislation, inspections to be carried out where due and necessary. All solid fuel product suppliers to issued reminders of their responsibility the Solid Fuel Regulations, 30 suppliers/baggers to be inspected during winter months.</li> <li>• <u>Enforcement Action/Remediation:</u> All complaints received to be fully investigated until satisfactory outcome is reached.</li> </ul> <p><b>Noise:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Collaborations:</u> Waste enforcement will continue to work alongside internal departments (Planning), and external parties (EPA) in relation to noise issues.</li> <li>• <u>Planning:</u> All planning applications will be assessed from an air quality perspective and environmental planning conditions will utilised to address potential issues.</li> <li>• <u>Enforcement Action/Remediation:</u> All complaints received to be fully investigated until satisfactory outcome is reached.</li> </ul>
20. Have appropriate resources being assigned to carry out the work associated with this activity <b>FOR THE YEAR AHEAD?</b>	Yes
The Final Environmental Outcome to be achieved?	Regulation and proper practice dealing with dangerous substances to ensure environmental harm does not occur.


### National Waste Priorities

National Priority: Tackling significant illegal waste activity & Sites of Interest	
	Activities
Looking forward to the year ahead	Tell the story of what your council plans to do on this priority in the year ahead. You are not required to duplicate other information within this plan.
Describe the work to be carried out to address this National/Additional Local priority <b>FOR THE YEAR AHEAD</b>	<p><b><u>Tackling illegal waste</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Illegal dumping and on unauthorised collectors (including collectors not authorised for specific wastes);</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Working with Street Cleaning and Litter Management Section, Monitor target areas for illegal dumping.</li> <li>○ See to prosecute Identified illegal waste collectors.</li> <li>○ authorised waste facilities to monitored routinely to ensure waste accepted is authorised by both facility and waste collection permit transporting it.</li> <li>○ waste collection vehicles operating in Cork City to be spot checked to ensure that they are authorised to be transporting waste types. If found to be non-compliant Fixed Payment Notices will be issued and follow up inspections carried out to ensure compliance going forward.</li> <li>○ Road check points are to be carried out with the accompaniment of An Gardi Siochana, checking for waste collection permits and the requirements of vehicles carrying waste</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Monitoring compliance by the authorised industry to ensure that they do not support the activities of unauthorised collectors;</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Routine inspections of authorised waste facilities to include examination of the waste collection permits used by them.</li> <li>○ Ensure submission of Annual Returns for both Waste Facility Permits and Waste Collection permits and validation of Annual Returns, this ensures that all waste is accounted for and minimises the risk that waste has been improperly disposed.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Synergies with the 2021 National Anti-Dumping Initiative will be developed to support local authorities in pursuance of illegal waste activity.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Anti-Dumping Initiative Projects will incorporate use of the Waste presentation Bye Laws 2019 to ensure that households in target areas are using authorised waste collectors or are alternatively bring the waste to authorised facilities.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b><u>Multi-Agency Sites of concern</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuing to work closely with WRERLA and other agencies/Local authorities cork city council will continue to attend regional multiagency meetings.</li> <li>• Cork city council is currently working with WERLA in relation to sites of interest.</li> <li>• sites brought to our attention first get desk top studies as well as investigative work, this is set to continue in preparation for compliance inspection several of these sites we believe have deposited ELV'S and C&amp;D materials without authorisation.</li> <li>• As part of these investigations several sites being looked at for undercover operations in relation to ELVs. These operations will be done in coordination with WERLA, An Gardi Siochana and with the expertise of car assessor (to ensure that the cars/car parts are End of Life)</li> <li>• Cork city council plan to carryout validation of permitted Waste collectors and permitted waste facilities and issue FPN'S where required we will also be examining EWC codes and cross check these with on the ground inspections.</li> <li>• Cork city council has identified a number of sites and it is likely that prosecutions will be taken if enough evidence can be obtained. Cork city council also has the option of issuing FPN to collectors who are disposing of the waste illegally.</li> </ul>
Have appropriate resources being assigned to carry out the work associated with this activity <b>FOR THE YEAR AHEAD?</b>	Yes
The Final Environmental Outcome to be achieved?	Reduction in occurrences of large-scale dumping and localised dumping in housing estates. Unauthorised collectors to be detected and prosecuted

National Priority: Construction and Demolition Activity	
	Activities
Looking forward to the year ahead 	Tell the story of what your council plans to do on this priority in the year ahead. You are not required to duplicate other information within this plan.
Describe the work to be carried out to address this National/Additional Local priority <b>FOR THE YEAR AHEAD</b>	<p><b>Construction and Demolition Activity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inspections with WERLA are proposed to be undertaken in coming year. Multi Agency (City Council and WERLA) are very useful way of promoting awareness and ensuring compliance on site. It also help promotes correct management of waste. Again In relation to site selection like 2021, in relation to the city it is very easy for us to see what construction is taking place simply from a visual inspection. Now that the transition area is part of Cork City Council, the way we plan in undertaking site selection is from looking at planning files             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Site Selection is done by the request of commencement notices from our planning section, from this we can get early interventions into sites to ensure that a waste management plan is in place from the beginning.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• inspections will take place by cork city council staff in coordination with WERLA on a number of construction and demolition sites, announced or unannounced. waste management plans and construction and demolition management plans will be checked along with vehicles checks of waste transport company vehicles present on site at the time of the inspection. any waste collector on site must have the correct waste permit, the waste codes match the permit along with a log/docket book for the locations and amount of waste taken from sites. The vehicles registration will also be checked.</li> <li>• Prosecutions and enforcement will be made if there is noncompliance on site or by a waste collector.</li> <li>• Cork city council plan to carryout inspections of permitted Waste collectors on site and issue FPN'S where required we will also be examining EWC codes and cross check these with on the ground inspections.</li> <li>• In the coming year and as a continuation we will post awareness campaigns in relation correct Construction and Demolition waste measures and it is also our intention to send correspondence to all know construction sites.</li> <li>• With 37 article 27 applications this past year it gave us the opportunity to promote awareness of all potential issues with C and D waste. Most sites inspections were transporting soil and stone for infill of sites, prior to inspections information is obtained from planning reports or from the notifications sent to us from the Article 27 register.</li> </ul>
Have appropriate resources being assigned to carry out the work associated with this activity <b>FOR THE YEAR AHEAD?</b>	Yes
The Final Environmental Outcome to be achieved?	<b>Compliance, Proper Regulation, segregation and disposal of Construction and demolition waste.</b> <b>Authorised waste treatment facilities only to be accepting waste from authorised collectors and sources.</b> <b>Accurate waste data In AERs for waste classification from licenced operators, facilities and collectors</b>

National Priority: End-Of Life Vehicles (ELV) & the Waste Metal Sector	
	Activities
<b>Looking forward to the year ahead</b> 	<b>Tell the story of what your council plans to do on this priority in the year ahead. You are not required to duplicate other information within this plan.</b>
<b>Describe the work to be carried out to address this National/Additional Local priority <u>FOR THE YEAR AHEAD</u></b>	<p><b><u>End-of Life Vehicles (ELV) &amp; the Waste Metal sector:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During investigations as part of our authorised permitted sites/ treatment facilities, we will be checking for the correct segregation of WEEE during the process of vehicles at End-of-Life Facilities to ensure there is minimum leakage of WEEE into the metal recycling and to ensure that it is properly treated and recovered. Inspections undertaken will be done using WERLA inspection form templates and gathered knowledge from guidance documents.</li> <li>• During inspections records for waste collection permits and waste facility permits should also be validated to ensure dealing with licensed operators of metal and ELVs.</li> <li>• These inspections will be part of our target programme for End of life vehicle sites that are authorised to conduct this work. Through these inspections we can also ask those in the facilities if they are aware of any unauthorised Site or operators from their personal contacts and experience.</li> <li>• We will continue our investigations into online sellers – through Done Deal and Facebook, complying information that the individuals supply on the advertisement and are logged them on an excel spreadsheet to be used for investigation. Along with continuing to work together with WERLA regarding gathering information from authorised sellers.</li> <li>• sites brought to our attention first get desk top studies as well as investigative work, this is set to continue in preparation for compliance inspection several of these sites we believe have deposited ELV'S without authorisation.</li> <li>• As part of these investigations several sites being looked at for undercover operations in relation to ELVs. These operations will be done in coordination with WERLA, An Gardi Siochana and with the expertise of car assessor (to ensure that the cars/car parts are End of Life)</li> <li>• general public Awareness campaign , using social media, to bring to the attention of the general public that cars that are sold on for scrap without certificates of destruction are then still in their name. In the event that the car ends up in an unauthorised facility and is found to be being used for scrap parts it can be traced back to the original owner and Fined for incorrect disposal.</li> </ul>
<b>Have appropriate resources being assigned to carry out the work associated with this activity <u>FOR THE YEAR AHEAD</u>?</b>	Yes
<b>The Final Environmental Outcome to be achieved?</b>	<b>Proper segregation, treatment and disposal of WEEE and metals. Reduction in the operation of unauthorised facilities – at which environmental harm is possible due to lack of regulated procedures and practices. Authorised waste treatment facilities only to be accepting waste from authorised collectors and sources. Accurate waste data In AERs for waste classification from licenced operators, facilities and collectors</b>

National Priority: Waste Collection – Household & Commercial	
	Activities
<b>Looking forward to the year ahead</b> 	<b>Tell the story of what your council plans to do on this priority in the year ahead. You are not required to duplicate other information within this plan.</b>
<b>Describe the work to be carried out to address this National/Additional Local priority <u>FOR THE YEAR AHEAD</u></b>	<p><b><u>Waste Collection – Household &amp; Commercial</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to work with WERLA, LAWPRO, NWCPO, other local authorities, any relevant Departments of Cork City Council (e.g. Drainage Section wrt. FOGs and Environmental Awareness Officer re awareness campaigns) and any other relevant stakeholders to ensure the ongoing improvement of compliance with the relevant legal requirements and overall segregation of wastes within our local authority area.</li> <li>• The aim of our work longer term is not just to improve segregation compliance but also to reduce the amount of waste being generated at householder and commercial level, this can be done by engaging with the WCP holders that are offering 3 bin systems. For example, improved segregation of food waste from other household wastes and improved education of householders and commercial premises such that less food waste is being produced. Cost savings (through the purchase of less food stuffs and reduced waste collection costs) will be emphasised to ensure the immediate benefit of waste segregation is highlighted and encouraged.</li> <li>• Onus will also be placed on both waste collectors and property management companies/individuals/organisations to ensure both householders and commercial premises are being advised of their legal obligations. This will include waste collection companies providing relevant information and signage to property management companies/ individuals/ organisations managing domestic waste at multi-unit dwellings, improving communication of obligations between the relevant stakeholders where required such that awareness is optimised and improved rates compliance is achieved.</li> <li>• Where relevant and if the need has been identified, roadside inspections and multi-agency investigations will be arranged. This will include spot checks of waste collection vehicles to establish compliance levels with the relevant permit conditions.</li> <li>• A desk-top study will be carried out to identify blackspots, residential areas, multi-unit dwellings, commercial activities, commercial premises, institutions and sites etc where the segregation of waste is either not being carried out and/or requires improvement. This will include but not be limited to desktop research and both correspondence and communication with the relevant stakeholders such as householders, apartment management companies/committees, permitted waste collectors, skippo bag suppliers, skip hire companies, commercial premises (e.g. hotels, restaurants and hospitals etc.) and any other stakeholder identified during this process.</li> </ul>
<b>Have appropriate resources being assigned to carry out the work associated with this activity <u>FOR THE YEAR AHEAD</u>?</b>	Appropriate resources of working days have been assigned to carry out the work associated with this activity. This will include but not be limited to desktop studies, communication and interactions with the relevant stakeholders involved (e.g. social media campaigns, meetings, correspondence, inspections etc.) and enforcement actions where required (issuing of warning letters, legal directions, FPNs, prosecution recommendations and legal proceedings etc.).
<b>The Final Environmental Outcome to be achieved?</b>	<b>Prevent non-compliance with relevant legislation and improve the rate of segregation of waste where non-compliance has been identified. Improve co-operation between the relevant stakeholders to ensure increased awareness of obligations and compliance where a need for such an improvement has been identified.</b>

National Priority: Producer Responsibility Initiatives and additional local priorities	
	Activities
<b>Looking forward to the year ahead</b> 	<b>Tell the story of what your council plans to do on this priority in the year ahead. You are not required to duplicate other information within this plan.</b>
<b>Describe the work to be carried out to address this National/Additional Local priority <u>FOR THE YEAR AHEAD</u></b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>PRI's and Local Priorities</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cork city council is currently working with and will continue to work with WERLA, EPA and REPAK gathering data, inspection templates and guidance information for the avenues of WEEE, Packaging, Waste Tyres and Batteries.</li> <li>• We will continue to administer the registration of businesses being Suspected major producers for Packaging will be targeted, with the assistance of the REPAK packaging portal along with WERLA accompaniment. We intend to work with the remaining unregistered suspected major producers this calendar year, A number of packaging suppliers will be contacted and inspections will be done on the premises' to assess whether they are above the thresholds and if they need to become members or if they are not obligated to do so.</li> <li>• From this we will explain to them (if obligated to do so) that they have they option to join REPAK or to register with the local Authority in order to self comply and ensure that they become compliant. Those who have opted to be self compliers with the regulations, we will ensure that those are reporting obligations and achieve the rates of recycling and recovery under the European Union (Packaging) regulations 2014.</li> <li>• Cork city council have one of the highest rates of compliance for Tyre retailers in the Southern region. It is the intention that we will get this to 100% compliance by the end of 2022 by looking at the remaining revoked members and suspected unregistered retailers. Inspections will also be carried out on existing members of REPAK ELT and information gathered from them on if there are any tyre retailers known to be non compliant with regulations.</li> <li>• We intend to gather the data from the European recycling platform to see any retailers putting EEE onto the Irish market, whom are not registered. We will carry out inspections on these retailers premises along with existing members premises to ensure ongoing compliance.</li> </ul>
<b>Have appropriate resources being assigned to carry out the work associated with this activity <u>FOR THE YEAR AHEAD?</u></b>	
<b>The Final Environmental Outcome to be achieved?</b>	<b>To ensure producer responsibility regulations are met and to ensure that the objectives of the regulations are adhered to That suspected producers under the above Producer responsibility initiatives are registered Enforcement action is taken to those who are continuing to be non compliant</b>

**Additional Local Authority Priorities:**

National Priority: Enforcement action and ongoing cases	
	Activities
<p><b>Looking forward to the year ahead</b> </p>	<p><b>Tell the story of what your council plans to do on this priority in the year ahead. You are not required to duplicate other information within this plan.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>[Guideline of up to 500 words per priority area]</i></p>
<p><b>21. Describe the work to be carried out to address this National/Additional Local priority <u>FOR THE YEAR AHEAD</u> – including:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For authorised sites, a compliance rate and context/analysis;</li> <li>• Appropriate site selection methodology, and/or early interventions;</li> <li>• Detection of non-compliances/unauthorised activities and follow up;</li> <li>• Progress in the NEP;</li> <li>• Positive environmental outcomes – not simply reaching a target of inspections;</li> <li>• Collaborative work with WERLA, LAWPRO, EPA, Catchment Care Projects;</li> <li>• Data analysis/sharing for enforcement targeting – and other activities as described in Table 1 of the Guidance.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enforcement action is ongoing in a number of sites where we have issued notices under the waste presentation byelaws. Further enforcement action will follow if not measures are not followed.</li> <li>• 10 FPN's have been issued in relation to a housing estate in the northwest of the City where there was large scale illegal dumping this followed on from letters and awareness campaign. These investigations will be carried to court suitably responded to.</li> <li>• Cork City Council have prepared 2 legal files recommending prosecution for illegal collectors which were identified following 2 multiagency operations in early 2021.</li> </ul>
<p><b>22. Have appropriate resources being assigned to carry out the work associated with this activity <u>FOR THE YEAR AHEAD</u>?</b></p>	<p>Yes adequate resources have been identified and recorded in Table 13 Outstanding Enforcement Actions</p>
<p><b>The Final Environmental Outcome to be achieved?</b></p>	<p>Bring illegal operators into compliance with waste collection regulations</p>

National Priority: Litter Management	
	Activities
<b>Looking forward to the year ahead</b>	<b>Tell the story of what your council plans to do on this priority in the year ahead. You are not required to duplicate other information within this plan.</b> <i>[Guideline of up to 500 words per priority area]</i>
<b>23. Describe the work to be carried out to address this National/Additional Local priority <u>FOR THE YEAR AHEAD</u> – including:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For authorised sites, a compliance rate and context/analysis;</li> <li>• Appropriate site selection methodology, and/or early interventions;</li> <li>• Detection of non-compliances/unauthorised activities and follow up;</li> <li>• Progress in the NEP;</li> <li>• Positive environmental outcomes – not simply reaching a target of inspections;</li> <li>• Collaborative work with WERLA, LAWPRO, EPA, Catchment Care Projects;</li> <li>• Data analysis/sharing for enforcement targeting – and other activities as described in Table 1 of the Guidance.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Litter Management and cleansing will continue to investigate and clean illegal dumping identify evidence and issuing of litter fines where possible.</li> <li>• Cork City council will continue to work with communities in relation to clean-ups and raising awareness in communities and schools. We will also provide a bulky goods collection in Rapid areas to coincide with bonfire night in a effort to remove bulky waste which would otherwise be burned.</li> <li>• We will continue to promote recycling at our centres and prosecute those who vandalise and abuse our sites e.g., bring centres and Civic amenity sites b the use of CCTV and the issuing of fines.</li> </ul>
<b>24. Have appropriate resources being assigned to carry out the work associated with this activity <u>FOR THE YEAR AHEAD</u>?</b>	Yes adequate resources have been applied and are build into our 2022 plan.
<b>The Final Environmental Outcome to be achieved?</b>	Polluter pays principle by issuing fines to those littering under the Litter pollution Act 1997-2009

National Priority: Waste Complaints	
	Activities
<b>Looking forward to the year ahead</b>	<b>Tell the story of what your council plans to do on this priority in the year ahead. You are not required to duplicate other information within this plan.</b> <i>[Guideline of up to 500 words per priority area]</i>
<b>25. Describe the work to be carried out to address this National/Additional Local priority <u>FOR THE YEAR AHEAD</u> – including:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For authorised sites, a compliance rate and context/analysis.</li> <li>• Appropriate site selection methodology, and/or early interventions.</li> <li>• Detection of non-compliances/unauthorised activities and follow up.</li> <li>• Progress in the NEP.</li> <li>• Positive environmental outcomes – not simply reaching a target of inspections.</li> <li>• Collaborative work with WERLA, LAWPRO, EPA, Catchment Care Projects.</li> <li>• Data analysis/sharing for enforcement targeting – and other activities as described in Table 1 of the Guidance.</li> </ul>	<b>Complaints</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cork City Council continues to work with our Customer Service Team, Internal Departments and other Local Authorities in processing complaints in a timely manner.</li> <li>• Desk top studies, site investigations and warning letters are issued using general environmental law, illegal dumping legislation and waste presentation byelaws.</li> <li>• Information on illegal dumping, smoky fuels and waste disposal are regularly posted on all our social media sites.</li> <li>• Complaints are investigated locally and where necessary Multi Agency investigations are carried out.</li> <li>• Cork City Council has identified several areas, through repeated complaints, which may benefit from Anti-Dumping Initiatives as well as Waste presentation Byelaws.</li> </ul> <p>Warning letters, followed by fixed penalty notices with the option of possible legal action being taken on repeat offenders or those refusing to comply with legislation.</p>
<b>26. Have appropriate resources being assigned to carry out the work associated with this activity <u>FOR THE YEAR AHEAD</u>?</b>	Yes
<b>The Final Environmental Outcome to be achieved?</b>	<b>Increased environmental pollution awareness together with adherence to legal requirements associated with waste disposal / management.</b>

## Appendix B Planned Routine & Non-Routine Inspections for the Year Ahead

	Inspection Types	Planned Inspections for Year	Estimate time per inspection & write up (days)	No. of Inspections Days for this Inspection Type	Local Authority Comments for Planned Inspections for the Year Ahead
<b>Waste</b>					
<b>6.1</b>	<b>Routine Waste Inspections</b>				
6.1.1	Waste Permitted Facilities	20	1	20	
6.1.2	Joint inspections with NTFSO	2	1	2	
6.1.3	Inspections of Cert of Registration sites (private)	5	1	5	
6.1.4	Inspections of LA Cert of Registration sites	2	1	2	
6.1.5	Multi-agency inspections, including vehicle inspections and multi agency site inspections	20	1	20	
6.1.6	Hazardous waste sectoral inspections (e.g. Mercury Regulations, WTF, garages, mini-labs, industrial, healthcare & others)	10	1	10	
6.1.7	Inspections in relation to segregation, recovery and disposal of C&D waste at construction/development sites to include major public projects (e.g. Waste Mgt. Plans, Gypsum handling, etc.)	40	1	40	
6.1.8	Inspections of notifications under Prohibition of Waste Disposal by Burning Inspections	3	1	3	
6.1.9	Registration of Sewage Sludge Facility inspections	0	1	0	
6.1.10	Household Waste Surveys	150	0.4	52	
6.1.11	Inspections in relation to the household and commercial kerbside waste collection regime (including brown bin)	2	1	2	
6.1.12	Other inspections of waste collection permit holders to include, for example, data validation audits (onsite) but not included above in 6.1.12	80	.5	40	
6.1.13	Commercial Food Waste Inspections (original waste producers, e.g. hotels, nursing homes, restaurants, etc.)	110	0.5	55	

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6.1.14	Inspections in relation to authorised ELV facilities (ATFs) with an emphasis on traceability requirements (SI 320 of 2014)	6	1	6	
6.1.15	Other routine inspections (not included in above numbers) - please specify	20	1	20	
	<b>Subtotal Routine Waste Inspections</b>	<b>470</b>		<b>285</b>	
<b>6.2</b>	<b>Non-Routine Waste Inspections</b>				
6.2.1	Investigative inspections of fly tipping or illegal dumping, <b>excluding</b> unauthorised C&D, ELVs & Tyres	60	1	60	
6.2.2	Investigative Inspections in relation to unauthorised C&D sites (sites with no permit)	2	2	4	
6.2.3	Investigative Inspections in relation to unauthorised ELV sites and suspected sites of origin as notified by the NTFSO (sites with no permit)	6	2	12	
6.2.4	Investigative Inspections in relation to unauthorised Tyre dumps (no permit in place)	0	2	0	
6.2.5	Inspections in relation to unauthorised waste collectors (collectors with no permit), e.g. MAN IN VAN, scrap collection, unauthorised C&D collection, etc.	10	3	30	
6.2.6	Inspections in relation to other Unauthorised Waste sites excluding those mentioned above - incl. crashed vehicle inspections, PTUs, etc.	0	2	6	
6.2.7	Inspections in relation to Waste Facility Permits continuing to operate after their permit has expired	0	2	0	
6.2.8	Inspections in relation to extractive industries	0	2	0	
6.2.9	Household Waste/waste presentation Inspections arising from complaints, including backyard burning	50	2	100	
6.2.10	Inspections of sites notified under Article 27	37	1	74	
6.2.11	Other non-routine inspections (not included in above numbers)	1	1	1	

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	<b>Subtotal Non-routine Waste Inspections</b>	<b>166</b>		<b>287</b>	
<b>6.3</b>	<b>Litter Patrols/Investigations</b>				
6.3.1	Litter Patrols/Investigations	3680	0.2	736	
6.3.2	Litter pollution Monitoring surveys	300	0.3	90	
6.3.3	Litter pollution quantification surveys	51	0.3	15	
6.3.4	Visits in relation to Green Schools programme	4	0.3	1	
6.3.5	Providing support to community groups during litter clean ups	4	0.3	1	
6.3.6	Judging Tidy Towns/Villages competitions	0	0.3	0	
6.3.7	Other routine litter patrols/investigations (not included in above numbers)	1150	0.3	345	
	<b>Subtotal Routine Litter Patrols/Investigations</b>	<b>5189</b>		<b>1188</b>	
<b>Water/Wastewater</b>					
<b>6.4</b>	<b>Routine Water/Wastewater Inspections</b>				
6.4.1	Discharges licenses to waters (Section 4)	11	1	11	
6.4.2	Audits of private water supplies	0	1		
6.4.3	Monitoring samples from private water supplies	42	1	42	
6.4.4	Farm Inspections under GAP Regulations conducted by Local Authority (not including farm inspections by DAFM)	3	1	3	
6.4.5	Farm Inspections conducted by DAFM	0	1	0	
6.4.6	Farm Inspections Other e.g. routine farm inspection but not GAP inspection	0	1	0	
6.4.7	Monitoring programmes, Operational and Surveillance samples taken	0	1	0	
6.4.8	No. of days of locally lead investigative assessments (including SSRS, sampling, river walks, etc.)	130	1	130	
6.4.9	WFD investigative monitoring samples and analysis by Local Authorities.	44	1	44	
6.4.10	No of days of engagement with LAWPRO and Communities Programme	1	1	1	
6.4.11	Bathing Waters	48	1	48	

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	<b>Inspection Types</b>	<b>Planned Inspections for Year</b>	<b>Estimate time per inspection &amp; write up (days)</b>	<b>No. of Inspections Days for this Inspection Type</b>	<b>Local Authority Comments for Planned Inspections for the Year Ahead</b>
6.4.12	DWWTS inspections under National Inspection Plan	6	1	6	
6.4.13	DWWTS Engagement Activities	10	1	10	
6.4.14	DWWTS inspections of referrals from LAWPRO	0	1	0	
6.4.15	Other Surface & Groundwater Protection Inspections [e.g. drinking water source protection, zone of contribution monitoring, etc]	0	1	0	
6.4.16	Misconnection Surveys	0	1	0	
	<b>Subtotal Routine Water/Wastewater Inspections</b>	<b>295</b>		<b>295</b>	
<b>6.5</b>	<b>Non-Routine Water/Wastewater Inspections</b>				
6.5.1	Inspections relating to water pollution incidents/complaints, excluding non-routine farm inspections.	10	.5	5	
6.5.2	Non-routine farm inspections, e.g. on foot of pollution incident or complaint.	0	.5	0	
6.5.3	Unauthorised Discharges Investigated	22	1	22	
6.5.4	Inspections in relation to Water Pollution Licence applications	0	0	0	
	<b>Subtotal non-routine Water/Wastewater Inspections</b>	<b>32</b>		<b>27</b>	
<b>Air/Noise Inspections</b>					
<b>6.6</b>	<b>Routine Air/Noise Inspections</b>				
6.6.1	Inspections of Air Pollution Licenced sites	0	0	0	
6.6.2	Total number of inspections carried out under the solid fuel regulations (S.I. 326 of 2012 and as amended).	30	0.5	15	
6.6.3	Number of multi-agency inspections carried out under the solid fuel regulations (S.I. 326 of 2012 and as amended), e.g. in conjunction with other local authorities, EPA, DCCAE, etc.	2	0.5	1	
6.6.4	Number of days involved in the carrying out of inspections under the solid fuel regulations (SI 326 of 2012 and as amended) i.e. 6.6.2, 6.6.3 and 6.6.5	25	0.5	13	
6.6.5	Total number of fuel samples collected and analysed	4	0.5	2	

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6.6.6	Inspections of sites under 2012 Deco Paints Regulations (S.I. 564 of 2012) – Vehicle Refinishers	3	0.3	1	
6.6.7	Inspections of sites under 2012 Solvents Regulations (S.I. 565 of 2012) –e.g. Dry cleaners, surface cleaning etc.	2	0.3	1	
6.6.8	Inspections of sites under Petroleum Vapours Regulations	7	0.5	4	
6.6.9	Ambient Air Monitoring Programme inspections	10	0.5	5	
6.6.10	Other routine air/noise inspections	2	0.5	1	
	<b>Subtotal Routine Air/Noise Inspections</b>	<b>85</b>		<b>42</b>	
<b>6.7</b>	<b>Non-Routine Air/Noise Inspections</b>				
6.7.1	Incident/complaint related inspections	53	2	106	
	<b>Subtotal Non-Routine Air/Noise Inspections</b>	<b>53</b>		<b>106</b>	
<b>6.8 Producer Responsibility Inspections (Routine)</b>					
6.8.1	WEEE Inspections	25	0.3	7.5	
6.8.2	Battery Inspections	25	0.3	7.5	
6.8.3	Inspections on suspected vehicle importers (ELV Regulations 2016)	2	0.5	1	
6.8.4	Farm Plastics	1	1	1	
6.8.5	Plastic Bag Levy				
6.8.6	Inspections under the Packaging regulations – Suspected Major Producers	7	0.4	3	
6.8.7	Inspections under the Packaging regulations – Registered Self-compliers	2	0.3	1	
6.8.8	Inspections under the Tyre Regulations – Tyre Retailers	10	0.3	3	
	<b>Subtotal (Routine) Producer Responsibility Inspections</b>	<b>72</b>		<b>24</b>	
<b>6.9 Planning (Environmental) Inspections (Routine)</b>					
6.9.1	Inspections (environmental) of existing planning permissions	21	0.5	11	
6.9.2	Inspections (environmental) in advance of grant/refusal of planning permission	419	.25	105	

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	<b>Inspection Types</b>	<b>Planned Inspections for Year</b>	<b>Estimate time per inspection &amp; write up (days)</b>	<b>No. of Inspections Days for this Inspection Type</b>	<b>Local Authority Comments for Planned Inspections for the Year Ahead</b>
6.9.3	Quarry Inspections (e.g. relating to noise, dust, surface/groundwater emissions, vibration etc.)	0	0.3	0	
6.9.4	Other planning inspections relating to environmental issues	10	1	10	
<b>Subtotal Planning Inspections (Routine)</b>		<b>450</b>		<b>126</b>	
<b>Total Routine Inspections end of year</b>					
<b>Total Non-Routine Inspections end of year</b>					
<b>Total Inspections end of year</b>					

## Appendix C Suggested plan implementation review template

### RMCEI/Enforcement Plan Implementation Review Report

Meeting Date:

Meeting Time:

Attendees:

Name	Title

Reason for the Meeting:

Monthly Implementation Review:	
Quarterly Implementation Review:	
Other Reasons:	

Important Notes/Actions from Previous Meeting:



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**Table A – Progress Against Priorities**

<b>National Priority:</b>			
<b>Areas Requiring Review for this Priority - for example:</b>	<b>Progress to Date</b>	<b>Further Work Required</b>	<b>Responsibility Assigned</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For authorised sites- compliance rates;</li> <li>• Site selection methodology, and/or early interventions;</li> <li>• Detection of non-compliances/follow up;</li> <li>• Progress in the NEP shown;</li> <li>• Positive environmental outcomes – not just inspections targets;</li> <li>• Collaborative work with WERLA, LAWPRO, EPA, Catchment Care Projects;</li> <li>• Data analysis/sharing for enforcement targeting – and other activities as described in Table 1 of the Guidance.</li> </ul>			

**Table B – Progress Against Inspection Targets**

<b>Inspection Plan Review</b>				
	<b>Areas</b>	<b>Progress to Date</b>	<b>Further Work Required</b>	<b>Responsibility Assigned</b>
<b>1</b>				
<b>2</b>				
<b>3</b>				