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BRANCH:	Environmental Crime Unit
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DATE	12 September 2022
TO:	Edwin Poots MLA Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs
SUB/2291/2022 – LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN MOBUOY CRIMINAL CASE	
SUMMARY	
Issue:	Mobuoy criminal case – for information only
Timing:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Routine <input type="checkbox"/> Urgent <input type="checkbox"/> Desk Immediate
Financial Implications:*	None
Section 46 (UK Internal Market Act 2020) Implications:	None
Employment of External Consultants Implications:*	None
Legislation Implications:	None
Equality Implications:	None
FOI Implications:	None
Rural Needs Implications:	None
Executive Referral:	None
Presentation Issues:	Due to possible ramifications on the criminal case of this plea, and other possible pleas, we will not be making public comment on this plea at this stage.
Recommendation:	To note the contents of this submission.
BACKGROUND	
1. You will be aware of the context of the long-running Mobuoy illegal landfill case and of its trial commencing 19 September 2022. Due to the confirmed date of the funeral of Her Majesty The Queen, this date will now be subject to change.	



2. The prosecution has taken a case against:
 - Campsie Sand & Gravel (CS&G),
 - Director of CSG, Paul Doherty,
 - City Industrial Waste Ltd. (CIW),
 - Directors of CIW, Gerard Farmer, and Gerard O'Malley.
3. On 9 September 2022, one of the co-accused, Paul Doherty, entered a plea on all charges (bar one, which will be left on the books) in relation to the disposal, treatment and deposit of waste on his lands on the Mobuoy Road. All charges levelled against his company, Campsie Sand & Gravel Ltd, have been left on the books.
4. Sentencing has not yet taken place; this will follow in due course, along with Proceeds of Crime proceedings. A further hearing on Thursday 15 September 2022 has been entered into the Court diary, in which the other co-accused parties' defences have asked to review the case in light of the perceived consequences following Mr Doherty's guilty plea.
5. We cannot pre-empt the outcome of this review, possible plea bargains and sentencing. However, it should be noted that confiscation orders are made as part of sentencing. [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
6. No Press Release has been issued due to the potential impact such a release might have on the legal proceedings, perceived or otherwise.

RECOMMENDATION

7. To note the contents of this submission.

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