

Scrutiny Board (Environments and Neighbourhoods)

Monitoring of recommendations: Inquiry into Recycling (2005)

Recommendation	Update	status
<p>RECOMMENDATION 1</p> <p>That the department bring a report to the Scrutiny Board to assess the feasibility and implications of implementing a fortnightly collection of black and green bins.</p> <p>That the department channel any potential savings from this scheme into education and enforcement work.</p>	<p>An appraisal of a range of options for recycling collections has been undertaken. Each option has been modelled in order to gauge the effect on the recycling and composting rate and the cost to the Authority. This appraisal will inform the budget setting process and underpin the future strategy for refuse collection in Leeds. The report will be presented to the Executive Board and the Scrutiny Board in September.</p> <p>The recycling enhancements proposed do not offer any potential savings however the costs presented include additional resources to support roll out of collections with additional education and awareness.</p>	<p align="center">Closed</p>
<p>RECOMMENDATION 2</p> <p>That the department continue to increase recycling measures in the city in order to achieve the LPSA target of 22.7% this year, and increase rates further in</p>	<p>The Council's recycling rate at July 2007 is 26%</p>	<p align="center">Closed</p>

<p>future, through the following measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> roll out the green bag recycling scheme to those properties not suitable for green wheelie bins as soon as possible. aim to include glass in the SORT recycling scheme as part of the long term Innovative Recycling Contract, and identify funds in order to do this. Investigate sources of funding for the collection of recyclables from high rise flats, e.g. from the ALMOs, when the DEFRA grant is no longer available, and aim to increase the rate of recycling in these properties through increased education and awareness measures. Continue to recycle street arisings and leaf fall and report back to the Scrutiny Board on completion of the pilot, including success of the pilots, lessons learned, and costs. Introduce the successful 	<p>Green bags and bins continued to be rolled out to properties not currently on the scheme. Over 90% now of households have access to the scheme.</p> <p>See recommendation 1 above</p> <p>The current recycling service provided to flats is contained in base budgets and further expansion will need to be funded by the Council. This will be considered as part of the roll out of enhanced recycling services across the City.</p> <p>LCC continues to recycle street arisings and leaf fall through composting contractors</p>	
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<p>elements of the schemes into the mainstream recycling measures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to investigate other types of materials which can be recycled and aim to provide appropriate recycling facilities for Leeds residents. • Continue to promote home composting. • Investigate the feasibility and cost effectiveness of either providing free home composters or a garden waste collection service, in order to divert biodegradable waste from landfill. • Introduce the new recycling litter bins across the city as soon as possible and monitor their contents, taking appropriate education, awareness and enforcement action where necessary to ensure that they are used in the correct manner, aiming to increase the amount of waste recycled year on year. 	<p>Officers continue to explore any opportunities to expand the range of materials collected. The proposed enhancements to recycling collections detailed at recommendation 1 include offering the potential to recycle a number of additional waste streams at the kerbside.</p> <p>A subsidised home composting campaign is being run in conjunction with WRAP.</p> <p>Research shows that participation/ownership improves if a minimal charge is made for composters. Purchasers have a vested interest in using the product.</p> <p>Recycling litter bins have been introduced across the City and this issue is now dealt with by the Council's litter bin strategy.</p>	
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RECOMMENDATION 3 That the department develop partnerships with the ALMOs (with the appropriate financial contribution from the ALMOS) to develop innovative ways to encourage ALMO residents to recycle as much as possible. In addition the department should work with private landlords, registered social landlords and all tenures to improve recycling levels.	<p>Some work has been carried out with the ALMOs to develop partnerships, and this will continue following the ALMO restructure. City Services continue to work with the Accredited Landlord Scheme to address waste issues.</p>	<p>Closed</p>
RECOMMENDATION 4 That the department investigate and introduce innovative ways of encouraging residents in areas with low recycling levels to recycle more, and assess the feasibility and implications of different financial measures for increasing recycling levels within the current legal framework.	<p>LCC piloted recycling incentive schemes in 2 areas of the City. Success was limited and not cost effective.</p>	<p>Closed</p>
RECOMMENDATION 5 That the department develop a	<p>WEEE recycling has been introduced at household</p>	<p>Closed</p>

<p>strategy for dealing with waste electrical and electronic equipment, in line with the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Directive and Central Government guidance on producer responsibility once the Central Government guidance has been finalised. We also recommend that the department does not accept any costs that are the responsibility of the producer.</p>	<p>waste sorting sites, and the Council was short listed for an award in this area at the National Recycling Awards. Government regulations to implement 'producer responsibility' come into effect on 1st July 2007. All the Council's Household Waste Sorting Sites are registered as designated collection points and a producer compliance scheme has been selected. WEEE is now dealt with at no cost to the Council.</p>	
<p>RECOMMENDATION 6</p> <p>That the department provide a report to the Scrutiny Board on the feasibility and value for money of increasing the number of Education and Awareness officers and the corresponding increase in costs, against the potential increase in recycling rates.</p>	<p>The Education and Awareness budget has been increased. Further increases are also proposed to support the suggested service developments. Services in this area are provided through a mix of In house awareness officers, private contractors and community and voluntary sector partners.</p>	<p>Closed</p>
<p>RECOMMENDATION 7</p> <p>That the department continue to work with schools, increasing the number of schools involved in education schemes, to encourage waste reduction and recycling. We also recommend that the</p>	<p>The Department continues to work with BCTV and Groundwork to deliver the 'SORT IT' schools campaign. This initiative, which is part funded; by CRED, comes to an end in March 2008 and is currently being reviewed by a board including LCC, Education Leeds, BCTV, Groundwork, the</p>	<p>Closed</p>

<p>department involves voluntary agencies, such as BCTV and ENCAMS in work with schools as much as possible, making use of their expertise and funding.</p> <p>That the department seek funding, if possible within the legal framework, from Education Leeds for work with schools on recycling and waste management.</p>	<p>Community Recycling Network and Resource Futures with a view to designing a revised scheme to commence in April 2008</p>	
<p>RECOMMENDATION 8</p> <p>That the department involve the media as much as possible in informing the public on what materials can be recycled through the SORT collection and at Household Waste Sorting sites.</p>	<p>The 'Recycle Me' campaign was designed to focus on what should go into green bins. This used a variety of methods to deliver the message including various media.</p>	<p>Closed</p>
<p>RECOMMENDATION 9</p> <p>That the department bring a report to the Scrutiny Board on the success of Recycling Week and the lessons learned from this.</p>	<p>Formal evaluation of the 'Big Recycle' 2006 now completed.</p>	<p>Closed</p>
<p>RECOMMENDATION 10</p> <p>That the department introduce measures to educate residents of</p>	<p>Information is provided to residents on LCC website and leaflets were made available at HWSS.</p>	<p>Closed</p>

<p>Leeds on what constitutes hazardous waste and how to dispose of it.</p>		
<p>RECOMMENDATION 11</p> <p>That the department place extra emphasis on educating residents about disposal of garden waste at the Household Waste Sorting Sites and collection of garden waste through the bulky waste collection service, in order to reduce contamination in the green SORT bins.</p>	<p>Press releases are put out seasonally to promote the use of HWS for garden waste. The Bulky Collection Service is only promoted where people are unable to transport their green waste. The 'Recycle Me' campaign highlighted what constitutes contamination and the most recent composition analysis show a substantial reduction in garden waste contamination.</p>	<p>Closed</p>
<p>RECOMMENDATION 12</p> <p>That the department liaise with the Development department to promote and support more sustainable management of waste generated by Councillors as a result of their representative duties, in line with the new trade waste contract.</p>	<p>Development Department have appointed an officer to promote and manage trade waste contract.</p>	<p>Closed</p>
<p>RECOMMENDATION 13</p> <p>That the department develop a strategy to determine the future of</p>	<p>The impact of service developments on bring sites will be monitored and appropriate action will be</p>	<p>Closed</p>

Bring Sites.	considered. There will always be a role for bring sites particularly in areas not suitable for the full range of kerbside recycling.	
RECOMMENDATION 14 That the department redevelops those Household Waste Sorting Sites that are as yet undeveloped as funds become available, in order to improve the facilities available and encourage people to recycle as much as possible.	The redevelopment of East Leeds Household Waste Sorting site is planned to commence Autumn 2007 and complete Autumn 2008. The need to redevelop a further 2 sites has been identified, but funding has not yet been secured.	Closed
RECOMMENDATION 15 That the department introduce measures to educate residents of Leeds on waste minimisation measures, using materials such as the Local Government Association's 'Ten Easy Ways to Prevent Waste' booklet.	Information is provided on the Council's website and home composters and real nappies are actively promoted. Other initiatives such as a reuse fashion show are also planned. An information pack going out to householders in November, will include information on minimisation.	Closed
RECOMMENDATION 16 That the Council continues to support the real nappy campaign.	The Council has introduced a scheme offering free trial packs or money back on real nappies.	Closed
RECOMMENDATION 17 That the department continues to work with locally based	Local supermarket chain has joined waste strategy group and LCC hopes to work with them on future	Closed

<p>supermarket chains to reduce the use of plastic bags and packaging.</p>	<p>initiatives.</p>	
<p>RECOMMENDATION 18</p> <p>That the department investigate possible ways of encouraging residents to reduce the amount of waste they produce, including an assessment of what incentives and disincentives might be employed.</p>	<p>The Waste Strategy action plan includes specific proposals to work with partners (including WRAP) to encourage waste reduction. A subsidised home composting campaign is being run in conjunction with WRAP and the use of Real Nappies is promoted.</p>	<p>Closed</p>
<p>RECOMMENDATION 19</p> <p>That the Development department continue to work with businesses (including education) on waste management issues.</p>	<p>City Services have employed an officer to promote the Tidy Business standard which requires businesses to reduce and recycle waste.</p>	<p>Closed</p>
<p>RECOMMENDATION 20</p> <p>That the department retain ownership of the waste sites and manage them strategically as part of the Innovative Recycling Contract (IRC), including the financial benefits of processing waste for other councils, with a view to reinvesting this additional income stream.</p>	<p>The residual waste treatment contract will address the issue of land ownership and arrangements for possible profit share arrangements.</p>	<p>Closed</p>

<p>RECOMMENDATION 21</p> <p>That the department monitor the IRC appropriately to ensure that all parties are performing well, and put measures in place to deal with any poor performance if necessary.</p>	<p>IRC has now been superseded by the residual waste treatment contract. This procurement is being managed by a corporate project board chaired by the deputy chief executive.</p>	<p>Closed</p>
<p>RECOMMENDATION 22</p> <p>That the department consult with the partner in the IRC about the possible provision of funding for education and awareness in the new contract.</p>	<p>Residual Waste treatment contract will now address this. It is likely that a Community liaison post will be funded by the contractor.</p>	<p>Closed</p>
<p>RECOMMENDATION 23</p> <p>That the department continue to look for alternative ways to fund the interim recycling contract.</p>	<p>The Council intends to complete a market sounding before embarking on procurement for an interim contract to ensure there is sufficient market capacity.</p>	<p>Closed</p>
<p>RECOMMENDATION 24</p> <p>That the department provide the Scrutiny Board with an update report on actions taken as a result of working with DEFRA</p>	<p>WIP funding was used to fund composition analysis which forms part of the service development options appraisal</p>	<p>Closed</p>

<p>consultants on the Government's Waste Implementation Programme.</p>		
<p>RECOMMENDATION 25</p> <p>That the department continue to work with the regional assembly on a regional strategy, taking into account the current development of a regional spatial strategy, to minimise waste and investigate recovery options.</p>	<p>The Regional assembly produced an initial strategy which now needs to be reviewed. A timetable for this has not yet been announced.</p>	<p>Closed</p>
<p>RECOMMENDATION 26</p> <p>That the department identify and implement regional and national best practice and innovative ideas in all aspects of recycling and waste management.</p>	<p>See recommendation 1 above.</p>	<p>Closed</p>
<p>RECOMMENDATION 27</p> <p>That the department continue to work with the surrounding authorities to pursue the issue of cross authority border use of household waste sites, and negotiates the use of Leeds sites by residents from other authorities.</p>	<p>LCC is working with Bradford and North Yorkshire initially to assess the level of cross boundary usage and the potential financial implication.</p>	<p>Closed</p>

<p>RECOMMENDATION 28</p> <p>That the department bring a report to the Scrutiny Board to explain the impact of the Landfill Allowance Trading Scheme on the authority in the short term and medium to long term.</p>	<p>This is addressed in the September and October Executive Board reports.</p>	<p>Closed</p>
<p>RECOMMENDATION 29</p> <p>That department brings forward proposals to the Environment Corporate Priority Board to ensure that the Integrated Waste Management Strategy is further developed and takes into account the issues outlined in this report.</p>	<p>The strategy has been developed further to take into account rising targets and service developments.</p>	<p>Closed</p>
<p>RECOMMENDATION 30</p> <p>That the department bring six monthly updates to the Scrutiny Board on the Integrated Waste Management Strategy review and implementation of the Action Plan.</p>	<p>The strategy was adopted in October 2006. The September report represents an update on the key developments.</p>	<p>Closed</p>
<p>RECOMMENDATION 31</p>		<p>Closed</p>

That the Council implement the policies contained in the current Unitary Development Plan and forthcoming Local Development Framework, relating to the waste management implications of major development and future provision for more sustainable waste management in the city.	The Site Selection Study takes into account UDP, LDF and RSS policies.	