

**Report of Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods**

**Report to Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Board**

**Date: 10<sup>th</sup> September 2012**

**Subject: Recycling Strategy update**

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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**Summary of main issues**

To provide an update report on the proposals agreed by Executive Board in December 2011 in relation to the Council's Recycling Strategy, specifically:

- To increase the Council's household waste recycling target to 55% by 2016, with a long-term target to exceed 60%;
- To expand the Rothwell recycling collection service by up to 6,000 properties in 2012/13, looking to roll-out of food waste collections to suitable properties city-wide, with the speed of roll-out in line with resource availability;
- To implement a pilot of fortnightly collections of recycling and residual waste during 2012/13, covering up to 40,000 properties;
- To undertake a technical options appraisal with a view to promoting the delivery of an anaerobic digestion solution for Leeds should this represent the best VfM and environmental option;

To also provide an update against the remaining 17 open recommendations from the previous Scrutiny Inquiry (2009/10), to inform a debate at Scrutiny Board with a view to agreeing to close a further number of recommendations and identifying key issues for the Board to focus on over the coming year.

**Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Board:

- a) Note the content of this report and the progress in implementing the Recycling Strategy approved by Executive Board in December 2011;
- b) Note the tracking report at Appendix 1 providing an update against recommendations from the previous Scrutiny Inquiry (2009/10) and agree to now close this Inquiry, with any key outstanding issues being subsumed into the work programme for the coming year;
- c) Note the sustained improvement in recycling performance.

## **1 Purpose of this report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Board with an update on the implementation of the Recycling Strategy approved by the Executive Board on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2011; to provide an update on progress in addressing existing Scrutiny Board recommendations in relation to recycling and to inform debate at Scrutiny Board with a view to identifying key issues for the Board to focus on over the coming year.

## **2 Background Information**

- 2.1 In January 2012, the Executive Member (Environment) attended Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Board with the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods and Waste Strategy officers to update Members on the proposals agreed by Executive Board in December 2011 in relation to the Council's Recycling Strategy.
- 2.2 At this time, the Board also noted the Scrutiny Inquiry conducted in 2009/10 into recycling and requested an update on progress in implementing the earlier recommendations arising from this inquiry. A tracking report which has been further updated for August 2012, is attached at Appendix 1 to this report.
- 2.3 Diverting waste from landfill features within the city's top 25 priorities, with key activities for 2012/13 to:
  - Establish different patterns of collection during 2012
  - Achieve 44% recycling for 2012/13
  - Garden waste expansion within existing capacity by Aug 2012
  - Implement pilot fortnightly collections for up to 40,000 properties by Feb 2013
  - Food waste expansion for up to 6,000 properties by Mar 2013
  - Progress planning process for incinerator

## **3 Main Issues**

### Current approved strategy

- 3.1 On 14<sup>th</sup> December 2011, the Executive Board reaffirmed the vision and key principles of the Integrated Waste Strategy for Leeds, and in particular approved the following increases to the Council's household waste recycling targets:

- *To achieve a combined recycling and composting rate of greater than 55% of household waste by 2016 with a long term target to exceed 60%;*

3.2 The Council has made good progress in recent years, with performance for 2011/12 at 37.4% as compared to 22.3% in 2006/7.

3.3 The latest performance information is 44.8% for June 2012, the highest individual months performance ever achieved in Leeds, with a year to date performance of 43% against the 2012/13 target of 44%.

Key Activities for 2012/13:

3.4 To establish different patterns of collection during 2012.

To close out the few remaining gaps city-wide in basic recycling provision, innovative new methods are being developed e.g. the trial of on-street communal waste, recycling and glass bins in the Beamsley's area of Headingley. This has proven successful and resident consultation is currently underway to replicate this in the Granby's, another area within Headingley.

3.5 To improve the way waste is collected and to give residents in Cottingley the opportunity to recycle, a service design utilising a combination of shared wheeled bins and communal sites has been developed. Phase 1 is now underway and resident consultation is being undertaken. Dependent upon the success of this phase, which aims to be more practical; ensure easy access to waste and recycling containers and reduce the number of bins left blocking the pavement, the scheme will be rolled out across the remainder of the estate.

3.6 16 refuse and recycling sites have been installed in the Aberfields area in Belle Isle to remove the bag collection and provide communal recycling facilities. This was done in collaboration with BITMO.

3.7 6 blocks of flats on Iveson Avenue have also been provided with communal residual/recycling facilities to remove the black bag collection scheme for residents in this area.

3.8 Achieve 44% recycling for 2012/13

In addition to other activities detailed in the report: there have been a series of operational changes at the city's Household Waste Sorting Sites (HWSSs) to enhance customer service and the availability of sites for residents to recycle their household waste. These changes aim to reach the target of minimum 70% recycling rate for material delivered to sites and the associated diversion from landfill

3.9 The HWSSs handle around 65,000 tonnes of waste per annum, of which just over 61% was recycled in 2011/12. This contributed just under 10% (i.e. percentage points) to the total recycling performance for the City, and the HWSSs collectively therefore represent a key element of the Council's household waste recycling provision.

3.10 Performance linked to the new revised opening hours is being closely monitored and will be subject to review following a full years operation.

- 3.11 In order to accommodate the proposals to build a school at Florence Street, it is planned to close the Stanley Road HWSS which is currently under used and achieves a lower recycling performance when compared against similar sites. The vast majority of Stanley Road's visits are by vehicle and therefore can easily be diverted to another nearby site (East Leeds, Meanwood Road or Evanston Avenue).
- 3.12 The recently redeveloped East Leeds HWSS is around 10 minute drive away from Stanley Road, and has extensive recycling facilities to take the additional materials without any effect on the current users.
- 3.13 The service is also progressing options and identifying funding streams to redevelop Kirkstall Road TLS and HWSS to create more recycling capacity around the city centre. This will involve the removal of the fire damaged buildings, and developing a new expanded HWSS and modern waste transfer facility to deal with materials currently accepted at the site. The opportunity to develop a re-use shop at Kirkstall Road similar to East Leeds will also be explored.
- 3.14 A new, innovative framework contract has procured a contractor with facilities that provide an element of recycling for residual waste. This now makes an important contribution to the Council's recycling performance and allows the service to scope a project to look at overall waste collection in areas of high student population. This would consider what alternative approaches would be viable to provide such a transient population with the required access to recycling but also reduce the numbers of bins on streets.
- 3.15 Working with the existing Material Recycling contractor, in early 2011, aerosols were added to the range of SORT materials to be collected. The Council is now in the early stages of re-procuring processing capacity for the SORT materials. Part of this process is developing the technical specification in light of market feedback, which is likely to support the inclusion of additional plastic types and tetrapaks within the mix of materials.
- 3.16 The Waste Contracts team will also invite alternative proposals from contractors to allow a full cost consideration for the future introduction of glass into the SORT bins. The tendering process will also confirm the market interest, environmental benefits and value for money associated with this option. This new contract is expected to start from May 2013.
- 3.17 Improving public participation

The graph at Appendix 2, shows the disparity in recycling figures between areas. A key question remains how to engage with residents and so improve recycling rates in lower performing areas. A recent piece of work utilising the council's access to 'Mosaic' demographic profile data has considered the communication and service channel preferences within different areas of the city to discern which communication methods would be more fruitful for the residents of an area. This will be used to inform which communications channels will best support a 'back to basics' refresher campaign, as well as the successful introduction of alternate weekly collections and any future changes to kerbside collection materials.

### 3.18 Garden waste expansion by within existing capacity by Aug 2012

Over 209,000 dwellings across Leeds are now on a garden waste collection route, with collections provided on a fortnightly basis, except from the end of November to the end of February due to the low yield of material during these months. This service has been highly successful, contributing 12.5% (i.e. percentage points) to the overall household waste recycling rate for Leeds in 2011/12.

3.19 It is believed that there are potentially another 26,000 properties city-wide who may be suitable for a garden waste wheeled bin collection. The expansion of this service has continued to be approached on a phased basis, the pace of which is dictated by the size of the garden waste fleet and the capacity on individual rounds. Last year (2010/11) the service was expanded to an additional 4,000 properties and this year (2011/12) an additional 2,500 properties have been added to the collection routes.

3.20 There remains some limited room for further expansion, up to the capacity of the local collection rounds. Each request, however, requires a re-assessment of the immediate capacity on the existing rounds, to ensure that the service can deliver and maintain a reliable and effective service to residents.

3.21 Once capacity has been met, to permit further expansion of the service, there is the need to create new rounds requiring additional collection vehicles and for a garden waste route re-optimisation to ensure that the logistics of the city wide service remain as efficient as possible.

3.22 Providing one brown bin per property does not always meet the needs of residents with the largest gardens and there are other seasonal factors that can impact on the demand for garden waste collections. The strategy therefore is to remind residents to consider using compost bins and the availability of household waste sort sites to take garden wastes.

### 3.23 Implement pilot fortnightly collections for up to 40,000 properties by Feb 2013

Analysis of route data has been undertaken, to examine city-wide recycling and residual waste collection performance, including household participation rates and tonnages/ tipping weights. This has identified those areas across the city whose relative recycling and residual waste performance rates make them more suitable for the roll-out of Phase 1 of fortnightly collections of recycling and residual. The highest performing areas are in the south/south east and the northwest of the city, covering the wards of Kippax and Methley, Garforth and Swillington, Rothwell, Ardsley and Robin Hood, Morley North and South, Guiseley and Rawdon, Horsforth, Adel and Wharfedale, Otley and Yeadon.

3.24 Following this assessment, operational considerations need to be taken into account to understand the complexity of operational management if 40,000 households were located in geographically distinct areas of the city and any impact of the location of the current waste and recycling facilities.

3.25 The precise boundary, size and property count of the Phase 1 pilot area will be determined as part of the detailed planning and route design stage.

3.26 A programme of member consultation is to follow before the final area is selected.

### 3.27 Food waste expansion

The achievement of the 55% household waste recycling target by 2016 is in part dependent on the roll-out of separate food waste collections city-wide. There is a substantial additional cost associated with the introduction of this additional weekly collection of waste, and in light of current budgetary pressures, this remains a barrier to the delivery of this service and the realisation of the Council's recycling aspirations. However, a bid was submitted to DCLG's Weekly Collection Fund on 17th August 2012 to secure funding for Leeds City Council to roll out food waste collections city-wide. A summary of the final bid is detailed in the table below:

<b>1. Cost</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bid now £13.9m.</li><li>• Refining of costs demonstrate VFM.</li></ul>
<b>2. Households</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 80% households</li><li>• 67,000 remain on weekly residual collection.</li></ul>
<b>3. Vehicles</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 21 operational.</li><li>• 25 in total.</li></ul>
<b>4. Waste Doctors</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 14 working per area/phase.</li></ul>
<b>5. Jobs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 119 total.</li></ul>
<b>6. Management</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3 managers.</li><li>• 7 supervisors.</li></ul>
<b>7. Reward Scheme</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Self funding.</li><li>• Simple.</li></ul>
<b>8. Letters of Support</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mytum and Selby, Straights, GWE Biogas, S151</li></ul>
<b>9. Depot</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3<sup>rd</sup> Depot required to accommodate vehicles.</li></ul>
<b>10. Liners</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3 per household per week</li></ul>

3.28 The outcome of the bid evaluation process is expected to be known in October 2012.

### 3.29 AD feasibility

The final proposal agreed by Executive Board in Dec 2011, and a subject of this report, was to undertake a technical options appraisal with a view to promoting the delivery of an anaerobic digestion solution for Leeds should this represent the best VfM and environmental option.

3.30 Reference is made within the DCLG bid to facilitating the development of an anaerobic digestion (AD) facility in Leeds, together with the associated carbon

reduction benefits, production of digestate/fertilisers and renewable energy/fuel generation. There is very limited AD capacity regionally, but the long-term security of this municipal food waste stream aims to provide developers with confidence to commit to the significant capital expenditure of an AD facility.

3.31 Appendix 3 shows how the key activities, as detailed 3.4 -3.30, relate to the previous Scrutiny board recommendations

## **4 Corporate Considerations**

### **4.1 Consultation and Engagement**

4.1.1 The Integrated Waste Strategy for Leeds was subject to extensive public consultation prior to adoption in 2006. The vision and objectives of the strategy remain largely unchanged, and a detailed action plan from 2009 through to 2012 has been developed and is publicly available.

4.1.2 The importance of resident consultation and engagement to success of the recycling strategy, and the need to identify sufficient resources to support this was highlighted within the Recycling Strategy report to Executive Board in December 2011.

4.1.2 It was proposed at this time that locality based communication be undertaken to confirm the prioritisation of areas to receive the fortnightly recycling and residual waste collections in order to ensure that all residents have the required and appropriate access to recycling and any unresolved issues with collections are addressed prior to implementing service changes. As part of this staged process, input into the detailed implementation plans and waste policies will be sought from Members, residents and other relevant stakeholders.

### **4.2 Equality and Diversity Cohesion and Integration**

4.2.1 An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed on the Recycling Strategy. Further, more detailed impact assessments will be undertaken for the individual detailed kerbside collection implementation plans.

### **4.3 Council Policies and City Priorities.**

4.3.1 Implementation of the Council's recycling strategy supports wider aspirations for Leeds set out in the new Leeds Vision, City Priority Plans, Directorate Priorities and Cross Council Priorities.

4.3.2 The five new City Priority Plans developed by the Partnership Boards cover the period 2011 to 2015 with the most relevant in relation to the Waste Strategy being:

- Safer and Stronger Communities - including city-wide cleanliness;
- Regeneration - including sustainable growth;
- Sustainable Economy - including low carbon economy.

4.3.3 The implementation of the current recycling strategy will see the Council moving towards its long-term aspirations for recycling and will make a major contribution to the achievement of the Council's target to reduce carbon emissions from its operations by 40% by 2020. This further supports the Council's vision that by 2030 Leeds will be locally and internationally recognised as the best city in the UK.

#### **4.4 Resources and Value for Money**

4.4.1 When reported to Executive Board in December 2011, the financial estimates demonstrated that, primarily due to the annual increases in Landfill Tax (increasing to £80 per tonne by 2014 alone), maintaining the status quo in terms of recycling performance and landfill disposal tonnages would mean an increase in disposal costs of £1.27m in 2012/13 alone. However, by being able to implement the proposed recycling strategy, this cost increase was reduced to around £960k, thereby saving the Council around £300k in 2012/13.

#### **4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In**

4.5.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report. Any decisions to implement service changes such as new or revised collection arrangements will be subject to existing decision making and governance arrangements including potential call-in as appropriate.

#### **4.6 Risk Management**

4.6.1 The primary risks relating to the implementation of the recycling strategy are those associated with disruption to refuse and recycling collections as a result of service changes. Detailed identification of risks and mitigations will be established within the individual implementation plans.

### **5 Conclusions**

5.1 Progress continues with increasing the Council's household waste towards the recycling target of 55% by 2016, with a performance of 44.8% for June 2012.

5.2 The city priorities for 2012/13 are, to continue to establish different patterns of collection specifically to close out any remaining gaps in recycling provision; to achieve 44% recycling; to expand garden waste within existing capacity; to implement pilot fortnightly collections for up to 40,000 properties and to expand food waste in line with resource availability.

### **6 Recommendations**

6.1 It is recommended that Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Board:

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## **7 Background documents**

- Recycling strategy – report to Executive Board - 14<sup>th</sup> December 2011;
- Funding application to Department for Communities and Local Government for weekly food waste collections and associated infrastructure - report to Executive Board - 18<sup>th</sup> July 2012

## APPENDIX 1

### Scrutiny Inquiry into Recycling 2010 – Recommendation Tracking

#### Categories

- 1 - Stop monitoring
- 2 - Achieved
- 3 - Not achieved (Obstacle)
- 4 - Not achieved (Progress made acceptable. Continue monitoring)
- 5 - Not achieved (Progress made not acceptable. Continue monitoring)
- 6 - Not for review this session

Recommendation for monitoring	Evidence of progress and contextual information	Status (categories 1 – 6) (to be completed by Scrutiny)	Complete
<p><b>Recommendation 1</b>  <b>In recognising the benefits of the green bag SORT collection scheme and communal collection scheme in addressing the challenges presented by hard-to-access properties, we recommend that these schemes are given priority consideration for those areas across the city with similar property types that do not have access to a kerbside SORT collection service.</b></p>	<p><b>Reported position August 2012</b></p> <p>The redesign of Farms and Hard-to-Access routes has been completed with the provision of SORT collections to around 3000 additional homes which previously could not access this service.</p> <p>New communal recycling facilities in Beamsleys are now operational with the next phase being the Granbys. Resident Consultation is currently underway to replicate the Beamsleys service in this area.</p> <p>Significant progress has been made to design appropriate recycling method for the Cottingley estate. Phase 1 is now underway and resident consultation is being undertaken. Dependant upon the success of this phase, the scheme will be rolled out across the remainder of the estate.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Not achieved (Progress made acceptable. Continue monitoring)</p>	

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<p><b>Recommendation 2</b>  <b>That the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods ensures that, where consultations are being conducted with Ward Members and local residents around appropriate recycling service options, that the relevant Area Committees are regularly kept informed of progress.</b></p>	<p><b>Reported position in August 2012:</b></p> <p>Ongoing stakeholder meetings to progress introduction of recycling facilities on the Cottingley Estate and the Beamsleys have also included representations from Area Committees.</p> <p>The Cottingley project has included significant consultation and involvement with all local ward members, Area Support Teams and Local residents.</p> <p>Stakeholder meetings to implement communal recycling facilities in the Granbies has commenced.</p>	<p>4  Not achieved  (Press made acceptable.  Continue monitoring)</p>	
<p><b>Recommendation 3</b>  <b>That the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods ensures that the findings of the options appraisal around the collection and recycling of glass across the city is reported back to Scrutiny for consideration as soon as possible</b></p>	<p><b>Reported position in August 2012:</b></p> <p>Long term strategy for glass collection at kerbside remains dependent on the feasibility of commingling glass within the existing SORT waste.</p> <p>Further information has been sought from the market to clarify the sustainability of reprocessing options from a commingled stream.</p> <p>Whereas historically the co-mingling of glass was seen as negatively affecting the quality of the higher value materials such as paper, there are now indications of growing acceptance of this practice from MRF operators and reprocessors.</p>	<p>4  Not achieved  (Press made acceptable.  Continue monitoring)</p>	

	<p>However, it should also be noted that by far the best environmental option for glass in terms of avoided carbon emissions, is that it is reprocessed through re-melt rather than being used as aggregate, and the lower quality of materials recovered as a result of co-mingling rather than source-separating glass could potentially reduce the viability of this option.</p> <p>Nationally there is a likely to be fiscal steer to also encourage glass for remelt by the suggested reduced valuation of the PRN ( packaging recovery note) for glass sent to aggregate and the exclusion from the definition of recycling.</p> <p>Market sounding responses were mixed in terms of contractors' indications of their ability to capture glass suitable for re-melt, although some contractors did claim a high proportion.</p>		
<p><b>Recommendation 4</b>  <b>That the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods ensures that, as part of the Recycling Improvement Plan, future plans to expand the bring site network further in Leeds take into account the following factors:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>those areas where the proportion of glass is greater than the average, thereby having the potential to overwhelm a bring infrastructure;</b></li> <li>• <b>that potential noise nuisance resulting from glass recycling containers is minimised as much as possible where sites are proposed within residential areas.</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Reported position in August 2012:</b></p> <p>Officers are now working closely with the new locality teams to improve the cleanliness of sites located within cleansing routes and options for other sites to be cleansed by collection contractors are being considered.</p>	<p>4  Not achieved  (Progress made acceptable.  Continue monitoring)</p>	

<b>Recommendation 5</b>			Completed
<b>Recommendation 6</b>			Completed
<b>Recommendation 7</b> <b>That the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods explores opportunities available to work more closely with charities to coordinate services for the collection of textiles in a better way.</b>	<b>Reported position in August 2012:</b>  Leeds are currently participating in a project in conjunction with the Governments Waste Resources Action Programme (WRAP) to understand better the optimum strategy for capturing textiles. Options being explored include a recovery bag system which could be utilized in the existing SORT collection and how best to support the existing door to door and charity shop opportunities for textile reuse and recycling.	4 Not achieved (Progress made acceptable. Continue monitoring)	
<b>Recommendation 8</b> <b>That when the contract for the Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) expires and is thereby subject to a competitive tendering process, that potential bidders be asked to give an indication of costs for adding textiles to the contract to enable the Council to evaluate the cost benefits of this approach.</b>	<b>Reported position in August 2012:</b>  The MRF market place was consulted on the acceptability of textiles as part of the options appraisal process referred to in recommendation 3.  The message at this current time was clear in that MRF operators are not in a position to be able to segregate textiles effectively from a commingled system. This is primarily because the textiles tend to get damaged by the MRF machinery and soiled by other materials and as such their value is reduced significantly.  Therefore textiles have been excluded from the procurement specification but for this to be explored further once the trial recovery bag system referred to above is concluded. If this trial is successful then the system could be introduced through negotiation and contract variation. However it should be made clear that the	?	

	<p>addition of textiles could only be introduced as fortnightly SORT is rolled out, particularly if glass ends up being included through the new procurement.</p> <p>No further action planned at this time</p>		
<p><b>Recommendation 9</b>  <b>That the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods and Executive Member for Environmental Services lead on lobbying the Environment Secretary of State to develop a national approach for the use of plastic packaging with a view to restricting the range of plastics used.</b></p>	<p><b>Reported position in August 2012:</b></p> <p>Courtauld Commitment 2 (targets for 2010 to 2012) 52 Signatories including major retailers.</p> <p>No further action to be taken</p>	?	
<p><b>Recommendation 10</b>  <b>That the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods encourages innovative partnership working arrangements with local supermarkets to help provide additional collection points for a range of recyclable materials.</b></p>	<p><b>Reported position in August 2012:</b></p> <p>11 weee banks have now been installed at local supermarkets to capture small waste electrical equipment.</p> <p>Significant infrastructure developed nationally for domestic battery recycling</p> <p>No further specific action to be taken currently</p>	?	
<p><b>Recommendation 11</b>  <b>That the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods explores the potential benefits of adopting pneumatic waste collection systems, such as the Envac system currently installed in the new</b></p>	<p><b>Reported position in January 2012:</b></p> <p>Reference to these types of underground collection systems has been included in the Sustainable Design and Construction Supplementary Planning Document (Building for Tomorrow Today) adopted by the Council on 1 August 2011.</p>	?	

<p><b>Wembley City residential complex, and also other individual subterranean systems within Leeds in consultation with and input and advice from the Director of City Development.</b></p>	<p><b>August 2012</b> No further action to be taken</p>		
<p><b>Recommendation 12</b> <b>That the City Development Scrutiny Board be involved in the consultation process to consider the draft Sustainable Design &amp; Construction Supplementary Planning Document and undertakes to ensure that appropriate weight is given to the role of waste management as part of the SPD.</b></p>	<p><b>Reported position in January 2012:</b> SDC SPD adopted by the Council on 1 August 2011</p> <p><b>August 2012</b> No further action to be taken</p>	<p>?</p>	
<p><b>Recommendation 13</b> <b>That the Directors of Environment and Neighbourhoods and City Development ensure that representatives from waste management have an active input into future major planning developments to ensure that appropriate consideration is given to waste management as part of the proposed infrastructure.</b></p>	<p><b>Reported position in January 2012:</b></p> <p>The Waste team are routinely consulted in relation to domestic and commercial planning applications. Guidance is still being developed this will need to be updated to reflect the recent Recycling Strategy approved at Executive Board on 14 December 2011.</p> <p><b>August 2012</b> The Waste Development team still continues to comment on domestic and commercial planning applications. Guidance produced by the waste team has also been incorporated into the adopted SDC SPD.</p> <p>No further actions at this time</p>	<p>?</p>	
<p><b>Recommendation 14</b></p>			<p>Completed</p>

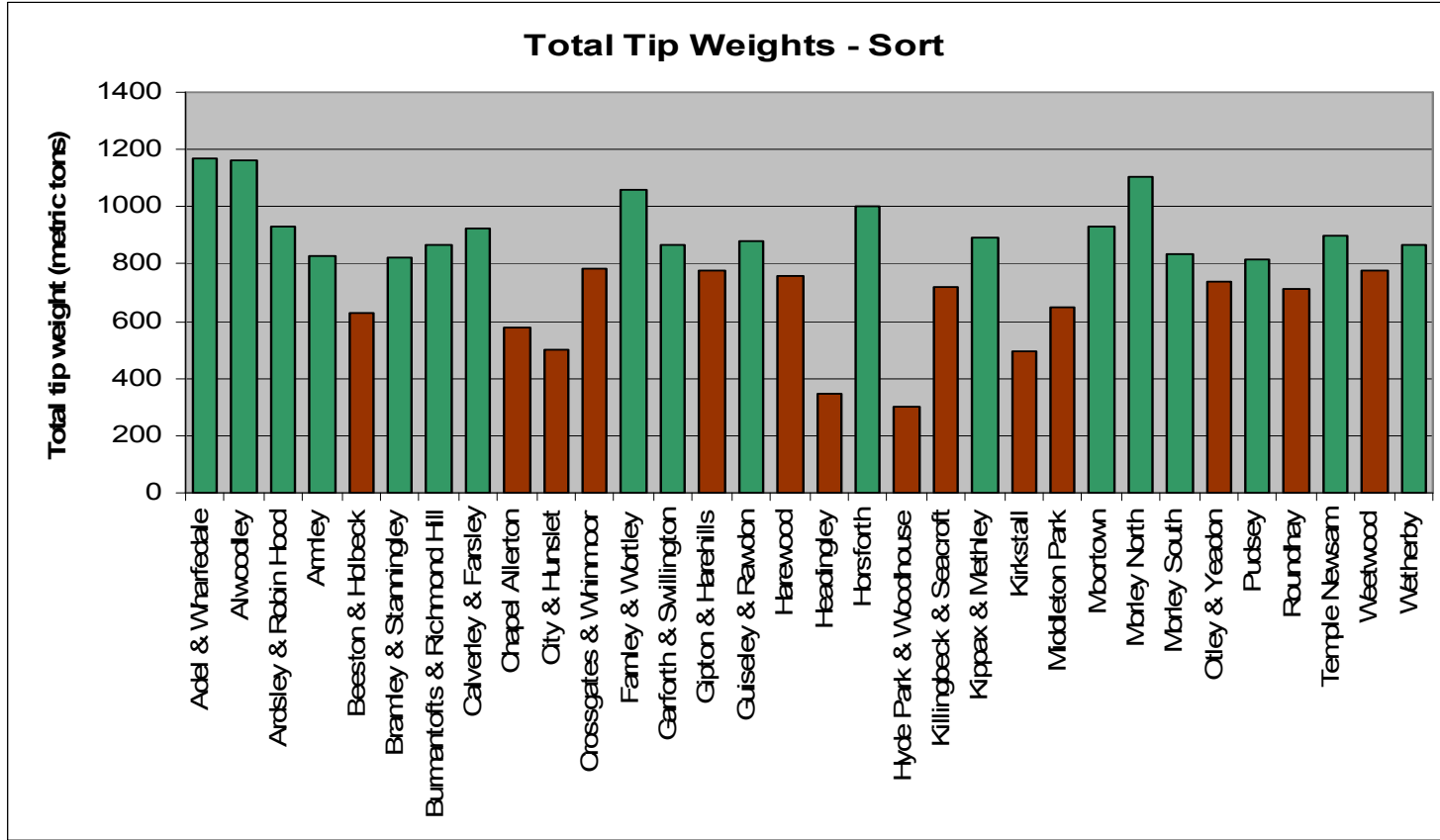
<p><b>Recommendation 15</b>  <b>That the Directors of Environment and Neighbourhoods and City Development ensure that Environmental Services and Planning officers continue to link into the work of the Yorkshire and Humber Waste Regional Advisory Group and Regional Technical Advisory Group or their successor bodies.</b></p>	<p><b>Reported position in August 2012:</b></p> <p>The Waste Regional Advisory Group and Yorkshire and Humber Waste Prevention Programme meetings have been disbanded.</p> <p>Waste officers continue to liaise with other local authorities on an informal basis.</p> <p>No further action to be taken.</p>	<p>?</p>	
<p><b>Recommendation 16</b>  <b>That the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods explores the feasibility and potential benefits of developing and piloting an incentive scheme as a way of engaging more people to recycle.</b></p>	<p><b>Reported position in August 2012:</b></p> <p>The bid to DCLG submitted on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2012, to fund the city wide weekly food waste collections included the introduction of an innovative reward scheme for Leeds residents for participating in recycling.</p> <p>This being based on identifying randomly selected households and checking that recycling bins have been presented at the kerbside and are not contaminated with non-recyclable materials, with householders offered a small monetary reward. The scheme will be supported by the publicity for the new food collection service and will be self-funded based on anticipated recycling</p>	<p>4  Not achieved  (Press made acceptable.  Continue monitoring)</p>	



<p><b>Recommendation 17</b>  <b>That the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods (i)ensures that the issues raised with the Scrutiny Board by Student Unions and Unipol are addressed as part of the wider piece of work being undertaken jointly between Environmental Services and the Student Unions in providing appropriate recycling provision for students (ii) write to the Minister for Housing and Local Government seeking the necessary power to allow local authorities the discretion to tackle the problem of recycling in respect of Houses in Multiple Occupation by adopting their own local solutions, in consultation with local landlords</b></p>	<p><b>Reported position in August 2012</b></p> <p>A project to look at overall waste collection in the Headingley area is to be scoped to consider what alternative approaches would be viable to provide residents with the required access to recycling but also reduce the numbers of bins on streets.</p>	<p>4  Not achieved  (Press made acceptable. Continue monitoring)</p>	
<p><b>Recommendation 18</b>  <b>That the findings from the independent market research project into the recycling patterns of residents living within areas of the city with a high student occupancy, be brought back to Scrutiny as soon as possible for consideration.</b></p>	<p><b>Reported position in August 2011:</b></p> <p>See Recommendation 17</p>	<p>4  Not achieved  (Press made acceptable. Continue monitoring)</p>	

<p><b>Recommendation 19</b>  <b>That the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods ensures that the Council's handbook on business waste is disseminated widely amongst local businesses across the city.</b></p>	<p><b>Reported position in August 2012:</b></p> <p>Booklet to be reference within business literature of City Centre management.</p> <p>No further actions at this stage</p>	<p>?</p>	
<p><b>Recommendation 20</b>  <b>That the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods ensures that Scrutiny is recognised as a key stakeholder as part of the consultation process when reviewing the Leeds Integrated Waste Strategy.</b></p>	<p><b>Reported position in August 2012:</b></p> <p>Ongoing. No further comments at this stage</p>	<p>4  Not achieved  (Press made acceptable.  Continue monitoring)</p>	

Appendix 2.



**Appendix 3**

Priority 2012/13	Previous Scrutiny Recommendation	
	Strong Alignment	Weak Alignment
<b>Establish different patterns of collection during 2012</b>	<p><b>Recommendation 1</b> In recognising the benefits of the green bag SORT collection scheme and communal collection scheme in addressing the challenges presented by hard-to-access properties, we recommend that these schemes are given priority consideration for those areas across the city with similar property types that do not have access to a kerbside SORT collection service.</p>	
	<p><b>Recommendation 2</b> That the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods ensures that, where consultations are being conducted with Ward Members and local residents around appropriate recycling service options, that the relevant Area Committees are regularly kept informed of progress.</p>	
<b>Achieve 44% recycling for 2012/13</b>	<p><b>Recommendation 3</b> That the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods ensures that the findings of the options appraisal around the collection and recycling of glass across the city is reported back to Scrutiny for consideration as soon as possible</p> <p><b>Recommendation 17(i)</b> That the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods (i)ensures that the issues raised with the Scrutiny Board by Student Unions and Unipol are addressed as part of the wider piece of work being undertaken jointly between Environmental Services and the Student Unions in providing appropriate recycling provision for students</p>	<p><b>Recommendation 4</b> That the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods ensures that, as part of the Recycling Improvement Plan, future plans to expand the bring site network further in Leeds take into account the following factors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• those areas where the proportion of glass is greater than the average, thereby having the potential to overwhelm a bring infrastructure;</li> <li>• that potential noise nuisance resulting from glass recycling containers is minimised as much as possible where sites are proposed within residential areas.</li> </ul> <p><b>Recommendation 7</b> That the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods explores opportunities available to</p>

		<p>work more closely with charities to coordinate services for the collection of textiles in a better way.</p> <p><b>Recommendation 18</b> That the findings from the independent market research project into the recycling patterns of residents living within areas of the city with a high student occupancy, be brought back to Scrutiny as soon as possible for consideration.</p> <p><b>Recommendation 17(ii)</b> That the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods ii) write to the Minister for Housing and Local Government seeking the necessary power to allow local authorities the discretion to tackle the problem of recycling in respect of Houses in Multiple Occupation by adopting their own local solutions, in consultation with local landlords</p>
<b>Garden waste expansion by within existing capacity by Aug 2012</b>		
<b>Implement pilot fortnightly collections for up to 40,000 properties by Feb 2013</b>		
<b>Food waste expansion for up to 6,000 properties by Mar 2013</b>	<p><b>Recommendation 16</b> That the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods explores the feasibility and potential benefits of developing and piloting an incentive scheme as a way of engaging more people to recycle.</p>	