

National Waste & Resources strategy and its potential for new partnerships

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- National waste strategy
- The challenges for Kirklees
- The opportunities for Kirklees

National waste strategy

Launched December 18, 2018

1. Reform of extended producer responsibility
2. Collection consistency framework
 - a) Co-mingled with separate food waste collection
 - b) 2 recycling streams with separate food waste collection
 - c) multi-stream (kerbside sort) with separate food waste collection
 - Weekly food waste collection mandatory by 2023
 - Free garden waste collections for households with gardens
3. Deposit return scheme (DRS) by 2023
4. Plastics tax

Objectives

- To work towards all plastic packaging placed on the market being recyclable, reusable or compostable by 2025;
- To work towards eliminating food waste to landfill by 2030;
- To eliminate avoidable plastic waste over the lifetime of the 25 Year Environment Plan
- To double resource productivity by 2050; and
- To eliminate avoidable waste of all kinds by 2050.

Challenges in Kirklees

Kirklees has pioneering history - MRF and incinerator in late 1970s

Now it faces a series of challenges

- National recycling target 2020, 50%, 2025, 55%
- Co-mingled collections tend to focus on quantity and deliver low quality
- Reprocessors now more quality-driven, will reject loads if contamination is high
- Current recycling rate is 27.2%, big gap to fill
- Contamination of green bin is 42%, current strategy is to remove contaminated bins
- Rejected loads cost Kirklees £0.5m/year

Challenges in Kirklees cont'd

- Current waste contract due for renewal in 2023
- National consistency framework for household collections
- Household food waste collection mandatory by 2023
- Free garden waste collections
- Will need to be flexible to respond to future requirements and national targets
- Range of materials collected in green bins expanded
- No current collections, so will have to be included in the new waste contract
- Currently, op-in paid for collection, so limited reach

Opportunities

- potential for new partnerships

- How we deal with waste is changing
 - More focus on reduction and avoidance rather than residual waste - containment / management of contamination
 - Recycling systems that are driven by quality
 - National consistency framework in provision
- Public attitudes and behaviour are changing
 - Demand for more materials recycled / more information / better management of waste / simplicity rather than complexity / national consistency
 - Willingness to 'do the right thing' if its easy / convenient
 - Re-thinking public communication strategies - aggressive and proactive
 - Needs to be engaging / fun / make full use of social media / clever messaging

Opportunities

- Formalised link ups with reuse groups both national and local
- 3rd sector can be part of the future
- Current – recycling and reuse of bikes
- Other options being considered

Context

- National waste strategy
- New waste contract in 2023
- Changing public attitudes and behaviour

New models of salvage at civic amenity sites

- Workshop preview

Previous models









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