

# Climate Local Commitment: Waste

Developing future plans to reduce waste and maximise diversion from landfill.

## Key Achievements 2012/13

- The level of diversion from landfill has been maintained at 95% through a combination of effective recycling collection schemes and partnership working with the council's waste contractor to ensure maximum diversion of residual waste (principally through Energy from Waste).
- Over forty new glass recycling sites have been placed across the district in advance of the ending of household glass collections. This is part of the council's plan to provide an effective ongoing glass recycling facility for householders in the future and to maintain, as far as possible, overall household waste recycling performance.

## Future Challenges/Opportunities

Ongoing reductions in the Council's budget present the authority with a major challenge in relation to waste management.

The council's most significant challenge here is in tackling predicted future increases in household waste quantities, which, if not addressed effectively, will lead to major increases in cost.

Whilst the level of waste diversion from landfill places Kirklees amongst the very top performing authorities in England, increasing the council's recycling performance in the current financial climate will also present a significant challenge.

# Action Plan 2013/14: Waste

## Aims:

- 1) Maintain and improve performance of recycling schemes and high level diversion from landfill.
- 2) Review the Council's Waste Strategy taking into account revised Government policy, new legislation and budget pressures.

Priority	Action	Measure	Timescale	Funding
1	Implement a communications campaign to encourage continued glass recycling following the ending of household collections.	Initial campaign implemented.	June 2013	n/a
2	Work with our waste disposal contractor to maintain, and to identify opportunities to improve, both the input and output quality of comingled recyclables at the Materials Recycling Facility (MRF), hence maximise recycling through this route.	Measure to be developed taking account of both the outcome of initial work here and the Government's MRF Code of Practice (to be published during 2013).	March 2014	n/a
3	Undertake targeted campaign action to reduce levels of food waste in Kirklees by adapting the national Love Food Hate Waste campaign to engage with and involve specifically identified local communities; develop plan to apply learning elsewhere in a wider rollout.	3 specific campaigns undertaken: Huddersfield University student population and residents in two identified residential areas of the district.	March 2014	n/a
4	Develop a range of waste management options for consultation with elected members and undertake appropriate consultation.	Consultation undertaken.	September 2013	n/a
5	Build selected actions into 2014/15 budget proposals.	Appropriate actions, as agreed through elected member consultation, built into budget proposals.	November 2013	n/a
6	Produce final waste strategy document.	Refreshed waste strategy document completed.	March 2014	n/a