

Waste Strategy Update



Introduction

Following the Scrutiny Review undertaken by Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee last year, it is proposed that the Waste Strategy Implementation would form the in-focus topic for Cleaner, Greener and Safer Overview and Scrutiny Committee to discuss and develop throughout the year.

In November 2020, Cabinet agreed the new Waste Strategy and to progress with the following collection regime:

- Alternate Weekly Refuse Collection
- Weekly Recycling Collection
- Alternate Weekly Garden Waste Collection
- Weekly Food Waste Collection

Additionally, Cabinet agreed:

- That Thurrock Council lead by example and act to reduce and where possible eliminate, single use plastics.

Overall Aim of the Strategy



Operational Changes

- Introduction of Separate Food-waste collections (September 2022)
- Alternate Weekly General (green/grey bins) waste collections
- Weekly recycling collections remain the same, however round rationalisation will be carried out to synchronise recycling and food waste collections on the same vehicle/day of collection
- Purchase of 20x new collection-vehicles
 - Exciting new livery to reflect the relaunch of waste collections and promote recycling
 - Provide greater capacity, replacing older vehicles from our existing fleet
 - 10x 'Dual-compartments' for 'Food-Waste & Recycling' on same vehicle
 - 10x Larger Refuse Collection vehicles, allowing some resilience for property-numbers increasing over coming years
- Renewal of current waste-disposal contracts to include separate food-waste collections with potential to provide greater efficiencies
- Alternate-weekly garden waste collections will remain.

New Vehicle Mock Up- *Without Livery*



New Service Roll Out

- Tender for the supply & delivery of Food-Caddies – January 2022
- New Larger Refuse-collection vehicles due for delivery (4x in Jan/6x in Mar) and will be put straight into service
- Comms Strategy to commence to trickle-feed messaging around the new services – March 2022.
 - New ‘Vehicle-Naming’ competition to be completed before school’s close for Easter
- Food-Caddies - Delivery out to residents by Contractors and collection the following week – September 2022.
 - All ‘Monday’s properties’ first, and so on
 - Bio-degradable/ Caddy liner bags will be accepted, but not provided by the Council.
- Food-waste collection vehicles due delivery late August onwards
- New Services to commence September 2022
 - Food-Waste & Recycling collections weekly
 - Residual (grey/green) goes to alternate-weekly
 - Completely new collection schedules to be created, which will include day-changes for residents to ensure consistent service

Food Caddy – Examples



23l Food Caddy



5l Kitchen Caddy

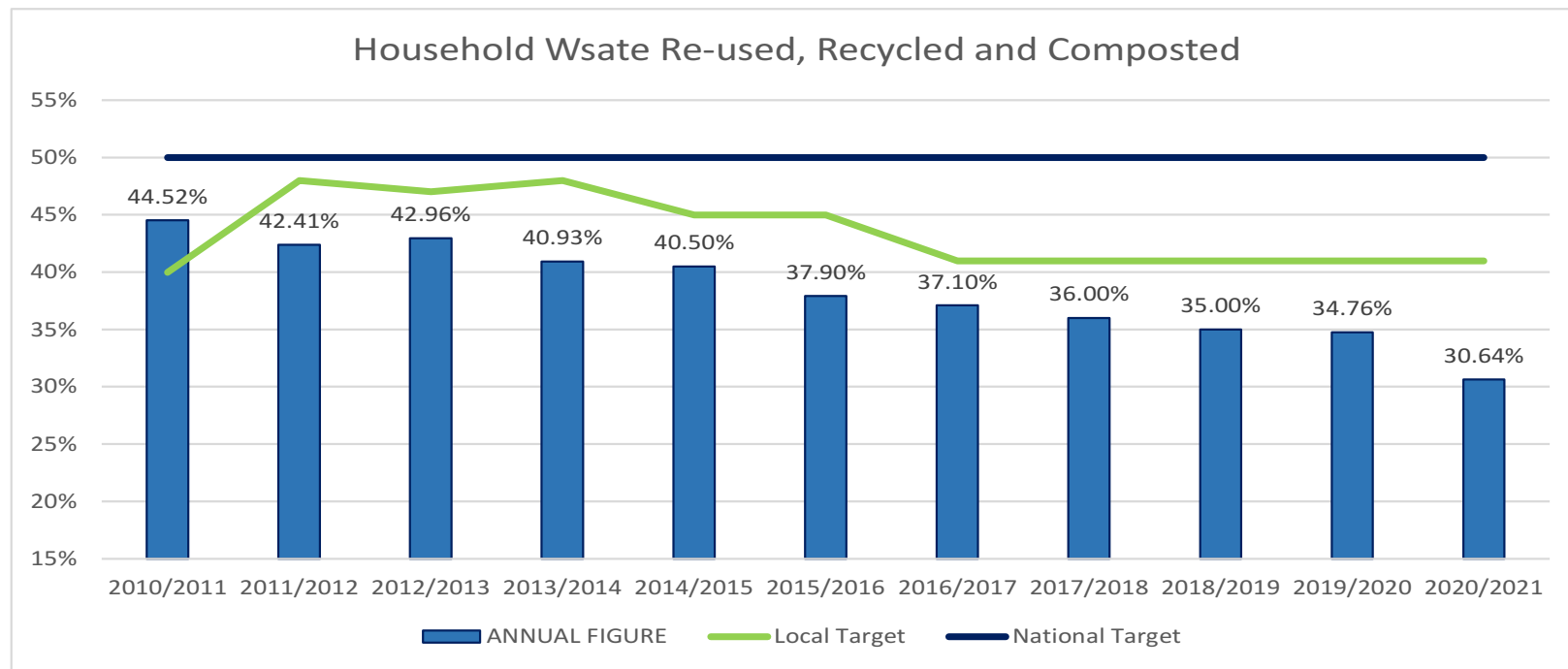
Household Waste and Recycling – What goes in the bins

Each household has 3 bins- **blue** bin is for recyclable waste, **brown** bin is for garden waste and **green** or **grey** bin is for non-recyclable waste. Additionally, a green caddy will be provided for food waste. Putting the right rubbish in the right bin helps to recycle properly. Bins with the wrong types of rubbish in them will not be collected. Side waste and excess bags or sacks will also not be collected

Blue	Brown	Green or Grey	Green Food Caddy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • paper – newspapers, magazines, junk mail, loose shredded paper, envelopes • phone directories and catalogues • Cardboard • Aerosols • food tins • drink cans and cartons • plastic bottles • plastic food trays and yoghurt pots • Tetra Pak packaging • glass bottles and jars, but no other types of glass 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • grass cuttings • Prunings • Leaves • cut flowers • clean straw or hay • branches under 10cm in diameter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • general refuse and pet waste • plastic bags • Polystyrene • light bulbs, but not fluorescent bulbs • glassware such as Pyrex and mirrors • sanitary products • Nappies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • plate scrapings • vegetable peelings • meat and bones • egg shells • cooked and uncooked food • teabags and coffee grounds

Household Waste Re-used, Recycled & Composted

- The National Target for recycling has been set at 50% for a number of years. Thurrock is yet to meet that target.
- Since the high point in recycling linked to the introduction of wheelie bins, the recycle rate has been declining year on year
- There is clear evidence that fortnightly residual collections and the introduction of food waste leads to an increase in the level of dry recycling



Discussion

CGS O&S will be updated on the implementation timescales, communication materials, vehicle livery examples and other project related matters.

Members are asked to consider and agree that the Waste Strategy Implementation Project be the in-focus topic item for the Municipal Year.

Questions?