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## Notice of Meeting

Dear Member

### Environment and Climate Change Scrutiny Panel

The **Environment and Climate Change Scrutiny Panel** will meet in the **Meeting Room 3 - Town Hall, Huddersfield** at **2.00 pm** on **Wednesday 30 August 2023**.

This meeting will be live webcast. To access the webcast please go to the Council's website at the time of the meeting and follow the instructions on the page.

The items which will be discussed are described in the agenda and there are reports attached which give more details.

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**Julie Muscroft**

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## **The Panel members are:-**

### **Member**

Councillor Jackie Ramsay (Chair)

Councillor Timothy Bamford

Councillor Hannah McKerchar

Councillor Matthew McLoughlin

Councillor Will Simpson

Councillor John Taylor

Jane Emery (Co-Optee)

Garry Kitchen (Co-Optee)

# Agenda

## Reports or Explanatory Notes Attached

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### Pages

**1: Membership of the Panel**

To receive apologies for absence from those Members who are unable to attend the meeting.

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**2: Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

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To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

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**3: Declaration of Interests**

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Members will be asked to say if there are any items on the Agenda in which they have any disclosable pecuniary interests or any other interests, which may prevent them from participating in any discussion of the items or participating in any vote upon the items.

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**4: Admission of the Public**

Most agenda items take place in public. This only changes where there is a need to consider exempt information, as contained at Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. You will be informed at this point which items are to be recommended for exclusion and to be resolved by the Panel.

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**5: Deputations/Petitions**

The Panel will receive any petitions and/or deputations from members of the public. A deputation is where up to five people can attend the meeting and make a presentation on some particular issue of concern. A member of the public can also submit a petition at the meeting relating to a matter on which the body has powers and responsibilities.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10, Members of the Public must submit a deputation in writing, at least three clear working days in advance of the meeting and shall subsequently be notified if the deputation shall be heard. A maximum of four deputations shall be heard at any one meeting.

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## **6: Public Question Time**

To receive any public questions.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11, the period for the asking and answering of public questions shall not exceed 15 minutes.

Any questions must be submitted in writing at least three clear working days in advance of the meeting.

Please note that in line with pre-election rules, questions relating to the Batley East Ward and By-Election issues will not be heard.

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## **7: Re-Profile of Kirklees Resource & Waste Strategy 2021-2030** 11 - 70

The Panel will consider a report informing of the re-profile of the Kirklees Resource & Waste Strategy 2021-30.

Contacts:

Natalie Clark, Programme Manager, Resources and Waste Strategy  
Will Acornley, Head of Operational Services, Highways and Streetscene

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## **8: Snow Wardens Volunteer Scheme** 71 - 74

The Panel will consider an update report on the Snow Wardens Volunteer Scheme.

Contact:

Nick Jenkin, Business Development Officer

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## **9: Work Programme 2023/2024** 75 - 82

The Panel will consider its work programme for 2023/24.

Contact:

Jodie Harris , Principal Governance and Democratic Engagement  
Officer

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## KIRKLEES COUNCIL

### ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE SCRUTINY PANEL

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

Present: Councillor Jackie Ramsay (Chair)  
Councillor Timothy Bamford  
Councillor Matthew McLoughlin  
Councillor John Taylor

In attendance: Katherine Armitage, Service Director –  
Environmental Strategy and Climate Change  
Russell Williams, Operational Manager, Public  
Protection  
Guy Thompson, White Rose Forest Programme  
Director

Apologies: Councillor Hannah McKerchar  
Councillor Will Simpson  
Jane Emery (Co-optee)

**1 Membership of the Panel**

Apologies were received from Councillor Hannah McKerchar, Councillor Will Simpson and Jane Emery (Co-Optee).

**2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The Panel considered the Minutes of the meeting of the former Economy and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Panel held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes be approved.

**3 Interests**

No Interests were declared.

**4 Admission of the Public**

All items were considered in the public session.

**5 Deputations/Petitions**

No deputations or petitions were received.

**6 Public Question Time**

No public questions were received.

### 7 Cumulative Impact Assessment

The Panel considered a report on proposals to introduce a Cumulative Impact Assessment (CIA) Policy under the Licensing Act 2003 which was presented by Russell Williams, Operational Manager- Public Protection. Katherine Armitage, Service Director – Environmental Strategy and Climate Change was also in attendance.

Russell Williams gave a presentation which explained that the purpose of the report was to brief members of the Environment and Climate Change Scrutiny Panel on proposals to carry out public consultation in respect of introducing a CIA for Huddersfield and Dewsbury Town Centres. It was also advised that:

- The Licensing Act 2003 required the licensing authority to prepare and publish a statement of its licensing policy at least every five years.
- The existing policy was adopted in January 2020 and was due for renewal in 2025.
- A review of the policy was to be undertaken which included a focus on aligning the policy with the Councils vision for the regeneration of its town centres.
- As a part of the review work had been undertaken to consider the introduction of a CIA.
- Cumulative impact was the potential impact on the promotion of the licensing objectives of a significant number of licensed premises concentrated in one area.
- The publication of a CIA set a strong statement of intent about the Councils approach to considering applications.
- It also placed the responsibility to demonstrate the need for a premise and the planned steps to mitigate risks (as identified in the CIA) on the applicant.
- Working with the Councils Public Health Data Intelligence Officers and the West Yorkshire Police local crime statistics had been reviewed over the last 5 years.
- The data showed that alcohol related crime statistics were above average in both Huddersfield and Dewsbury.
- The review demonstrated that there was sufficient evidence to propose Consultation on the introduction of a CIA.
- The scope of a CIA could be applied to a specific class of premises (i.e.- Off Licenses, On Licenses, late night refreshment or a mixture of these).
- Concerns had been raised by Ward Members around the number of Off-licences opening in town centres.
- In response current proposals were to carry out Consultation for the introduction of a CIA which was limited to the off-licence trade.
- Whilst the initial evidence was reviewed for Huddersfield and Dewsbury town centres, there was potential for ward members to request consideration be given to introducing CIA's in other areas.
- The evidence to support the introduction of a CIA had to be robust and able to stand up to judicial scrutiny.
- As part of the full review, work may be undertaken with ward members to investigate if there was sufficient evidence to support the introduction of a CIA elsewhere.
- The next steps were to report to the Licensing and Safety Committee on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023.



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- If approved a 12-week consultation would begin and end in September 2023 and the analysis of the outcomes would take place in October/November 2023.
- A report would then be submitted to a meeting of the Full Council to consider any recommendations and for the adoption or rejection of the CIA in January 2024.
- Whilst this process was ongoing, work was being undertaken to reduce the current impact to communities through alternative interventions which included:
  - A review of the Council's current PSPO's to ensure they were more robust.
  - Working with premises selling alcohol to establish a voluntary agreement to remove sale of single high strength cans of alcohol (6% or above).
  - Collating evidence to support the potential review of individual premises licences.
  - Taking a multi-agency approach to tackling street drinkers

The Panel thanked officers for the presentation but raised concerns in relation to the clarity of the data presented as well as noting grammatical errors in the report. In relation to this it was requested that clearer information formatted to a higher standard be presented to the Panel moving forwards. The Panel also noted that one area had significantly higher crime data than the other areas, and wanted to understand more about the boundaries of the assessments and where there was scope for these to be amended noting a lack of clarity around where the lines would be drawn.

In response, Russell Williams acknowledged the lack of clarity in the report and agreed to recirculate the amended map to the Panel. It was also explained that the data marked in red was supplied by the Councils Public Health team, and that the information had been blocked out as it represented a number less than 50. However, Russell acknowledged the Panel's concerns that this did make it more difficult to make comparison and agreed to liaise with Public Health colleagues to obtain the actual figures and to circulate this information after the meeting. In response to the question in relation to the boundaries of the geographical assessment it was advised that the initial Consultation was to be in alignment with the boundaries shown but reassured the Panel that this would be made clearer prior to the start of the consultation period. Russell further highlighted that work would continue with the Police and Public Health as well as Ward Members to determine if the scope of the boundaries needed to be widened or more restricted as part of the Consultation.

The Panel noted the response and raised concerns that the boundaries seemed to exclude the side of Trinity Street adjacent to Greenhead Park and that in doing so, the problems may persist in this area. In relation to this, the Panel requested to understand more about how the maps were determined. In respect of the public Consultation, the Panel wanted to understand more about the process, who was being consulted with and what the desired outcomes were.

In response, Russell Williams noted the concerns raised about Trinity Street and agreed to revisit the boundaries alongside Public Health colleagues as part of the Consultation. In response to questions about the approach to the Consultation, it was advised that the Council was duty bound to consult with the responsible authorities, but consultation would also be held with ward members, trade groups

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and the public. Officers would work with the Councils Consultation team on the approach with the aim of achieving a high number of responses particularly from the public.

Then Panel noted Safer Dewsbury as a useful forum and highlighted that it was important to be inclusive about who was involved and that surrounding areas be included, for example Ravensthorpe and Batley. The Panel further emphasised the importance of setting a clear ambition for the number of responses from the public to ensure the validity of the Consultation and to measure success.

Katherine Armitage, Service Director – Environmental Strategy and Climate Change responded to acknowledge the importance of ensuring adequate representation and agreed that a figure that was deemed to be statistically valid against the overall population be provided when developing the Consultation and the aim would be to achieve above this number of respondents.

In response to the question about how the maps were determined, Russell Williams explained that the maps were produced by Public Health who obtained the data from the Police. This information was then processed using a public health toolkit before being entered into a matrix which produced a score for the area. This model was based on national public health guidance and was used widely by other authorities.

The Panel asked a question around the enforcement of existing licences and scope for these to be included in the CIA.

In response, Russell Williams acknowledged that there were existing challenges and agreed that more work was needed to address these. The intention was to do so through alternative planned interventions, and a part of this involved looking at if there was sufficient evidence to review existing licences.

The Panel welcomed the approach to consider other areas and requested that if approval for Consultation was given that an email be sent to all Ward Members asking them to put forward the areas that they represent for consideration if they felt it would be useful. The Panel also asked to understand more about the other interventions listed and the multiagency approach.

The Panel further highlighted the importance of addressing issues in relation to fast food chains, electronic cigarette/vape shops and street-drinking at family friendly events adding that it would have been helpful for data to be included in relation to alcohol related hospital admissions and the long-term effects of alcohol.

In response, Russell Williams agreed to invite Ward Members to approach officers if they would like an area to be included. In relation to the other interventions, from a licensing point of view the data was essential and part of the work with the multi-agency side was around gathering evidence to be reported to the police which supported the need for a CIA. If the evidence identified individual premises, then intervention could be taken.

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The Panel noted the response, and further recommended that the Consultation dates be reviewed to include the student population.

**RESOLVED:** The Panel noted the report, 'Cumulative Impact Assessment' and recommended that:

1. The data be reviewed where it was felt to be incorrect (particularly in relation to Dewsbury Town centre) and be shared with the Panel.
2. The maps be made clearer and shared with the Panel following review with the Public Health Department.
3. Where figures less than 50 had been blocked out in the report that liaison took place with the Public Health Department to obtain actual figures and that these be shared with the Panel.
4. The quality of the report presented be improved and formatted to a higher standard before presentation to the Panel moving forwards.
5. A review of areas be undertaken where streets may be excluded by the boundary line and allow for issues to persist (i.e.- Trinity Street).
6. The ambition for the Public Consultation was made clear and that a statistically valid figure against the overall population for the number of public respondents be set to ensure broad representation and meaningful engagement.
7. Consideration be given to amending the period within which the Public Consultation was to be held to ensure the student population be represented.
8. The Panel be informed with the outcomes of the Public Consultation if approved by the Licensing Panel.
9. The Panel be provided with information in relation to; those licences that were being reviewed (i.e.- where areas were congested with premises selling cheap alcohol), the scope for refusal and evidence of good practice.
10. It was important to be inclusive in the approach and that consideration continue to be given to the inclusion of other areas.
11. If the Consultation be approved, that an email be sent to all Ward Members asking them to put forward the areas that they represent for consideration if they felt it would be useful.
12. The Panel to be informed if the Consultation was approved and for an update be provided on progress prior to further consideration by Licensing and Full Council.

### **8 White Rose Forest – Summary review 2022/23 and looking ahead to 2023/24**

The Panel considered a presentation on White Rose Forest - Summary review of 2022/23 and looking ahead to 2023/24. Guy Thompson, White Rose Forest Programme Director gave the update which began with a short video summarising the achievements from the previous reporting year, followed by the presentation which highlighted that:

- The total number of hectares planted in the White Rose Forest (WRF) was 329; a significant amount when compared to the national figure of 1000.
- England's Community Forest (ECF) network covered 20% of England's land cover and delivered more woodland than any other single Woodland Creation Partnership including the Forestry Commission.
- The WRF was in its 3<sup>rd</sup> year of a 5-year programme and during this time the WRF had gained a national profile with a growing reputation.
- After 3 seasons the WRF had:

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- Created 805 hectares of new woodland and supported the planting of 1600 trees.
- Invested £6.7m with landowners across North and West Yorkshire.
- Over 30,000 households would have more access to local woodlands as a result of the trees planted.
- 235 hectares of new woodland had been planted next to the existing ancient woodland resource protecting its biodiversity value.
- The WRF Delivery pathway was working, and Kirklees and the Community Forest Trust had recruited a capable and ambitious WRF core team.
- A Governance transition was underway to respond to changing region governance and a surge in both political interest and resources for Community Forests.
- A WRF 25-year plan from 2025-2050 (aimed to launch 1<sup>st</sup> August 2025) was being developed which was to set out the Vision, targets and ambitions for woodland creation and woodland management for North and West Yorkshire.
- The Plan was to prioritise biodiversity, climate resilience, community mental health and job skills.

The Panel noted the presentation and, in the discussion to follow, asked several questions around value for money, measuring success, and the risks of failed trees, with reference to a particular project in Skelmanthorpe where only a few trees had survived due to lack of maintenance or protection.

In response to the questions, Guy Thompson advised that once the scheme had been designed (which was suitable for landowners needs within the context of the site) that the contract was put in place which outlined the amount of maintenance and funding required. Kirklees as the accountable body and on behalf of DEFRA bought in a 15-year woodland. Up until that point if the trees weren't successful, legally the onus was on the landowner to rectify this. It was also noted that where there were droughts or rain at the wrong time, there were sites where there was inevitably failure.

The Panel wanted to understand more about the Green Streets (the number of Green Streets in Kirklees and the ambition for this). In response, Guy Thompson advised that the 'Green streets' project was aimed at targeting priority communities, areas of job growth and the key routes that linked them. Kirklees were currently undertaking mapping work around its transport routes to identify opportunities for tree planting and woodland creation and further agreed to provide the Panel with Kirklees specific data.

The Panel asked further questions around landownership, and the use of tree guards noting concerns that the decision not to use guards increased the risk of failure.

In response Guy Thompson advised that use of tree guards was dependent on a number of factors arising from the landowner and the purpose of the site. Once the purpose of the woodland was determined, a forester would design the project to ensure that the trees became independent within the landscape and there were numerous ways of doing this, i.e.- fencing, a weeding regime, species selection, or guards etc...Most sites did include the use of guards unless there was a risk of

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increased vandalism, in which case more trees would be planted with the expectation of some losses. There were also some sites that chose to be plastic free, and it was acknowledged that this was a risk, but those landowners choosing not to use tree guards were liable to make up for any losses.

In response to the question about landownership, it was advised that most schemes were Local Authority owned in recent years. The next major grouping of landowners were large estates, but it could take up to 3-4 years to get permissions for planting and as a result there were no expectations for ownership to change in the short-term. Other landowners included tenant farmers, whose landowners agreement was required for investment.

The Panel noted the response and asked what support was available to landowners and if there was any best practice guidance provided to them in relation to the long-term maintenance of trees, and if so if an example could be provided. The Panel also wanted to know how likely it was that the projects would achieve the desired outcomes.

In response, Guy Thompson referred to the WRF delivery pathway which was a bespoke process and involved working with landowners and accessing their needs. The level of support and training was then shaped around this, and Landowners were revisited on a 5 yearly basis to reassess any changing needs. In response to the question about the success of the projects, Guy Thompson expressed confidence that in the current climate the projects would produce woodland in 10-15 years.

The Panel noted the response and asked further questions in respect of checking in with the landowner throughout the contract and about the relationship with parks and green spaces. Guy Thompson responded to advised that the Major Project Service and the core team function covered North and West Yorkshire. The team was separate from the parks and green space function, and it was suggested that it would be best to obtain further details from Kirklees as the landowner. In response to the question about checking in with and visiting landowners Guy Thompson confirmed this was usually after 5 years unless contact was made prior by the landowners due to a particular challenge or unexpected losses.

The Panel further highlighted the importance of biodiversity and the targets in relation to increasing biodiversity. The Panel also wanted to know if there was scope to work with community groups around tree planting and site assessment.

In response, Guy Thompson advised that native species were the default chosen for planting. In the case of Ancient Woodland, it was acknowledged that this was a finite resource which could not be replaced or expanded but action could be taken to plant around it to increase biodiversity. Work was being undertaken with Forest Research to link into key biodiversity corridors in North and West Yorkshire. The targets were long term and were dependent on the individual driver and design working with the landowner.

In response to the question relating to support for Community Groups, Guy Thompson advised that the main challenges to smaller groups arose from the

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complex regulatory processes. Plans to help support Community Groups included the offer of bespoke training in relation to increasing understanding of the delivery pathway, 1:1 meetings to identify training/resource needs, and a planning grant.

**RESOLVED:** The Panel noted the report, White Rose Forest – Summary review 2022/23 and looking ahead to 2023/24 and recommended that Kirklees specific data be provided in relation to the Green Streets be provided to the Panel.

### **9 Work Programme (Draft) 2023/24**

The Panel considered its Draft Work Programme for the 2023/24 municipal year and noted that this was to be submitted to the next meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee for approval. It was agreed that:

**RESOLVED:** Climate Impact and Air quality Impact be noted as ‘golden threads’ and that information in relation to these areas should be included in reports provided to the Panel.

1. The Forward Plan of key decisions to be reviewed by the Panel regularly to ensure oversight of pre-decision items.
2. An update on Winter Maintenance be provided ahead of the Winter period.
3. A long list of any unscheduled items be added to the work programme.

## KIRKLEES COUNCIL

### COUNCIL/CABINET/COMMITTEE MEETINGS ETC

### DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Environment & Climate Change Scrutiny Panel

Name of Councillor

Item in which you have an interest	Type of interest (eg a disclosable pecuniary interest or an “Other Interest”)	Does the nature of the interest require you to withdraw from the meeting while the item in which you have an interest is under consideration? [Y/N]	Brief description of your interest

Signed: .....

Dated: .....

## NOTES

### Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

If you have any of the following pecuniary interests, they are your disclosable pecuniary interests under the new national rules. Any reference to spouse or civil partner includes any person with whom you are living as husband or wife, or as if they were your civil partner.

Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain, which you, or your spouse or civil partner, undertakes.

Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from your council or authority) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expenses incurred by you in carrying out duties as a member, or towards your election expenses.

Any contract which is made between you, or your spouse or your civil partner (or a body in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest) and your council or authority -

- under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and
- which has not been fully discharged.

Any beneficial interest in land which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, have and which is within the area of your council or authority.

Any licence (alone or jointly with others) which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, holds to occupy land in the area of your council or authority for a month or longer.

Any tenancy where (to your knowledge) - the landlord is your council or authority; and the tenant is a body in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest.

Any beneficial interest which you, or your spouse or your civil partner has in securities of a body where -

(a) that body (to your knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of your council or authority; and

(b) either -

the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or

if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.



**Name of meeting:** Environment and Climate Change Scrutiny Panel

**Date:** 30<sup>th</sup> August 2023

**Title of report:** Re-Profile of Kirklees Resource & Waste Strategy 2021-2030

**Purpose of report:** To inform Cabinet of the re-profile of the Kirklees Resource & Waste Strategy 2021-30 and seek approval for the revision.

<b>Key Decision - Is it likely to result in spending or saving £500k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?</b>	<b>Yes</b>  The strategy required significant investment to implement however the re-profiling has sought to reduce this cost.
<b>Key Decision - Is it in the <u>Council's Forward Plan (key decisions and private reports)</u>?</b>	<b>Key Decision – Yes</b>  <b>Private Report/Private Appendix – No</b>
<b>The Decision - Is it eligible for call in by Scrutiny?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Date signed off by <u>Strategic Director</u> &amp; name</b>	<b>Graham West – 16<sup>th</sup> August 2023</b>
<b>Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Finance?</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Legal Governance and Commissioning?</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Cabinet member <u>portfolio</u></b>	<b>Cllr Naheed Mather – Cleaner &amp; Greener Kirklees &amp; Cllr Masood Ahmed – Environment</b>

**Electoral wards affected:** All

**Ward councillors consulted:** All – presented to Members Reference Group 17<sup>th</sup> August 2023

**Public or private:** Public

**Has GDPR been considered?** N/A

## **1. Summary**

- 1.1 The Kirklees Resource & Waste Strategy 2021-30 was approved and adopted at full Council in September 2021.
- 1.2 The strategy assumed that promised reforms and funding streams from central Government would materialise on time and allow the development and investment noted in the strategy. Due to delays and uncertainty from central Government, there are some elements that now need to be reprofiled to meet the new timeframes provided and to allow time to understand what funding will be available.

## **2. Background**

- 2.1 The Resources & Waste Strategy 2021-2030 is included alongside this report (Appendix One) which sets out how we aim to achieve our vision of “a clean, green, sustainable future for Kirklees with zero waste to landfill and where waste is valued as a resource through re-use, recycling, and recovery.”
- 2.2 The strategy’s key aims are:
  - To work with residents, businesses and communities in a way that works for them, using a Place based approach which is engaging, straightforward and visible.
  - Achieve a recycling rate of at least 70% at our Household Waste & Recycling Centres by 2025.
  - Double our recycling rate and recycle at least 55% of municipal waste by 2025.
  - Reuse or recycle as much of the resources collected via our bulky waste collections as possible.
  - Ensure that the environment across the district delivers our vision of a clean, green, sustainable future for Kirklees.
  - Lead by example and set a precedent of good practice to reduce waste, reuse materials, and increase recycling.
  - Achieve a 90% diversion from landfill rate.
- 2.3 There have been many positive initiatives delivered as part of the strategy including but not limited to: introducing a recycling service to schools and businesses via our trade waste service, adding plastic pots, tubs and trays (PTTs) to our kerbside recycling collection service, offering a composting subsidy scheme to residents, offering a new bookable bulky waste collection service and launching a Reuse Shop in Huddersfield town centre.

## **3. Forthcoming Legislation**

- 3.1 The Government announced in 2018 a new waste strategy with significant reforms across all industry. Some of the main impacts on Local Authorities were coming from:
  - Collection Consistency: the statutory requirement to collect specific recyclable items from residents, specifically including tetrapak, glass and food waste.
  - Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR): the requirement for those who produce packaging waste to pay towards the collection and recycling / disposal of it.
  - Deposit Return Scheme (DRS): a scheme that places a cash deposit on some containers that can be redeemed when recycled.
  - Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS): the requirement to reduce carbon emissions from energy generation and use a 'cap and trade' scheme for trading emissions allowances which will have major implications on increasing the cost of operating our Energy from Waste facility.
- 3.2 Alongside these proposals the Government promised that funding would be available for food waste, both in revenue and capital, to ensure there were no new burdens placed on local authorities. In addition, the EPR scheme would see new revenue flowing into local authorities that could offset some of the additional costs of complying with Collection Consistency. To date, no detail has been provided on any of these initiatives, and more recently the Infrastructure and

Project Authority (IPA), an audit arms of Government, had deemed the successful delivery appears to be unachievable in the timeframes originally published. This has prompted DEFRA to announce a delay until at least 2025, and that the Collection Consistency element would not follow until after EPR had been introduced. This leaves Local Authorities in the position of being unable to plan and investment or timeframes until more information is forthcoming on what funding will be available.

3.3 DEFRA has also announced the delay of the DRS which when implemented, creates the risk that the more valuable materials will be lost from our waste streams. This will result in the council being left with the more expensive to treat materials. The ETS has also been announced as moving ahead, with monitoring of emissions from 2026 and implementation from 2028. The cost to the authority of this based on the current proposal would see a revenue burden of c. £5m per annum.

3.4 Without the ability to implement the larger scale changes due to the lack of funding and clarity, the targets and initiatives set out in the strategy require re-profiling, whilst still keeping the level of ambition.

#### **4. Revised Targets**

4.1 It is proposed to revise the strategy's key targets as follows:

- Achieve a recycling rate of at least 70% at our Household Waste & Recycling Centres by 2030.
- Recycle at least 65% of municipal waste by 2035.
- Achieve a 95% diversion from landfill rate by 2030.

#### **5. 12 Month Pledge**

5.1 Due to the level of uncertainty faced, the Resources & Waste strategy will now commit to initiatives on an annual basis, outlined in a 12 month pledge, with key aspirations for the following 5 years. The first 12 month pledge for 2023-24 can be found at Appendix Two.

5.2 The forecasted spend for this period under the original action plan was £2.9m capital spend and the revised initiatives will decrease this spend at an estimated cost of around £800k (£580k capital and £220k revenue).

#### **6. Contamination**

6.1 The contamination of our green bins has shown some modest improvement with the work that the recycling advisors have undertaken, but there are still areas of very high contamination that are causing concern for our contractor, our recycling performance and in the cost of double handling the material. If an acceleration of the improvement is not seen soon then we will have to review more stringent measures of management.

#### **7. Information required to take a decision**

7.1 Enclosed with this report is a copy of the Kirklees Resources & Waste Strategy 2021-30 and the 2023 update.

#### **8. Implications for the Council**

- **Working with People**

A public consultation exercise was conducted in Autumn 2020 and the Resources & Waste Strategy incorporates the findings of this exercise. We will continue to place citizens at the heart of our decisions and will continue to conduct further public engagement as the initiatives from this strategy are implemented, as well as utilising trials.

- **Working with Partners**

The strategy encapsulates how we will provide better waste management services for our residents and our businesses and the engagement we will undertake with partners to achieve our

ambitions. The current waste disposal contract offers very good value for money but does not deliver all the environmental ambitions, particularly regarding recycling, that we might expect from a more modern contract. The co-engagement process will include Suez and other waste disposal operators in the market to gain a full understanding of opportunities available to provide the best service possible for Kirklees residents.

- **Place Based Working**

Our public engagement utilised a Place-based approach using a digital street whereby physical engagement was not possible. The strategy details how we intend to take a bold Place-based approach to deliver our services and also takes into account equality versus equity, where some communities may need additional resources and support. We will continue to work with communities and through a Place Partnership engagement approach we can prioritise local needs and Councillors, using the insight they have about the communities they represent, will be central to this activity.

- **Climate Change and Air Quality**

The strategy plays a key role in tackling climate change and improving air quality and the measures within this strategy will have a reduction upon both. Although the strategy will involve the expansion of our fleet, we will be seeking to ensure this is a green fleet wherever possible and a Strategic Environmental Assessment shows the impact of introducing the strategy provides a positive impact on the environment.

- **Improving outcomes for children**

The strategy details how we will continue to provide an extensive engagement programme within schools and deliver meaningful educational resources to empower children to make a difference both now and in the future. We will also work with colleges and universities to support entrepreneurship and skills development in relation to waste management / circular economy; encouraging and enabling young people to explore, innovate and set up new sustainable businesses within the district.

- **Other (eg Legal/Financial or Human Resources)**

The revised strategy has been presented to Strategic Leadership Teams across the relevant Council departments as well as Executive Team and Member's Reference Group. Feedback from these sessions has been incorporated into the strategy and will be carried forward into implementation of the initiatives contained within.

## **9. Next steps and timelines**

- 9.1 Included within the presentation is a timeline for the revised strategy approval and initial delivery milestones. This is scheduled to be presented to Cabinet on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

## **10. Officer recommendations and reasons**

- Officers recommend that the 2023 Resources & Waste Strategy update is agreed and published.

## **11. Cabinet Portfolio Holder's recommendations**

- 11.1 The Cabinet Portfolio Holders have been consulted with regards to the contents of the revised strategy and support the officers' recommendations.

## **12. Background Papers and History of Decisions**

Collection Consistency Framework – 2018-2020

Party Briefings – November-December 2020

Scrutiny Panel – December 2020

Public Engagement – Autumn/Winter 2020/21

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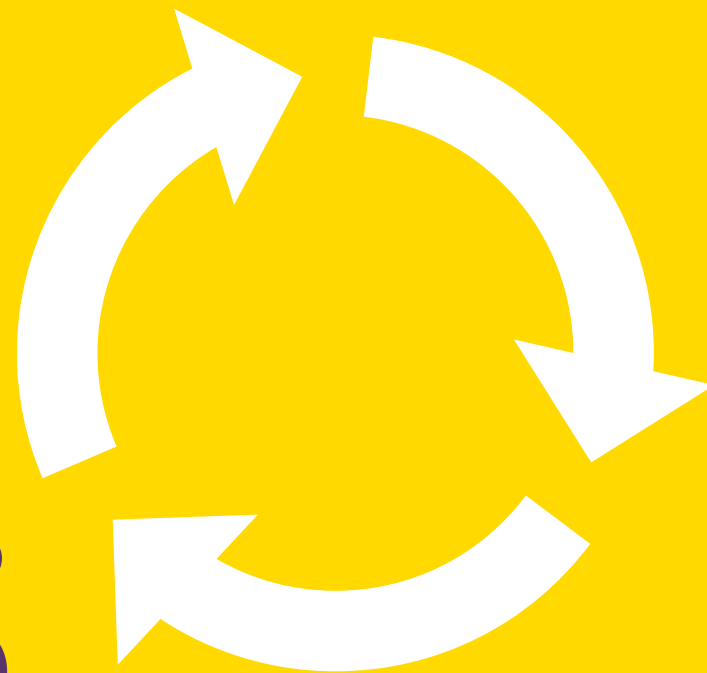
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# Kirklees

## Resources & Waste Strategy 2021-2030







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## 1.0 Foreword

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### Welcome and thank you for your interest in Kirklees Council's Resources and Waste Strategy.

In 2019 we declared a climate emergency and published our vision of a clean, green, sustainable future for Kirklees with zero waste to landfill. We aim to make Kirklees completely carbon neutral by 2038.

We are working in partnership with residents, not just delivering services to them, everyone in Kirklees has a part to play so that we can achieve our vision. The first stage of this partnership was the public consultation to aid in the development of our waste strategy, but it doesn't end there. Moving forward, we will continue to work with residents from across the borough through various initiatives.

The development of the waste strategy plays a huge part in our vision. Kirklees will be a place where waste is valued as a resource through re-use, recycling, and recovery. To achieve this, we all need to take responsibility for the waste we generate and make the best decisions on what to do with it.

Key to these outcomes have been our decisions to:

- Engage with residents, businesses and communities in a way that works for them, using a Place based approach which is engaging, straightforward and visible.
- Achieve a recycling rate of at least 70% at our Household Waste & Recycling Centres by 2025.
- Recycle at least 55% of municipal waste by 2025.
- Reuse or recycle as much of the resources collected via our bulky waste collections as possible.
- Ensure that the environment across the district delivers our vision of a clean, green, sustainable future for Kirklees.
- Lead by example and set a precedent of good practice to reduce waste, reuse materials, and increase recycling.

**This Resources and Waste Strategy 2021 sets out our ambitions for the future in more detail. Together we can reach a carbon neutral Kirklees.**



Cllr Mather



Cllr Simpson

## 2.0 Our Vision

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Our overall vision for Kirklees is to be a district that combines a strong, sustainable economy with a great quality of life - leading to thriving communities, growing businesses, high prosperity, and low inequality where people enjoy better health throughout their lives.

One of our shared outcomes to achieve our vision, is that people in Kirklees experience a high quality, clean and green environment. Our built and natural environment contributes to people's quality of life and makes the district a more attractive place in which to live and invest. We want to connect people and places, improve air quality and be resilient in the face of extreme weather, as well as helping people reduce waste and recycle more.

Tied into our corporate vision and outcomes, our vision for waste management is:

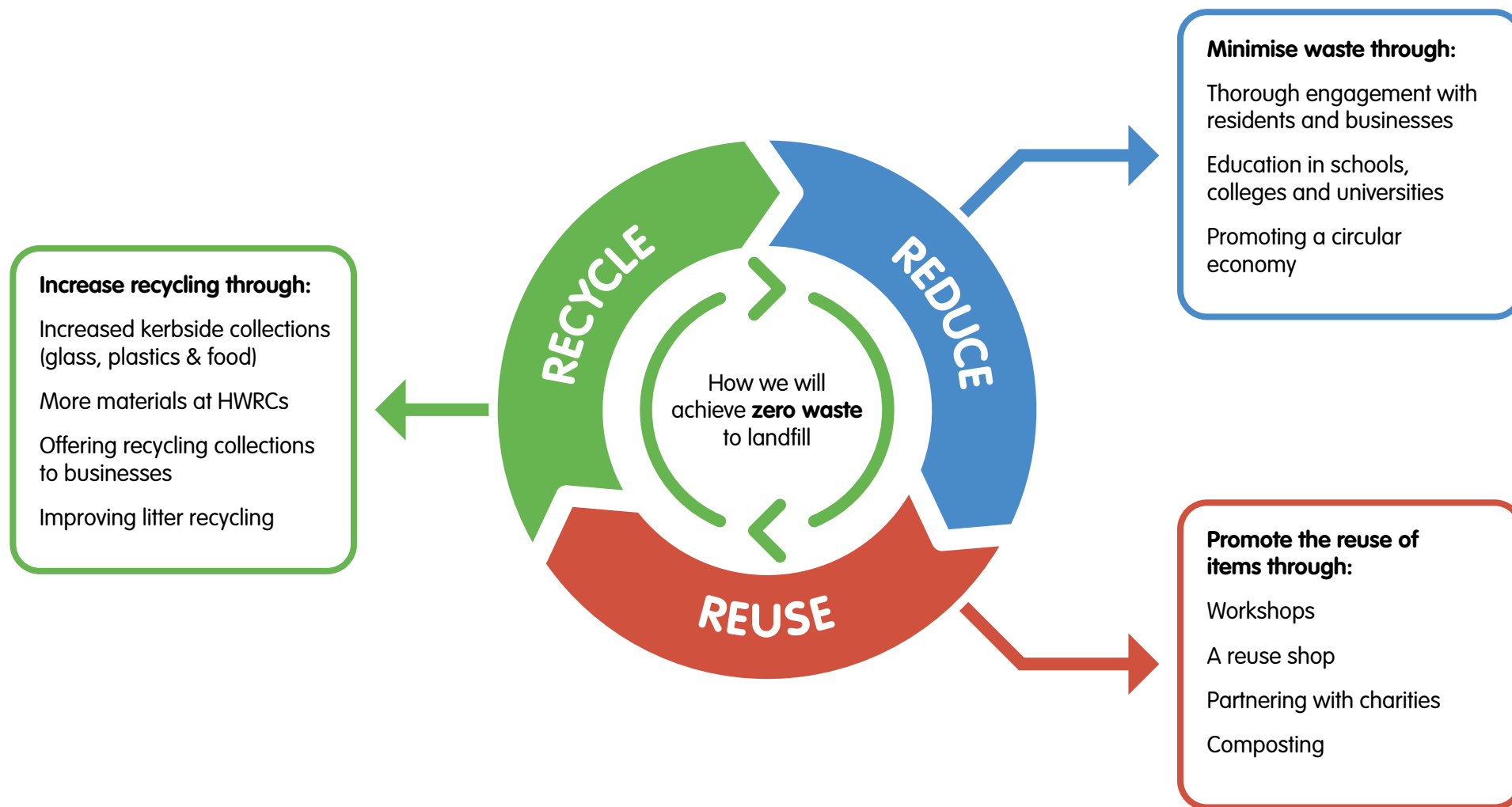
**"a clean, green, sustainable future for Kirklees with zero waste to landfill and where waste is valued as a resource through re-use, recycling, and recovery."**

Kirklees' ambition is to be at the forefront of the national drive towards tackling Climate Change, eliminating waste and valuing resources by empowering our residents to live sustainably. As a council, we will enable our residents and businesses to reduce, reuse, and recycle their waste. For us to achieve this, we will need to work together and take ownership and responsibility for the waste we generate and make more sustainable decisions on what we do with it.

We shared our vision with the people of Kirklees in 2020 and this strategy sets out our pathway to a zero-waste future, based on the views and ambitions shared with us by our communities.



## 3.0 Our Ambitions



## 3.1 Our 12 month and 5 year pledges

Within the **next 12 months** we will deliver the following...



Within the **next 5 years** we will deliver the following...



## 4.0 Our challenges

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The UK Government has passed legislation to reach 'net zero' greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. It is recognised that specific policies will be required to address key areas of emissions across the economy, which includes how we approach and reduce waste.

The UK Government issued its plan for a 'Green Future' with the publication of its 25-year waste and resources strategy for England in December 2018.

This sets out the government's vision to minimise waste, promote resource efficiency and move towards a circular economy. The strategy has an overall vision of eliminating avoidable plastic waste by 2042 and eliminating avoidable waste of all kinds by 2050.

To achieve this, the strategy tackles issues through the full product life cycle from production, consumption and through to its end-of-life. The main aspects to the policy are outlined below which are all subject to further consultation, for which the outcomes may impact the direction of the Kirklees' strategy.

### **Polluter Pays**

Currently packaging companies only pay 7% towards the estimated £1bn cost of dealing with the waste they produce. The government strategy aims to change this by transferring the full cost of recycling and waste management away from local authorities and diverted to those who produce and profit from the production of packaging.

### **Deposit Return Scheme**

The scheme will see consumers charged a deposit up-front when purchasing a drink in a single-use container which can then be redeemed when the empty container is returned. The scheme is proposed to be rolled out in 2023 subject to further consultation.

# 4.0 Our challenges cont...

## Consistent Recycling Systems

Due to the wide-variety of recycling methods in operations by local authorities, the strategy aims to roll out a consistent system across England. This will create a standardised set of recyclable materials which all local authorities would be expected to collect.

## Food Waste

The strategy commits to providing all households with a weekly food waste collection. This is in an effort to reduce greenhouse gases produced in landfills, and to create a compost material. For similar reasons, the strategy also considers introducing free garden waste collections.

## Waste Crime

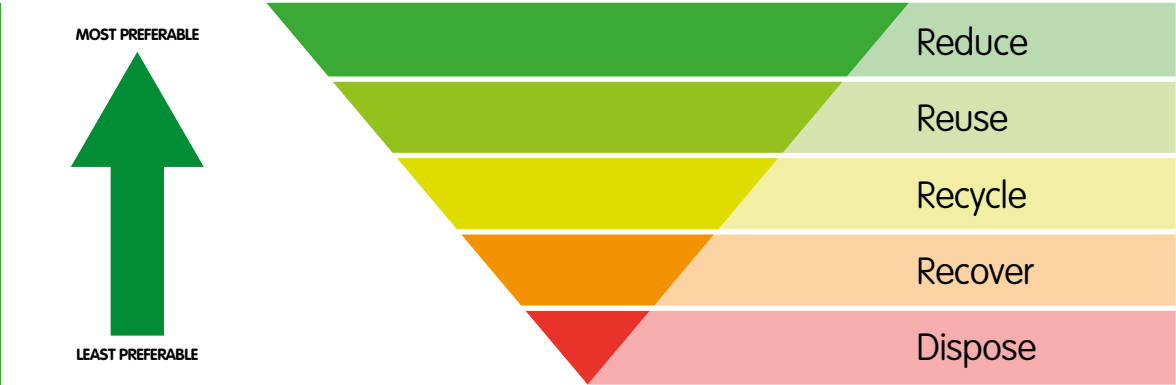
Fly-tipping is a national issue and the new strategy aims to crack down on this type of crime by improving the regulation and tracking of waste infrastructure.

The government strategy sets some ambitious targets, including the target to recycle **65% of municipal waste by 2035**. To achieve this, the strategy pushes for implementation of the waste hierarchy which places the largest focus on the prevention of waste and reuse of materials, with disposal being the least desirable solution as seen in the illustration.

## Climate Emergency

Kirklees Council declared a emergency' in January 2019, recognising the scale of the climate challenge posed by a changing climate and this was followed by the council setting an ambitious 'net zero' carbon emissions target for the district, together with a new Air Quality Action Plan running to 2024.

The 'net zero' target aligns with the UK legislation for 'net zero' by 2050 and the Leeds City Region pledge for 2038. A modern waste strategy that prioritises the waste hierarchy is key in achieving these targets. This includes not only how we minimise and treat our waste, but also how we will seek to identify opportunities for sustainable energy generation resulting from our district's waste.



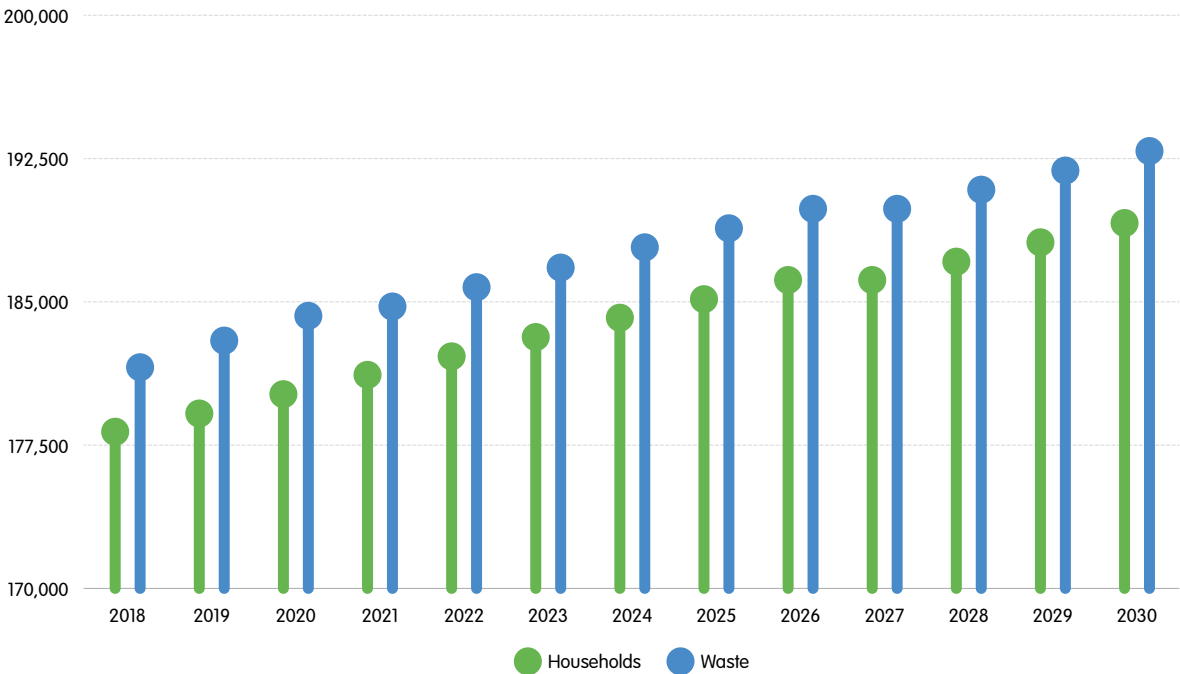
# 4.0 Our challenges cont...

**In 2020, we produced around 186,660 tonnes of waste, of which 26.7% was recycled, with over nine million collections to 182,000 homes, and as a growing district this is set to increase further.**

Placing items for recycling in the green bin unfortunately is not enough to reduce waste and tackle climate change. We want to generate understanding that waste reduction and reuse are key in tackling climate change and creating a sustainable future. So one of our key challenges is changing the perception, that recycling is the answer - we want to empower individuals to help them reduce their waste and reuse, and view recycling as last option.

Promoting and developing a local circular economy, along with the other measures outlined within this strategy, will help ensure that we achieve this.

Kirklees Projected Households 2018 – 2030

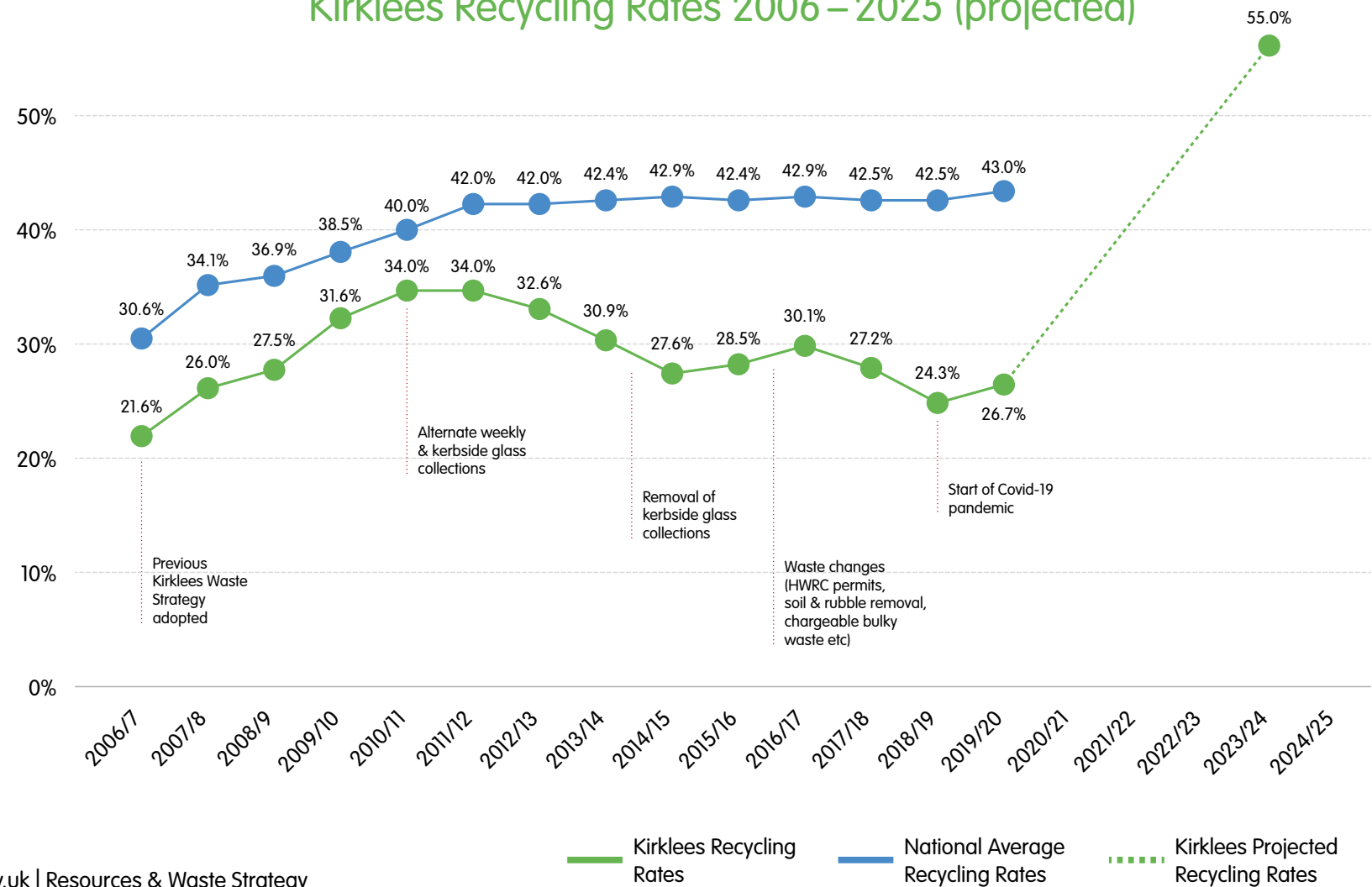


Source: ONS 2018-based household projections



# 4.0 Our challenges cont...

Kirklees Recycling Rates 2006 – 2025 (projected)



## 5.0 **Delivering Modern, Sustainable Services**

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We will enable our residents and businesses to reduce, reuse, and recycle as much of their waste as possible by delivering the modern, sustainable services set out here.

## 5.1 Engagement and Communication

We will actively engage with residents, businesses and communities in a way that works for them, using a place based approach which is engaging, straightforward and visible.

To minimise the amount of waste we produce and maximise recycling we must all work together.

A common and shared understanding of the Waste Hierarchy and our own roles and responsibilities within it is essential in the journey to achieve our Zero Waste ambitions. Clear, proactive, and on-going communication and engagement with our residents, communities, and businesses is paramount to enable a sustained change in mindset. Working with our people, partners, and places to deliver this strategy will enable us to continue to listen and learn from each other.

### **Workshops**

Building on the success of our Food Waste Workshops we will expand our programme to provide advice and practical guidance to enable residents to save money, reduce waste, and reuse resources.

Feedback from residents during the Autumn 2020 engagement showed how popular the current workshops are, with a demand for a wider range of opportunities including:

- Repair workshops and cafés (support to fix broken electrical items, clothes, and furniture)
- Upcycling workshops (teaching how to transform and improve old furniture and other items)
- Clothing swap (exchange clothes and textiles)
- Drop-in advice sessions in your local community
- How to compost and the different types of products available.



## 5.1 Engagement and Communication cont...

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### **Community Events**

Recycling and Waste Advisors will attend Kirklees community events, providing advice and guidance in the very heart of our communities across the district.

We will develop a responsive 'recycling roadshow' to travel across the district to deliver messages in the community, listening to ideas on how we can achieve our Zero Waste ambition together.

### **Community Reward Scheme**

We will develop and introduce a community reward scheme, which gives back to communities that achieve the highest or greatest increase in recycling, to enrich their local economy, environment, and wellbeing.

### **Recycling Champions**

A network of volunteer Local Recycling Champions will help provide advice and guidance to their local community on reducing, reusing, and recycling waste. Our Recycling Champions will be supported by our Kirklees Waste Advisors.

### **Education**

Climate Change and sustainable waste management are multi-generational issues and many of our young people are already passionate about what needs to change. Working with schools to develop and deliver meaningful educational resources will empower our children to really make a difference both now and in the future. We will build on our strong links with schools to encourage and promote a clean, green, and sustainable future for future generations.

We will also work with colleges and universities to support entrepreneurship and skills development in relation to waste management / circular economy; encouraging and enabling young people to explore, innovate and set up new sustainable businesses within the district.



## 5.1 Engagement and Communication cont...

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### **Tackling Barriers**

A focus will be placed on overcoming and addressing barriers which prevent residents from recycling. Talks with developers and managing agents will be undertaken and the Waste Management Design Guide will assist with ensuring properties are designed with appropriate facilities, as well as strengthening links with landlords across the borough.

A project to assess all shared bin storage areas will be undertaken, starting with Kirklees Homes and Neighbourhoods, and then expand to private tenants. This will be undertaken in conjunction with the council's place standard work to ensure the correct action is taken for what is important to communities.

Engagement with the business community will continue to identify and remove barriers to circular practises where possible to reduce waste production, and better reuse materials.

We will also be enhancing our customer care for those contacting the council in relation to waste related complaints and enquiries, therefore improving the service and experience for our residents.



## 5.1 Engagement and Communication cont...

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### **New Resident Pack**

Knowing what can and cannot be recycled can be confusing, particularly for those moving into Kirklees from a different local authority. We will create a new resident's pack to make it easier for residents to know how our recycling service works.

### **Visitor Centre – Waste Disposal Facility**

Improvements to the visitor's centre at the waste disposal facility will allow our residents and other interested parties to visit the site and see first-hand how their recycling is sorted and managed.

This will provide greater clarity and transparency on the recycling process and allow residents to follow the journey of their waste, reducing the ambiguity on what happens to materials after their bin is emptied.

We will offer more visits to schools and allow children to see waste being processed to stimulate further conversations at home. The visitor's centre will also be equipped with educational and take-home materials.

### **Staff Engagement**

We recognise that to provide the best advice and guidance to our residents and businesses, we need to ensure that our staff, councillors, and MPs are aware of (and support) the work we are doing and receive the same engagement.

We will therefore provide training sessions for our staff to learn about the recycling process and circular economy principles, to better equip them to reinforce the messages to residents and businesses as well as tours of our facilities.





## 5.2 Recycling & Waste Collections

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In line with our climate emergency declaration, we will aim to double our recycling rate and recycle at least 55% of municipal waste by 2025.

### **Increased Material Collections**

Based on the views and ambitions shared with us by our communities in the Autumn 2020 public engagement, our residents want to be able to recycle more materials at the kerbside. We will modernise the kerbside collection service offered and increase the number of recyclable materials collected to include the items our residents told us they would most like to recycle which were glass, mixed plastics, and food waste. This will be implemented alongside campaigns to help our residents minimise and reduce waste creation in the first place.

### **Container Trials**

An extensive options appraisal has been completed and the top scoring options were presented to residents for their feedback during the Autumn 2020 engagement. The scores from the options appraisal alongside the feedback from our residents has been consolidated and whilst there was strong overall support, there was

no clear indication of the preferred container for glass collections. This is a critical decision and to ensure our communities are engaged in the service changes and we fully understand any community or operational impacts, early trials will now be conducted to test viability and define the best option for delivering this across Kirklees.

### **Garden Waste**

A chargeable garden waste collection service is available to residents via a 240 litre brown bin. This service was introduced in 2019 and has been steadily growing over the last two years. We are not proposing to make any changes to how we collect garden waste (unless national regulations change) but will be looking to explore the possibility of selling the compost we produce through our household waste and recycling centres, promoting a circular economy.





## 5.3 Waste Disposal

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### Waste Disposal Contract

In 1998, Kirklees was the second local authority in the UK to be awarded a waste treatment Private Finance Initiative (PFI) grant funding. The foundations and principles of the existing contract were set out over 20 years ago when the international and national focus was avoidance of landfill disposal.

Whilst visionary at the time, the current national waste strategy has since changed to focus on a circular economy, so the aims and performance indicators of the existing waste disposal contract are now outdated.

The current contract includes the following infrastructure:

- Energy from Waste (EfW) facility in Huddersfield.
- Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) in Huddersfield (the sorting technology is limited compared to modern standards).
- Two Waste Transfer Stations in Huddersfield and Dewsbury.
- 5 Household Waste and Recycling Centres (HWRCs) across the district.

- Composting facilities in Huddersfield.
- Monitoring of two closed landfill sites at Hollins Hey and Honley Wood.

All of the above sites and facilities are operated and maintained by the contractor, with ownership of fully operational and maintained assets to be handed back to Kirklees at the end of the contract on 31st March 2023 with an option to extend.

This provides an ideal opportunity to modernise services provided to Kirklees residents, as the kerbside recycling service has been operating within the limitations of the contract and associated facilities.

It is a priority for us to investigate all contract options available and give consideration to how current infrastructure will be best used to maximise diversion and sustainability.



## 5.3 Waste Disposal cont...

### Future Waste Treatment

Our future waste flows (figure 3) will include additional materials collected from the kerbside including glass, additional plastics, and food waste. We are also keen to ensure that we maximise the potential for the district's waste streams to play their part in contributing to our 'net zero' carbon emissions journey.

This will require modernisation of the MRF and development of an anaerobic digestion facility to treat food waste.

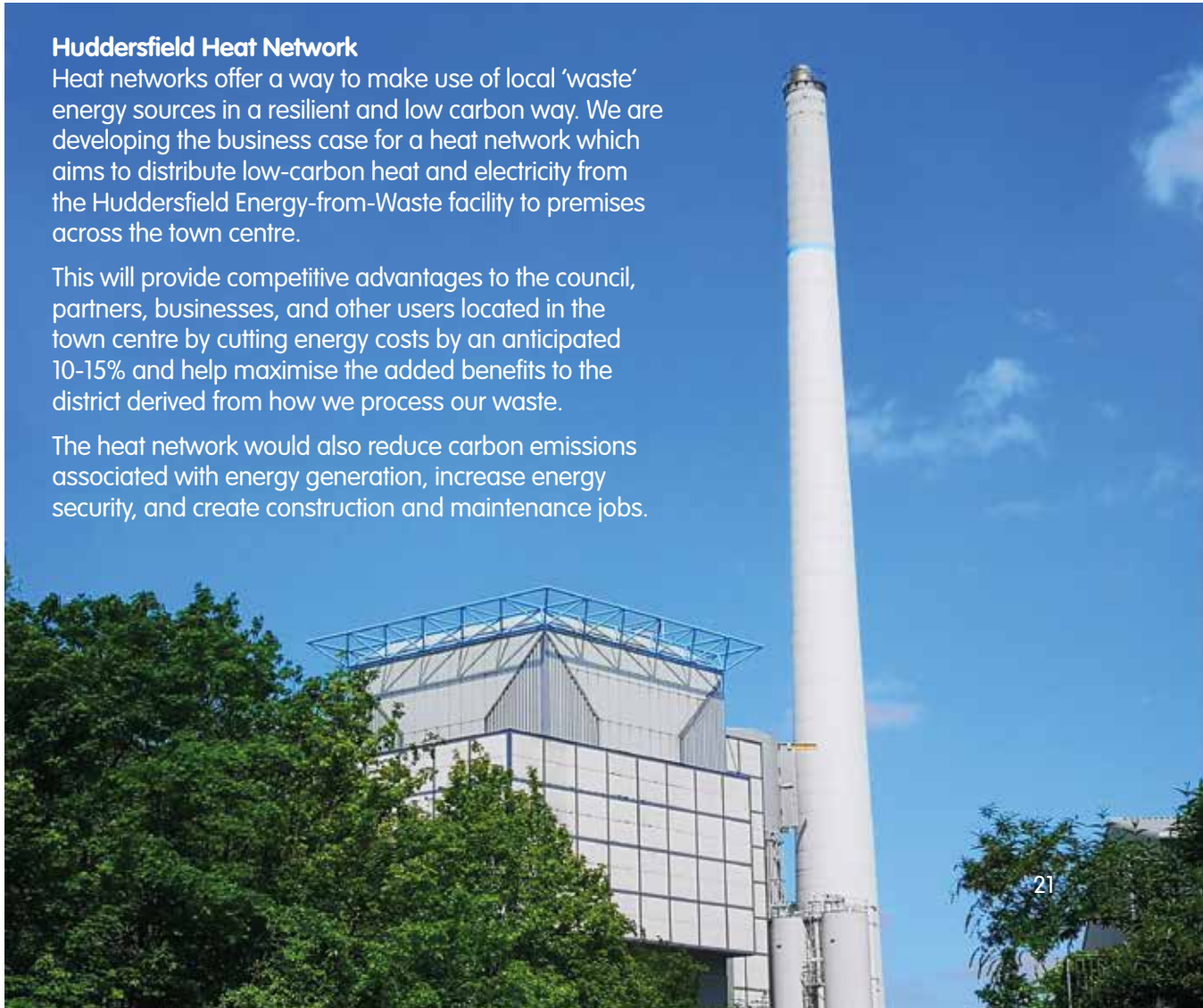
Anaerobic digestion offers a way to sustainably treat food waste as well as providing an important low carbon source of 'biofuel' that could help supply other parts of our waste infrastructure and fleet. A feasibility study will be undertaken to determine whether building a council owned facility is more cost effective and efficient than the alternative of transportation to an existing facility.

### Huddersfield Heat Network

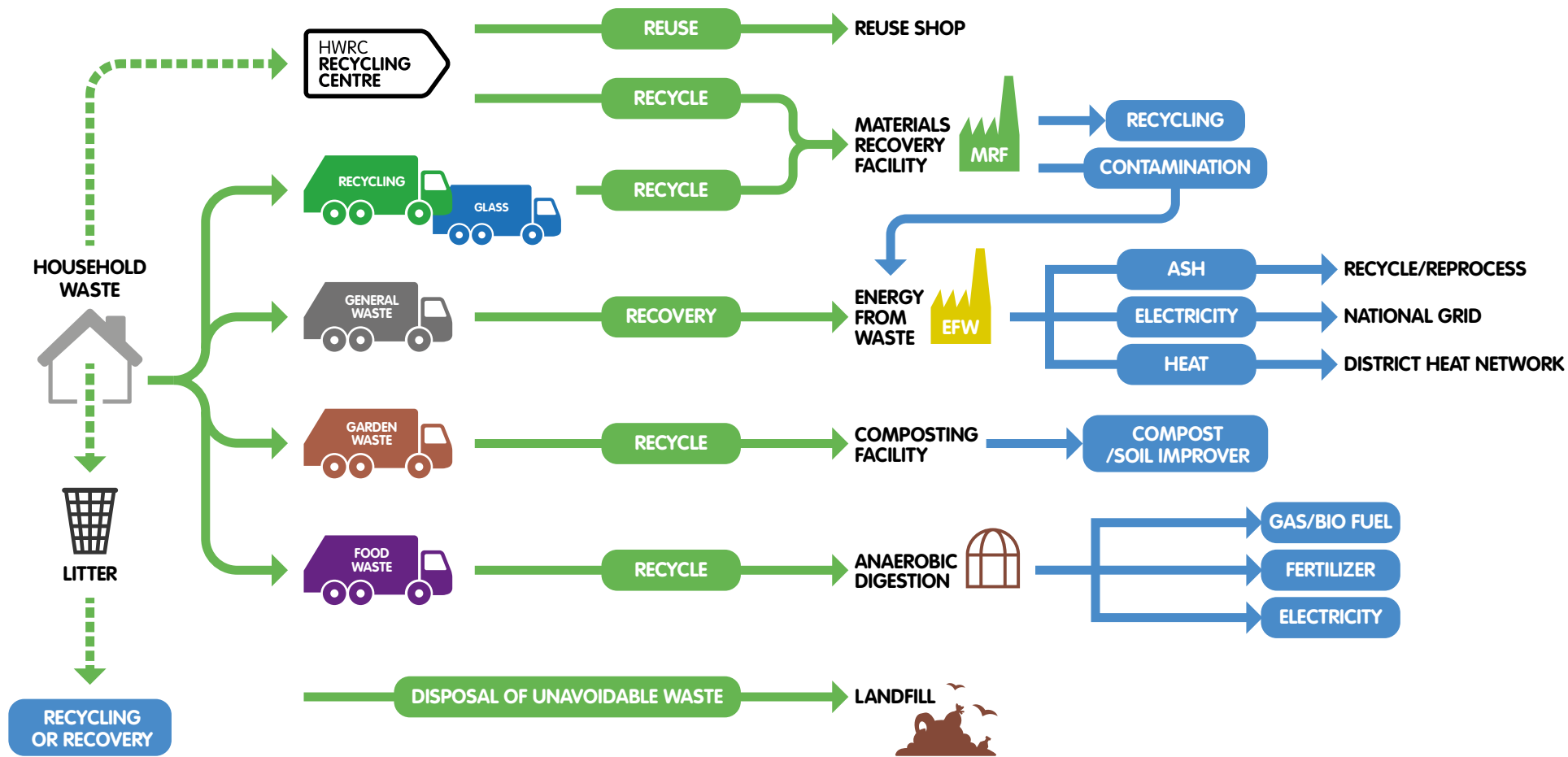
Heat networks offer a way to make use of local 'waste' energy sources in a resilient and low carbon way. We are developing the business case for a heat network which aims to distribute low-carbon heat and electricity from the Huddersfield Energy-from-Waste facility to premises across the town centre.

This will provide competitive advantages to the council, partners, businesses, and other users located in the town centre by cutting energy costs by an anticipated 10-15% and help maximise the added benefits to the district derived from how we process our waste.

The heat network would also reduce carbon emissions associated with energy generation, increase energy security, and create construction and maintenance jobs.



# 5.3 Waste Disposal cont...



## 5.4 Household Waste & Recycling Centres (HWRCs)

We will aim to achieve a recycling rate of at least 70% at our Household Waste and Recycling Centres by 2025.

### Site Review

We will review our five Household Waste & Recycling Centres (HWRCs) to ensure they are delivering a suitable service to Kirklees residents. We will redevelop and refurbish sites to modernise our offer to residents, refresh signage, improve traffic flow and enable resident to maximise recycling through the sites. This will include reviewing our opening times with a view to increasing the number of hours the sites are open to residents. We will also consider the introduction of Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) technology, which will continue to protect against trade waste abuse and improve the customer journey.

### Increased Materials

To encourage more recycling on-site, we will provide more containers to capture a wider range of materials. As part of the Autumn 2020 engagement, we asked residents which materials they would most like to be able to recycle onsite and these were: soil and rubble, more types of plastics, and mattresses.

Based on this engagement feedback, we will review the provision for recycling or disposal of these items. The review will seek to maximise reuse and minimise disposal to landfill and work closely with businesses to find creative reduce/reuse/recycle solutions at source.

### Mobile Recycling Centre

To ensure our residents have adequate access to recycling facilities, we will introduce a mobile recycling centre at easily accessible locations, including rural communities, allowing residents to bring along a wide selection of recyclable materials. These mobile centres will not accept general waste. We will also explore partnering with a charitable organisation that could accept reuse or repair items from residents. This is important not only in avoiding waste, but also providing communities with more affordable items and charities with an income stream to continue their work supporting some of our most vulnerable communities and reduce dependence on individual car travel.



## 5.4 Household Waste & Recycling Centres (HWRCs) cont...

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### **Reuse Shop**

We will complete an early trial for a reuse shop in Huddersfield whereby items coming into our Emerald Street and Thornhill HWRC sites which are of value or could be reused can be diverted into the shop and sold on to others to promote reuse instead of disposal.

If the trial is successful, we will look at expanding the scheme to other sites across the borough.

### **Empowering Residents**

Many residents arrive at HWRCs with a variety of materials which have been gathered together for general waste however there could potentially be recyclable items contained within these.

We will explore how we can offer advice and support to residents on-site to empower them to recycle more of the materials they arrive with.

### **Businesses**

Providing easily accessible, sustainable choices for businesses is important and we will be exploring how we can improve the offering at the sites.

As this waste needs to be captured separately from that of households, this could be achieved by potentially having separate entrances for trade vehicles or using the proposed ANPR technology, however this will be explored further to determine viable options.

## 5.5 Bulky Waste Collection Service

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We will aim to reuse or recycle as much of the resources collected via our bulky waste collections as possible.

Kirklees offers a bulky waste collection service for a wide range of household items including white goods, furniture, TVs, and carpets. We will create greater links with charities to reuse and donate items that can be collected and are in a good condition. There are online platforms that allow communities to share resources, which could be explored for this and build on the proposed reuse shop trial.

For items which cannot be reused, we will introduce a revised booking system for bulky waste collections which will allow for a 'slot' to be booked, similar to how an online grocery shopping delivery works. This will make it more user-friendly for residents knowing exactly when their waste will be collected and will improve our street scene with items only being placed outside when necessary.

## 5.6 Bring Sites

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There are around 110 'bring sites' across Kirklees whereby residents can deposit items such as glass and textiles.

A review of these sites will be undertaken considering work arising from this strategy and the forthcoming Government Deposit Return Scheme, as the function of these sites will change.

There would be a view to rationalise the number and scope of sites across the district, especially when the new waste collection method is implemented.

Some of these sites include banks for materials collected by charities and consideration will be given to ensuring that this continues in a managed and fair way in the future.

There is the potential to engage with local communities to help select charities to be supported locally within their area.









## 5.7 Landfill Sites

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Kirklees has several closed landfill sites across the district which are monitored for leachate and/or the production of landfill gas (LFG).

The aftercare and monitoring of landfill sites will be proactively reviewed to explore whether there are opportunities for these sites to be used for other

purposes that will help achieve our environmental outcomes such as green infrastructure creation and tree planting or harnessing low carbon 'waste' energy.

## 5.8 Our Cleaner Environment

We will ensure that the environment across the district delivers our vision of a clean, green, sustainable future for Kirklees.

### Street Sweeping

The removal of litter and detritus from our streets is important to communities, especially considering the pandemic, which has seen people enjoying local amenities much more. A service review will be undertaken to capture these impacts alongside place based feedback, which will allow us to explore the most suitable delivery models and innovations that minimise environmental impact.

A Land Audit Management System (LAMS) will be introduced to monitor the quality of service delivery to our communities and businesses. We will also review our vehicle use and in line with our fleet replacement programme, opt for more sustainable vehicles such as electric sweepers.

### Litter bins

Kirklees has over 7,000 litter bins across the borough, many of which are in a poor condition or not in the most convenient locations.

We will be introducing more recycling facilities, particularly in areas that demonstrate high foot fall, with a view to these being innovative solutions and utilising sensors to monitor build up as well as green initiatives such as incorporated solar panels. We will also ensure adequate facilities to dispose of dog mess.

This will be supported by a comprehensive engagement and awareness programme to manage any contamination issues. This on-street recycling will help re-enforce the behavioural changes needed to ensure we maximise recycling at kerbside as well.

### Non-compliance

The government's national strategy has an aim to tackle and reduce waste crime such as fly-tipping. Resources within the enforcement service will be increased including an improved fly-tipping response model, to ensure we are able to conduct more proactive work as well as re-introduction of a litter tackling scheme.



## 5.9 Commercial Waste Service

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Kirklees provides a commercial waste collection service to approximately 3,500 businesses, schools, and charities throughout the borough. This is currently limited to residual waste collections and we will be introducing a new recycling offering.

This will be offered to all businesses, schools, and charities across the district with a particular package of support offered to schools in keeping with our improved engagement and communication.

This will include exploring how using this service could also help achieve our wider climate emergency outcomes through helping these organisations reduce waste and emissions and to provide another potential source of low carbon energy generation.

To help improve the visual impact on streets and town centres, we will explore opportunities to take large bin stores off the streets.

With very limited space within the town centre, finding the space to place commercial bins out for collection is often difficult; alternative locations will be explored to take these off-street fronts on collection days, making the streets more visibly pleasing.

We will also work with businesses to explore and understand the opportunities for creating a circular economy that enables links and partnerships between local businesses themselves and with the wider community to reduce waste production, and better reuse materials, keeping them in circulation for longer and avoiding disposal.

## 5.9 Commercial Waste Service cont...

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Enabling business growth and innovation is a key part of the Council Plan, Kirklees Economic Strategy and Kirklees Economic Recovery Plan.

This is particularly important as businesses recover from the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

There are multiple opportunities in the Waste Strategy to work with local business/enable commercial

opportunities and support local skills development. We will take a 'Business First' approach.

## 6.0 **Leading by Example**

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We will set a precedent of good practice by improving our own facilities and working practices across all of our operations to lead the way to reduce waste, reuse materials, and increase recycling.

## 6.1 Council Facilities

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Similar to the work planned in schools, helping them to create recycling systems, we think we can do better at recycling more within our own office and council-run buildings.

We will undertake an audit of the recycling facilities within our council-owned buildings to ensure consistent and prominent recycling facilities are available with appropriate signposting and advice. This will link closely with the engagement we plan to undertake with staff in ensuring everyone is aware of what materials they can recycle and how/where they can do so.

We will also ensure to procure businesses that use green energy and, across our estate, look at how we can maximise the reuse of materials / furniture as well as use of innovative technology to reduce carbon impact such as lighting controls, using renewable materials in buildings work, and having green energy supply.



## 6.2 Catering

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The council's catering service receives many deliveries for food and other materials for their catering provision, much of which arrives in non-recyclable packaging such as film.

We will work with producers and suppliers to use more sustainable packaging and transport options and promote the use of providers who can demonstrate minimisation of packaging and the use of sustainable and recyclable materials.

Through our catering services in schools, community buildings, and cafes we handle significant quantities of food, some of which can become waste. We will ensure that this waste is recovered through composting or anaerobic digestion when the facilities become available through the delivery of this strategy.



## 6.3 Venues & Events

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We will minimise the use of single-use plastics such as plastic cups and cutlery at our venues and catered events and provide alternatives such as collectable, re-useable, or compostable/biodegradable items. We will also look to extend this support to private festivals and events held across the borough.

We will be exploring how we can support event organisers by offering advice on more sustainable alternatives and enabling the collection of recyclable materials with minimal contamination.



## 6.4 Kirklees Homes and Neighbourhoods

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Kirklees Homes and Neighbourhoods manage approximately 22,000 homes.

When looking at how improvements to recycling facilities can be made to properties such as those in flats, multi-occupancy or occupied by leaseholders, we would like to explore this within our own council homes and lead by example for private managing agents and landlords.

A project to assess all shared bin properties across the district and provide facilities similar to the trial will be undertaken which will start with Kirklees Homes and Neighbourhoods, and then expand to private tenants.

This would be undertaken in conjunction with the place standard work being conducted to ensure the correct action is taken for what is important to communities.

Homes and Neighbourhoods manage a high turnover of property tenants, emptying properties of potentially reusable or repairable items. We will work with the service and charitable organisations to find homes for items that could be used elsewhere or sold in local charity shops. This will extend to our Building Services to ensure we reuse and recycle as much of the materials produced as possible.



## 6.5 National Initiatives

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Alongside modernising and improving our own services, we recognise that there are many national initiatives which would benefit our residents and businesses, and we are committed to identifying and participating in appropriate schemes.

We are committed to enabling our residents to recycle a wide breadth of materials however we first need to evaluate the schemes available as although certain materials may be collected, these are not always recycled or disposed of in the most sustainable way.

Initiatives which we will be exploring further include: coffee cups, nappy, and crisp packet recycling schemes. These will require further research into their sustainability and practicalities of being introduced.

We will also be exploring how and where we can install more refillable water stations across the borough to encourage minimising single-use plastics. We will keep abreast of future initiatives and be proactive in our consideration of them where they would result in improved waste and sustainability outcomes.



## 6.6 Our People

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Kirklees Council recognises the importance of working in partnership with all of our employees and trade unions in continuing to develop an organisational culture that embraces change, seeks continuous improvement, and takes responsibility for actions.

We recognise that to lead by example, we need to ensure our workforce is fully engaged and our staff understand and recognise the important role they play as a key link with local communities.

In order to ensure our workforce is supported to deliver the ambitious targets within this strategy, we will ensure our staff, from the front line right through to service

managers, are engaged and involved in the early design and implementation of initiatives and uphold our ethos of 'doing with and not to'. We will further support this cultural transformation by providing ongoing learning and development for all of our staff in response to the changing organisational needs.





## 7.0 Supporting Kirklees Families

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In Kirklees, we want to make sure we provide support to those families who need it, and the Recycling and Waste Service offers this in a variety of different ways.

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Some residents need extra help presenting their bins due to mobility issues; we provide doorstep services for these households where there isn't a capable resident who is at least 16 years old.

Some Kirklees residents have complex health needs and require a very different waste disposal service from their home.

An assessment is undertaken for these residents jointly with the health service to accommodate the collection of large volumes of non-hazardous healthcare support materials. We would like to support Kirklees families even further.

Our Bin Collection Teams are working within Kirklees communities each day. This team is ideally positioned to operate as the 'Eyes and Ears' of our communities.

All council officers have a safeguarding role to play, including Bin Collection Teams. We will seek to create an improved process for linking our Bin Collection Team with the Corporate Safeguarding Team, making it as easy as possible to seek support between services – a digital safeguarding triage.



## 7.1 Ensuring Equality

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All of the changes introduced as part of this strategy will have an accompanying integrated impact assessment that combines equality and environmental impacts to identify and address any potential equality and environmental concerns.

Kirklees takes a firm stance on ensuring equality and sees inclusion as being at the heart of our recovery.

We will also, where required, take an equitable view of services provided to ensure that communities are allocated the appropriate resources and opportunities needed to reach an equal outcome.

The service is governed by a number of existing waste and recycling-related policies which will require review when introducing any service changes.



## 7.2 Environmental Impact

Taking into consideration the government targets for emissions and air quality, alongside our Climate Emergency, all initiatives outlined within this strategy will be explored ensuring these targets are considered and measures taken to reduce the environmental impact within Kirklees.

We are committed to regularly assessing our waste vehicles and routes used to collect from properties. We maximise the use of low, ultra-low, and zero-emission vehicles to minimise emissions as we collect from properties and use the most efficient routes possible to do so. We recognise that larger zero-emission vehicles are a fast-developing area of innovation, and whilst there may not be a current viable alternative to business as usual fossil-fuelled waste vehicles, this is likely to change over the course of this strategy. We will be proactive in our adoption of viable zero and low emission waste vehicles as they become available and meet required operational standards and value for money considerations.

Promotion and support for residents and business to implement circular principles will allow less waste to be transported and therefore work to minimise the amount of waste leaving the authority on large heavy goods vehicles. This will reduce the road miles of our waste as well as traffic congestion, meaning fewer pollutants via emissions and improving battery technologies.

We are committed to exploring all possible avenues to reduce our emissions including the use of technology to assist with this. We will be exploring the possibility of technology allowing waste vehicles to move through signalised junctions reducing 'stop-start' acceleration and deceleration and therefore reducing emissions as well as the use of sensors to monitor litter build up resulting in more efficient collections. We will also ensure our procurement strategy takes emissions into consideration and keeps track of evolving technology such as hydrogen-fuelled vehicles.



## 8.0 Ongoing Monitoring

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In order to oversee the progress of the strategy and track the outcomes and benefits, ongoing monitoring will be established which will include developing and defining service performance measures. We will conduct and publish a 5-year review of this strategy in 2026 to measure progress of the action plan and make any adjustments as necessary.

Reporting to Defra is required on a quarterly basis, this will be published on our website to inform residents of progress and promote transparency of the service.

## 9.0 Action Plan

Section	Action	Why?	When
<b>5.1 Engagement &amp; Communication</b>	Create a variety of reuse workshops available for residents to attend	To provide knowledge and practical advice on how to reuse items and avoid them being disposed of	Year 2022-2023
	Recycling and Waste Advisors to be in attendance at Kirklees events	To provide a physical presence to share information and advice with residents and provide another avenue for residents to seek advice	Ongoing
	Develop a 'recycling roadshow' to deliver messages across the district	To provide a physical presence to share information and advice with residents and provide another avenue for residents to seek advice	2022
	Introduce a community reward scheme	To give back to communities and enrich their economy, environment, and wellbeing	2021 & ongoing
	Introduce a Recycling Champions scheme	To provide residents with a point of contact within their own community to help share advice and answer queries alongside Kirklees Advisors	2021
	School assemblies and sessions around recycling and waste reduction	To educate children on the importance of waste reduction and encourage taking this learning home	Ongoing
	Engaging with businesses on waste reduction and recycling	To empower and enable businesses to find cost-effective circular solutions that support sustainable business growth.	Ongoing

Section	Action	Why?	When
<b>5.1 Engagement &amp; Communication</b>	Create a landlord's forum to engage more closely with private landlords on how to support tenants to recycle	To engage with those who face the most difficulty with reducing and recycling their waste to enable them to do so	2026
	Scheme created aimed at addressing barriers for those who struggle with recycling	To engage with those who face the most difficulty with reducing and recycling their waste to enable them to do so	Ongoing
	Create a 'new resident's pack' for those new to the area	To ensure residents moving to Kirklees from other local authorities are aware of how our recycling system works	2023
	Visitor centre improvements at our waste disposal facility	To provide first-hand experiences on how waste and recycling is treated and provide transparency	2026
	Internal education for Kirklees employees, councillors, and MPs	To enable Kirklees staff to understand the recycling methods and better equip them to be consistent with this messaging	Ongoing
<b>5.2 Recycling &amp; Waste Collections</b>	Infrastructure evaluation	To ensure facilities are fit for purpose and able to accommodate a new collection system	2021
	Trials of different collection containers	To gain further understanding of their effectiveness and deliverability	2022
	More materials accepted for recycling in the green bin (plastics, cartons)	To enable these materials to be recycled at the kerbside and promote the waste hierarchy	Tentative: 2022
	A separate glass collection is introduced	To enable these materials to be recycled at the kerbside and promote the waste hierarchy	2024
	A separate food waste collection is introduced	To enable these materials to be recycled at the kerbside and promote the waste hierarchy	2025
	Review of waste collection policies	To reflect the different phases of change to the collection service	Ongoing

Section	Action	Why?	When
<b>5.3 Waste Disposal</b>	Re-procurement of our waste disposal contract	To ensure a flexible, fit-for-purpose contract is in place to effectively treat our waste	2022
	Feasibility study on access routes to an anaerobic digestion facility	To enable treatment of food waste collected	2022
	Create a Huddersfield town centre heat network	To provide low-cost energy to nearby users	2025
<b>5.4 Household Waste &amp; Recycling Centres (HWRCs)</b>	Feasibility study of HWRCs	To assess their current state and improvement requirements	2024
	Introduce ANPR technology at sites	To provide residents with easier access to sites	2027
	Increase materials accepted at HWRCs	To enable more materials to be recycled and promote the waste hierarchy	Tentative: 2022
	Introduce a mobile recycling centre	To provide more accessible locations for residents to recycle their resources	2023
	Create a scheme to empower residents to recycle more at HWRCs	To ensure more items are diverted for reuse and recycle as opposed to general waste disposal	2026
	Introduce a reuse shop	To ensure more items are diverted for reuse and recycle as opposed to general waste disposal	2021 (trial)
	Explore trade waste access at HWRCs	To allow business to dispose and recycle waste at sites and reduce fly-tipping	2030

<b>5.5 Bulky Waste Collection Service</b>	Create greater links with charities and reuse initiatives for bulky waste items that could be repaired and/or reused	To keep items in circulation for longer in line with the waste hierarchy	2023
		To improve accessibility and functionality for residents	2022
		To ensure good quality items can be reused	Ongoing
	Review of bring site locations and functionality	To ensure these are providing the most efficient service	2026
		To ensure a fair and consistent approach to choosing charitable partners	2026
	Review of landfill sites	To explore whether sites can be utilised more effectively	2030
<b>5.8 Our Cleaner Environment</b>		To assess current service levels and plan in future demand	2022
		To explore digital solutions and service improvements	2024
		To ensure these are in convenient locations and also increase the number of recycling facilities available	2022
		To better respond and tackle this type of waste crime and create a cleaner environment for Kirklees	May 2022
		To ensure efficient resource to cover the borough and allow for more proactive measures	2024
	Re-introduce a litter tackling scheme	To spot and address littering and allow for restorative and educational work	2025
		To improve the service offering and increase the amount of materials being recycled to promote the waste hierarchy	2022
		Create a circular economy to reduce waste production, and better reuse materials, keeping them in circulation for longer and avoiding disposal.	2027

	Action	Why?	
<b>6.1 Council Facilities</b>	Audit of council-owned buildings to ensure consistent recycling facilities	To enable Kirklees staff to recycle efficiently whilst at work and lead by example	2026
	Review of the council estate to maximise reduction and reuse opportunities	To lead by example in promotion of the waste hierarchy and aim to reduce waste and reuse items	2027
<b>6.2 Catering</b>	Review of catering contracts to promote more sustainable packaging	To minimise the use of un-recyclable packaging	Ongoing
	Exploration of how food waste can be recycled from the catering service	To avoid this resource being disposed of with general waste	Ongoing
<b>6.3 Venues &amp; Events</b>	Phase out the use of single-use plastics at our venues and events	To minimise the use of un-recyclable materials in favour of more sustainable ones	2023
	Provide support to private festivals to minimise the use of single-use plastics	To minimise the use of un-recyclable materials in favour of more sustainable ones	Ongoing
<b>6.4 Kirklees Homes &amp; Neighbourhoods</b>	Review of recycling facilities within Homes and Neighbourhoods properties	To lead by example for private landlords and managing agents and maximise benefits for residents/tenants	Ongoing
	Review processes for emptying and refurbishing properties for new tenants to consider reusable and/or repairable items	To minimise waste and provide materials for local charities.	Ongoing
<b>6.5 National Initiatives</b>	Support and introduce national recycling schemes across the district	To support more items to be recycled	Ongoing
	Install more refillable water stations across the district	To promote the reduction in single-use plastic bottles	Ongoing
<b>6.6 Our People</b>	Provide training and ongoing support to our workforce	To support and enable them to deliver the strategy ambitions	Ongoing

	Action	Why?	
<b>7. Supporting Kirklees Families &amp; Ensuring Inclusion</b>	Review of our assisted collections policy	To ensure our most vulnerable residents receive the correct support	2022
	Create a digital safeguarding triage	To promote the welfare and safeguarding of our residents	Ongoing
<b>7.1 Ensuring Equality</b>	Review and equality impact of any policy changes introduced	To highlight and address any potential equality concerns	Ongoing
<b>7.2 Environmental Impact</b>	Continued monitoring of carbon emissions and air quality	To regularly monitor and assess the environmental impact of our vehicles	Ongoing
	Build an environmentally friendly fleet	To support the Climate Change agenda and carbon net zero targets	Ongoing





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## Resources and Waste Strategy

### 2023 Update

Since the strategy was published in 2021, we have delivered all of the nine initiatives outlined in our initial 12-month pledge (p7 of the Resources & Waste Strategy) as well as many other improvements to our recycling and waste services. These include a Recycling Champions scheme, a reuse shop in Huddersfield, a new bookable bulky waste collection system, and a recycling service for commercial Trade Waste customers; all of which are already benefitting residents, schools, and businesses across Kirklees.

However, there remains a very high level of uncertainty from central Government around the initiatives they were due to implement as part of their resources strategy for England in December 2018. The legislation and funding for these initiatives still remains unclear which, alongside the UK entering a cost-of-living crisis, has forced us as a council to review and re-prioritise the initiatives we originally set out in our strategy.

Given the level of economic uncertainty we are facing globally, we will be reviewing this on a yearly basis and each year setting out a 12-month pledge of the initiatives we will deliver over the following year as well as our aspirations for the next five years.



## 2023-24 PLEDGE

**Within the next 12 months we will deliver:**

Reuse and Repair  
Workshops

New Residents  
Welcome Pack

Community Grant  
Scheme

Recycling  
Roadshow

Improved Litter  
Provision

Vape Collection  
Points

Borrow Bank  
Scheme

Improved  
'Bring Bank' Hubs

Reusable Nappy  
Scheme

Expanded Reuse  
Shop donation  
points

**Over the next five years we will seek to deliver:**

Huddersfield  
District Energy  
Network

Charity Bulky  
Reuse Scheme

Scrap Store

Catering Food  
Waste Recycling

Pop-up recycling  
scheme

Period Dignity  
Scheme

Review of Council-  
owned Facilities

Improved HWRC  
Facilities

Additional Kerbside  
Materials Collection

Save Food  
Resource Packs



**Name of meeting:** Environment and Climate Change Scrutiny Panel

**Date:** 30/08/2023

**Title of report:** Snow Wardens Volunteer Scheme

**Purpose of report:** 1 year update of 2 year trial.

<b>Key Decision - Is it likely to result in spending or saving £500k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards? Decisions having a particularly significant effect on a single ward may also be treated as if they were key decisions.</b>	<b>Not Applicable</b>  If yes give the reason why
<b>Key Decision - Is it in the <u>Council's Forward Plan (key decisions and private reports)?</u></b>	<b>Key Decision –No</b>  <b>Private Report/Private Appendix – No</b>
<b>The Decision - Is it eligible for call in by Scrutiny?</b>	<b>Yes</b>  If no give the reason why not
<b>Date signed off by <u>Strategic Director</u> &amp; name</b>  <b>Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Finance?</b>  <b>Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Legal Governance and Commissioning?</b>	<b>Yes, Graham West, Service Director, 14 August.</b>
<b>Cabinet member <a href="#">portfolio</a></b>	<b>Cllr Masood Ahmed – Environment</b>

**Electoral wards affected:** All

**Ward councillors consulted:** All (September 2022)

**Public or private:** Public

**Has GDPR been considered?** Yes

## **1. Summary**

In 2022, a small budget was allocated from the council's annual severe weather budget to establish a snow warden trial. The winter period (starting October 2022 and finishing April 2023), was the first year of a two year trial for the snow warden scheme. This coming winter 2023/24 will be the 2nd and final year of the trial.

## **2. Information required to take a decision**

### **Year 1**

The first year of the trial attracted 27 volunteers to the scheme, which was less than the original target of 46 (based on an average of two volunteers per ward). Ward councillors were asked to promote the scheme to residents through various channels and engage with the team should there be an uptake in volunteers within their ward. In year 1, we found there to be peak areas within the district, with over 50% of volunteers being within the Almondbury ward.

Feedback from volunteers was positive. They enjoyed being part of the scheme and the autonomy the structure of the scheme allowed them to have, in terms of which roads and footpaths on the highway they could grit and when. The only negative feedback we received was regarding one piece of equipment, the grit shaker. We have taken this feedback on board and amended our equipment provision for year 2. We did not have to redeliver any grit during the season and we received no requests for further grit.

We operated an ad-hoc equipment ordering and delivery service as part of the trial, which proved to not be cost nor time effective. Also some volunteers waited up to a week for their kit to be delivered to them.

### **Year 2**

Based on feedback and analysis of year 1, the following changes will be made for year 2:

- A direct approach to residents will be adopted alongside the elected member approach, with a new web page launched and a small social media campaign. We will extend the campaign should we have a lower than anticipated uptake on the trial.
- Lift the limit on the number of trial volunteers to up to 100, allowing us to order stock prior to the scheme beginning and benefit from some cheaper bulk pricing. This will bring cost down by around a third per kit.
- As a result of responses from volunteers, we will remove the shaker from the resident pack and replace with a simpler scoop based spreader.
- We will increase the amount of grit provided as part of the first delivery, from 10kg to 30kg.

- Move to a collection first model, asking volunteers to visit our depots to collect their kit. This will also enable officers to answer any questions the volunteers have prior to starting.

### **End of Trial Process**

Year 2 of the trial will end in April 2024 and will be followed by a month of volunteer engagement in May 2024 including surveys and focus groups, with an aim to take final feedback and recommendations.

Following the feedback sessions and surveys a full report will be presented in July 2024 with recommendations including cost analysis and future options.

## **3. Implications for the Council**

### **3.1 Working with People**

The trial means the service working directly with residents across the district, offering advice and training to alleviate pressures on the service during the winter period.

### **3.2 Working with Partners**

N/A

### **3.3 Place Based Working**

N/A

### **3.4 Climate Change and Air Quality**

N/A

### **3.5 Improving outcomes for children**

N/A

### **3.6 Financial Implications for the people living or working in Kirklees**

N/A

### **3.7 Other (eg Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA)/Legal/Financial or Human Resources) Consultees and their opinions**

## **4. Consultation**

All ward councillors were consulted on the proposal through the ward meetings in September 2022, allowing feedback on the proposals. Additionally, trial volunteers



from year 1 have been spoken to regarding their experiences with the trial, with recommendations made and changes put in place.

## **5. Engagement**

Trial volunteers have been engaged throughout year 1 of the process, with a full trial review taking place in May 2024.

## **6. Next steps and timelines**

The next steps are to reopen applications for snow wardens in September 2023, with the application period open for a month. Following this we will look to offer collection/delivery of stock in October 2023.

## **7. Officer recommendations and reasons**

It is recommended that the trial is not extended to allow up to a further 100 snow wardens from across the district on the trial through a designated application period. Previously the application period was open for the full winter period, but this caused issues in purchasing and distributing equipment in a timely manner and also caused extra expense through officer time.

## **8. Cabinet Portfolio Holder's recommendations**

To continue into year 2 of the trial, with a full review next year.

## **9. Contact officer**

Nick Jenkin, Business Development Officer, [nick.jenkin@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:nick.jenkin@kirklees.gov.uk), 07823 336 399

## **10. Background Papers and History of Decisions**

The initial trial was taken to scrutiny panel in August 2022 as part of the wider winter maintenance plan.

## **11. Service Director responsible**

Graham West, Service Director for Highways and Streetscene

**CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCRUTINY PANEL – WORK PROGRAMME 2023/2024**

**MEMBERS:** Cllrs Jackie Ramsay (Chair) John Taylor, Matthew McLoughlin, Timothy Bamford, Hannah McKercher, Matthew McLoughlin , Will Simpson, Garry Kitchen (Coptee) and Jane Emery (Coptee)

**SUPPORT:** Jodie Harris – Principal Governance and Democratic Engagement Officer

FULL PANEL DISCUSSION		
THEME/ISSUE	APPROACH / AREAS OF FOCUS	OUTCOMES / ACTIONS
<b>Cumulative Impact Assessment</b>	<p>New Issue:</p> <p><u>Meeting of the Panel to be held 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023</u></p> <p>The purpose of this report is to brief Members of the Environment and Climate Change Scrutiny Panel on proposals to introduce a Cumulative Impact Assessment Policy under the Licensing Act 2003.</p>	
<b>White Rose Forest – Summary Review 2022/23</b>	<p>New Issue:</p> <p><u>Meeting of the Panel to be held 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023</u></p> <p>The Panel considered a presentation in relation to White Rose Forest – Summary review 2022/23 and looking ahead to 2023/24</p>	
<b>Waste Strategy Update</b>	<p><u>Meeting of the Panel to be held 30<sup>th</sup> August 2023</u></p>	

	<p>In 2023/2024, the Environment and Climate Change Panel will receive an update around work undertaken to refresh the strategy in light of recent financial challenges and changes to legislation.</p> <p><i>Background:</i></p> <p><i>The former Economy and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Panel first scrutinised the new Waste Strategy in 2021. In 2022/23 there was a focus on pre-decision scrutiny of the Waste Strategy Capital Update and the Cabinet decision 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2022 was taken to approve funds.</i></p> <p><i>Overall, the Panel were supportive of the strategy and recommended that, 'the idea of rewarding individual businesses be considered in the development of the Community Reward Scheme. A joined up and borough wide approach be taken to the reuse shop and bulky waste initiatives in later stages of development'.</i></p>	
<b>Snow Warden Volunteer Scheme Update</b>	<p><u>Meeting of the Panel to be held 30<sup>th</sup> August 2023 (TBC)</u></p> <p>In 2023/2024, the Environment and Climate Change Panel will receive an update around learning from snow wardens, under the theme of Winter Maintenance.</p> <p><i>Background:</i></p> <p><i>The former Economy and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Panel reviewed the approach taken to Winter Maintenance 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021 which included a focus on the link to planning.</i></p> <p><i>Key issues noted included the maintenance of active travel routes during winter and of the challenges around housing growth, resources, and capacity for winter maintenance. It was agreed that the current policy</i></p>	

	<i>for winter maintenance should be assessed. This work was undertaken an update was given 30<sup>th</sup> August 2022.</i>	
<b>Environmental Sustainability Strategy</b>	<p>New Issue:</p> <p><u>Meeting of the Panel to be held 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023 (TBC)</u></p> <p>The Panel will receive an update on the Environmental Sustainability Strategy.</p>	
<b>Heat District Energy Network</b>	<p><u>Meeting of the Panel to be held 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023</u></p> <p>The Panel will receive an update on the Heat District Energy Network.</p> <p><i>Background:</i></p> <p><i>The former Economy and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Panel were updated on the outcome of the Huddersfield District Energy Network Outline Business Case Study, draft Cabinet report and proposed next steps prior to Cabinet adoption 20th September 2022.</i></p>	
<b>Air Quality Action Plan Update</b>	<p><u>Meeting of the Panel to be held 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023</u></p> <p>The Panel will consider an update in respect of the Air Quality Action Plan which was a 5-year plan that was agreed in December 2018.</p> <p><i>Background:</i></p> <p><i>The former Economy and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Panel received an update in October 2019. A number of areas to monitor were identified following implementation of the Action Plan.</i></p>	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Which measures have proven effective, and which provide good value for money.</li> <li>2. Addressing the issue of vehicles with idling engines particularly outside schools.</li> <li>3. How the planning system can be used/will address issues in relation to infrastructure to encourage sustainable transport/active travel.</li> <li>4. Improving infrastructure to encourage travel by public transport/cycling and walking.</li> <li>5. Encouraging/ facilitating better options for travel to school to reduce use of private cars.</li> </ol> <p><i>In 2022/23 the Panel received notification of the publication of the Annual Status Report (ASR) for consideration with a view for a formal update to follow. The ASR provided a look back on Air Quality monitoring data for the calendar year of 2021 as well as some progress made in relation to the Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP)</i></p>	
<b>Waste Procurement</b>	<p><u>Meeting of the Panel to be held 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023</u></p> <p>The Panel will consider an update in relation to Waste Procurement to in relation to work undertaken in the scrutiny of the Waste Strategy update.</p>	
<b>Future of Bereavement Services</b>	<p>New Issue:</p> <p><u>Meeting of the Panel to be held 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023</u></p> <p>The Panel will receive an update in respect of the Future of Bereavement Services.</p>	
	<u>Meeting of the Panel to be held 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024</u>	

<b>Parks and Greenspace Vision</b>	The Panel will receive an update in respect of Parks and Greenspace Vision	
<b>Events</b>	<p><u>Meeting of the Panel to be held 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024</u></p> <p>The Panel will receive an update in respect of local events (i.e.- Woven/Pride/Year of Music)</p>	
<b>Highways and Road Safety</b>	<p><u>Meeting of the Panel to be held 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024</u></p> <p>The Panel will consider an update in relation to Highways and Road Safety. To include street lighting.</p> <p><i>Background:</i></p> <p><i>The former Economy and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Panel received a presentation around Highways Safety which set out The Councils statutory responsibilities, (as per the Highways Safety Act), (i.e.- Safe vehicles, speeds, roads and behaviours as well as Post collision learning and care). The presentation also covered issues in relation to capital funding, and the Vision Zero ambition to eliminate road deaths and serious injuries (KSI's) to zero by 2040 and improve road safety for everyone using a safe systems approach. The Panel recommended that more emphasis be placed on enforcement and that the council continue to promote, persuade and influence driver behaviour as well as maintaining strong partnership work with the Police.</i></p>	
<b>Parking Strategy Review</b>	<p><u>Meeting of the Panel to be held 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024</u></p> <p>The Panel will consider an update in respect of <b>Parking Strategy Review.</b></p>	

	- To include use of pesticides.	
<b>Statutory Health and Safety Service Plan 2022- 23</b>  <b>Food Safety Service Plan 2023</b>	<p><u>Meeting of the Panel to be held 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024</u></p> <p>The Environment and Climate Change Panel will receive an update in respect of the Health and Safety and Food Safety Service Plans.</p> <p><i>Background:</i></p> <p><i>The former Economy and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Panel received an update on the performance of the Food Safety Team against the priorities set in the Food Safety Service Plan 2022 and the delivery of the Health and Safety Service Plan 2022-23. Overall, the Panel were positive about the updates and recommended that communication with Community Groups to help increase their understanding of the regulations under Martyn's Law (if brought forward) were key.</i></p>	
<b>LEAD MEMBER BRIEFING ISSUES</b>		
<b>THEME/ISSUE</b>	<b>APPROACH / AREAS OF FOCUS</b>	<b>LEAD OFFICER</b>
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2.		

Items scheduled:

- Cumulative Impact Assessment (July)
- White Rose Forest – Summary review 2022/23 and looking ahead to 2023/24 (July)



- Waste Strategy Review (August)
- Snow Warden Volunteer Scheme Update (August)
- Air Quality Action Plan (October)
- Environmental Sustainability Strategy TBC (October)
- Heat District Energy Network (October)
- Waste Procurement (Private Item) (November)
- Future Bereavement Services Offer (November)
- Parks and Greenspace Vision (January)
- Events (Woven/Pride/Year of Music) (January)
- Highways and Road Safety (February)
- Parking Strategy Review (February)
- Statutory Food Hygiene Plan 2024 – 2025 / Statutory Health & Safety Plan 2024 – 2025 (March)

Items not yet scheduled:

- Fleet Replacement
- Street Lighting

Upcoming Panel visits Ideas:

- Energy from Waste (EfW) and Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) Scrutiny Visit (September)

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