

	Environment Committee 13 July 2017
Title	Recycling and Waste Strategy 2016 to 2030 - Update on progress
Report of	Strategic Director of Environment
Wards	All
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Enclosures	Appendix A – Action Plan 2016 to 2020 Progress Appendix B – Risk Table for Recycling and Waste Strategy 2016 to 2030 and Action Plan
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Summary

The Council agreed the Recycling and Waste Strategy 2016 to 2030 and it's action plan at the meeting of the Environment Committee on 12 May 2016.

The report provides:

- a summary of the progress towards the goals of the waste strategy.
- an update on the implementation of the action plan 2016 to 2020.

Recommendations

1. That the Environment Committee notes the progress towards the goals of the waste strategy, and the action plan 2016 to 2020.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

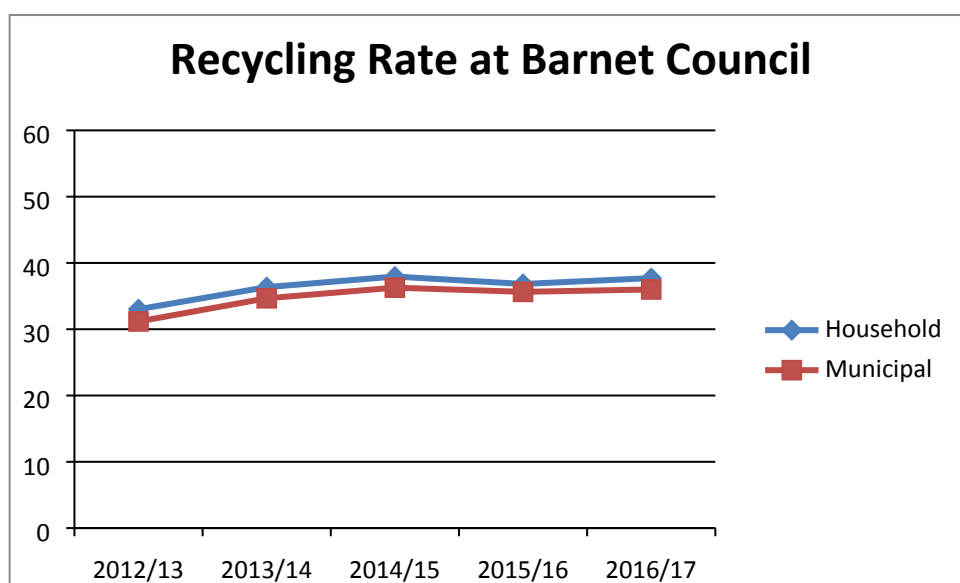
1.1 At the meeting of the Environment Committee on 12 May 2016 the Recycling and Waste Strategy 2016 to 2030 was agreed, along with the accompanying action plans which cover the time periods 2016 to 2020, 2020 to 2025, and 2025 to 2030. The overarching goal of the strategy is to recycle 50% of municipal waste by 2020. There are four aims which support this:

- Provide services that help our rapidly growing community to manage its environmental impact
- Manage the rising cost of waste collection and disposal by designing services that promote recycling and reuse and are integrated, intuitive and efficient
- Encourage all Barnet's residents, businesses and visitors to take responsibility for the waste that they produce, using enforcement where necessary
- Embrace new technologies and ways of working that help us deliver services that respond better to the needs of our community.

1.2 The four themes of the recycling and waste strategy are: responsible citizens, growing Barnet, well designed services and embrace new technologies.

1.3 Progress on the Recycling and Waste Strategy

1.4 The progress towards the achievement of the 50% municipal recycling target by 2020 is shown below, along with the household recycling rate:



1.5 This graph shows that although progress has been made towards the 50% target a significant step change will be required to achieve the 50% target for either municipal or household waste.

1.6 Progress on the Action Plan 2016 to 2020

1.7 Appendix A shows the progress on each of the 23 actions identified in the Action Plan 2016 to 2020. 3 actions have been completed (which are marked in green on the document at Appendix A) and 14 actions are currently in

progress (which are marked in blue on the document at Appendix A). 12 actions have a revised timetable as a result of linkages to other pieces of work, and these actions and their revised timetable are also set out in the document at Appendix A.

- 1.8 The report to the meeting of the Environment Committee on 15 March 2017 set out the action that was being taken for the action “Introduce time banded commercial waste collections” with the Draft Barnet Waste Regulations 2017. At that meeting it was agreed that a consultation would take place on the draft Regulations and this took place between 4 May and 14 June 2017. The findings from the consultation will help to review and inform the final Barnet Waste Regulations 2017 which will be considered by Full Council in July 2017, who will then make a decision on the adoption of the regulations.
- 1.9 One of the actions is to “Review all recycling and waste policies to check if they are fit for purpose and promote maximum recycling and an improved Streetscene, revise and update where needed, and publish in a clear and easy to understand format for approval by committee”. All existing household recycling and waste policies are currently being reviewed and it is proposed that a draft set of household recycling and waste policies are brought to a future meeting of the Environment Committee for consideration.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Recommendation 1 - It is recommended that Environment Committee notes the progress towards the goals of the waste strategy, and the action plan 2016 to 2020.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 At it is less than 18 months since the recycling and waste strategy was agreed it is not considered necessary to change the strategy, therefore this option has not been recommended.
- 3.2 It was felt that it was an appropriate time to provide an update on the implementation of the entire action plan 2016 to 2020 so far, with work on individual actions being presented to the appropriate meeting as timing allowed. Consideration was given to agreeing the draft household recycling and waste policies at this meeting, but it was felt that they were not sufficiently formed.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 To continue working on the actions contained in the action plan 2016 to 2020, and where appropriate to bring the results of this work to a future meeting for a decision to be made.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 5.1.1 The Corporate Plan 2015-2020 is based on the core principles of fairness, responsibility and opportunity to make sure Barnet is a place:

- of opportunity, where people can further their quality of life
- where people are helped to help themselves, recognising that prevention is better than cure
- where responsibility is shared, fairly
- where services are delivered efficiently to get value for money for the tax payer

- 5.1.2 The Corporate Plan 2015-2020 and the 2017/18 Addendum includes the following aim:

- 50% of waste collected will be reused, recycled or composted in 2019/20.

- 5.1.3 There are no implications relating to the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and its stated priorities, or the future health and wellbeing needs of the local population as identified in Barnet's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

- 5.2.1 Finance and Value for Money – The 2017/18 expenditure budgets for the current services that deal with municipal recycling and waste is £5.266 million, with a further £10.466 million projected to be spent on waste treatment and disposal in 2017/18 through the North London Waste Authority (NLWA) levy.

- 5.2.2 The current payments for disposing of our waste are low compared to other areas of London, as the existing energy from waste facility at Edmonton EcoPark has been operating for over 40 years. However the costs are projected to increase significantly in future years as the existing facility comes to the end of it's life and a new energy recovery facility is built at Edmonton EcoPark.

- 5.2.3 Procurement – At this time there are no implications.

- 5.2.4 Staffing – At this time there are no implications.

- 5.2.5 IT – At this time there are no implications.

- 5.2.6 Property – At this time there are no implications.

- 5.2.7 **Sustainability** – Two of the aims of the Recycling and Waste Strategy are linked to sustainability, which are: “provide services that help our rapidly growing community to manage its environmental impact” and “encourage all Barnet’s residents, businesses and visitors to take responsibility for the waste that they produce”.

5.3 **Social Value**

- 5.3.1 The Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012 requires people who commission public services to think about how they can also secure wider social, economic and environmental benefits. This will be done as part of any contract procurement. No contract procurement is currently planned as a result of the recommendation in this report.

5.4 **Legal and Constitutional References**

- 5.4.1 There is no statutory duty for the council to produce a waste strategy. Section 32 of the Waste and Emissions Trading Act 2003 has a requirement for the North London Waste Authority and its constituent councils to produce a joint waste strategy. This joint waste strategy was produced and agreed in February 2009.

- 5.4.2 The Council’s Constitution (Clause 15A, Responsibility of Functions, Annex A) sets out the terms of reference of the Environment Committee. This includes:

- Commissioning refuse and recycling, waste minimisation and street cleansing
- Approve any non-statutory plan or strategy within the remit of the Committee that is not reserved to Full Council or Policy and Resources Committee
- Approve fees and charges for those areas under the remit of the Committee.

- 5.4.3 This matter is not reserved to Full Council or to the Policy and Resources Committee as the Constitution specifically allocates matters of this type to the Environment Committee.

5.5 **Risk Management**

- 5.5.1 All risks are managed using the risk management procedure, as set out in the Corporate Risk Management Framework. The risks associated with the Recycling and Waste Strategy and associated action plan are set out in the Risk Table for Recycling and Waste Strategy 2016 to 2030 and Action Plan at Appendix B. High level risks are reported as part of the Council’s quarterly performance regime.

5.6 **Equalities and Diversity**

- 5.6.1 The 2010 Equality Act outlines the provisions of the Public Sector Equalities Duty which requires Public Bodies to have due regard to the need to:
- eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Equality Act 2010
 - advance equality of opportunity between people from different groups
 - foster good relations between people from different groups

5.6.2 The broad purpose of this duty is to integrate considerations of equality into day business and keep them under review in decision making, the design of policies and the delivery of services. The nine protected characteristics are:

- Age
- Disability
- Gender reassignment
- Pregnancy and maternity
- Ethnicity
- Religion or belief
- Gender
- Sexual orientation

5.6.3 The Corporate Plan 2015 – 2020 sets the Strategic Equalities Objective, which is: that citizens will be treated equally, with understanding and respect, and will have equal access to quality services which provide value to the tax payer. Changes to policies and services are analysed in order to assess the potential equalities impacts and risks and identify any mitigating action possible, through an equalities impact assessment, before final decisions are made. Consideration will also be made to the equalities and data cohesion summary.

5.7 Consultation and Engagement

5.7.1 No specific consultation has been undertaken for this report or is planned to take place. In relation to the Recycling and Waste Strategy, Action Plan 2016 to 2020, where it is appropriate consultation will take place, such as the recent consultation on Barnet's Waste Regulations 2017.

5.8 Insight

5.8.1 No insight information has been used to produce this report. In relation to the specific actions insight will be used where appropriate.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 [Environment Committee 15 March 2017 Papers](#) – including Item 9 Enforcement and Waste Regulations and the agreement to: the procurement of a street scene enforcement contract with the view of an income share model, and noting of the draft Barnet Waste Regulations 2017 and approval of the six week public consultation.

6.2 [Environment Committee 8 November 2016 Papers](#) – including item 11 Fees and Charges and the agreement to new and above inflation fees and charges for 2017/18.

6.3 [Environment Committee 12 May 2016 Papers](#) – including Item 9 Recycling and Waste Strategy 2016 to 2030 and the agreement to adopt the Recycling and Waste Strategy 2016 – 2030 and its action plan.

6.4 [Environment Committee 8 March 2016 Papers](#) – including Item 9 Streetscene Enforcement and Item 10 Draft Street Cleansing Framework 2016 to 2025.