

Agenda item 4

Presentation on recycling statistics

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Recycling performance

The attached table shows our recycling performance for April 2007 through to July 2007 and compares it to the same months in previous year. The new scheme was rolled out across the district starting in the south in June 2006 and completing in the north in November 2006. 2007/8 will be the first full year of the new scheme.

Final figures for any year are formally announced from Essex County Council after auditing (normally June). Figures are for domestic waste only and therefore do not include commercial waste.

Waste Strategy Model

The model indicated a recycling rate of 48% in the first full year against the average figure to the end of July 2007/08 is 54%. The average cost per household was modelled at £61.00 per household on 2004/05 actuals; the cost on 2006/07 was £72.00 per household (this includes implementation costs of £300,000, implementation of Single Status and harmonisation of Pay and Conditions across the workforce).

Total Waste Recycled

This is a total of all domestic material collected at kerbside and bring banks, which is then recycled / composted. There is a 70% increase in material recycled / composted this year compared with 2006.

Waste to Landfill

This is a total of all domestic waste collected at kerbside including bulky waste (but not white goods), litter, fly tipping and through the village waste skips that are provided to parishes. Since the introduction of the new scheme we have seen a significant drop in waste sent to landfill.

In the period April – July 2007 (August figure not yet available) the waste to landfill has been 3,834 tonnes less than in the same period in 2006. This is approximately a 47% decrease assuming no change in trade waste tonnages.

Total Waste Arising

This is the total of all domestic waste and material, collected from kerbside; bring banks and village waste skips. These figures give an indication of the total amount of waste generated in the district regardless if the waste is recycled, composted or land-filled.

In the period April – July 2007 there has been 1,670 tonnes less total waste collected than in the same period last year. This is approximately a 15% decrease.

Recycling Rate

The recycling rate is a calculation of all material collected for recycling / composting calculated against the total amount of waste collected (total waste recycled / total waste arising = recycling rate).

Kerbside Dry Recycling

This is a total of all paper, card, plastic containers, tin cans and foil collected at kerbside for the purpose of recycling.

In the period April – July 2007 the tonnage of kerbside dry recycling has been 1,288 tonnes higher than in the same period in 2006. This is a 153% increase.

Kitchen Waste

In the period April – July 2007 the tonnage of kitchen waste has increased by 1,259 tonnes. However, please note that kitchen waste collections were not implemented until June 2006 and at that point only covered 1/6 of the district.

Glass

Since the introduction of the new scheme we have seen a 29% increase in glass collected at glass bring banks.