

# Item no.

Report to: **Service Delivery Scrutiny Committee**  
Date: **6/6/2005**  
Report of: **Director of Community Services**  
Subject: **Environmental Strategy Team:- Recycling Performance**  
Ward: **All**

## **1. Purpose of Report**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update on recycling performance within the District.

## **2. Consultation**

2.1 The Executive Member for the Environment and Transport and Environmental Health and Licensing Manager have been consulted when compiling this report and no adverse comments have been returned.

## **3. Background**

3.1 The Government has introduced performance targets that the Council must hit regarding the percentage of household waste arising within the District that is recycled or composted. Household Waste only include tonnages of waste produced by domestic premises.

3.2 Easington's target for 2003/4 was to recycle or compost 10% of all household waste collected. The next target is to recycle or compost 18% of household waste by 2005/6.

3.3 In 2003/04 we failed to hit the minimum 10% performance standard and as a result a number of major changes have been introduced, namely,

- Restructuring of the Environmental Health and Licensing Unit to create an Environmental Strategy Team involving the realignment of resources to create a new management post and environmental co-ordinator post to deal with waste management issues,
- introducing the green waste collection service, and
- introducing monthly recycling performance monitoring meetings to ensure we are on target throughout the year.

3.4 During 2004/05 recycling rates increased with the introduction of the kerb-it scheme and additionally an alternative method of calculating the contribution from the aerobic digester has been proposed which is awaiting approval. This method of calculation gives a recycling/composting rate for the District in 2004/05 of 13.6%.

## **4. Position Statement**

4.1 The table below sets out recycling performance for the District during 2003/04 and 2004/05 and also outlines our predicted performance for 2005/06.

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Recycling Stream	2003/04		2004/05		2005/06	
	Tonnage collected	% recycled	Tonnage collected	% recycled	Tonnage collected	% recycled
Blue boy	1684	3.88	0	0	0	0
Kerbit	0	0	2552	5.76	3276	7.1
Bottle banks	293	0.64	185	0.42	200	0.43
White Goods	360	0.83	329	0.74	340	0.74
Aerobic Digester	1535	3.54	2974	6.71	3599	7.8%
Green Waste	131	0.3	0	0	1020	2.2
Total Recycled	4004	9.23	6040	13.64	8304	18.27
Total Waste arising	43,319		44,292		46,135	

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- 4.2 The number of households participating in the kerb-it scheme in Easington is lower than the other participating Durham Districts.

District	P	Participation rate	Tonnes recycled per household
Easington		31.7	0.052
Sedgefield		46.9	0.084
Durham		51.7	0.086
Chester-le-Street		52.0	0.092

A programme of intensive publicity is currently being developed with a range of incentives to encourage residents to participate in the Kerb-it scheme.

- 4.3 The introduction of the blue bin system for the disposal of green waste has been undertaken relatively smoothly and is proving to be very popular with the those residents with in the scheme, and has also lead to a lot of complaints form residents who are outside of the scheme area. It may be possible to extend the scheme later in the year using spare bins that are in storage but any significant increase in the scheme above the 15,000 homes currently covered is likely to have significant budgetary implications.
- 4.4 It is proposed to review the bottle banks throughout the Districts and seek to make improvements that may increase their use.
- 4.5 Negotiations are currently in progress to establish how the aerobic digester contribution will be shared out accros the County and officers are seeking to get the best deal for the Council.

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## 5. Implications

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There are no relevant implications.

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There are no relevant implications.

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There are no relevant implications.

5.6 Corporate

recycling performance is of corporate significance as there are a number of Key Performance Indicators connected with the service.

## 6. Recommendation

6.1 That members note the report.

## 7. Background papers Documents referred to:

None