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WESTERN RIVERSIDE WASTE AUTHORITY

MEETING	22 nd November 2023												
REPORT AUTHOR/DATE	General Manager <i>(Contact Mark Broxup - Tel. 020 8871 2788)</i> 14 th November 2023												
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BACKGROUND PAPERS	None												

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. This paper brings Members up to date on operational and other matters, which, in themselves, do not warrant the production of a separate paper. The majority of these matters are for Members' information, but where approval is sought this is referred to in the report and summarised at the end. The specific matters covered in this report are:-
 - a) Operations
 - b) Performance Monitoring
 - c) Simpler Recycling Consultations
 - d) Appointment of Treasurer
 - e) Constituent Council New Recycling Initiatives
 - f) Items costing between £5,000 and £30,000
 - g) Comments of the Treasurer
 - h) Recommendations

OPERATIONS

Smugglers Way

2. There has been disruption to service to the main Transfer Station operations since the last Authority meeting.
3. Historically, Authority officers have reported larger fires requiring attendance by the LFB and have not reported to Members more regular fires that on-site staff can extinguish. To date in 2023, in addition to the significant fires highlighted to Members, there have been an additional eight fires, which resulted in downtime, and the evacuation of staff.

PERFORMANCE MONITORING

Introduction

4. Detailed tonnage tables are attached as Appendix A to this report. The modelling to forecast the outturn figures for 2023/24 compares performance against the corresponding period in the previous year. The tables shown set out:
 - a) the tonnages of each waste type (including co-mingled recycling contamination) delivered by each constituent council in the current financial year up to 31st October 2023, together with projected outturn tonnages, compared against those budgeted for and the previous financial year's outturn; and

- b) comparisons of the tonnages of each major waste type handled by each constituent council on an annual basis.

Points to Highlight

5. If the trend in the overall level of waste arisings from the first seven months of 2023/24 continues throughout the remainder of the financial year, there would be a 0.27% decrease compared to the outturn tonnage for 2022/23. Decreases against the 2022/23 outturn figures are currently predicted for all the boroughs except Wandsworth which is showing a 0.37% increase. Tonnages at the Household Waste and Recycling Centre (“HWRC”) are currently predicted to be 4.66% higher than last year. Most of this increase occurred in May which had three bank holidays due to the Coronation.

SIMPLER RECYCLING CONSULTATIONS

6. On 21st October 2023 the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (“DEFRA”) issued two consultation documents relating to the collection of recyclable waste:
 - a) On additional policies related to Simpler Recycling in England; and
 - b) Exemptions and Statutory Guidance for Simpler Recycling in England.
7. Both consultations close on 20th November 2023 and officers have submitted the responses set out in Appendices B and C in draft with a covering letter saying that they are subject to formal amendment/adoption at this meeting of the Authority. The Authority is recommended to ratify the responses set out in Appendices B and C or suggest any amendments it feels are necessary.

Additional Policies Consultation

8. This is a public [consultation](#) that can be found on Defra’s website.
9. The consultation is split into two parts:
 - a) The first part (questions 6 to 10) asks for views as to whether certain types of non-domestic premises should be required to arrange for the separate collection of recyclable household waste. As the waste produced from the types of non-domestic premises being consulted on is unlikely to result in a material increase in the tonnage needed to be managed by a waste

disposal authority, officers have not answered these questions as they are more pertinent to waste collection authorities and the premises themselves.

- b) The second part and question 11 simply asks if the new digital waste tracking service, which is currently in development should require waste collectors to record if the waste is being collected co-mingled (meaning two or more recyclable waste streams mixed together), and, if so, which recyclable waste streams have been co-mingled. As this will help to improve data on recycling services officers have answered yes to this question.

Exemptions and Statutory Guidance Consultation

10. This is a private [consultation](#) between Defra and stakeholders that have received an invitation to respond – primarily waste collection and waste disposal authorities.

11. This consultation is also split into two parts:

- a) The first part seeks views on the proposed exemption to the requirement to collect the core recyclable waste streams separately from each other. The two exemptions proposed, which the Authority's response endorses, are:
 - i. to allow local authorities and other waste collectors to co-collect dry recycling (albeit separately from residual and organic waste); and
 - ii. to co-collect food and garden waste.
- b) The second part seeks views on the statutory guidance for the regulations related to Simpler Recycling which is drafted in three parts:
 - i. Guidance on materials in and out of scope
 - ii. Guidance on waste collections from households
 - iii. Guidance on waste collections from non-household municipal premises

Most of the questions in this part are related to waste collection and the Authority's proposed response is limited to answering questions 9

and 14 where there the separation and or treatment of collected materials is also a matter of concern.

APPOINTMENT OF TREASURER

12. An Appointments Committee of the Authority interviewed candidates for the position of Treasurer on the afternoon of 31st October 2023. The successful candidate was Mr. Sukvinder Kalsi who is the Director of Finance and Section 151 officer at the London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham. Mr Kalsi will begin his duties on 1st December 2023 and we wish him every success in the role.

CONSTITUENT COUNCIL NEW RECYCLING INITIATIVES

13. At the meeting of the Authority on 22nd September 2010 (Paper No. WRWA 669A) Members instructed the Clerk to write to each of the constituent councils to inform them that, in future, should they wish to make arrangements themselves to recycle any significant tonnage of waste then, in accordance with Section 48 of the Environment Protection Act 1990, they must, as soon as reasonably practicable, notify the Authority in writing. The Authority will then approve or object to any such proposal at its next available meeting. The Clerk wrote to the constituent councils, as instructed, on 27th October 2010.
14. The constituent councils have not notified the Authority of any new initiatives since the previous Authority meeting.

ITEMS COSTING BETWEEN £5,000 AND £30,000

15. The reportable items of expenditure authorised by officers under delegated powers within the band range of £5,000 to £30,000 since the last Authority meeting.

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COMMENTS OF THE TREASURER

16. The Treasurer advises that, as outlined in the February Budget paper (Paper No. WRWA 23-01), constituent councils are always advised to make their own assumptions regarding tonnage levels when setting and monitoring their budgets and therefore the impact of the latest tonnage forecasts outlined in this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

17. It is recommended that the Authority:

- a) ratify the response to the consultations on Simpler Recycling as set out in Appendices B and C to this report or to suggest amendments; and
- b) otherwise receive this report as information.

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14th November 2023

After 7 months of 2023/2024

General Waste Delivered (Tonnes)

	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	TO DATE 2023/2024	FORECAST 2023/2024	Annual		2023/2024 Budget Tonnes	Budget	
							Change Tonnes	Change Percent		Change Tonnes	Change Percent
HF	56,021	55,590	55,435	52,852	31,015	52,580	-	272	52,257	322	0.62%
KC	58,209	46,755	53,842	55,272	31,934	54,057	-	1,215	55,509	1,453	-2.62%
LA	86,536	88,694	87,517	87,083	50,422	86,545	-	538	85,540	1,005	1.18%
WA	75,666	80,509	78,795	75,004	44,423	75,601	-	596	73,872	1,728	2.34%
WRWA	8,865	9,504	7,939	6,958	4,588	7,093	-	135	6,935	157	2.27%
Total	285,298	281,052	283,526	277,170	162,382	275,875	-	1,294	274,114	1,761	0.64%
Change	-	4,247	2,475	6,357	-	1,294	-				
Percentage Change		-1.49%	0.88%	-2.24%		-0.47%					

Co-Mingled Waste Delivered (Tonnes)

	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	TO DATE 2023/2024	FORECAST 2023/2024	Annual		2023/2024 Budget Tonnes	Budget	
							Change Tonnes	Change Percent		Change Tonnes	Change Percent
HF	11,703	12,573	12,030	11,149	6,536	11,273	-	124	10,984	289	2.63%
KC	15,961	12,528	14,076	13,962	7,937	13,598	-	365	13,959	362	-2.59%
LA	19,543	22,317	20,728	17,223	10,393	17,352	-	128	17,100	251	1.47%
WA	20,355	23,577	21,842	19,343	11,132	19,227	-	116	19,080	148	0.77%
WRWA	538	373	407	344	162	255	-	88	332	77	-23.14%
Total	68,099	71,368	69,082	62,022	36,160	61,705	-	317	61,456	249	0.41%
Change	-	3,269	2,286	7,061	-	317	-				
Percentage Change		4.80%	-3.20%	-10.22%		-0.51%					

Co-Mingled Contamination (Percentage)

	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	TO DATE 2023/2024	FORECAST 2023/2024	Change in Percentage	
							Point	Point
HF	13.62%	13.93%	16.93%	16.88%	16.20%	16.20%	-0.67%	
KC	10.64%	11.03%	11.48%	12.29%	10.29%	10.29%	-2.00%	
LA	14.31%	14.49%	16.59%	15.23%	14.49%	14.49%	-0.74%	
WA	12.78%	13.49%	14.12%	12.67%	13.31%	13.31%	0.64%	
WRWA	12.84%	13.90%	14.84%	14.09%	13.56%	13.56%	-0.52%	

Co-Mingled Contamination (Tonnes)

	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	TO DATE 2023/2024	FORECAST 2023/2024	Annual		2017/2018 Budget Percentage	2023/2024 Budget Tonnes	Budget	
							Change Tonnes	Change Percent			Change Tonnes	Change Percent
HF	1,594	1,752	2,036	1,881	1,059	1,827	-	55	16.7%	1,833	6	-0.32%
KC	1,699	1,382	1,616	1,716	816	1,399	-	317	-18.49%	1,748	349	-19.98%
LA	2,796	3,233	3,439	2,623	1,506	2,514	-	110	-4.18%	2,666	152	-5.71%
WA	2,602	3,181	3,084	2,450	1,481	2,559	-	108	4.42%	2,554	5	0.19%
WRWA	69	52	60	48	22	35	-	14	-28.45%	48	13	-27.21%
Total	8,760	9,600	10,235	8,720	4,884	8,332	-	387	14.4%	8,848	516	-5.83%
Change	-	840	635	1,516	-	387	-					
Percentage Change		9.59%	6.62%	-14.81%		-4.44%						

Green Waste Delivered (Tonnes)

	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	TO DATE 2023/2024	FORECAST 2023/2024	Annual		2023/2024 Budget Tonnes	Budget	
							Change Tonnes	Change Percent		Change Tonnes	Change Percent
HF	83	98	78	98	-	97	-	1	154	57	-37.24%
KC	475	495	514	469	235	501	-	31	459	41	9.01%
LA	733	608	574	853	481	972	-	119	949	23	2.42%
WA	449	365	325	287	79	384	-	97	243	142	58.36%
WRWA	3,171	3,099	2,647	2,058	1,730	2,409	-	351	2,012	397	19.74%
Total	4,911	4,665	4,139	3,764	2,526	4,363	-	599	3,817	546	14.29%
Change	-	245	527	374	-	599	-				
Percentage Change		-5.00%	-11.29%	-9.04%		15.90%					

Appendix A

Clinical Waste Delivered (Tonnes)

	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	TO DATE 2023/2024	FORECAST 2023/2024	Annual		2023/2024 Budget				
							Change Tonnes	Change Percent	Budget Tonnes	Change Tonnes	Change Percent		
HF	18	16	14	12	6	11	-	1	-8.05%	11	-	1	-5.65%
KC	1	1	1	1	1	2	-	0	24.54%	1	0	0	27.00%
LA	3	4	6	6	3	5	-	1	-14.87%	6	-	1	-18.01%
WA	66	65	75	73	42	73	-	0	0.47%	73	0	0	0.51%
WRWA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-	-	0.00%
Total	88	87	96	92	52	91	-	1	-1.20%	92	-	1	-1.06%
Change	-	2	9	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage Change	-	-1.85%	10.48%	-4.40%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Detritus Waste Delivered (Tonnes)

	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	TO DATE 2023/2024	FORECAST 2023/2024	Annual		2023/2024 Budget				
							Change Tonnes	Change Percent	Budget Tonnes	Change Tonnes	Change Percent		
HF	449	463	434	469	257	465	-	4	-0.83%	440	25	25	5.78%
KC	1,021	806	707	666	335	581	-	85	-12.72%	669	-	88	-13.16%
LA	518	542	562	458	249	490	-	32	6.96%	471	19	19	3.99%
WA	2,841	2,861	2,613	2,481	1,180	2,227	-	255	-10.26%	2,577	-	351	-13.60%
WRWA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-	-	0.00%
Total	4,829	4,672	4,316	4,074	2,022	3,762	-	311	-7.64%	4,157	-	394	-9.49%
Change	-	157	356	243	-	311	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage Change	-	-3.24%	-7.61%	-5.62%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Battery Waste Delivered (Tonnes)

	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	TO DATE 2023/2024	FORECAST 2023/2024	Annual		2023/2024 Budget				
							Change Tonnes	Change Percent	Budget Tonnes	Change Tonnes	Change Percent		
HF	1	0	0	1	0	0	-	0	-40.22%	1	-	0	-39.98%
KC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-	-	0.00%
LA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-	-	0.00%
WA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-	-	0.00%
WRWA	24	32	26	22	17	27	-	4	19.87%	28	-	1	-3.78%
Total	25	32	26	23	17	27	-	4	18.40%	28	-	1	-4.49%
Change	-	7	6	4	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage Change	-	28.69%	-17.56%	-13.52%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Electrical Waste Delivered (Tonnes)

	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	TO DATE 2023/2024	FORECAST 2023/2024	Annual		2023/2024 Budget				
							Change Tonnes	Change Percent	Budget Tonnes	Change Tonnes	Change Percent		
HF	20	10	13	10	7	15	-	4	40.45%	9	5	5	57.17%
KC	26	32	15	8	1	2	-	6	-74.56%	7	-	5	-72.15%
LA	113	106	70	91	22	35	-	56	-61.71%	52	-	17	-32.61%
WA	2	4	1	1	0	1	-	0	-21.59%	1	-	0	-17.96%
WRWA	726	792	673	575	337	554	-	21	-3.73%	563	9	9	-1.56%
Total	888	944	772	686	367	606	-	80	-11.61%	632	-	26	-4.08%
Change	-	56	172	86	-	80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage Change	-	6.36%	-18.25%	-11.19%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Fridge Waste Delivered (Tonnes)

	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	TO DATE 2023/2024	FORECAST 2023/2024	Annual		2023/2024 Budget				
							Change Tonnes	Change Percent	Budget Tonnes	Change Tonnes	Change Percent		
HF	89	81	88	78	48	82	-	3	3.99%	75	7	7	8.80%
KC	51	39	45	42	17	28	-	15	-34.81%	39	-	11	-28.94%
LA	174	172	151	132	38	66	-	66	-50.14%	104	-	38	-36.54%
WA	153	75	59	71	51	99	-	27	37.81%	60	39	39	65.30%
WRWA	79	74	56	51	29	47	-	4	-8.65%	51	-	4	-8.25%
Total	546	440	400	375	183	320	-	55	-14.71%	328	-	8	-2.40%
Change	-	105	40	25	-	55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage Change	-	-19.30%	-9.19%	-6.13%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Gas Bottle Waste Delivered (Tonnes)

	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	TO DATE 2023/2024	FORECAST 2023/2024	Annual		2023/2024 Budget				
							Change Tonnes	Change Percent	Budget Tonnes	Change Tonnes	Change Percent		
HF	1	1	1	1	1	3	-	2	190.70%	1	3	3	422.64%
KC	1	1	2	5	4	12	-	7	130.50%	5	8	8	173.30%
LA	4	1	2	2	1	1	-	1	-63.57%	2	-	1	-64.81%
WA	1	1	1	0	1	1	-	0	149.55%	0	0	0	176.46%
WRWA	-	16	24	27	9	12	-	15	-54.60%	30	-	18	-59.31%
Total	6	20	30	36	16	30	-	6	-17.78%	38	-	8	-21.74%
Change	-	14	10	6	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage Change	-	218.55%	48.08%	20.17%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Appendix A

Carpet Waste Delivered (Tonnes)

	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	TO DATE 2023/2024	FORECAST 2023/2024	Annual		2023/2024 Budget Tonnes	Change Tonnes	Change Percent
							Change Tonnes	Change Percent			
HF	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-	0.00%
KC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-	0.00%
LA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-	0.00%
WA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-	0.00%
WRWA	375	365	281	-	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-	0.00%
Total	375	365	281	-	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-	0.00%
Change	-	10	-84	281	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
Percentage Change		-2.66%	-23.01%	-100.00%							

Inert Waste Delivered (Tonnes)

	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	TO DATE 2023/2024	FORECAST 2023/2024	Annual		2023/2024 Budget Tonnes	Change Tonnes	Change Percent
							Change Tonnes	Change Percent			
HF	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-	0.00%
KC	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-	0.00%
LA	2	-	5	5	55	60	55	1041.19%	-	60	0.00%
WA	15	4	-	-	1	1	1	0.00%	-	1	0.00%
WRWA	1,677	1,891	1,508	1,068	703	1,004	64	-6.03%	995	9	0.86%
Total	1,700	1,897	1,513	1,073	758	1,064	9	-0.86%	995	69	6.92%
Change	-	197	-384	439	-	9	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage Change		11.58%	-20.25%	-29.05%		-0.86%					

Oil/Paint/Rigid Plastics Waste Delivered (Tonnes)

	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	TO DATE 2023/2024	FORECAST 2023/2024	Annual		2023/2024 Budget Tonnes	Change Tonnes	Change Percent
							Change Tonnes	Change Percent			
HF	-	-	0	0	0	0	0	-70.61%	0	0	-70.50%
KC	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-	0.00%
LA	-	-	6	27	20	33	6	21.60%	192	159	-82.81%
WA	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	0.00%	-	0	0.00%
WRWA	17	16	39	151	140	267	115	76.23%	410	144	-35.00%
Total	17	16	45	179	161	300	121	67.66%	602	303	-50.24%
Change	-	1	28	134	-	121	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage Change		-5.31%	171.38%	301.08%		67.66%					

Paper/Cardboard Waste Delivered (Tonnes)

	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	TO DATE 2023/2024	FORECAST 2023/2024	Annual		2023/2024 Budget Tonnes	Change Tonnes	Change Percent
							Change Tonnes	Change Percent			
HF	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-	0.00%
KC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-	0.00%
LA	423	423	323	239	136	195	45	-18.70%	264	69	-26.30%
WA	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-	0.00%
WRWA	962	1,171	1,023	876	547	909	33	3.78%	847	62	7.31%
Total	1,385	1,595	1,346	1,115	683	1,104	12	-1.05%	1,111	8	-0.68%
Change	-	211	-249	231	-	12	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage Change		15.21%	-15.61%	-17.15%		-1.05%					

Scrap Metal Waste Delivered (Tonnes)

	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	TO DATE 2023/2024	FORECAST 2023/2024	Annual		2023/2024 Budget Tonnes	Change Tonnes	Change Percent
							Change Tonnes	Change Percent			
HF	19	10	16	21	19	34	14	67.47%	19	15	78.34%
KC	0	-	4	0	1	1	1	300.00%	0	1	301.59%
LA	114	62	61	62	31	49	13	-21.46%	51	3	-5.12%
WA	4	7	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-	0.00%
WRWA	666	699	684	589	410	662	73	12.42%	549	113	20.64%
Total	803	779	764	672	461	746	75	11.10%	620	127	20.44%
Change	-	25	-15	92	-	75	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage Change		-3.06%	-1.86%	-12.09%		11.10%					

Textile Waste Delivered (Tonnes)

	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	TO DATE 2023/2024	FORECAST 2023/2024	Annual		2023/2024 Budget Tonnes	Change Tonnes	Change Percent
							Change Tonnes	Change Percent			
HF	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-	0.00%
KC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-	0.00%
LA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-	0.00%
WA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-	0.00%
WRWA	254	287	260	250	154	247	2	-0.93%	243	4	1.70%
Total	254	287	260	250	154	247	2	-0.93%	243	4	1.70%
Change	-	33	-27	11	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage Change		13.12%	-9.31%	-4.13%		-0.93%					

Appendix A

Tyre Waste Delivered (Tonnes)

	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	TO DATE 2023/2024	FORECAST 2023/2024	Annual		2023/2024 Budget Tonnes	Budget	
							Change Tonnes	Change Percent		Change Tonnes	Change Percent
HF	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	123.76%	0	0	499.77%
KC	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-	0.00%
LA	8	5	7	7	1	1	6	-79.13%	5	4	-72.78%
WA	1	1	1	1	3	6	5	360.73%	1	5	354.23%
WRWA	-	-	12	11	4	7	5	-41.72%	11	4	-40.45%
Total	9	7	22	20	8	15	5	-24.90%	18	3	-16.40%
Change	-	2	15	2	-	5					
Percentage Change		-18.55%	206.94%	-9.86%		-24.90%					

Wood Waste Delivered (Tonnes)

	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	TO DATE 2023/2024	FORECAST 2023/2024	Annual		2023/2024 Budget Tonnes	Budget	
							Change Tonnes	Change Percent		Change Tonnes	Change Percent
HF	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-	0.00%
KC	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-	0.00%
LA	140	-	58	259	209	358	98	37.89%	246	246	-100.00%
WA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-	0.00%
WRWA	3,773	3,808	3,298	3,025	2,019	3,259	234	7.74%	2,999	260	8.67%
Total	3,913	3,808	3,356	3,284	2,228	3,616	332	10.12%	3,244	372	11.47%
Change	-	104	452	72		332					
Percentage Change		-2.67%	-11.88%	-2.15%		10.12%					

Total Waste Delivered (Tonnes)

	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	TO DATE 2023/2024	FORECAST 2023/2024	Annual		2023/2024 Budget Tonnes	Budget	
							Change Tonnes	Change Percent		Change Tonnes	Change Percent
HF	68,410	68,843	68,112	64,691	37,891	64,560	131	-0.20%	63,952	608	0.95%
KC	75,746	60,660	69,206	70,426	40,465	68,781	1,645	-2.34%	70,649	1,868	-2.64%
LA	108,311	112,934	110,069	106,448	62,061	106,160	288	-0.27%	104,982	1,178	1.12%
WA	99,551	107,470	103,711	97,262	56,912	97,619	357	0.37%	95,907	1,712	1.79%
WRWA	21,128	22,129	18,877	16,005	10,850	16,751	745	4.66%	16,005	745	4.66%
Total	373,146	372,036	369,975	354,833	208,179	353,871	962	-0.27%	351,495	2,376	0.68%
Change	-	1,110	2,061	15,142	-	962					
Percentage Change		-0.30%	-0.55%	-4.09%		-0.27%					

Response to Consultation on additional policies related to Simpler Recycling in England

Q1. Would you like your response to be confidential? Please see the confidentiality and data protection information in the above section of this document. (Required)

- Yes
 No

If you have answered 'Yes' above, please give your reason.

Q2. What is your name?

Mark Broxup

Q3. What is your email address?

info@wrwa.gov.uk

Q4. Which of the options below best describes you?

Please tick only one option. If multiple categories apply to you, please choose the one which **best describes you** and which you are representing in your response. (Required)

- Academic or research
- Business representative organisation/trade body
- Charity or social enterprise
- Community group
- Consultancy
- Distributor
- Exporter
- Individual
- Local government
- Non-governmental organisation
- Operator/reprocessor
- Packaging designer/manufacturer/pack filler
- Retailer including online marketplace
- Waste management company
- Other (please provide details)

Q5. If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, what is its name?

Western Riverside Waste Authority

Expanding the list of relevant non-domestic premises

The Western Riverside Waste Authority is a statutory joint waste disposal authority. Questions 6 to 10 are concerned with the collection of waste which is outside of our responsibilities and the waste collected from the non-domestic premises being consulted on is unlikely to result in a material increase in the tonnage needed to be managed by a waste disposal authority.

Waste tracking service

Q11. Do you agree with the above proposal, where dry recyclable waste is collected co-mingled from certain collection points, to use the waste tracking service to record which recyclable waste streams have been co-mingled?

- Agree
- Disagree (please explain why you agree)
- Unsure (please explain why you are unsure)

Response to Consultation on exemptions and statutory guidance for Simpler Recycling in England

About you

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Western Riverside Waste Authority

Questions

The Authority has only answered questions that are pertinent to its role as a waste disposal authority.

1. Exemptions from the requirement to collect the recyclable waste streams separately from each other

Q6. Do you agree with the provision of an exemption to allow for the co-collection of paper and card, plastic, metal and glass in one bin without needing a written assessment?

- Agree (please explain why you agree)
- Disagree (please explain why you disagree)
- Unsure (please explain why you are unsure)

In urban areas particularly this is proven to increase both participation and capture rates, with many households and businesses not having the space to accommodate numerous different bin types. Also, where investment has already been made, or contracts let, for use of a MRF, to require separate collections could have a detrimental financial impact on the existing arrangements.

Q7. Do you agree with the provision of an exemption to allow for the co-collection of food and garden waste in one bin without needing a written assessment?

- Agree (please explain why you agree)
- Disagree (please explain why you disagree)
- Unsure (please explain why you are unsure)

In urban areas the low density of gardens can make the separate collection of garden waste difficult to justify in both economic and environmental terms and having the opportunity to combine this material with weekly food collections makes sense on both counts.

2. Statutory guidance

Q9. Do you agree or disagree with the contents of the list above, detailing the materials that are out of scope of the recyclable waste streams?

- Agree
- Disagree
- Unsure

If you disagree, please select one of the following to best describe why:

- Materials should be added (please specify which materials)
- Materials should be removed (please specify which materials)
- Other (please explain)

Whilst supporting the aim to recycle more materials within the generic descriptions a pragmatic approach needs to be taken on the ability of local authorities to collect and sort such material so that it is marketable and therefore actually recycled given current technology.

Retrofitting current MRFs to accommodate such material may not be viable and co-mingling with other recyclable materials may not be feasible as a consequence. In particular, flexible plastics may need to be separately collected and residents would therefore effectively need an extra 'bin'. Indeed, the WRAP guidance referred to in this section highlights that the collection of certain materials may not be suited to co-mingled or two-stream collection.

Whilst it is accepted that the current list is not exhaustive more consideration should be given as to what can currently be recycled, particularly with plastics and the out-of-scope list expanded accordingly. As technology improves and as packaging develops in the future materials can then be removed or added to the 'out of scope' list.

The out-of-scope list contains 'Plastic bottles containing white spirits, paints, engine oils and antifreeze' i.e. hazardous contents. The same logic should be applied to Metals - batteries and aerosols containing flammable gases should also be explicitly listed as being out of scope given the fire risks they pose. Pressurized gas canisters and cylinders should also be listed given the obvious health and safety risks they pose.

Q14. The guidance outlines that anaerobic digestion is the preferred method for treating food waste, where suitable, but composting is also permitted. Do you agree or disagree with the content of this section?

- Agree
- Disagree
- Unsure

If you disagree, please select one of the following to best describe why:

- Further content should be added (please explain why further content should be added)
- Content should be removed (please explain why content should be removed)
- Other (please explain why)

There is a danger that specifying the use of any particular technology will:

- reduce innovation,
- potentially produce perverse outcomes in the future e.g. by the end of the decade, many Energy from Waste facilities may be capturing and storing both the fossilised and organic carbon dioxide produced from their combustion process. Consequently, in certain geographical areas and scenarios Energy from Waste may become a preferable environmental solution to Anaerobic Digestion if carbon dioxide is not being captured when the biogas produced is burnt; and
- it is not consistent with the approach to other waste streams i.e. no preferred treatment method is named for any other waste stream.