

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by Acting Executive Director Housing, Environmental and Economic Development Department (Land and Environment)

Community Participation Committee: 12 December 2007

Subject: Domestic Recycling Guidance

1. Purpose

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to provide the Committee with information on the guidelines applied to the domestic recycling services operated by the Waste and Transport Services Section.

2. Background

- 2.1** The Scottish Executive set a target for recycling and composting for 2006 of 25%. In the calendar year 2006, the council recycled more than 25% of the waste managed by the Council. The Scottish Executive set a further target for recycling and composting for 2008 of 30%. In the year 2007/2008, the Council again exceeded the target by recycling 32% of the waste managed.
- 2.2** At the meeting of the Community Participation Committee on 21 June 2006, the Waste and Transport Services Section gave a presentation on the various recycling schemes in West Dunbartonshire. At the meeting of the Community Participation Committee on 21 March 2007, the Waste and Transport Services Section provided a report on the updated recycling schemes in West Dunbartonshire
- 2.3** This report provides an update on the information previously provided and details of user guidance for the recycling/composting schemes operated by the Council.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1** In 2004 the Council adopted a Strategic Waste Implementation Plan and developed a programme to complete the roll out of a recycling infrastructure to meet with the early objectives of the Landfill Directive and the Scottish Executives targets.
- 3.2** To date the Council has introduced:
- Kerbside recycling of dry recyclate for 30,000 households
 - Kerbside recycling of garden waste for 30,000 households
 - Doorstep recycling of dry recyclate for 13,000 households

In addition the Council has delivered a total of 43,000 A – Z recycling guides to households, upgraded 2 of its existing Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC), and constructed a new HWRC in Clydebank, increased recycling points from 10 to 40, promoted furniture recycling in partnership with Home from Home and white electrical goods refurbishment in conjunction with Lomond Training and Environmental Services Limited. An Internal Waste Prevention Plan for the Councils own properties has also been implemented.

- 3.3** Each stage of the implementation programme has included clear guidance on why the Council want stakeholders to recycle more and simple guidance for service users to make recycling easier. The guidance varies in design and detail depending on the particular service, for example:

Dry Recyclate - Kerbside Recycling

What can I put out for recycling?

In Your Blue Bin/Box/Bag

Waste Paper

- Newspapers, magazines, pamphlets, catalogues other white paper and junk mail.
- No window envelopes.

Cardboard

- Cardboard boxes, brown food packaging card such as cereal boxes, pizza boxes; tissue boxes, kitchen roll holders.
- No plastic film or other packaging material.

Plastic bottles

- Plastic drinks bottles, shampoo bottles, conditioner bottles etc. with a PET1 or HDPE2 symbol. Please rinse out and remove labels where possible.
- No plastic carrier bags.

Food cans and drinks cans

- Food and pet food cans, fizzy drinks and beer cans. Please rinse out food and drink cans, crush and remove labels where possible, and push in any sharp lids.
- No other types of can.

Garden Waste - Kerbside Recycling

What can I put out for recycling?

In Your Brown bin

- Garden waste including grass cuttings, hedge clippings, plants, weeds.
- No soil or rubble.

3.4 User guidance information includes collection dates, contact details and other important information to make recycling easier an example of which is shown as Appendix 1 of this report.

3.5 The Waste and Transport Services Section has, and continues to use the local press and radio media, bin stickers, bill boards, bus shelters, A4 posters, and advertising media fitted to refuse/ recycle collection vehicles, to inform and update service users where appropriate.

4. Personnel Issues

4.1 There are no personnel issues.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 There are no financial implications.

6. Risk Analysis

6.1 A risk assessment is not required.

7. Conclusions

7.1 The principal aims and objectives of the Councils recycling programmes have been supported by utilising appropriately designed communication techniques and service user guidance intended to improve recycling and make it easier for all stakeholders to reduce, re-use and recycle their waste.

8. Recommendations

8.1 It is recommended the Committee notes the content of this report.

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Appendix: Recycling guidance information

Background Papers: None

Wards Affected: All wards