



Waste Management Strategy 2024-2027

STRATEGY AIMS:

The strategy sets out how the Council is addressing the management of household waste within the borough with the aim of:

- Reducing the amount of waste produced
- To recycle as much material as possible
- Find the most sustainable and cost-effective solution to deal with any waste that remains

Both nationally and locally the level of recycling has remained static as many councils have now made the policy and operational changes that have a significant impact on waste minimisation and recycling levels.

This strategy sets out the services, performance, policies, and actions that are specific to Redcar and Cleveland, that will contribute to the broader Tees Valley Waste Management Strategy. It also takes into account the impact of future service changes as a result of government legislation when they are implemented.

ALIGNMENT WITH COUNCIL PRIORITIES

| Start Life Well | Live and Age Well | Prosper and Flourish | Clean and Tidy | A Strong and Sustainable Council |
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| Greater focus is being given to making children more aware of the environment and how they can contribute to a more sustainable society throughout their life. | No direct alignment. | No direct alignment. | Effective management of household waste is key to keeping the borough clean and tidy and is a statutory service. The Council provides a range of facilities and services that enable residents to dispose of their waste in a responsible and legally compliant way. | A key focus for the council is to encourage residents to dispose of their waste in the most environmentally sustainable way and recycle as much as possible. |

PRINCIPLES

| Principle 1 | Principle 2 | Principle 3 | Principle 4 | Principle 5 |
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| To reduce the current level of recyclable waste that is being unnecessarily contaminated which will help to improve recycling levels and reduce cost. | Develop an effective communications campaign to ensure residents are aware of the recycling opportunities available to them and that they use them fully. | To ensure that waste services are delivered in the most cost effective and sustainable way using modern technology. | To ensure that the waste services provided are financially viable with appropriate charges being levied, especially those which are discretionary. | To change current waste services or implement new methods of collection and disposal as required by new legislation or industry best practice. |



ACTIONS

| Principles | Actions and timescales | Survive: Years 1 - 2 – Quarter to be delivered 2024/25, 2025/26 | Strive: Years: 3 - 5 | Thrive: Years 6 - 10 |
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| Principle 1 | Continue to roll out bin tagging trials across the borough to reduce recyclable waste contamination and engage with residents. | Commenced Q1 2024 | Ongoing | Review |
| | Monitoring of waste contamination at contractor facility and at ward level. | Commenced Q1 2024 | Ongoing | Review |
| | Review / relet recyclable waste contract | Current contract ends 2026 | 2026/27 | Review |
| Principle 2 | Develop communications campaign | Q1 2024 | Review | Review |
| | Implement various elements and ascertain impact of communication work streams | Q2 2024 | Ongoing | Ongoing |
| Principle 3 | Implementation of in cab technology to support collection services and reporting | Q2 2024 | Add additional functionality when available | Add additional functionality when available |
| | Complete route optimisation study | Q4 2024 | Review | Review |
| Principle 4 | Review current charges, full cost recovery models, and benchmark with other Tees Valley Councils | Q2 2024 | Review | Review |
| Principle 5 | Implement separate food waste collections | Procure vehicles, receptacles and secure disposal agreement | Q1 2026 | Review |
| | Monitor impact of new legislation such as Extended Producer Responsibility, Deposit Return Scheme, and Emission Trading Scheme | To be confirmed | To be confirmed | To be confirmed |

| Measure of success | Performance indicator/outcome | Outturn position 2023/24 | Survive: Years 1 - 2 | Strive: Years 3 - 5 | Thrive: Years 6 - 10 |
|----------------------------|---|--------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Performance measure | Percentage of recyclable waste contaminated | 46% | 45% - 44% | 43% - 40% | 39% - 35% |
| | Recycling Rate | 32.2% | 30% - 31% | 32% - 38% | 39% - 44% |
| | Garden Waste Subscription | 23,000 | 24,000 | 24,500 | 25,000 |



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