



CABINET MEMBER DECISION

Decision:

That approval is granted for the implementation of a pilot food waste service on behalf of the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership under the terms agreed and set out in report ENV684.

(1) Details of Decision

To seek approval to undertake a pilot food waste collection service to approximately 4700 properties in South Kesteven district over a 12 month period.

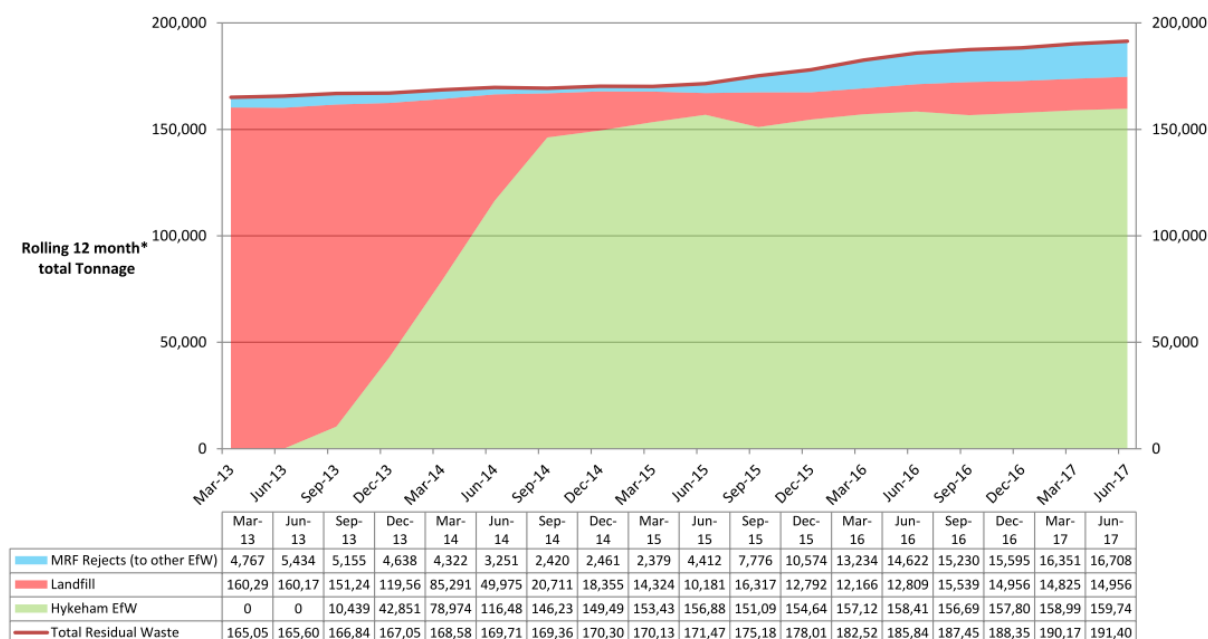
(2) Considerations/Evidence

The Lincolnshire Waste Partnership (LWP) brings together the 7 Lincolnshire Waste Collection Authorities (Districts and the City), the Waste Disposal Authority (Lincolnshire County Council) and the Environment Agency as the partners responsible for managing the municipal waste produced in Lincolnshire. Through this partnership a Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (JMWMS) is produced providing the strategic framework through which all the partners manage the waste produced. The current 2008 strategy is now under review with a focus on innovation and new ways of working to deliver the intended outcomes.

Good progress has been made towards the goals as set out in 2008; with recycling rates continuing upwards from around 12% to around 46% in 2017 and the diversion of residual waste from landfill to the new energy from waste (EFW) plant at North Hykeham. The strategy was not designed to rely entirely on EFW to meet all the landfill diversion targets. The intention was to ensure the waste hierarchy was supported through waste prevention, re use, recycling and then energy from waste with landfill being a final option

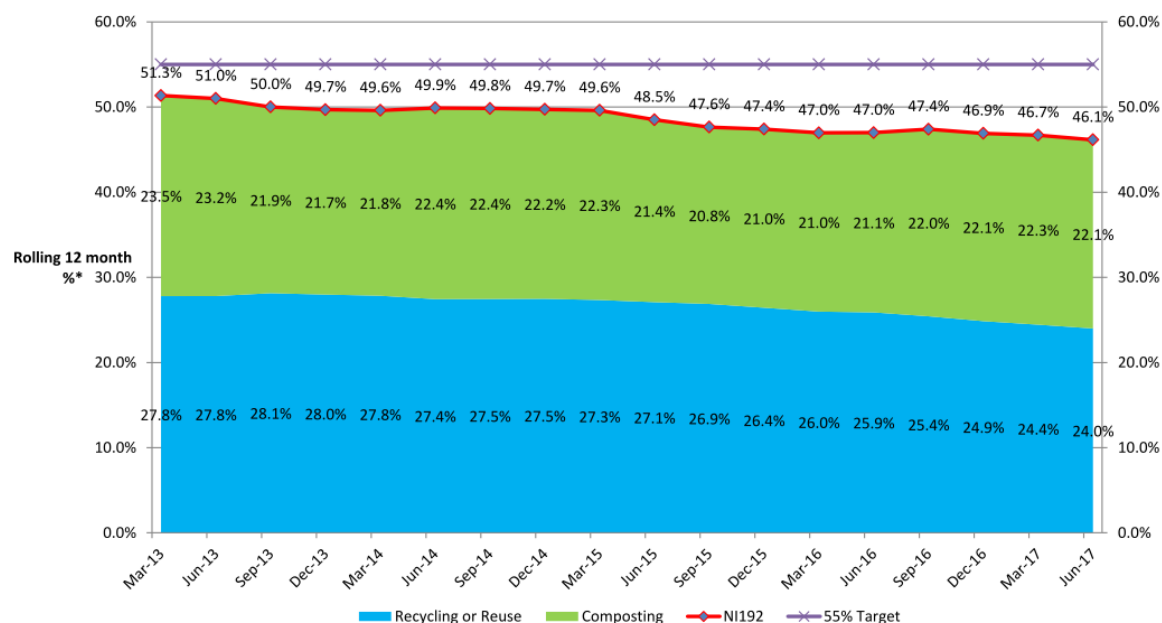
(3) Reasons for Decision:

In respect of Lincolnshire, the graph produced by Lincolnshire County Council below demonstrates the shift away from landfill, the increasing volume of residual waste being produced and the growing levels of rejected materials (contamination) from the Materials Recycling Facility (MRF). The contamination is often due to food waste.



* Data is calculated as a rolling 12 month total for example: June 17 shows the total tonnage collected for the 4 quarters from 1st July 2016 to 30th June 2017.

The graph produced by Lincolnshire County Council below demonstrates the downward trend in the overall level of materials recycled across Lincolnshire. This reflects the national picture. Currently, the most common methods of recycling in Lincolnshire are by means of the co-mingled wheeled bin fortnightly and dedicated green waste wheeled bin collections. There are no separate weekly food waste collections.



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Cabinet at its 11 January 2018 meeting supported the principle to pilot a food waste collection service.

Food Waste Collections

As part of the development of the new JMWMS, a number of different approaches are being considered, including the option for countywide food waste collections. This could help reduce the amount of waste being sent to the EFW plant, improve recycling rates and reduce levels of food contamination in the recycled waste. In order to assess the impact of food waste collections in Lincolnshire, the County Council has requested support from a Waste Collection Authority to pilot an approach.

A pilot food waste collection service will enable the assessment of the following over varying geographical and demographic areas:-

- the amount of food waste that can be collected on a weekly basis
- the levels of participation and customer acceptance
- the collection costs
- the impact on the different waste streams i.e. residual and recycling
- the impact on the volume of residual waste sent to the EFW plant
- the impact on recycling rates

The Pilot

Agreement has been reached with Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) who will fund the pilot service. LCC will make an initial payment of £150,015 to cover the collection service for 12 months. This covers the additional collection costs (vehicles and manpower) and includes the procurement of the required kitchen and kerbside food waste caddies and associated liners. The final communications campaign programme and associated expenditure is subject to further agreement between the two parties but will be funded by LCC. A letter confirming the overall arrangement has been received from LCC.

It is intended that the pilot food waste service will operate on an existing collection round, making it possible to measure the impact of the service on the residual and recycled waste streams. The selected round covers different geographical and demographical areas of the District, collecting from approximately 4,700 properties. This is expected to result in an average of around 1.3kg of food waste being collected per property over the period of the pilot, amounting to a possible 320 tonnes per annum. A smaller pilot scheme will not deliver scales of economy in terms of collection costs compared to a District wide scheme.

The pilot results will be shared with the LWP, allowing the partnership to make informed decisions for the future waste strategy.

Conflicts of Interest

(Any conflict of interest declared by any other Cabinet Member consulted in relation to the decision to be recorded).

NONE

Dispensations

(Any dispensation granted by the Monitoring Officer in respect of any declared conflict of interest to be noted).

NONE

Decision taken by:

Name: Councillor Dr Peter Moseley
Cabinet Member for Environment

Date of Decision: 05 March 2018

Date of Publication of Record of Decision: 06 March 2018

Date decision effective (i.e. 5 days after the date of publication of record of decision unless subject to call-in by the Chairman of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee or any 5 members of the Council from any political groups):

14 March 2018