



PART A:	MATTERS DEALT WITH UNDER DELEGATED POWERS
REPORT TO:	POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE
DATE:	15 NOVEMBER 2018
REPORT OF THE:	DELIVERY & FRONTLINE SERVICES LEAD BECKIE BENNETT
TITLE OF REPORT:	UPDATE ON INCREASING RECYCLING
WARDS AFFECTED:	ALL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report provides an update to Members on progress to date following the motion to Council on 28 June 2018 to increase the Council's recycling performance and introduce an awareness campaign to encourage residents to recycle more.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the report be noted.

3.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 This report provides an update on progress to date together with a draft action plan which will inform a future detailed report of options to increase recycling performance for consideration by the Council.

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 On 28 June 2018 a motion to Council was referred to Policy and Resources Committee which called to action an increase in recycling performance within a 2 year period and the introduction of an awareness campaign for residents to encourage more recycling (Minute Number 21 – Full details of the minute are given at Appendix 1]
- 4.2 Over the last couple of months, initial work has been taking place to enable a series of actions to be considered for inclusion in a draft action plan to increase recycling in Ryedale, including attendance at the Local Authority Recycling Advisory Committee Conference on 10 October 2018.
- 4.3 DEFRA are expected to publish a new Resources and Waste Strategy by the end of December 2018 aimed at making the UK a world leader in resource efficiency. It will set out the approach to reducing waste, promoting markets for secondary materials, incentivising producers to design better products and how we can better manage materials at the end of life by targeting environmental impacts.
- 4.4 The new Resources and Waste Strategy will need to be incorporated into the work

plan over the next few months. This will be an important step in considering future options for the Council's recycling collection service.

- 4.5 A number of expected key action points are set out in Appendix 2 to this report. This is subject to review as the work progresses and will be developed further to categorise each action into a detailed timetable to give short and long term objectives.
- 4.6 The majority of this work is expected to be completed by the end of the financial year and the intention is to provide a further report on progress and potential options at the next meetings of Policy and Resources Committee on 7 February 2019 and 14 March and Full Council on 11 April 2019 as shown below

<i>Date</i>	<i>Meeting/Event</i>	<i>Details</i>
8 Nov	Resources Working Party	Update on approach to increasing recycling
15 Nov	Policy and Resources Committee	Update on approach to increasing recycling
January/Feb	Member Briefing	To include a visit to Allerton Park Recovery Plant
7 Feb	Policy and Resources Committee	Update on increasing recycling action plan and consideration of potential options
14 Mar	Policy and Resources Committee	Various actions to be complete and detailed financial information for potential options for consideration
11 April	Full Council	Council consider potential options to increase recycling
April/May	Implement new recycling and waste rounds	Raise awareness of what can be recycled as part of the current recycling collection service including staff and residents
Beyond May	Recycling Campaign	Develop a proactive recycling awareness campaign and communications plan as part of the don't be a waster initiative
June	Parish Liaison	Launch recycling campaign with parish and town council

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Background Papers: None

Full Council 28 June 2018

Minute Number 21

Proposed by Councillor Di Keal and seconded by Councillor Elizabeth Shields

This council has a proud history of being at the forefront of recycling over many years, but is now falling behind many other authorities in the national league tables.

We have fallen from a position of 16th in these national tables in 2005/6 to 132 in 2015/16 and even though our recycling rates are comparable with other councils in North Yorkshire, we are dropping behind many local authorities around the country because of the limited recycling that we do.

In the current climate we need to strive to ensure that everything that is recyclable is recycled – for the benefit of residents, the environment and ultimately the planet on which we live. There is real commitment amongst the public to recycle as many waste items as possible and this council should be responding to that demand.

After much campaigning by the green lobby, supermarkets are finally listening and slowly starting to take steps to reduce single use plastic and packaging – although there is still a very long way to go – and this council also needs to up its game.

While applauding our recent ‘Don’t be a Waster’ campaign, we believe that as a council we can do more. The North Yorkshire Minerals and Waste plan is currently being revised and will be informed by new government directives on waste and recycling, so it is timely to address these important issues now.

We therefore call on the council to:

- 1. work with neighbouring authorities through the North Yorkshire Minerals and Waste Plan to increase the materials that we recycle to include a wider range of household plastics, and*
- 2. to expand our doorstep collections to include these additional materials within a two year period, and*
- 3. in the interim introduce a resident awareness programme to encourage more recycling, both on the doorstep and at household recycling centres, to reduce levels of waste going to landfill.*

Having been moved and seconded, this motion stood automatically referred to the Policy and Resources Committee under Council Procedure Rule 11.4.

Under Council Procedure Rule 13.7(a), Councillor Di Keal, as proposer of the motion, altered the motion, with the consent of the meeting, to accept in the following suggested amendment from Councillor Clark and Councillor Potter:

“To add

- 4. To include the examination of recycling of food waste as agreed at the Commissioning Board.”*

Expected key actions required to inform development of options to increase recycling

1	Review the existing recycling contract to identify any other materials which could be introduced to the kerbside collection service and the potential impact on the current recycling collection service
2	Propose a new set of charges as part of 2019/20 budget for commercial waste recycling service
3	Develop an awareness campaign to remind residents what they can recycle now as part of the current recycling service
4	Review mini recycling centres and rebrand/refresh
5	Review the new Resources and Waste Strategy and provide further information on the key issues for the Council (expected by 31 Dec 2018)
6	Arrange a trip for elected members to Allerton Park Waste Recovery Plant.
7	Consider impact of increasing recycling on current resource levels and the impact on the new rounds. Identify any additional resources and vehicle requirements and impact on the revenue budget
8	Explore options for food waste collections
9	Hold a Member Briefing Session on options to increase recycling
10	Plan to roll out a recycling service to all commercial waste customers which mirrors the current service provided to residents
11	Present detailed options including financial implications for decision to Policy and Resources and Full Council
12	Launch a refreshed recycling awareness campaign as part of rolling out the new recycling and waste rounds in Spring 2019
13	Hold workshops with all staff to raise awareness of what can be recycled
14	Launch a refreshed recycling awareness campaign at Parish Liaison
15	Complete a comparison exercise with other NY District Councils and family group collection authorities
16	Work in partnership with NYCC as the disposal authority to raise awareness of recycling at Household Waste Recycling Centres
17	Consider the opportunities that the new waste transfer facility may offer
18	Develop and implement a communication plan to continually promote recycling as part of the Don't Be A Waster Initiative