

# Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Commission

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## **Waste Management Services Overview presentation – cover report**

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Lead Director: John Leach

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Leicester  
City Council

**Useful Information:**

- Ward(s) affected: All
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**1. Summary**

This report is a cover report to the presentation, 'Waste Management Services Overview', attached at Appendix D1. The presentation provides a summary of the services provided by Leicester City Council's Waste Management service, as well as other work undertaken to support the provision of those services.

**2. Recommendation(s) to scrutiny**

The Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Commission is asked to note the presentation and services provided to Leicester households.

**3. Supporting Information**

The Council provides a range of waste services to residents in Leicester, including refuse bin and recycling bag collections from all c135,000 domestic properties. Other services provided include clinical waste collection, garden waste collection, recycling banks, two Household Waste Recycling Centres and a bulky waste collection. These services are delivered through a 25-year PFI contract in partnership with Biffa Leicester, which commenced in 2003.

Biffa also provide two waste treatment facilities under the contract, including a Mechanical Biological Treatment (MBT) facility to treat refuse and an Anaerobic Digestion (AD) facility to compost the organic waste extracted from refuse.

The topics covered by the presentation include:

- An overview of the services provided and the specific collection services.
- The environmental performance of the service in 2018/19.
- The sorting process for Leicester's kerbside recycling.
- Projects to increase reuse of items in the City.
- Promotional and community engagement activities to help residents use the services provided by the Council, including schools and universities.
- A summary of the core proposals from the Government's new Resources and Waste Strategy.
- Planned future projects and promotions to be undertaken by the Waste Management service.

#### **4. Financial, legal and other implications**

##### 4.1 Financial implications

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

##### 4.2 Legal implications

There are no legal implications arising from this report.

##### 4.3. Climate Change implications

Whilst there are no direct climate change implications arising from this report, it is important to note that domestic waste disposal is a significant source of carbon emissions in the city. This includes emissions from transport of waste from houses, energy used during processing and direct emissions from waste degrading in landfill. Following the council's declaration of a climate emergency in February 2019, finding ways to reduce emissions across a range of sectors is vital to the council's ambition of reaching carbon neutrality in Leicester.

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##### 4.4 Equality Impact Assessment

There are no equalities implications arising from this report.

##### 4.5 Other Implications

None.

#### **5. Background information and other papers:**

'Waste Management Services Overview' presentation

#### **6. Summary of appendices:**

Presentation attached at Appendix D1

#### **7. Is this a private report?**

No.