



Local Authority Recycling
Advisory Committee

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**Future local authorities waste
collection services**



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What is LARAC?

- Formed in 1985 to represent the emerging voice of local government recycling officers
- Full membership open to any local authority in the UK
- Represents local authority views in waste and recycling issues
- Run by an Executive of 20 waste management officers employed by local authorities

Future Collection Services

- Where we are now
- Current pressures
- Future pressures
- Impact on services
- What services could look like
- Final thoughts

Where we are now

- Wales – 56%
- England – 44%
- Warwickshire 54%
 - Nuneaton & Bedworth – 44%
 - Rugby – 46%
 - N Warks – 48%
 - Warwick – 54%
 - Stratford – 60%

Current Pressures

- Budget Cuts
 - 5 years, 40% reduction, more to come
- End markets
 - Global trading, oil prices, China market
- Public Perception
 - Engaged but not active, unhelpful press
- National policy
 - Lack of direction, unhelpful messages

Future Pressures

- 50% Target
 - No clear plan, knee jerk, mandatory food?
- 65% Target
 - UK not in favour? Will it become law?
- Producer Responsibility
 - Burden or opportunity
- Material design
 - Technology moving faster than treatment

Impact on Services

- Do more with less
- More charging – green waste
- More value from end materials
- More partnership working
- TECKAL options

Future Services

- Future already here
- Short Medium term reduce residual
- Three weekly or slim bins
- Over ten authorities already doing it

Future Services

- Falkirk
 - First to go three weekly
 - Trials of four weekly
 - 54%
- Fife
 - Trials of four weekly
 - 56%

Future Services

- Bury
 - First in England to go three weekly
 - Savings of £860,000
 - 54%
- Tameside
 - Swapped bins
 - 140 litre residual 240 litre recycling
 - 25% drop in residual waste

Future Services

- Gwynedd
 - First in Wales three weekly
 - Savings of £340,000
- Powys
 - Save £450,000
 - 91% of people do their bit
 - 65% said their bin was full on collection day
 - 40% with small bin said they could cope

Future Services

- Frequency likely to change
- Delivered in partnership across boundaries
- Different operating models
- More charging
- More income from material sales

Final Thoughts

- How do we get public ownership of waste problem?
- How will Gov meet 50% and 65% targets?
- New ways of funding waste services
- Pay as you Throw
- Save as you Throw



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