

Report

Report to:	Community Services Committee
Date of Meeting:	17 June 2014
Report by:	Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)

Subject:	Review of Recycling Provision in Flats and Tenements
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ♦ advise the Committee of the outcome of the recent review of Recycling Provision in Flats and Tenemental properties

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the extension of recycling services to 10,355 flats and tenemental properties be approved.

3. Background

3.1. Tenemental Review

- 3.1.1. The Waste (Scotland) Regulations 2012 placed a statutory duty on Scottish local authorities to provide receptacles to enable the separate collection of paper, card, metals, plastic and glass from domestic properties in their area.
- 3.1.2. South Lanarkshire Council currently operates a dual stream dry recycle kerbside collection service. The first phase ('the blue bin system') was rolled out in 2003 and approximately 126,000 properties currently benefit from the service. The second phase, a kerbside glass collection, was fully implemented in 2009 and is now provided to around 110,000 properties.
- 3.1.3. Of the properties that do not have dedicated recycling services, a significant majority are flats and tenemental properties. In these properties, restrictions on space and access are the biggest obstacles to introducing recycling services.
- 3.1.4. Acknowledging these challenges, the Council has formed a partnership with Zero Waste Scotland, in order to carry out a survey of those flats and tenants who do not currently have recycling facilities, with a view to identifying opportunities to introduce new recycling services.
- 3.1.5. Extending the provision of kerbside recycling services will increase the amount of household waste recycle collected, helping the Council towards meeting the recycling, composting and reuse targets set out in the Scottish Government's Zero Waste Plan.

4. Current Position

4.1. Tenemental Review

Staff from Facilities, Waste and Ground Services commenced the survey work for the Tenemental Review in November 2013. The table below summarises the findings of the project:

Number of Multi-Occupancy Properties Surveyed	Number with existing recycling services	Number where dedicated recycling services can be introduced	Number where infrastructure doesn't support dedicated recycling services
28,692	13,048	10,355	5,289

- 4.1.1. It is, therefore, proposed that plans are put in place to provide recycling facilities to 10,355 properties. Due to the variation in design and layout of the properties surveyed, the best method of collecting recyclate from each of the properties will differ. Solutions will be chosen from a number of options including:- use of communal containers i.e. node or 1280L bins, individual 240 litre wheeled bins and recycling sacks.
- 4.1.2. Further work will occur on the 5,289 properties to fully assess any further recycling opportunities.
- 4.1.3. Where new recycling services are introduced, it will be the intention, where possible, to change the current weekly residual waste collections to every two weeks and alternating weekly with recycling collections. This will encourage participation amongst residents and help reduce the amount of residual waste going to landfill.
- 4.1.4. The roll-out of the new recycling services will be supported by a communications plan to ensure that residents are fully aware of the forthcoming changes so that they are placed to participate fully in the new schemes.
- 4.1.5. An implementation schedule is also currently being developed which will include how we will communicate with all new service recipients on the proposed recycling initiative, which receptacle will be provided, what items it is to be used for and when and how often it would be collected. There will be an opportunity for each local councillor to discuss the proposed implementation schedule with officers of the Council's Waste Improvement Team on a ward by ward basis.

5. Employee Implications

- 5.1. There are no employee implications.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1. The costs of implementing the findings of the Tenemental Review project will be met from the existing Strategic Waste Fund.

7. Other Implications

- 7.1. The provision of a waste recycling service to more South Lanarkshire households will also contribute to the Council's Sustainable Development Strategy and in particular outcome 3.1:

- ◆ Services are provided to local communities which enable households and businesses to recycle more waste materials

7.2. Encouraging the reuse of resources, through improved recycling, is recognised as having a key role to play in reducing greenhouse gas emissions to meet national climate change targets. This is because recycled materials often require less energy to re-manufacture into new products when compared with virgin materials.

7.3. There are no significant additional risk implications.

8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

8.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy function or strategy and, therefore, no impact assessment is required. A consultation programme on the proposed implementation of the new recycling project will be available to all local councillors.

8.2. Consultation has occurred with colleagues in Housing and Technical Resources regarding the rollout of new recycling initiative.

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Link(s) to Council Objectives/Values

- Sustainable Development

Previous References

None

Contact for Further Information

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