

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Zero Waste Management Sub Committee
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TITLE OF REPORT	Communal Mixed Recycling Project Update
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CHECKLIST COMPLETED	Yes

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to update the Committee on the progress of the Communal Mixed Recycling Project.

2. RECOMMENDATION

1. The Zero Waste Management Sub-Committee notes the proposed report.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No new financial implications arise from this report.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Legal. The Council has a legal duty to provide recycling collections for all households under the Waste Scotland Regulations 2012.

Personnel. 4 additional mixed recycling collection crews will be put in place for these new collections.

Sustainability and environmental. The implementation of communal mixed recycling collections will help increase the city's recycling rate and help the Council meet its obligation to ensure that all households are provided with a minimum recycling service.

5. BACKGROUND/ MAIN ISSUES

5.1 Communal Mixed Recycling Project roll out update

5.1.1 Throughout the course of 2016 the new communal mixed recycling service will be rolled out to a total of 47,000 flats, tenements and multi storey properties across Aberdeen City. The communal mixed recycling service will enable residents to recycle the following materials in **one** bin:

- Paper and cardboard
- Plastic bottles and containers
- Metal tins and cans, foil and trays
- Glass bottles and jars

Among other benefits, this new system will be easier and more convenient for residents to use.

5.1.2 A large amount of work has taken place in background to get us ready to implement this service. Surveys of the whole city have taken place to decide on the most appropriate location and container capacity for each area. The Roads department are carrying out a lot of roadworks to prepare for the new service including dropped kerbs, concrete plinths and stanchion fittings. The bin installation crews have also been temporarily augmented in order to keep up with the increased workload of installing the mixed recycling containers.

5.1.3 The service will be rolled out to residents in communal properties in 4 phases, with the first collections already taking place and the remaining planned for roll out during 2016 as follows:

Phase 1 starting in February 2016 will cover *Bridge of Don, Seaton, Hannover and Torry*.

Phase 2 starting April/May 2016 will cover *Cove, Kincorth, Garthdee, Braeside, Cults, Peterculter, Ferryhill, Westend, Hazlehead and Kingswells*

Phase 3 Summer 2016 will cover *Rosemount, Mastrick, Northfield Summerhill, Bucksburn and Dyce*

Phase 4 Autumn 2016 *Ashgrove, Froghall, George Street, Hilton, Old Aberdeen, Tillydrone, Woodside*

5.2 Tenement Infrastructure Fund (TIF) project update

- 5.2.1 The TIF project 2015/16 was part funded by Zero Waste Scotland, the Housing department and the Waste and Recycling Team and aimed to provide a better waste and recycling service to tenemental properties in Aberdeen City. Some communal areas across the city have an individual general waste wheeled bin service and no access to a recycling service. This TIF project prioritised 564 of these properties in Kincorth, Old Aberdeen, Torry and Mastrick and changed their waste service to a more appropriate communal waste collection service and provided a new mixed recycling service.

5.3 Recycling points

- 5.3.1 A review of the public recycling points will take place in 2016 as the new communal mixed recycling service is rolled out across the city. The recycling points have performed an important service in the areas across the city without access to a doorstep service. However as communal properties receive access to the new communal mixed recycling service in 2016 it is envisaged that the requirement and usage of the recycling points will be reduced. Appendix 1 shows the full list of public recycling points and the initial thoughts about which recycling points should be kept long term and which ones should be withdrawn once the new service is implemented.

- 5.3.2 No decision has been made on removal of these points, however, members views are sought on the future requirement for sites earmarked for possible removal.

6. IMPACT

Improving Customer Experience –

A key customer benefit of the communal mixed recycling project is that all households will have access to mixed recycling collections close to their property either via their own individual kerbside collections or communal mixed recycling collections.

Improving Staff Experience –

Dedicated mixed recycling collection rounds have been created to collect the new communal mixed recycling and new vehicles have been purchased to service these rounds.

Improving our use of Resources –

Increasing the amount of mixed recycling collected allows us to make better use of our resources in general. It is also cheaper for the Council to send our waste for recycling than to send it to landfill.

Corporate -

This project is a key outcome from the Aberdeen City Waste Strategy. The project enables the Council to comply with its statutory obligations to provide all households with a recycling service.

Public –

An EHRIA was completed for the Communal Mixed Recycling project on 27/08/15. The mixed recycling service will ensure that all households across the city get equal access to recycling services addressing the current inequitable level of service delivery.

7. MANAGEMENT OF RISK

No new risks have emerged in relation to this update report

8. REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS

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Recycling Points in Aberdeen City

Appendix One

Site	Public point
Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference Centre	Keep
Airyhall Library	Keep
Asda, Bridge of Don	Keep
Asda, Dyce	Keep
Asda, Garthdee	Keep
Cornhill Shopping Centre	Keep
Footdee	Keep
Hillhead Student Accommodation	Keep
Justice Street	Keep
Morrisons	Keep
Ruthrieston Community Centre	Keep
Sainsburys Berryden	Keep
Sainsburys Garthdee	Keep
Seaview Caravan park	Keep
Skene Street	Keep
Tesco Woodend	Keep
Tesco, Danestone	Keep
Tesco, Torry	Keep
The Green	Keep
Thistle Court	Keep
Crombie-Johnston Student Accommodation	Maybe
Gardner Drive shops	Maybe
Greenfern Road Toilets	Maybe
Hilton Community Centre	Maybe
Kingswells Park and Ride	Maybe
Loriston Close car park	Maybe
Milltimber Primary School	Maybe
Provost Watt shops	Maybe
School Road	Maybe
Seamount & Porthill Courts (Gallowgate)	maybe
SRUC (formerly SAC)	maybe
St Peters Terrace Car Park	Maybe
Station Road – shmu Radio	Maybe
Seaton Drive	Maybe
Balnagask Circle	Remove
Broadsword Bar	Remove
Byron Square shops	Remove
Clifton Court	Remove
Croft Tavern	Remove
Greig Hutcheon Courts	Remove
Marquis Car Park	Remove
North Balnagask Road	Remove
Park Road	Remove
Pittodrie CC	Remove
St Ninians Place	Remove