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**Our vision for the Resources and Waste Strategy is ambitious yet achievable with the help of all who live, work and visit Knowsley. A huge amount of what is thrown away could be recycled or reused. Making small changes to our waste habits can have a real impact on our environment.**

# Foreword

We all have a role in moving our world towards Net Zero and Knowsley is keen to be a big part of that movement and with that I am pleased to introduce Knowsley Council's new Resources and Waste Strategy, which sets out our ambitions up to 2029.

This strategy aligns with the priorities in Knowsley's Council Plan, specifically in the delivery of effective, high-quality services, bolstering actions set out in our Net Zero Delivery Plan and Climate Emergency work. Nationally, we are on the cusp of significant policy changes within the waste sector and initiatives such as Simpler Recycling and Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging as well as proposed Deposit Return Schemes (DPR) are changing the ways in which we deal with our waste.

This strategy will ensure that, as an authority, we are ready for these emerging changes proposed by the UK Government. Knowsley will be introducing a number of new initiatives in line with these changes beginning with residential food waste collections and widening the scope of materials that are collected.

In developing this strategy, we have incorporated feedback from residents, community groups, Members, Council officers, and our partners. This feedback has enabled us to develop a set of clear ambitions relating to extending and improving our current delivery practices, altering and defining new methods for waste prevention and building on our recycling successes.

I want to thank all of you who are already doing your bit – rinsing out containers, reusing shopping bags, joining local clean ups, or simply encouraging your neighbours to recycle. Every small action adds up to a big difference.

Together, we can make Knowsley a cleaner, greener borough for today and for future generations.

Working together we can!

Here's what we're aiming for:

**Less waste in the first place – helping households and businesses cut down on what they throw away.**

**More chances to reuse and recycle – making it easier for everyone to do the right thing.**

**Working together – with residents, schools, community groups, and local businesses all playing a part.**

## Introduction

This Resources and Waste Strategy sets out our vision for how Knowsley Council will lead by example in tackling waste, improving recycling, and encouraging responsible consumption. It builds on national policy frameworks, including the Government's Resources and Waste Strategy for England, and supports the Liverpool City Region (LCR) Strategy for Zero Waste whilst tailoring actions to the unique needs and opportunities of our local area.

We all want to live in a place that's clean, green, and thriving. How we deal with our waste – and how we use our resources – plays a huge part in making that happen. This strategy is about working together across Knowsley to cut down on waste, recycle more, and make smarter choices that protect our environment for future generations.

Instead of seeing waste as a problem, we want to see it as an opportunity. Every tin can, plastic bottle, or food scrap has the potential to be reused, recycled, or turned into something valuable. By changing the way we think about waste, we can save money, reduce pollution, and create healthier communities.

This is about building pride in our local area, protecting the places we love, and making sure our children inherit a healthier environment.

With your help, we can turn waste into a resource and create a community that leads the way in sustainability.

This strategy will only succeed if we all play our part. Whether it's recycling more at home, choosing reusable products, or joining local clean up and repair initiatives, every small action adds up to a big difference. Together, we can make Knowsley a place we're proud to live in – cleaner, greener, and ready for the future.

**Recycle:** Put the right things in the right bin.

**Reuse:** Pass on clothes, furniture, and household items instead of throwing them away. Local charities and reuse centres can help.

**Reduce:** Choose products with less packaging, buy only what you need, and try refill options where possible.

Together, these small steps add up to a big impact. By changing our habits, we can protect the environment, support local jobs, and create a cleaner, greener borough for everyone.

As part of this strategy, Knowsley will create more opportunities for residents to reduce, reuse, and recycle waste. For many households, this will mean an increased number of bins to provide greater recycling capacity.

We will introduce new, efficient bin collection services and schedules designed to reduce costs and lower harmful CO<sub>2</sub> emissions across the borough. These changes will also support improved waste behaviours and create additional opportunities for recycling.

Our waste plans will be based on fairness, flexibility, and value for money. They will take account of different property types and provide support for households that require extra assistance or where multiple households share a property.

### Why now?

The Government has introduced significant changes to how waste services must be delivered, and our current Waste Management Strategy is outdated. It no longer meets the needs of a growing population.

With residents' commitment to reducing waste and recycling more, we know that by offering additional options to reduce, reuse, and recycle, we can work together to make a real difference in Knowsley.

Through consultation and survey feedback, residents have told us what they expect from waste and recycling services. We intend to meet those expectations by making the right changes in a responsible and sustainable way.



# Ambitions



Together we can

- Education – Developing a comprehensive programme to deliver across all Knowsley schools
- Promoting a Circular Economy engaging both residents and businesses in positive behaviour change
- Reducing the amount of residual waste put into Maroon Bins
- Reducing emissions working towards a zero-emission fleet
- Reducing the Council’s carbon footprint through changes to assets and infrastructure



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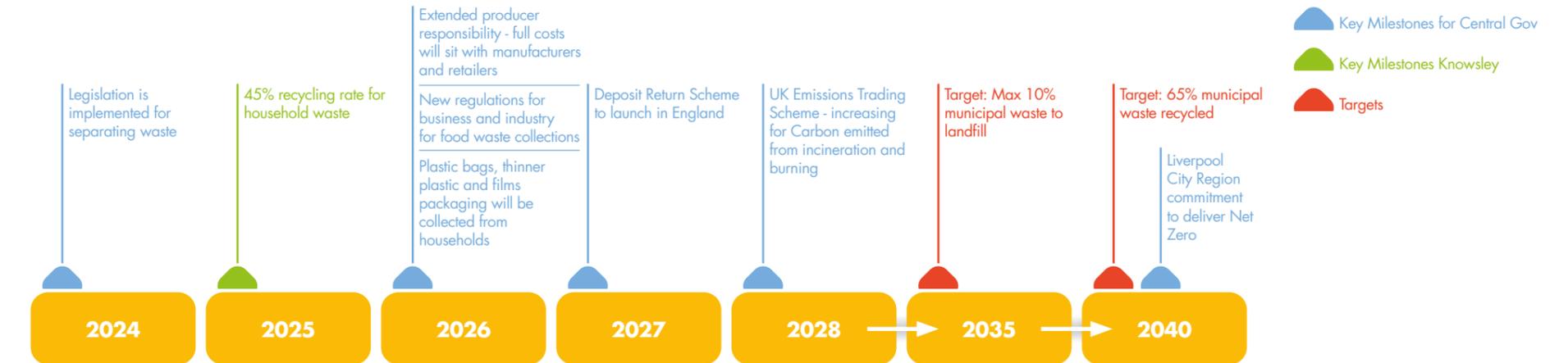
- Expanding Bring Bank sites across the Borough for items such as textiles
- Composting – Diverting Green Waste from households, parks and open spaces
- Third Party Partnerships – supporting and signposting for ways to reuse / repair household items
- Engaging with more community groups to raise awareness



Together we can

- Implementing an effective food waste collection service to all households
- Expanding the types of materials suitable for recycling within Grey Bin collections
- Increasing recycling rates across the Borough
- Improving Bulky Collections to separate out items for reuse
- Engaging with residents and business to promote positive recycling behaviours

# National waste policy and ambitions for Knowsley



# Ambitions for Knowsley



**As government responds to the Climate Emergency, new legislation and policies have been put in place to guide us towards a zero-waste goal. This can be seen on the timeline displayed opposite that includes a number of big changes for local authorities and how we collect your waste.**

# National waste policy & expected changes

The collection of waste is a statutory obligation that we as a Council have to undertake and new regulations introduced by the Government's Simpler Recycling Plan outlines what waste we should collect, how often we collect and what we do with that waste once it is collected.

## Who else is responsible?

The changes aren't just for Local Authorities they also include packaging regulations for businesses who make or use packaging making them more responsible for the cost of dealing with that packaging once it becomes waste and what business does with its own waste, making sure they recycle too.

## What are the Council's responsibilities?

The Council must ensure that all waste collection and management services are aligned to national policies, plans and strategies. The Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) has set out ambitious targets to ensure we are the first generation to leave the environment "in a better state than we found it."

## What are the Government's ambitions?

The National Resources and Waste Strategy was published by the Government in 2018 and sets out measures to help to achieve this ambition including:

- Work towards all plastic packaging placed on the market being recyclable, reusable or compostable by 2025;
- Work towards eliminating food waste to landfill by 2030;
- Eliminating avoidable plastic waste over the lifetime of the 25 Year Environment Plan;
- Doubling resource productivity by 2050;
- Eliminating avoidable waste of all kinds by 2050.

## What will we do?

Our goal is to work in partnership with government, businesses, and residents to develop a strong Circular Economy for Knowsley. This approach will promote a culture where resources are valued, and waste is minimised. We will encourage practices that prioritise reusing, repairing, repurposing, and recycling materials wherever possible.

In addition, we will support behaviour changes that reduce unnecessary consumption – both in terms of the items we buy and the quantity we purchase – helping to prevent waste before it occurs. By embedding these principles into everyday life, we aim to create a sustainable system that benefits the environment, reduces costs, and delivers long-term value for our communities.

## What will we continue to do?

The Council deploys a boroughwide Streetscene service that undertakes litter bin emptying, litter picking, street sweeping and other duties that keep Knowsley a clean place for our residents and visitors to live and work.

We have specific enforcement capabilities under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 that allow us to take legal action and fine those who litter or fly tip. This work is undertaken by the Council's Environmental Health Enforcement Service that identifies grot spots around the borough.

Overleaf we have outlined four major changes that are due to affect waste nationally for local authorities, businesses and our residents.



### Food waste collections

From **April 2026** all Councils must introduce a collection of food waste from residential properties. The new collections include each household receiving new containers to separate food waste out from normal waste. This change alone will significantly reduce the amount of waste within your maroon bin and divert waste away from incineration and towards recycling methods that can generate Biogas for vehicles, fertiliser, and Green electricity.



### Expanding the types of materials collected for the grey bin

From **April 2026** Knowsley will be expanding the list of items that can be placed inside your grey recycling bin. Items such as cartons (tetrapak), foil trays, aerosols, crisp packets, and yoghurt pots to name a few will be added to collections. These additions will allow you to reduce the amount of waste placed into the maroon bin.



### Deposit return scheme (DRS)

In **2027**, a new deposit return scheme will be introduced to help reduce litter and boost recycling. Shoppers will pay a small deposit when buying drinks in cans or bottles. This deposit will be refunded when the empty container is returned to a retailer for recycling. The scheme will cover aluminium cans and plastic bottles.



### UK Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS)

As the ETS is expanded to include waste, it will become more expensive for operators who deal with waste to operate. This cost however will be in time passed onto those who are using operator services through the fees they charge which includes fees for Local Authorities like us. This is why it is important that we work together to remove as many items as we can out of your maroon bin and into the grey recycling bin.



# Knowsley's Waste Data

Knowsley is made up of 15 wards that are situated within four townships and has a population of almost 163,000 living in just over 66,000 households.

As the population in the borough grows so in turn does the need to build new houses and Knowsley has seen an increase of 7.7% in housing over the past 10 years with an expected increase of 12.6% by 2036 taking that household figure to 74,411.

It is the Council's responsibility to ensure that each household receives a waste collection service via the kerbside or communal refuse points. Waste collected from households is taken to Merseyside Recycling & Waste Authority (MRWA) sites who handle recycling and waste for all Local Authorities within the Liverpool City Region.

Materials deposited at those sites are then sorted and items such as card, paper, glass and plastics are bundled by type and forwarded to those who can recycle or repurpose them (compost, new glass, recycled plastic etc).

Waste that we are unable to send for recycling is processed in a way that recovers energy (electricity) from this waste.

In addition to kerbside collections the borough has two Household Waste Recycling Centres ('tips') one in Huyton and Kirkby that take in and dispose of bulky recyclable household waste that cannot be collected at the kerbside. These are operated by private contractors on behalf of Merseyside Recycling and Waste Authority. The Council also provides mini recycling centres that house textile recycling

bring banks in Prescot, Huyton and Roby with more sites planned in the future. Once collected all textiles are transported to a sorting facility where they are graded for reuse or recycling. Items that can no longer be worn are repurposed into new products such as industrial rags or insulation.

Not all waste comes from household collections and for the Council it can be generated through the wide range of services we provide, such as the emptying of litter bins, litter picking, street and road sweeping, the collection of fly tipped waste and green waste produced from maintaining parks, open spaces and other green areas.



# Knowsley Waste Collections for 2023-2024



Our recycling teams collected **9,317 tonnes of dry recycling**



Our waste crews collect from **between 13,500 and 14,000 properties per day**

This equates to

**4,443,532 bins being emptied every year across the borough**

Our overall recycling rate was **26.2% across the borough**



Our waste teams collected **6,149 tonnes of green waste recycling**



# Waste Services

## Maroon Bin (Residual Waste) Composition

Residual waste is the term used to describe waste that cannot be recycled, composted or reused. It is the waste left over after all recyclable materials have been removed. This type of waste is incinerated for energy, otherwise known as Energy from Waste (EFW).

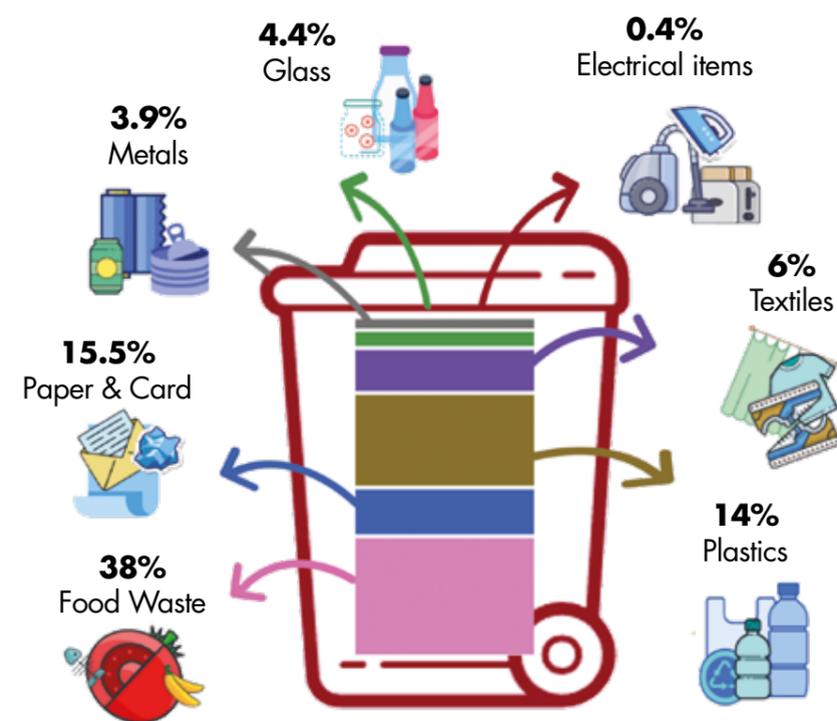
The image to the right shows the contents of a typical household maroon bin. It shows those items that are currently thrown away that can be reduced and recycled in some way.

On average at least 82% of the waste in the maroon bin could be recycled. Separating out these additional materials from your maroon bin can support us to meet National Recycling Targets set by the Government.

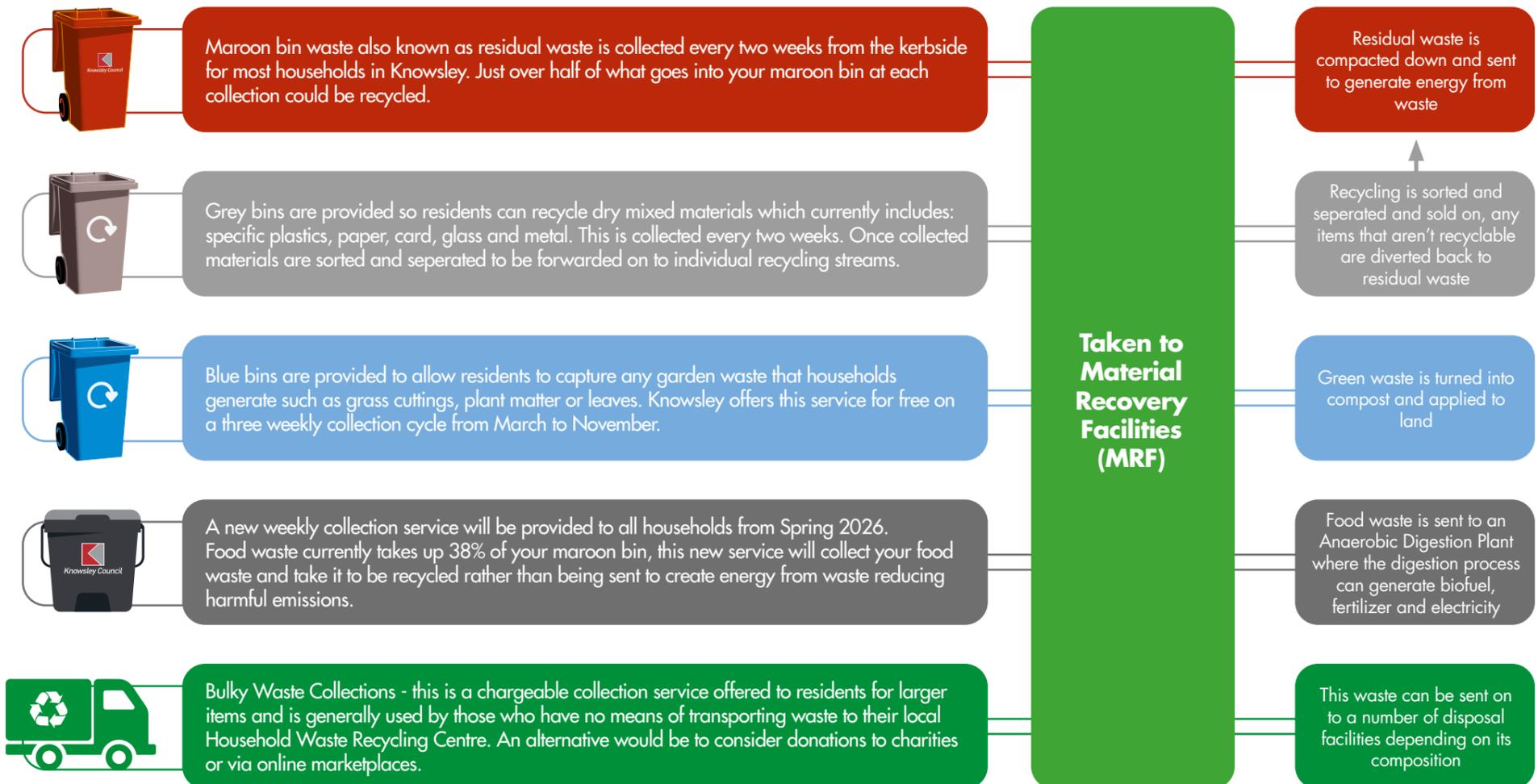
Some of these items can be placed in your grey recycling bin but other items such as waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) can be taken to Household Waste Recycling Centres for recycling or bring banks like the ones we have for textiles.

When non-recyclable items like dog faeces, batteries or other hazardous materials are placed into recycling bins the entire batch of recycling can become unsuitable for processing. Facilities must spend extra time and money to sort and clean contaminated loads.

In severely contaminated batches, sorting machines may be damaged, and full loads might be sent to land fill or be incinerated ultimately lowering the amount of waste we are able to recycle.



## Our Current Household Service



**In late 2025, Knowsley established a dedicated Recycling and Engagement Team, bringing together extensive expertise in waste prevention and a strong commitment to supporting residents and businesses in reducing waste across the borough.**

## Engagement and communication

For Knowsley to minimise the amount of waste it produces and maximise the amount of recycling in the borough we must all work together. A common and shared understanding of waste prevention and our own roles and responsibilities within it is important in the journey to achieve our Zero Waste ambitions.

Clear, practical and ongoing communication with residents, communities, and businesses is essential to create lasting change. By working together with people, partners, and local communities, we can deliver this strategy and keep learning from each other as we move towards zero waste.

### Working with residents

Our Recycling and Engagement Team will make house to house visits throughout the borough and will attend community events, providing advice and guidance in the very heart of our communities. We will further develop our

'recycling roadshows' to travel across Knowsley delivering messages in the community, listening to ideas on how we can achieve our Zero Waste ambition together through improving knowledge of the circular economy.

### Education

Working closely with schools to create and deliver impactful educational resources, we aim to empower children to make a meaningful difference – both today and in the years ahead. We will strengthen our partnerships with schools to inspire and promote a clean, green, and sustainable future for generations to come.



## Engagement and communication continued

**We aim to ensure that our waste and recycling messages are clear, practical, and accessible – helping everyone understand the vital importance of reducing, reusing, and recycling. Getting the right messages to the right people is key to supporting Knowsley on the journey to Net Zero.**

### Enforcement

We want our residents and businesses to work with us to recycle properly and dispose of waste in a responsible way. To achieve this, we will engage with the community and businesses to proactively target areas where there may be barriers to recycling properly. Where choices are made to dispose of waste in an irresponsible way we will use enforcement powers under the Environmental Protection Act to issue Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN's) with monetary implications attached and where issues are greater use court proceedings.

### A dedicated communications framework

With a number of changes coming to waste over the next few years we are developing a strong communications framework to ensure that information is shared with residents and businesses in both a timely and clear way.

### New Resident Packs

Knowing what can and cannot be recycled can be confusing, particularly for those moving into Knowsley from a different local authority area. To help – we have created a 'new residents' pack' to make it easier for new homeowners to understand how our recycling service works including where to order your bins, what to recycle and the day of the week to present your bins.

### Working with Social and Private Landlords

We will continue to work with landlords specifically those who manage flats, apartments and houses of multiple occupation to ensure they are fully prepared and have the right facilities in place as we roll out the new food waste collections and expand the materials we collect for recycling.

### Third Sector Collaboration

We will continue to support and expand third sector collaboration around recycling and reuse to achieve our priorities.

By partnering with charities, social enterprises, and community groups, we can extend the reach of our programmes, create innovative solutions for waste reduction, and support local employment and skills development. These partnerships enable us to repurpose materials, reduce landfill, and deliver social value by reinvesting resources back into the community.

### Feedback from residents

During the Autumn 2025 Recycling Roadshows and through our Zero Waste Consultation we learned that our residents liked information on waste delivered through a variety of media streams.

- 92.8% of residents taking part in our survey told us recycling was very important.
- You told us our Recycling Roadshows were useful in getting the recycling message out there.



- You liked how clear our waste and recycling calendar was and the additional information it contained.
- You would like us to target other areas to get our messages out, where people socialise such as the Bingo, Community Centres and Supermarkets outside of working hours.

# Waste and recycling collections

As we work towards delivering our Net Zero ambitions, we aim to reduce the amount of residual waste being generated by at least 20% across the life of the strategy and work to increase our recycling rates by 10% each year over the next three years.

## Implementing a new food waste collection

From Spring 2026 Knowsley will begin to implement new food waste collections for households in line with the Government's plan for Simpler Recycling. Food will be collected weekly and sent to an Anaerobic Digestion (AD) Facility that processes the waste generating biogas, fertiliser and energy for electricity. Our Recycling Engagement Team will work across the Borough as the new collections are implemented supporting residents and business with changes.

## Kerbside Collection

Those residents with kerbside collections will receive two new waste caddies – one for their kitchen and the other for the kerbside. Liners will also be provided to help keep the caddies clean.



## Communal Collections

We will also be working closely with social and private landlords to put provisions in place for those who live in flats, apartments and houses of multiple occupation to allow residents in those locations to be a part of waste prevention.

## Expanding items within dry recyclable collections

From 2026 Knowsley will be expanding the list of items that can be placed inside your grey recycling bin. Items such as plastic films, cartons (tetrapak), aerosols, foil trays, and yoghurt pots to name a few will be added to collections. This will allow you to reduce the amount of waste placed in your maroon bin and divert more to be recycled.

## Bulky waste collections

As we move towards a more circular economy, we will be undertaking a review of our Bulky Waste Collection service. This will include looking at what we collect, how we collect it and how we can divert waste away from residual waste disposal via reuse initiatives.



## Feedback from residents

- In a recent survey on waste 70% of residents responding said they would happily get involved with the new food waste collection service.
- Those who were unsure or said no outlined concerns around hygiene, how food would be stored and where.
- Many of the misconceptions around the topic will be removed through work being undertaken by our Recycling Engagement Team and clear communications around the service in advance of its delivery.
- When asked about how they handle their excess waste 75% of our residents completing our Zero Waste survey told us they take their waste to our Household Waste Recycling Sites or book Bulky Waste collections when it is too large to fit in their maroon bin.
- 10% told us that with excess bags of waste that cannot fit in their bin they store these separately until there is space in the bin from emptying.

## Refreshing/renewing policies

As changes from Government are implemented we will refresh and renew our policies ahead of time to make sure that our practices and operations are compliant with these changes. These updates will also include any efficiencies or amendments we make to ensure our residents and businesses receive a high-quality service.

**As we implement changes to waste services and review and update our policies, we will ensure a fair and balanced approach. Our goal is to allocate resources and opportunities appropriately so that all communities can achieve equitable outcomes.**

## Waste and recycling collections continued

### Ensuring Equality

We will continue to deliver adapted services for our residents who face challenges in placing their bins out for collection due to factors such as age, disability, or physical limitations. Where this is the case, we can provide assisted collections to support residents who require help with this task.

### Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) (The Tip)

Knowsley has two sites provided by the Merseyside Recycling & Waste Authority. The sites accept a range of materials including household and bulky waste materials for recycling such as furniture, electricals, white goods, garden waste and waste generated as a result of home improvements.

### Bring banks – textiles

We will continue to expand the number of bring bank sites we have across Knowsley utilising areas that are easy to access such as parking areas near parks, retail areas and council car parks. Textiles collected from these banks are sent for sorting with some items sent on for reuse and those textiles that are no longer able to be worn being repurposed for industry or insulation.

### What our residents said

- Of those residents that took part in our consultation process 66% said they used their local Household Waste Recycling Centre when they had excess waste or items too large to fit in their household collections.
- 86% said they already donate clothes and other items to bring banks and charity shops.





# COMMUNITY RECYCLING CENTRE

Please Separate Materials. Do Not Litter.



**We will continue to ensure that our town centres, parks, open spaces and public realm areas are maintained providing clean, green and enjoyable spaces across the borough for all in Knowsley to enjoy.**

## Streetscene services

### Street Cleansing

The removal of litter and detritus from our streets is important to communities. Knowsley has over 20 parks and a large variety of play areas that a vast number of our communities enjoy. We will continue to review our Streetscene services allowing us to explore the most suitable delivery models and innovations that minimise environmental impact. We will also review our vehicle use and in line with our fleet replacement programme opt for more sustainable vehicles when we are able to.

### Litter Bins

There are over 738 litter bins across Knowsley that are maintained by a dedicated team of staff. We will continue to review the condition of those bins and how they are used ensuring that they are located in areas with the most footfall. We will also be exploring the types of bins we place in locations with on-street recycling expanding the ways in which our residents and visitors can play their part in achieving a zero-waste borough.

### Environmental Action Days

Our Environmental Action Days are delivering positive outcomes for residents and communities across the borough. The regular action days see teams from Knowsley Council and its partners join forces to tackle the most pressing environmental issues in a specific location, from littering and graffiti to fly tipping and dog fouling.

### Environmental Enforcement

The Government's national strategy has an aim to tackle and reduce waste crime such as fly-tipping. Resources within the enforcement service will be increased including an improved way of working to ensure we are able to conduct more proactive work. Enforcement Officers will work closely with our Streetscene operatives to identify grot spots around our borough working to remove them, improving the environment for all.

### Our residents:

- Have found our online reporting process for litter easy to use and very informative.

**We will take into account Government's targets for emissions and air quality, alongside the Council's Air Quality Strategy and our own Net Zero commitments for 2040. Knowsley's waste collection and processing equates to 3% of the borough's emissions and we are committed to reducing that figure.**

# Net Zero

## Council Fleet

We are committed to regularly reviewing our waste collection routes to find the most efficient journeys possible to minimise emissions. We know the transition to fully zero emission vehicles won't be quick due to funding limitations but where we can we will move to low emission fuels for our vehicles to lower emissions.

This includes exploring Hydrogenated Vegetable Oil (HVO) as an alternative fuel for our diesel vehicles which is ultra-low in emissions and so much better for our environment. When we can, we will continue to expand our use of electric vehicles and look at all alternative fuel options such as biogas and hydrogen.

## Assets

Our Streetscene operations often include the use of traditional leaf blowers, strimmers, and mowers. We will be undertaking a review of what we use and where we can develop plans to move over to greener alternatives for example moving from fuel strimmers to electric strimmers.

## Infrastructure

We will continue to modernise and update our operations depot to ensure we are ready for the changes being implemented by government as we move to Net Zero. This will include future proofing the depot for the use of low and zero emission fuels such as storage areas for Biogas and electric charging areas for both fleet and staff.

## Embracing new technologies

We will continue to identify new technologies both within our fleet and our back-office systems to allow us to improve our operations and ensure that they are as efficient and effective as possible. This in turn allows us to plan services that reduce emissions through shorter rounds.

## Setting an example

We will continue to review and audit recycling facilities across our estate – including council buildings, catering services, and leased properties – to ensure a consistent and accessible recycling offer. Alongside this, we will provide clear messaging and practical advice to support effective recycling practices.



# Ongoing Monitoring

To oversee progress made throughout the lifetime of the strategy and track outcomes and benefits, ongoing monitoring will be established. We will define service performance measures and undertake quarterly reviews against the actions set out within this strategy. We will conduct a 3-year review of this strategy in 2029 to measure progress and make any necessary adjustments.

Outcome	
Outcome 1	Reduction in Residual (maroon bin) waste by 10% per year over the life of the strategy
Outcome 2	An increase in recycling rates by 10% per year over the life of the strategy
Outcome 3	The successful introduction of Food Waste Collections for residents across the Borough
Outcome 4	The implementation of additional materials into recycling collections
Outcome 5	The decarbonisation of fleet for waste collection services and Streetscene vehicles
Outcome 6	The decarbonisation of the depot infrastructure to support the move to Net Zero
Outcome 7	An increase in the number of recycling facilities available in convenient locations

# Action Plan

Ref	Action	Why	When
ZW01	Introduction of a Recycling Engagement and Enforcement team	To provide knowledge and practical advice on how to reuse and recycle items and avoid them being disposed of	Ongoing
ZW02	Promote positive behaviour change working towards waste prevention, minimisation and reuse	To provide knowledge and practical advice on how to reuse items and manage waste correctly to avoid items being disposed of incorrectly and reduce residual waste	Ongoing
ZW03	Introduction of targeted communications for changes to waste collections, recycling and reuse	Consistent and timely messages relating to waste changes, positive waste practices and advice will support reductions in residual (maroon bin) waste	2026
ZW04	Introduction of a dedicated school programme including impactful educational resources for assemblies and classrooms	To educate children on the importance of waste reduction	2026
ZW05	Engaging with businesses on changes to waste legislation and positive waste practices	Working with businesses will allow us to make progress in meeting ambitions to lower residual waste rates and increase recycling rates	2027-2028
ZW06	Roll out of domestic kerbside and multi-unit residential properties food collections	This change supports the national objective to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill and incineration	2026
ZW07	Introduction of additional recycling items to kerbside mixed recycling (grey waste bin) collections	This change supports the national objective to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill and incineration	2026
ZW08	Deliver a new residents pack to those purchasing or renting new properties in Knowsley	To ensure those moving into the borough are aware of how Knowsley's waste services work	Ongoing
ZW09	Feasibility study of kerbside collections for Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE)	By developing this service, we are diverting this type of waste away from residual waste	2027

Ref	Action	Why	When
ZW10	An expansion of textile bring banks across the borough	This initiative diverts textiles out of general waste for reuse and repurposing	Ongoing
ZW11	Exploring opportunities to work with Registered Social Landlords to create thematic collections for additional recyclable materials such as electricals or textiles	To support those living in properties that face logistical barriers and to raise awareness of recycling initiatives	2026
ZW12	Reviewing and refreshing the Waste Management Resources and Waste Strategy	This work will support the introduction of new legislation and duties within our services	Ongoing
ZW13	Refresh and renewal of waste and recycling collection polices alongside the introduction of a new Streetscene policy	To reflect the different phases of change to collection services. The introduction of a new policy for Streetscene will allow us to generate dedicated actions to improve the cleanliness and aesthetic of Knowsley	2026-2027
ZW14	Explore opportunities to improve the diversion of bulky waste items promoting reuse ambitions	Diverting bulky waste away from residual waste works to reduce harmful emissions from disposal	2027-2028
ZW15	Introduction of new technology to improve effective collections, communications, data analysis and efficiency	New technology aids in the delivery of efficient services	Ongoing
ZW16	Review and audit recycling facilities across our estate – including council buildings, catering services, and leased properties	To lead by example in waste prevention and recycling through a consistent and accessible recycling offer	2026
ZW17	Continued development of the Fleet Strategy that is suitable for a blended fleet working towards carbon neutral targets	A clear plan to update fleet to lower and emission free vehicles will allow us to reduce emissions across the borough	Ongoing
ZW18	Review and upgrade the depot infrastructure to support the decarbonisation of buildings and fleet	By reducing the carbon footprint of our buildings and fleet we support Knowsley's ambitions for Net Zero	Ongoing
ZW19	Continuing to commission disposal services to meet our ambitions for reduce, reuse, recycle	Through the right commissioning of services, we are ensuring services are fit for purpose and best value	Ongoing





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