Health and Environment Policy Committee

Changes to waste and recycling in Winchester

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- Current position
- National changes
- Hampshire changes
- Impact on Winchester
- Next steps

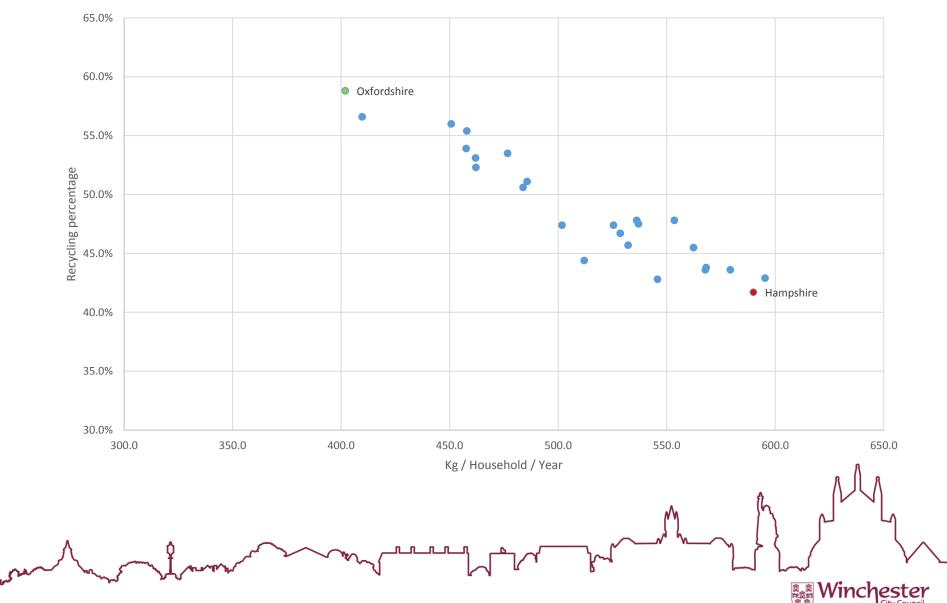


Current Position

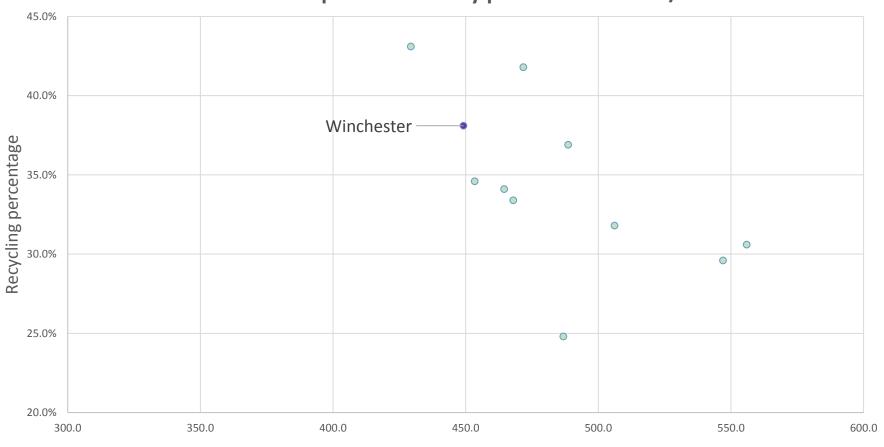
- All local authorities run different waste and recycling systems.
- Authorities in Hampshire have consistent disposal systems and collect more or less the same things Winchester has...
- Market Alternate weekly collection of waste and recycling
- Recycling paper, card, plastic bottles, tins and cans
- 4 weekly glass collection
- WEEE and batteries, plus some bring banks.

...... However.....

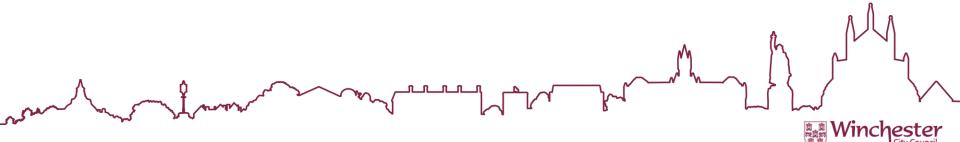
Fig 1. Disposal Authority Performance 2019 / 20



Hampshire authority performance 2019/20



Residual waste per household (kg/year)



This variation exists nationally.. So major changes are coming through the Environment Bill.

- Consistency of Household and Business Recycling Collections in England
- Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for packaging
- Introducing a Deposit Return Scheme (DRS)

2nd Consultations concluded summer 2021. now awaiting results......

Consistency of Household and Business Recycling Collections

Likely direction of travel

- Frequency Alternate weekly collections minimum,
- Materials Mandatory food, pots tubs and trays
- Separation multi stream, twin stream or co mingled, but with evidence of why multi stream not possible. Glass and fibre separate.
- Labelling consistent and clear
- Same for businesses!

Extended Producer Responsibility for packaging

Likely direction of travel

- by packaging producers will be made responsible for the full cost of managing the packaging they place on the market. Government estimates that their costs will be in the region of £2.7bn in the first full year of implementation
- will incentivise producers to question whether the packaging they use is necessary, could be reduced or not used at all.

Introducing a Deposit Return Scheme

Likely direction of travel

- the scheme includes PET plastic bottles, glass bottles, and steel and aluminium cans
- all-in scheme (including drinks containers up to 3L in size) or an on-the-go (drinks containers under 750ml in size and excluding multipacks)
- Deposit Management Organisation has the ability to set a fixed or variable rate deposit, but circa 20p

Hampshire Changes

- Hampshire, Southampton and Portsmouth are waste disposal authorities and jointly manage the waste disposal infrastructure in Hampshire.
- Project Integra is the partnership of the disposal and collection authorities across Hampshire
- All collection authorities collect what can go into the disposal infrastructure, but in different ways.
- To respond to national picture the disposal authorities are developing infrastructure that can respond to national direction of travel





Hampshire Changes (2)

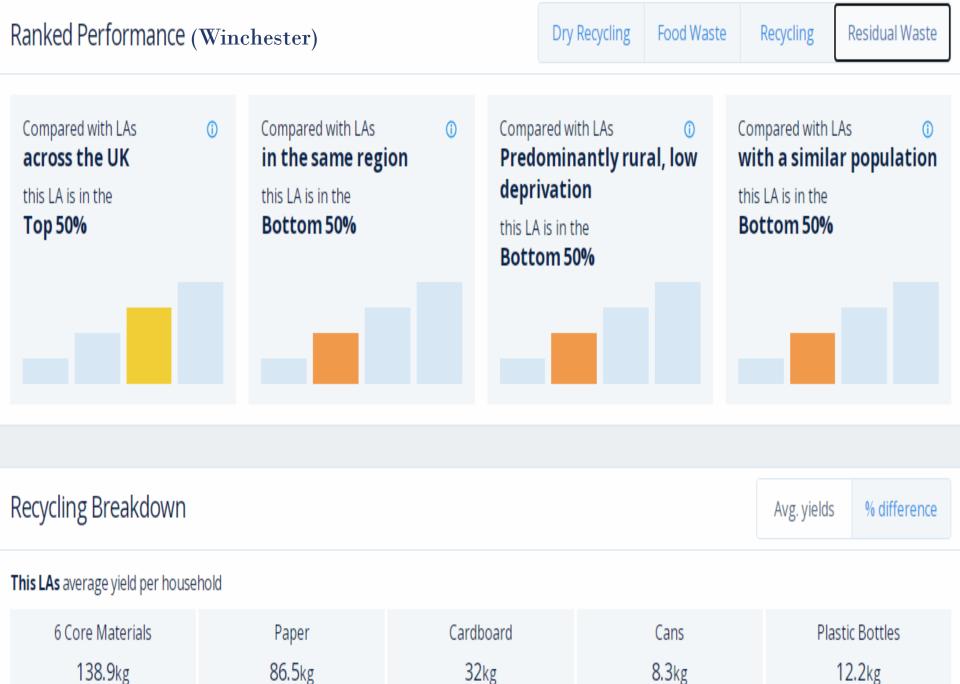
- HCC beginning planning process for a new single recycling facility in central Eastleigh
- To take glass pots tubs trays cans plastic bottles
- Paper and card separately collected and handled.
- Changes to the partnership arrangement across all Hampshire authorities
- Changes to financial incentives amongst partners
- Aimed at increasing recycling and reduce residual waste

Impact on Winchester

- Introduction of weekly food waste collection
- Introduction of pot tub tray and carton collection from kerbside
- Cessation of glass box recycling
- Glass placed in fortnightly recycling bin
- Paper and card removed to new container from recycling bin
- No change to green waste, residual service, battery or WEEE collections
- Consistent communications nationally and regionally
- Deposit return scheme impact on businesses

Impact on Winchester (2)

- We New burden funding from government for food waste
- Direct funding from Enhanced Producer responsibility
- New financial incentives from relationship with county council and Project Integra.
- Potentially significant income.... But potentially significant cost



Next steps

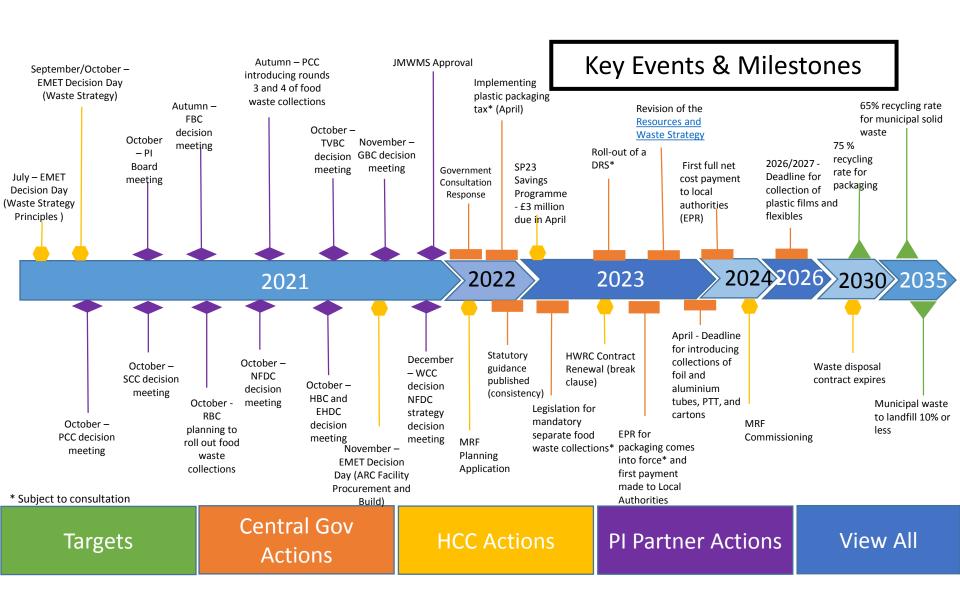
- Part of the Environment Bill going through government
- Government response to consultations not yet announced
- Spring?
- Indications are that funding and systems will start 2023/24
- Awareness that not everyone can move at the same time
- Very significant changes... very significant preparation

Next steps (2)

- If All Hampshire authorities making decisions about direction of travel to support Hampshire investment
- Winchester Cabinet meeting 8th December 2021
- All other authorities deciding between October and January
- Developing the Hampshire financial model
- Understanding impact of new burden and EPR funding
- Understanding outcome of 2nd stage consultation
- Business awareness of how changes affect them

Project planning

- Will need resources
- **Timescale**
- Decisions
- **Communications**
- All indicatively funded
- Likely to begin in earnest in 2022.





Questions

