

# LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM

**Report to:** Climate Change and Ecology Policy and Accountability Committee

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**Subject:** Circular economy strategy outline and the introduction of food waste recycling and wheeled bins.

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## SUMMARY

This is a covering report for a presentation on H&F's circular economy strategy outline and an introduction to food waste recycling and wheeled bins.

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## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. For the Committee to note and comment on the presentation.

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**Wards Affected:** All

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<b>Our Values</b>	<b>Summary of how this report aligns to the H&amp;F Values</b>
Doing things with local residents, not to them	A survey of all prototype areas was carried out in Autumn 2022 for the introduction of food waste recycling and wheeled bins. For street-based homes, deliveries of new bins will begin from 6th November, to last approximately 6 months. Every home will have an opportunity to ensure the new bins suit their requirements.
Rising to the challenge of the climate and ecological emergency	While the most significant sources of emissions per person in H&F remain from heating and powering homes (2.7 tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> e) and transport use (3 tonnes), the things we buy and use as organisations and individuals, including food (0.9 tonnes), recreational equipment such as phones and computers (0.3 tonnes), home furnishings (0.3 tonnes), and clothing

(0.2 tonnes), are some of the many products that add to this total.
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## Background Papers Used in Preparing This Report

None.

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## DETAILED ANALYSIS

1. The committee is invited to discuss and comment on an overview of the circular economy strategy outline and an introduction to food waste recycling and wheeled bins.

### Circular economy strategy

2. The 'circular economy' refers to a range of approaches to move away from an unsustainable model of consumption in society in which materials are extracted, used, and then wasted. Circular economy approaches aim to keep materials in use including through improved product design, repair, reuse, sharing and recycling, to reduce our reliance on extraction of new materials.
3. The circular economy strategy outlines an ambitious plan to scale-up what we are already delivering to create conditions for low-carbon living in the borough and improve the way we lead our own procurement, purchasing and resource use.
4. Our action plans embed circular economy principles across the borough and Council such as sharing, reuse and repair. The accompanying presentation outlines this in more detail.

### Food waste recycling and wheeled bins

5. Hammersmith & Fulham Council will introduce new food waste collections for more than 50,000 local households in the coming months. In addition, more than 16,000 local households will receive new wheeled bins.
6. Bins will only be given for those with suitable and accessible space and an assisted collection service is available for residents that need additional support.
7. The accompanying presentation presents further detail.

## LIST OF APPENDICES

1. 'Circular economy overview and introduction to food waste recycling and wheeled bins' (PowerPoint presentation)