

LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM

Report to: Councillor Sharon Holder, Cabinet Member for Public Realm

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Subject: Approval of the London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham Reduction & Recycling Plan (RRP)

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SUMMARY

The London Environment Strategy Proposal 7.2.1.b sets out the Mayor's expectation for local authorities to develop Reduction and Recycling Plans (RRPs), which should include local reduction and recycling targets that contribute to the Mayor's London wide targets.

The 2023-2025 Plan is the second such plan council's have been asked to submit to the Greater London Authority (GLA) following the plans submitted for 2018 – 2022.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Cabinet Member notes the contents of the 2023 - 2025 RRP, attached as Appendix 1, and approves submission of it to the GLA.
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Wards Affected: All

Our Values	Summary of how this report aligns to the H&F Values
Being ruthlessly financially efficient	By diverting more of the waste we collect into disposal methods other than via the EfW plant, we will reduce the amount the council spends on waste disposal.
Taking pride in H&F	The plan outlines the changes of our waste collection methodology that will help contain more of our household waste and recycling and keep our streets cleaner.
Rising to the challenge of the climate and ecological emergency	The plan sets out the council's ambitions to reduce levels of household waste and divert more of the waste we collect into more ecologically friendly disposal methods. It also sets a target to

	reduce tonnes of CO2 produced from waste management activities.
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Financial Impact

The H&F Reduction and Recycling Plan sets out the required actions to work towards the targets contained within it. Many of these actions are being undertaken within existing approved revenue and capital budgets. For example, the current waste collection revenue budget allows for weekly dry recycling collections and domestic food waste collections, and from 2024/25 there are proposals which if agreed, will provide for wheeled bin collections and garden waste collections. However, some actions within the RRP may require additional funding. Where this is the case, funding for these will be considered as separate decision reports prior to those actions being implemented. It is expected that over the longer term, any additional revenue costs relating to these actions may be self-financing through savings in waste disposal costs (invest to save).

Kellie Gooch, Head of Finance (Environment), 23rd November 2023

Verified by Andre Mark, Head of Finance, 18th December 2023.

Legal Implications

The Council is the waste collection authority for the area under the Environmental Protection Act 1990. Under the London Environment Strategy it is expected to submit its Reduction and Recycling Plan to the GLA to ensure that the Mayor's targets in relation to recycling and the reduction of carbon emissions can be monitored effectively. The contents of the plan enable the Council to fulfil this requirement and also accord with the aims of the Waste Management Plan for England made by the Department of the Environment Food and Rural Affairs under the Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011.

*John Sharland, Senior solicitor (Contracts and procurement)
14 November 2023*

BACKGROUND PAPERS USED IN PREPARING THIS REPORT

None

DETAILED ANALYSIS

1. The RRP template (section 3) sets out a number of common targets for all London Local Authorities to provide a baseline against and set a performance target to be achieved by 2025.
2. The broad themes of these common targets are:
 - Local waste reduction targets (per head of population);
 - Household and Local Authority Collected Waste (LACW) recycling targets (% by weight);

- The proportion of properties receiving the minimum level of service for household recycling; and
 - Performance against the Mayor's CO2e emissions performance standard (EPS) targets.
3. Section 4 of the RRP sets out the actions that Hammersmith & Fulham are undertaking to meet the common targets. In the new iteration of the RRP local authorities were expected to continue the targets from the first plan as well as including new planned work to meet the following London Environmental Strategy objectives:
- Reducing waste and increasing materials reuse (LES Objective 7.1)
 - Maximising recycling performance (LES Objective 7.2)
 - Reducing the environmental impacts (such as greenhouse gas emissions and air pollutants) - of waste activities (LES Objective 7.3)
 - Maximising use of local waste sites (LES Objective 7.4).
4. The GLA will review RRP's to determine general conformity with the Mayor's municipal waste management provisions of the London Environment Strategy and to ensure that boroughs are demonstrating that they are making a fair and proportionate contribution to the targets of a London-wide LACW recycling rate of 50% and a household recycling rate of 45% by 2025.

Reasons for Decision

5. The submission of the RRP is a requirement of the London Environmental Strategy.

Equality Implications

6. Officers do not believe there are any equality implications arising directly from the submission of the RRP. However, where any of the activities within the RRP are enacted, full consideration will be given to the equality implications of those activities and the relevant equality impact assessment carried out.

Climate and Ecological Emergency Implications

7. The RRP supports H&F's Climate & Ecology Strategy with a range of initiatives focused on reducing waste, maximising recycling, and reducing environmental impacts. These deliver against objectives within the 'Things we use' workstream of the Climate & Ecology Strategy, including 'increase the sharing, reuse and repair of consumer goods' and 'substantially reduce the amount we throw away, and recycle more of our remaining waste.'

Jim Cunningham, Climate Policy & Strategy Lead, 1st December 2023

LIST OF APPENDICES

Appendix 1: LBHF Reduction and Recycling Plan