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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>Environment and Regeneration Committee</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>31 October 2024</b>
<b>Report By:</b>	<b>Director Environment and Regeneration</b>	<b>Report No:</b>	<b>ENV070/24/SJ/KL</b>
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Introduction of Recycling Services to Households</b>		

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## **1.0 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY**

1.1  For Decision  For Information/Noting

1.2 The purpose of this report is to advise Committee that is intended to improve Inverclyde's recycling performance by extending recycling services to tenemental and communal properties which are not currently in receipt of recycling services, to assist with our derogation targets.

1.3 Introducing kerbside recycling to a further 3300 households will mean that almost 99% of households within Inverclyde Council receive a direct recycling service. The increase in the number of properties receiving such a service should improve Inverclyde's overall recycling rate by 2%, from 47% to 49%.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 It is recommended that Committee note that Officers will:-

- Undertake the communication measures identified in this report and communicate the new recycling services to householders.
- Implement the new services as noted in this report.
- Monitor and measure the impact of all recycling measures and take appropriate intervention actions to undertake this
- Continue to explore opportunities to increase recycling provision across Inverclyde.

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### **3.0 BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT**

3.1 Inverclyde currently provide direct recycling services to around 35,800 households, covering approximately 91.5% of the households within Inverclyde. At present there are approximately 3,700 properties in Inverclyde which do not receive a kerbside recycling service. Inverclyde Council were early signatories to the Household Recycling Charter which looks to:-

- enhance household waste and recycling services to increase resource recovery and improve their quality;
- customise services to meet the unique needs of all citizens, regardless of their household type or location;
- encourage citizens to participate in recycling and reuse services, ensuring that resources are fully utilised;
- commit to operating services in a way that guarantees staff safety, competence, and fair treatment, with the necessary skills to deliver effective and efficient resource management on behalf of communities

3.2 It is, therefore, proposed to introduce recycling services to approximately 3,300 households in line with our existing service provision. This will increase the percentage of properties receiving a recycling service in Inverclyde to over 98.7% of all households and the overall recycling rate from 47% to 49%, which will significantly improve achieving our derogation target.

3.3 It is anticipated that new services will be introduced to householders in March 2025. Officers will submit a bid to Zero Waste Scotland Recycling Improvement Fund to cover the Capital costs of service introduction. Should that funding bid be unsuccessful, alternative funding sources will be explored.

3.4 Members should note that the remaining properties are high flats which pose a difficulty in providing like-for-like services and are prohibitively expensive to collect from each door

3.5 Post implementation of the expanded recycling scheme, officers will continue to explore options for recycling provision within high-flatted properties and will work with the relevant landlords to identify cost effective and robust measures where possible. It is planned to assess and introduce recycling services to these properties post the implementation of the tenemental / communal properties scheme.

### **4.0 PROJECT DELIVERY**

4.1 The properties receiving new recycling services will be provided with an appropriate recycling service which mirrors their existing residual waste collection service. These properties will then revert to an alternate two weekly collection system in line with the majority of Inverclyde's households. Existing service standards such as assisted uplifts for the most vulnerable customers will continue.

4.2 The roll out of the new services will mirror the previously successful roll outs including a detailed communication plan which will be tailored to ensure residents are aware of and are fully supported throughout the roll-out process. This will consist of a number of roadshows and events communicating to the following stakeholder groups:-

- Elected Members
- Members of the public
- Housing Associations

- Community Councils
- New Scots Integration Team

4.3 The communication strategy will include the following resources

- Social media including Facebook and X
- Council website
- Plasma screens within Council facilities and Doctors' Surgeries
- RCV banners
- Individual household letters and leaflets
- Recycling Calendars
- School visits

4.4 The success and further development and improvements of the new scheme will be supported by monitoring activities which will be carried out to identify areas of poor participation / performance quickly and will allow interventions that will improve this. The activities will be as follows: -

- Measuring waste container set-out rates using existing refuse collection vehicle technology
- Checking contamination reports from refuse collection crews
- Area surveys by waste strategy officers with specific follow-up interventions
- Analysis of the types of waste materials received at Pottery Street and Ingleston Park
- Programmed waste compositional analysis
- Benchmarking
- Peer review through the Scottish Waste Managers Network.

4.5 Funding for additional recycling containers and bin storage signage will be sought from the Zero Waste Scotland recycling improvement fund (RIF) – small grant scheme. It is estimated that an amount of £90k will be requested. Should the overall funding bid be unsuccessful, or not considered timeously alternative funding sources will be investigated. This will doubtless impact on the proposed delivery timescale and may require a revised scheme proposal.

4.6 The identified scheme covers the majority of properties currently in receipt of a plastic sack collection, or those in high density areas within our main towns. The remaining properties are high rise properties and officers will look to work with the relevant landlords in identifying suitable schemes.

## 5.0 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The table below shows whether risks and implications apply if the recommendation(s) is(are) agreed:

SUBJECT	YES	NO
Financial	X	
Legal/Risk		X
Human Resources		X
Strategic (Partnership Plan/Council Plan)		X
Equalities, Fairer Scotland Duty & Children/Young People's Rights & Wellbeing		X
Environmental & Sustainability	X	
Data Protection		X

## 5.2 Finance

### One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report (£000)	Virement From	Other Comments
Funding bid		2024/25	£90		Zero Waste Fund Bid

### Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact (£000)	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments

## 5.3 Legal/Risk

There are no legal issues arising from this report.

## 5.4 Human Resources

There are no human resources issues arising from this report.

## 5.5 Strategic

There are no direct strategic implications as a result of this report.

## 5.6 Equalities, Fairer Scotland Duty & Children/Young People

### (a) Equalities

This report has been considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA) process with the following outcome:

	YES – Assessed as relevant and an EqIA is required.
X	NO – This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a substantive change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, assessed as not relevant and no EqIA is required. Provide any other relevant reasons why an EqIA is not necessary/screening statement.

### (b) Fairer Scotland Duty

Has there been active consideration of how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome?

	YES – A written statement showing how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage has been completed.
X	NO – Assessed as not relevant under the Fairer Scotland Duty.

(c) Children and Young People

Has a Children's Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES – Assessed as relevant and a CRWIA is required.
X	NO – Assessed as not relevant as this report does not involve a new policy, function or strategy or recommends a substantive change to an existing policy, function or strategy which will have an impact on children's rights.

**5.7 Environmental/Sustainability**

Has a Strategic Environmental Assessment been carried out?

	YES – assessed as relevant and a Strategic Environmental Assessment is required.
X	NO – This report does not propose or seek approval for a plan, policy, programme, strategy or document which is like to have significant environmental effects, if implemented.

**5.8 Data Protection**

Has a Data Protection Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES – This report involves data processing which may result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals.
X	NO – Assessed as not relevant as this report does not involve data processing which may result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals.

**6.0 CONSULTATION**

6.1 Consultation has been undertaken with the relevant services in the preparation of this report.

**7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

7.1 None.