

Appendix 3: Excerpt from the Biodiversity and Climate Change Action Plan

| Reducing waste and increasing energy efficiency | | | | | | | | |
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| 4.1 | <p>Increase percentage of waste re-used recycled/composted by;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> encouraging residents to separate food and recyclables (particularly metals and textiles), use appropriate bins and avoid contamination reviewing, and where possible, improving recycling facilities for flats and those with communal collections produce waste and recycling guidance with as much planning policy as possible to be adopted for all new developments; and assess feasibility of weekly recycling collections | <p>Indicator SA33: Number of complaints to the Council related to waste storage and collection at new developments</p> <p>Indicator SA35: Waste generated per capita¹</p> | <p>Increase in borough recycling</p> <p>Increase in home anaerobic composting</p> | Graham Gosden | 2020-30 | <p>Started – the Biodiversity and Climate Change Engagement Strategy, which includes awareness raising on composting and recycling is rolling out in 2022, in partnership with local community groups, and will encourage widescale behaviour change to increase recycling and composting for residents.</p> <p>there has been a decrease in the amount of household waste generated in Maidstone of 4%. Similarly, the amount of household waste collected per person in Kent has also seen a decrease of 9%.</p> | The Councils recycling rate for 2021/22 is 51% one of the highest rates recorded in Kent this year and a slight increase on last years. This year's main focus has been on the quality of recycling collected and we have noted a reduction in the number of rejected loads by promotion of the 5 Step approach to all residents via bin hangers. | Amber |
| 4.2 | Create and implement a plan to ensure all types of waste are processed in or as close to the borough as possible | Indicator SA34: Amount of construction and demolition waste ² | Waste processed in or as close to the borough as possible | Graham Gosden | 2021-23 | Started | Local waste processing is undertaken by KCC via various contractors, the information on local processing is published in the annual end destination report and the vast majority is treated within Kent. MBC currently have no direct control over this aspect although it is a shared aim with KCC. | Amber |
| 4.3 | Introduce recycling into the street cleansing service including offering community litter picks the opportunity to recycle the waste collected | Trial period to ascertain capacity and inputs needed for recycling as part of street cleansing service | Increase in recycling from street cleansing | John Edwards | 2022-22 | Started | <p>After a 6 months trail of asking a selected community/volunteer groups to separate recyclable litter, the waste management team have decided to stop the trail as the standard of waste separation was poor with a high level of contamination.</p> <p>The newly appointed Biodiversity and climate Engagement Officer is seeking awareness activities and events to support raising public awareness of this topic to reduce contamination.</p> | Red |

¹ Maidstone Authority Monitoring [Report](#) (AMR) 2020-2021

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| 4.4 | Reduce fly-tipping | Seek policy, enforcement measures and awareness raising | Reduction in fly-tipping | John Edwards | 2020-25 | Started | <p>Reducing fly-tipping is a standard street cleansing requirement and the reduction of fly tipping is linked with other factors such as increase levels of enforcement, wider KCC communications and national views.</p> <p>The newly appointed Biodiversity and climate Engagement Officer is seeking awareness activities and events to support raising public awareness and reducing fly-tipping.</p> | Red |
| 4.5 | Investigate options to encourage home composting and using an anaerobic digester to process the domestic food waste collected. | Support residents to access affordable home compost units | Increase in home composting and use of anaerobic digesters | Graham Gosden | 2021-22 | Started | <p>Home compost units can be purchased online with a discount for MBC residents. The link is promoted on MBC website and environment services quarterly newsletter.</p> <p>The newly appointed Biodiversity and climate Engagement Officer is seeking awareness activities and events to support raising public awareness of home composting.</p> | Red |