

# Executive Summary of Waltham Forest Waste

# LBWF Key Achievements

**YOU CAN NOW RECYCLE even more items!**

Please put your items out in small sized carrier bags on top of your bins on your collection day

Find out more at [walthamforest.gov.uk/recycling](http://walthamforest.gov.uk/recycling)

**Clothing and shoes**

**Small electrical items**

**Household batteries**

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- **Recycling progress** – 2002/03 10.16% vs 2017/18 32.5%
- Phasing out 240/360ltr refuse bins since 2017. Since October 2019 360ltr refuse bins have been removed and replaced with 140ltr refuse bin. These households have been offered additional recycling and organic waste bins free of charge. LBWF's collected refuse continues to decline.
- A project was carried out to ensure that all flatted dwellings had a 50/50 split of refuse and recycling bins. This also involved the introduction of separately collected food waste to flatted properties.
- Collection of three different waste streams for kerbside properties will commence in March 2020 as part of the new Neighbourhood Services contract. One of the key performance indicators of this contract is to increase the reuse and recycling rate.

# Key Achievements

- Number of recycling campaigns, Low Plastic Zone, contamination enforcement, public water fountains.
- Repair Café - Over 2 years it achieved; over 1,000 attendees, 334 electrical items looked at, 230 bikes fixed, 128 items of clothing mended and restyled, 2.6 tonnes of waste prevented, and over **10 tonnes of CO2 emissions prevented.**



# The Council Can Action:



- Nudge behaviour change – squeeze of waste capacity provided
- Encourage resident participation with reuse, enhanced large item collection service
- Separate collection of Food Waste started July 2017 as a trial and expanded to cover 7,200 properties. A waste compositional analysis indicated there was a 25% reduction in the average amount of refuse collected weekly per household (9.53 kg/hh/wk to 7.11 kg/hh/wk)
- New developments - planning applications are assessed by the Waste Team to ensure the correct capacity and ease of use are considered
- Capturing transient population – landlords providing information to new tenants to capture the change in occupancy
- Reducing single use plastic within businesses to influence resident behaviour

# Proposed Direction of Travel – Seeking new opportunities

- Increase Reuse Rate to 1.49% by 2022
- Library of Things – borrow what you need
- Increasing recycling
- Reduce Residual Waste
- Low Emission Fleet of Vehicles
- Circular Economy and Waste
- A stronger focus on recycling in Council stock