

Appendix A10

2019/20 Q4 and 2020/21 Q1 – PROCUREMENT, WASTE MANAGEMENT, SPECIAL PROJECTS & FORWARD PLANNING

Key Activities Q1

Ensure the completion and implementation of the new waste to energy plant, to time and budget and that once open the plant delivers as per the requirements of the waste contract and the commercial aspects of the contract are delivered.

The Mechanical Treatment Plant has now achieved acceptance certification and rates for diversion of municipal waste from landfill is now close to 100 per cent

Construction of the Energy Recovery Plant was suspended following the sub-contractors leaving the site as of 16 March due to the Covid-19 situation. Amey, the providers of our Waste contract have engaged alternative sub-contractors who are now on site.

Construction risk sits with Amey and any delay will not be at the Council's cost.

Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) were initially closed in line with the government lockdown restrictions but were reopened successfully with stringent social distancing measures in place in May 2020

Complete the review of all premises requiring commercial waste collections and develop an appropriate commercial offer to the owners of the premises

Completed

Develop a corporate approach to the minimisation of single use plastics

The new Procurement Strategy was approved by [Cabinet in November 2019](#) and includes reference to the reduction of single use plastics as a consideration when purchasing.

Ensure that all procurement activity includes the need for good environmental performance from goods and services

The new Procurement Strategy was approved by [Cabinet in November 2019](#) and is based around four key themes - leadership, behaving commercially, local community, and economy and environmental considerations.

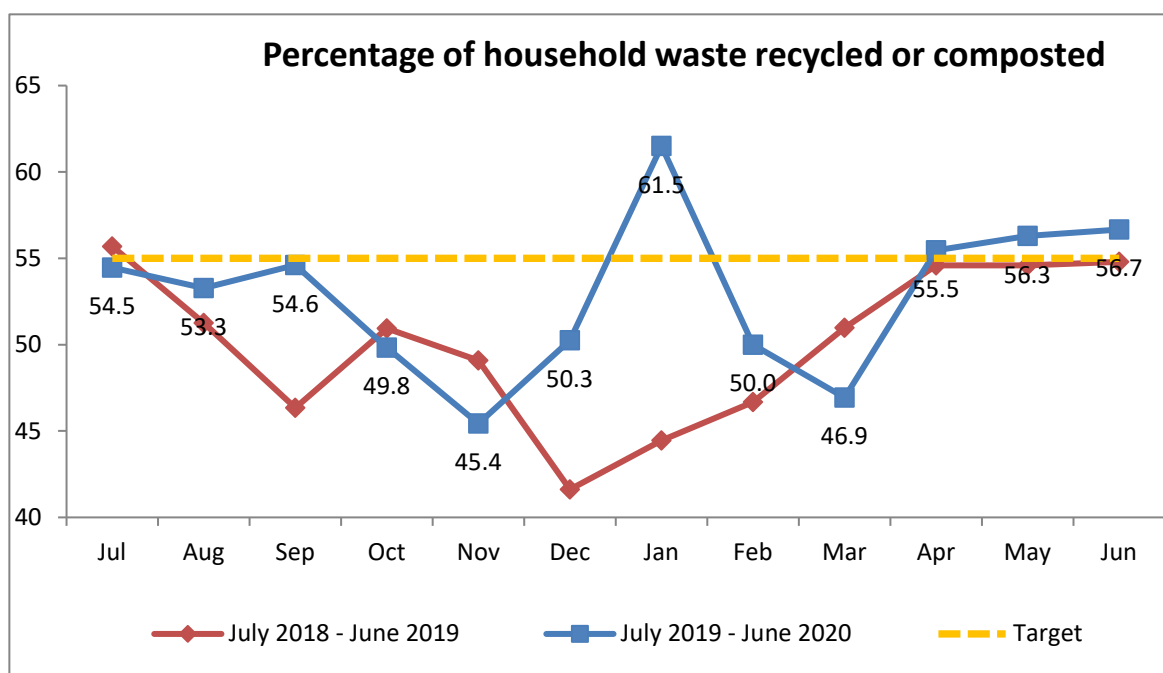
Regular updates on Procurement Activity are provided twice a year to the Council's Audit Committee. The most recent update was reviewed in [July 2020](#)

Review energy management activity and procurement of energy for all council owned and operated assets to ensure it provides economic and environmental best value

Energy continues to be procured on a fixed term fixed price basis through Laser (Kent CC) with the most recent contracts set to run from 1 October 2019 to 30 September 2020. Water contracts procured through Crown Commercial services have just been extended with Business Stream to run through until 31 January 2021.

Short term measures

Percentage of contract waste recycled or composted (Rolling 12 months)



Recycling rates for 2020 have largely been comparably better than the previous year with March being the only month where last year's performance wasn't exceeded.

Significantly, since the beginning of 2020 all but the bulkiest waste has been processed at the new Mechanical Treatment Plant which means that the percentage of waste diverted from landfill is generally close to 100 per cent (99.98 per cent in June 2020). This is a key milestone in the Waste Project.