



## **RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**MUNICIPAL YEAR 2019/20**

**PUBLIC SERVICE DELIVERY, COMMUNITIES & PROSPERITY SCRUTINY  
COMMITTEE – 14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2019**

**THE RECYCLING PERFORMANCE FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 2019/2020**

**REPORT OF THE GROUP DIRECTOR OF PROSPERITY, DEVELOPMENT AND  
FRONTLINE SERVICES.**

### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to update Members of the Public Service Delivery, Communities and Prosperity Scrutiny Committee on the recycling performance for the first 6 months of 2019/20.

### **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that Members:

- 2.1 Acknowledge the contents of the report; and
- 2.2 Consider whether they wish to scrutinise in greater depth any further matters.

### **3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 This Council as do all councils in Wales has statutory targets set by Welsh Government. This year the target is 64%, failure to meet these targets will result in the Council receiving a substantial fine. The fine is based on performance so every ton we miss the target by, will result in a minimum fine of £200 per ton.

### **4. UPDATE / CURRENT POSITION**

- 4.1 RCT Council incrementally year on year has improved its recycling figure, but last year saw a slight drop in the performance, this was mainly due to the change in way we were able to measure the wood we collected at our Community Recycling

Centres and the tonnage in green waste collected at the kerbside due to the weather.

4.2 These changes affected all Councils and not only our Council, whilst other Councils also indicated that they had seen recycling plateau, something we had been concerned about for some time.

4.2.1 2019/2020 is a target year in regard to the legislation, and the target is that we must achieve a recycling figure of at least 64%, failure to do so would result in the Council receiving a fine. The fine is a minimum of £200 on every ton we fail to miss the target by, so it could be a substantial amount.

4.2.2 The table below shows our performance during the first 6 months of this financial year. These figures are subject to ratification by Waste data flow and any change will be minimal.

4.2.3

|   | Q1<br>2019/20 | Q2<br>2019/20 | Total For<br>2019/20 |
|---|---------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Dry Reuse   | 379.35        | 461.61        | 840.96               |
| Dry Recycling                                       | 15710.31      | 18,161.45     | 33,871.76            |
| Composting  | 5,479.19      | 5,950.82      | 11,430.01            |
| Total municipal waste                               | 32,105.14     | 34,841.50     | 66,946.64            |
| <b>WMT 10(iv) - Dry reuse rate</b>                  | <b>1.18%</b>  | <b>1.32%</b>  | <b>1.26%</b>         |
| <b>WMT 10(v) - Dry recycling rate</b>               | <b>48.93%</b> | <b>52.13%</b> | <b>50.60%</b>        |
| <b>WMT 10(vi) - Composting rate</b>                 | <b>17.07%</b> | <b>17.08%</b> | <b>17.07%</b>        |
| <b>WMT 09b reuse, recycling and composting rate</b> | <b>67.18%</b> | <b>70.53%</b> | <b>68.92%</b>        |

4.2.4 For the record the performance highlighted in the table, shows that we have achieved the target set out by Welsh Government and puts in a good position to be able to maintain this for the remainder of the year, thus avoiding any fines.

4.2.5 It should also be noted that these figures are the highest ever achieved by this Council.

4.2.6 The next target for this Council is the 2024/2025 target of 70% so if we can maintain this performance and improve slightly we are well on course to achieve this considerably earlier than we need to. It is hoped that provision of the new MRF at Bryn Pica will go a long way in taking us over the target.

## 5. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no Equality or Diversity implications aligned to this report

**6. CONSULTATION**

6.1 There are no Consultation implications aligned to this report

**7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)**

7.1 There are financial implications in failing to achieve the statutory targets.

**8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED**

8.1 There are no Legal Implications aligned to this report

**9. LINKS TO THE COUNCIL'S CORPORATE PLAN / OTHER CORPORATE PRIORITIES/SIP**

9.1 The recycling processes we adopted align itself to the Corporate Plan and Corporate Priorities.

9.2 This clearly is linked with the Well Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act, helping to create a resilient Wales and a Wales of cohesive communities.

**10. CONCLUSION**

10.1 RCT Council are proud of its recycling services and prides itself being at the forefront of continuous improvement in this area.

10.2 This is highlighted with the Eco Park plans and the development of the new Material Recycling Facility currently being commissioned.