

Waste Management Strategy for Solihull – Supporting Statement 2015

In June 2015, I took over the Cabinet Portfolio for Environment, Housing and Regeneration. Part of my area of responsibility includes overseeing the delivery of Solihull's Waste Management Strategy.

The implementation of the Waste Strategy and completion of the activities in the supporting Action Plan are key priority areas for my portfolio.

I am fully supportive of the targets, aims and objectives that were reaffirmed in the Waste Strategy Update report, which was carried out earlier this year (2015).

Our new recycling service has been in place for over a year now and we have increased participation in the recycling service and have started to increase recycling, but we still could be doing a lot more to increase recycling and to reduce the amount of overall waste that we generate.

We face challenging times ahead both financially and in increasing our recycling rate further. We have essentially made all of the easy changes to our collection service to reach our current recycling rate. To strive higher and reach our Waste Strategy targets means that we will have to consider doing things differently.

I am conscious that for any new scheme or service change to work we need the support and buy-in of our residents and for that reason I have asked my officers to carry out an extensive waste and recycling survey to find out what residents think of the service and how they would like to see the service develop in the future.

By working together I am confident that we can continue to ensure that Solihull is a clean and green place to live and work.



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