

Joint Strategic Statement by the Gloucestershire Local Government Association

Waste minimisation, recycling and composting are some of the most effective ways that individuals and families can start to make a positive impact on the environment and help to reduce the pace of climate change.

As the "seven Gloucestershire Councils" responsible for the management of household waste, we have a significant role to play. We must work together to provide a coherent public message and consistent, high quality waste management services across the county. We need to give the opportunity – with good information and comprehensive, user-friendly facilities – for every householder in Gloucestershire, to be able to recycle all their recyclable rubbish. This will, in-turn, reduce our commitment to increasingly scarce and expensive landfill.

Recycling and Composting Vision // All households in Gloucestershire will have convenient and easy-to-use collection services, enabling them to recycle and compost at least 70% of their rubbish by April 2010.

Householders in Gloucestershire need to make informed buying and disposal decisions. We all need to minimise waste and help protect the local and global environment. //

The Leadership Role Our role is to realise this vision, ensuring that we achieve the aims outlined in Gloucestershire's Waste Management Strategy in a timely and cost-effective manner.

We will achieve this through strong leadership:

- o By agreeing clear, sound and consistent waste management policies
- o By ensuring we have sufficient organisational capacity and resources, as individual Authorities and a Waste Partnership, and
- o By practicing what we preach and getting our own house in order.

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