

SOUTH YORKSHIRE

Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy

2016 - 2021



Making the most of our waste

Why is the South Yorkshire Waste Strategy important to you?

As a member of the public living or working in South Yorkshire it is vital that the waste generated from our households and businesses is handled in the most effective way by the councils which serve us.

With an estimated population of 1.35 million people in over half a million homes, recycling and waste services actively contribute to healthy communities and achieving a cleaner and greener environment, now and in the future.

The South Yorkshire Waste Strategy (SYWS) is your opportunity to have your say and tell us what is important to you.

What is waste?

Waste is anything that we no longer want or need. Households in South Yorkshire make around 500,000 tonnes of recycling, composting and non-recyclable household waste.

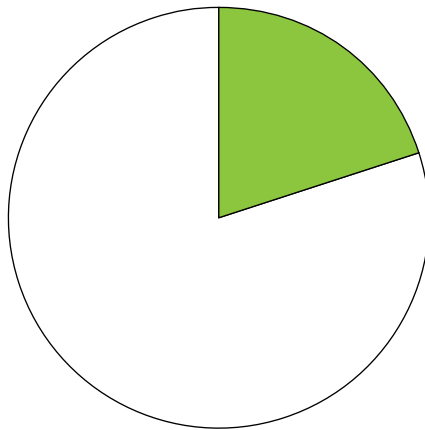
Waste can include things such as...



What happens now?

Currently each council offers a range of recycling, waste collection and disposal services, either directly or through contractors. This service is influenced by current individual council and joint strategies.

RECYCLING



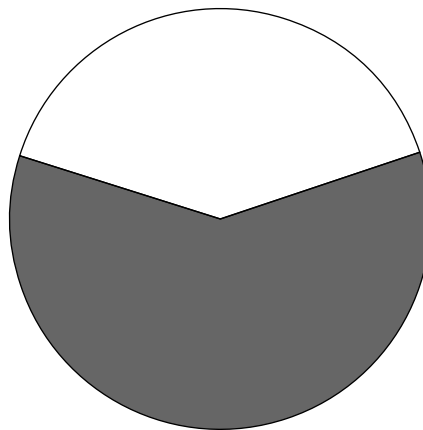
Our recycling waste is collected and sent for processing

If required, recycling is then sorted by materials such as paper, cardboard, cans and glass

Once the materials have been separated they are sent to specialist companies for re-processing

Finally the recycled materials are ready to be used again

RESIDUAL



Our black or grey bins are collected

In Sheffield waste is burnt in the city's Energy Recovery facility

Producing enough electricity to power 19,000 homes and heat over 150 buildings

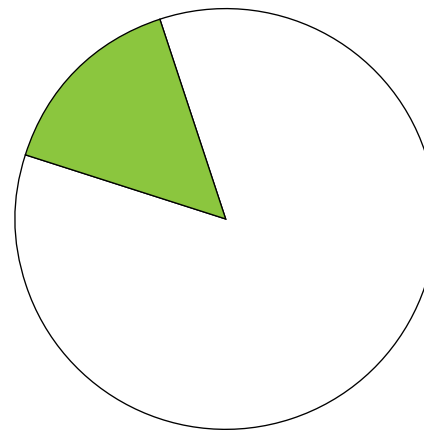
In Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham waste is sent to the BDR Waste Treatment facility

Waste is shredded and dried

Waste is sorted to remove recyclable materials

The remaining waste is compacted, then sent away to make energy

GREEN WASTE



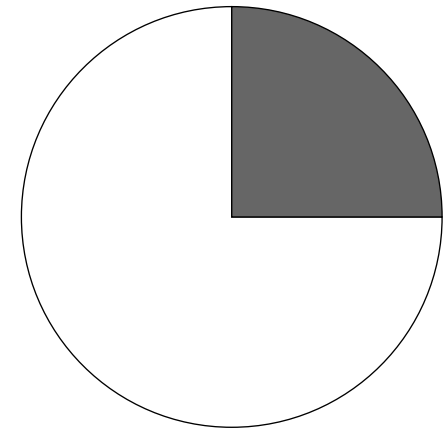
Garden waste is collected and is sent away to a composting site

Any waste which is not compostable is removed

Garden waste is then shredded and laid out and allowed to decompose

After 8 to 16 weeks the finished compost can be used as a soil conditioner

LANDFILL



A small amount of waste goes to landfill as we are unable to recover any value from it

Landfill is, therefore, a last resort. In 2014/15 South Yorkshire diverted approximately 74% of household waste from landfill

Waste going to landfill generates methane, a Green House Gas, which is captured and can be used to generate energy

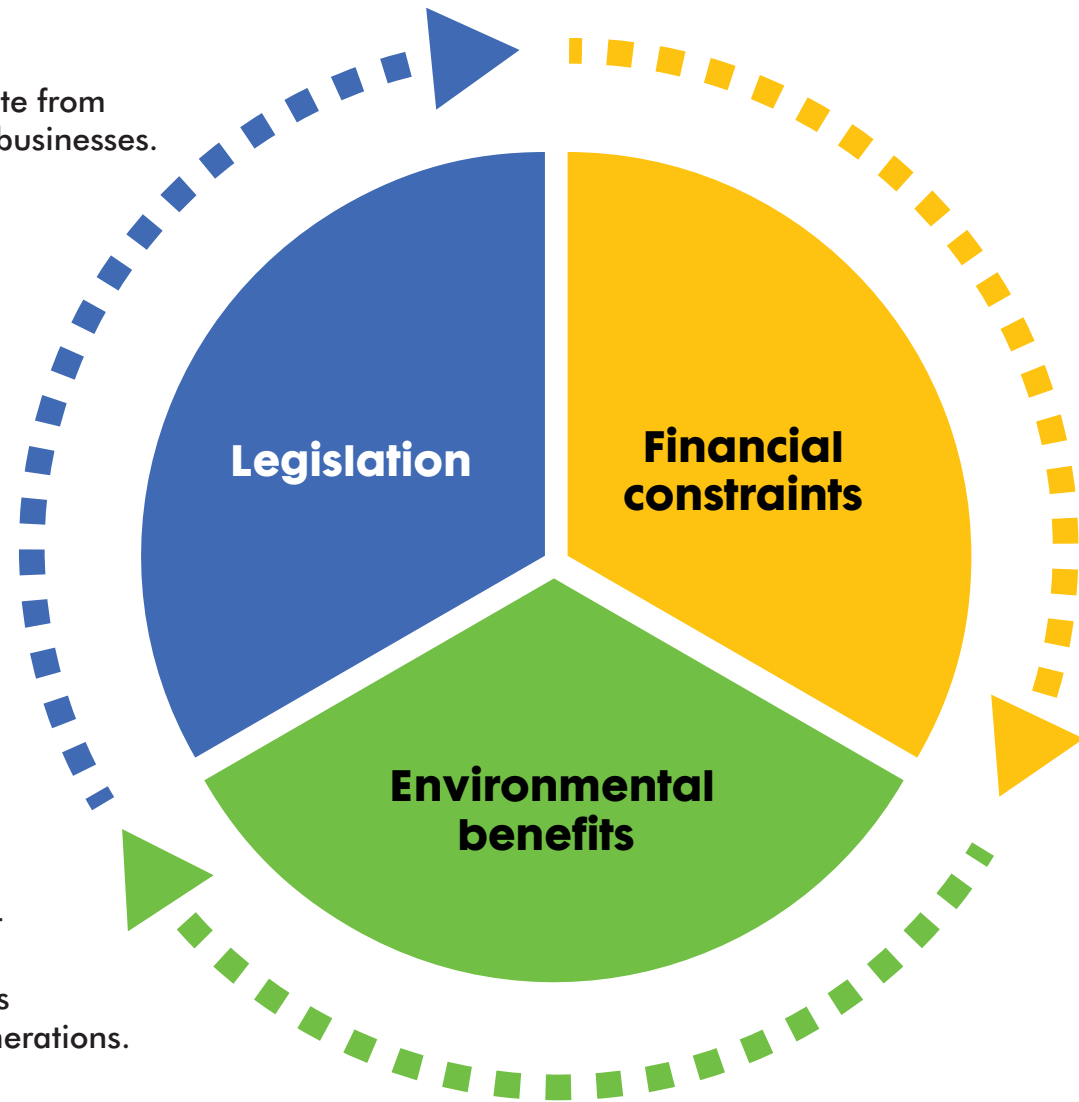
What is a waste strategy?

A waste strategy is a plan which sets out how councils will manage waste. This includes waste from households, council activities and some local businesses. There are many reasons why councils need to manage our waste.

Legislation requires councils to be compliant with EU, national and local policy and regulations regarding waste and how it is dealt with.

A waste strategy helps identify economic gains. For example, there is a cost to collecting and disposing of our waste, therefore taking steps to minimise waste through prevention, re-use and recycling measures helps minimise the cost of disposal, whilst re-using and recycling makes the most of natural resources.

Waste has a direct impact on the environment around us, ranging from rubbish and litter to climate change. Having a waste strategy helps protect our environment for us and future generations.



Do we have a waste strategy now?

Yes, currently Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield have waste management plans. The Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham Joint Waste Plan was adopted in March 2012. This plan sits alongside each of the council's individual waste management strategies:

- Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council Municipal Waste Management Strategy April 2007
- Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council Municipal Waste Management Strategy 2005-2020
- Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council: An opportunity not be wasted Doncaster Waste Strategy 2009 Headline Strategy and Action Plan

Sheffield City Council also have their own strategy

- Sheffield City Council Waste Management Strategy 2009-2020

Why do we need a South Yorkshire Waste Strategy?

An important part of waste management is the continuous reviewing of existing practices. The purpose of conducting a review now is that it feels appropriate and beneficial to review the current waste strategies jointly and work collaboratively to ensure that the councils are compliant with developments in EU, national and local legislation and policy.

Closer working between local authorities across the Sheffield City Region will be a key part of the emerging Northern Powerhouse, the Government's proposal to link Northern cities and their surrounding areas to boost economic growth in the North of England. Regeneration developments will include improved transport links and additional investment in infrastructure, innovation and skills.

At the heart of this strategy is a vision that the four councils will work with you to **reduce, re-use, recycle, recover energy from 95% of South Yorkshire's waste.**

The SYWS reflects the four councils' continued commitment to providing residents with an efficient waste management service.

What happens next?

A vital part of developing the SYWS is understanding what is important to you as a resident and to do this we are going to carry out a public stakeholder consultation.

We want to hear your views about the strategy and for you to have your vote on the five over-riding priorities. These priorities define the values and commitments of the SYWS plan and include:

Priority A - We aim to encourage and inspire children and adults across Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield to make less waste by reducing, re-using and recycling more.

Priority B - The four Councils will work together more closely to deliver value for money services.

Priority C - We will work hard to deliver and maintain a dependable and reliable service to all our customers.

Priority D - We will continue to explore how technology can be used to improve recycling and waste services.

Priority E - We will be pro-active to influence decision-making on waste at European, national and local level, to drive investment into infrastructure within the Sheffield City Region economy.

The information gathered from the consultation will be used to shape the SYWS.

What we are asking you to do

We want anyone who is a resident or part of a business or organisation within South Yorkshire to have your say and take part in the consultation which will run from Monday 6th June to Sunday 31st July 2016.

How do I have my say?

There are different ways in which residents or businesses can take part in the consultation. You can go online to <http://www.bdronline.co.uk/haveyoursay> to complete the consultation online. You can attend one of the following presentations to hear more about the consultation and to take part.

Or if you require a paper version of the consultation you can contact us on 01709 765350, or write to SYWS Consultation Team, C/O Shanks Waste Management, BDR Waste Treatment Facility, Bolton Road, Wath upon Dearne, Rotherham S63 7LL.

| Event Location | Date | Time |
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| Doncaster Mansion House, The Ballroom, 1 Priory Place, Doncaster, DN1 1BN | 6th June 2016 | 10am, 2pm and 6pm |
| Rotherham Town Hall, John Smith Room, The Crofts, Moorgate Street, Rotherham, S60 2TH | 7th June 2016 | 10am, 2pm and 6pm |
| Sheffield Town Hall, Pinstone Street, Sheffield, S1 2HH | 9th June 2016 | 5pm |
| Barnsley Town Hall, Church Street, Barnsley, S70 2TA | 14th June 2016 | 10am, 2pm and 6pm |

What could change?

Changes will depend on the outcomes of the consultation and could include investigating joint communication campaigns, infrastructure, joint purchasing and income generation.