ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL **AREA COMMITTEE**

ROADS AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES **SEPTEMBER 2021**

RECYCLING PERFORMANCE

2.0 INTRODUCTION

2.1 Argyll and Bute Council is both a waste collection and waste disposal authority. Recycling, composting and recovery (i.e. other landfill diversion) statistics are reported quarterly within the council's performance system Pyramid. Statutory returns to SEPA e.g. licensed site tonnage, landfill tax and waste data flow vary from quarterly to annual.

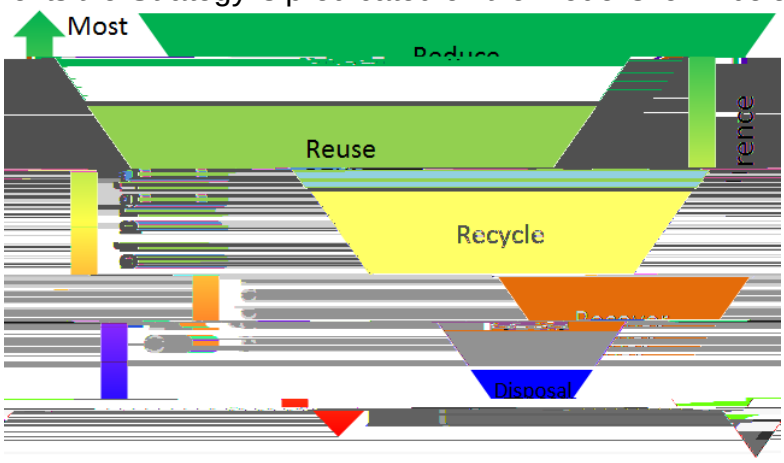
2.2 This report provides details on the council's recycling and landfill diversion performance along with national policy, targets and regulations which are likely to impact on future performance.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 It is recommended that Members note and give consideration to the details as outlined within this report and the national policy drivers that will likely impact over the next few years.

4.0 DETAILS

4.1 The council's waste strategy was approved by the Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee in September 2019. Whilst this strategy will emerge in line with government guidance, regulation legislation, and contractual requirements the Strategy is predicated on the model shown below in Figure 1.



approaching close to 50%. National Policy drivers such as the ban on biodegradable waste to landfill will have significant implications for future waste treatment and landfill diversion performance.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

6.1	Policy	National policies and regulations will likely impact on future landfill diversion performance. The councils policy is to reduce landfill.
6.2	Financial	The 2025 ban on biodegradable waste to landfill will have financial implications.
6.3	Legal	The landfill ban (now delayed until 31st December 2025) is a legal requirement under the Waste (Scotland) Regulations 2012. Complying with the ban will also likely result in changes to the Waste PPP contract which is due to expire in September 2026.
6.4	HR	None
6.5	Equalities	None
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