

RECYCLING AND RECOVERY PERFORMANCE

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 Argyll and Bute Council is both a waste collection and waste disposal authority.

1.2 ~~Waste disposal in Argyll and Bute is currently managed by 20 separate waste companies (12 on Bute and 8 on Argyll) and 10 island sites (e.g. Mull, Islay, Barra, etc.) where landfill sites are operated directly by the council. A 25 year (2001 – 2026) Waste PPP contract which covers the rest of Argyll and Bute.~~

Island sites e.g. on Mull and Islay where landfill sites are operated directly by the council;
Helensburgh and Lomond area where waste is disposed of at sites outside of Argyll and Bute;
A 25 year (2001 – 2026) Waste PPP contract which covers the rest of Argyll and Bute.

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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 management system. 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

Figure 1

4.2 Argyll and Bute Council operates a performance management system. Quarterly recycling/composting, recovery and landfill percentages are included and split between the Islands waste disposal sites, Waste Management PPP and Helensburgh/Lomond areas. These details include:

- percentage of waste recycled and composted;
- percentage of waste recovered e.g. other landfill diversion;
- combined percentage of waste recycled, composted and recovered;
- percentage of waste to landfill;
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Waste PPP

5.0 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 In concluding this report, steady progress was made on overall recycling and composting performance during 2023. Recovery performance however decreased which resulted in increased tonnages to landfill in 2023. Landfill should be reduced in 2024 as the Barr Environmental Auchencarroch landfill site (near Alexandria) closed at the end of 2023. The council now uses alternative providers for the Helensburgh and Lomond general waste which now goes mainly for recovery e.g. refuse derived fuel/energy from waste. National Policy drivers such as the ban on municipal waste to landfill, the deposit return scheme and the circular economy bill will have significant implications for future recycling, composting and recovery performance.

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