

Waste Strategy – Frequently Asked Question's

What is the waste strategy?

It is a plan to show how Glasgow City Council will manage waste in the future which includes waste from households, council activities and some commercial operations. The strategy sets out what we have achieved since 2010, how we will progress over the next 5 years and the types of services and technologies we will apply to reach our aims.

Why does the council require a waste strategy?

Glasgow City Council manages approximately 290,000 tonnes of waste per annum, therefore needs a strategy to administer this tonnage within budget, and in an organised, efficient and environmentally sound manner.

Why are we reviewing the 2010 Waste Strategy?

In 2010 a waste strategy was developed for Glasgow that set out a 10 year plan for the management of waste within the City until 2020. This review provides a mid-term update on actions identified within the original 2010 strategy and also sets out a clear action plan to ensure that waste is managed efficiently and recycling opportunities are maximised over the next five years.

What are the aims of the reviewed waste strategy?

The main aims of the review of the 2010 waste strategy are;

- To refresh the waste strategy to acknowledge new and emerging legislative and policy issues
- To highlight significant progress achieved since 2010
- To widen the scope of the waste strategy to ensure that all strategic and operational aspects of waste management are fully considered and a clear work programme is established for the next five years

Will my waste collection services change?

A new food waste collection service, starting from January 2016 and rolled out in a phased programme, will be provided to all households by April 2017. A review will be undertaken on all other waste services to establish where improvements may be made, which may involve changes to some services. Residents would be fully informed of any potential future change.

What does the waste strategy have to do with me?

Glasgow has approximately 600,000 residents and the city centre welcomes 400,000 shoppers, workers and visitors on a daily basis, all of whom produce waste. The council is responsible for managing a large proportion of the waste produced in the city, on a budget of £67.9m. As budget restrictions are applied and new environmental legislation and guidance is introduced this becomes more challenging and places a responsibility on everyone who resides or visits the city to manage their waste and litter appropriately.

How long will the waste strategy last?

The current strategy runs until 2020. An annual review of the strategy will be undertaken and an update provided on the actions within the yearly timelines.