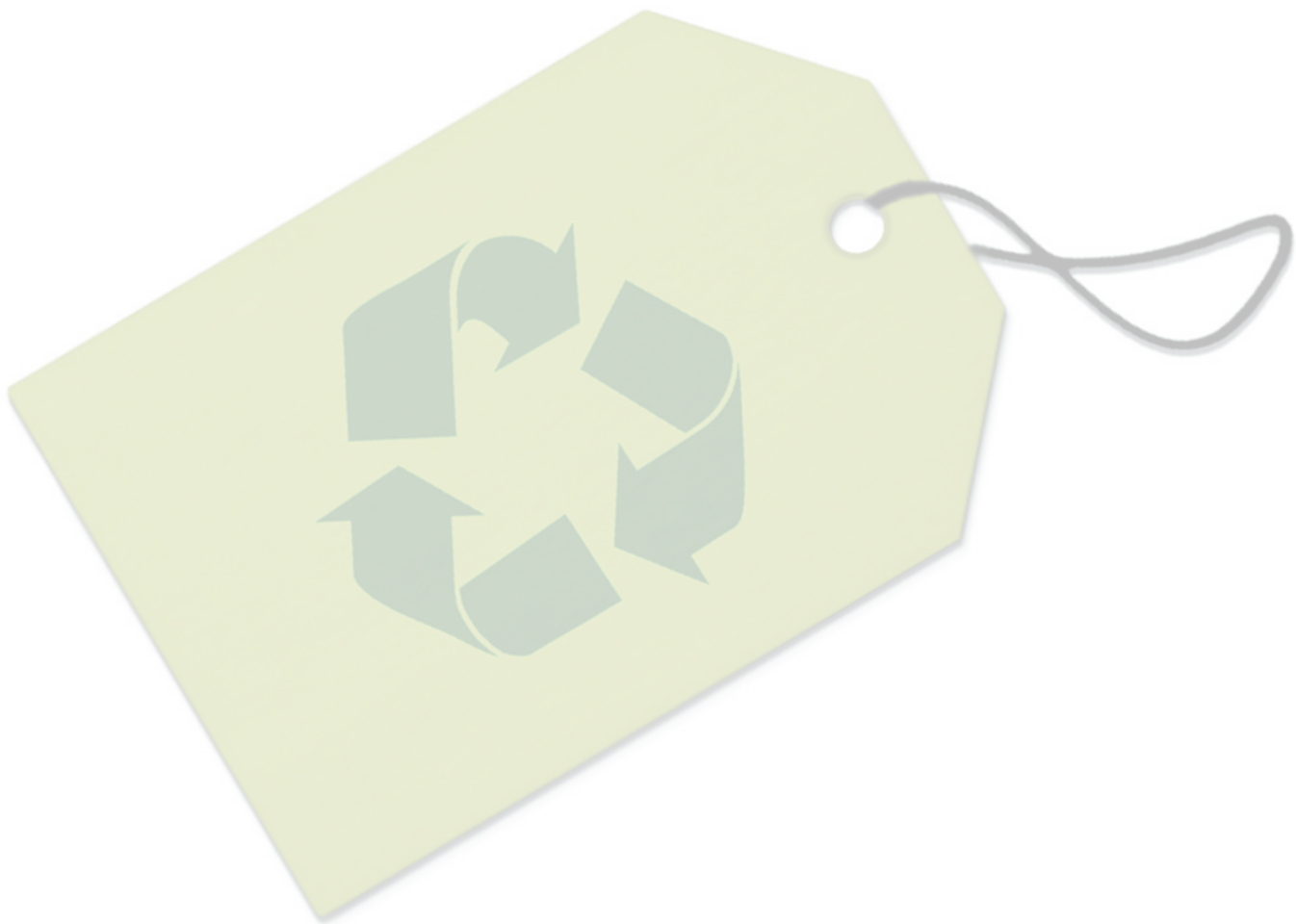
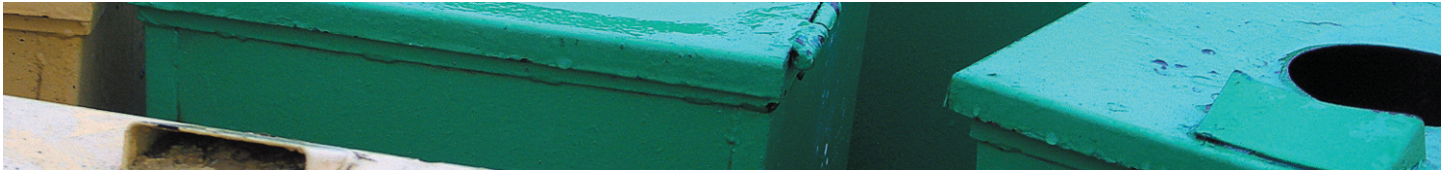


GLASGOW AND THE CLYDE VALLEY JOINT STRUCTURE PLAN
WASTE MANAGEMENT ISSUES REPORT 2008





Waste Management Issues Report 2008

The Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Structure Plan Joint Committee (GCVSPJC) published in October 2007 the Waste Management Issues Report.* The purpose of the report was to set out the key issues that relate to longer-term strategic waste management planning and their implications for future waste management facilities at a strategic level in light of the new requirement for Strategic Development Plan (SDP).

The Planning etc (Scotland) Act 2006 has set out the requirement to replace structure plans in the four main city regions of Scotland with SDPs. In 2005 the Scottish Executive stated in Modernising the Planning System the intention that a SDP “will concentrate on an overview of genuinely strategic issues which cross council boundaries, for specified groups of authorities” and that they will be “brief, clear and more focussed than structure plans”.

The Issues Report outlined the current and future trends in waste arisings and population for the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley area, along with the views of the waste industry and the current land-use and waste planning policy context at national and regional level. The document also outlined the proposed facilities for the area to be provided through the Strategic Waste Fund. The Issues Report was based upon discussion on four broad themes:

- Strategic Landfill Capacity
- Strategic Waste Management Facilities
- Site Selection Factors
- Monitoring

The Joint Committee received a number of responses to the Issues Report. These responses will assist the Joint Committee in developing its first SDP particularly with regard to promoting the strategic long-term framework of waste management facilities across the metropolitan area.

However, on 24th January 2008 the Rural Affairs and the Environment Cabinet Secretary Richard Lockhead outlined the Scottish Government’s plans for a zero waste Scotland, which has rejected the option of low efficiency incineration for municipal waste favouring instead revising the targets to increase recycling rates, reducing the use of landfill setting a cap on energy from waste of 25% and retaining the challenging target of stopping growth in municipal waste by 2010.

The new targets for municipal waste are as follows:

- The amount of municipal waste being recycled or composted is to be increased to 60% by 2020 and a new target of 70% by 2025
- Landfill from municipal waste is to be reduced to 5% by 2025, and no more than 25% of municipal waste is to be used to generate energy by 2025 and large, inefficient incinerators are to be rejected; and keeping the existing challenging target of stopping growth in municipal waste by 2010

This presents a significant change in the policy context which was presented in the Issues Report 2007 and changes the context for some of the Issues posed in the original document.

* www.gvcvcore.gov.uk/downloads/WasteManagementIssuesReport2007.pdf



Targets and Performance

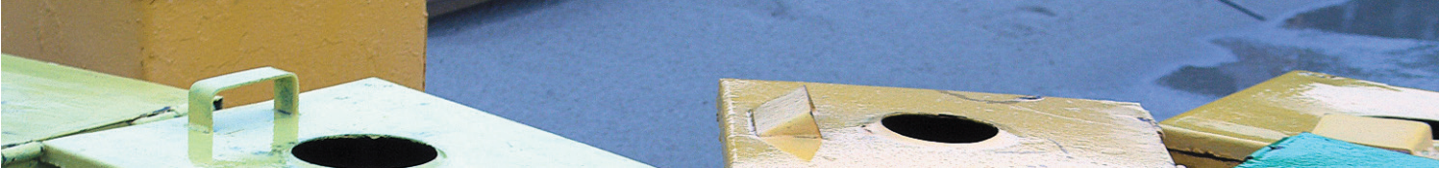
Table 1 below compares the new targets announced on 24th January 2008 with previous National Waste Plan (NWP) targets detailed in the Waste Issues Report, to highlight the significant shift in recovery and disposal methods and the associated implications for strategic and local land-use planning. NWP figures in brackets where available.

Table 1 2008 Ministerial targets and NWP targets				
Outcome	2010	2013	2020	2025
Recycled / Composted	40% (38%)	50% (47%)	60% (55%)	70%
Converted to Energy*	4% (7%)	14% (11%)	25% (14%)	25%
Landfilled	56% (55%)	36% (42%)	15% (31%)	5%
Total	100% (100%)	100% (100%)	100% (100%)	100%

The latest recycling / composting rate for municipal waste in Scotland, published by the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) is 30.5%, this is based on a rolling year performance for October 2006 to September 2007. **Table 2** outlines the GCVSPJC constituent authorities recycling performance.

Table 2 Recycling performance October 2006 – September 2007	
Local authority	% Municipal solid waste recycled / composted
East Dunbartonshire	33.7%
East Renfrewshire	33.4%
Glasgow City	17.6%
Inverclyde	20.9%
North Lanarkshire	29.2%
Renfrewshire	29.0%
South Lanarkshire	37.0%
West Dunbartonshire	32.8%
Total GCVSPJC	27.1%
Total Scotland	30.5%

* note: Caution should be used when comparing the percentages for **Converted to Energy**. Within the NWP, the 2020 figure of 14% for **Converted to Energy** alludes to the point that 14% of waste treated in Energy from Waste facilities will produce energy. It excludes the residues from these facilities which could be recycled, composted or landfilled. The actual figure of waste that may be treated in an EfW facility could be higher. Page 40 of the NWP refers to this point www.sepa.org.uk/nws/guidance/nwp.htm. The new figures announced by the Scottish Government have set a cap of no more than 25% of all municipal waste should be used to generate energy.



Issues

In light of the revised national policy context, the Joint Committee has thought it appropriate to consult on certain specific issues raised by the recent issues.

Q1

Are there any additional facilities which are required to achieve the new targets for recycling and composting?

Q2

Does the provision of such facilities have strategic or local significance?

Q3

Do you consider that the provision of smaller more efficient energy from waste plants such as combined heat and power plants or district heating, have strategic significance? If so, how should this be reflected in the SDP?

Q4

Do you have any suggestions for the potential sites for energy from waste plants where the efficiency of any facility can be maximised?

Your Comments

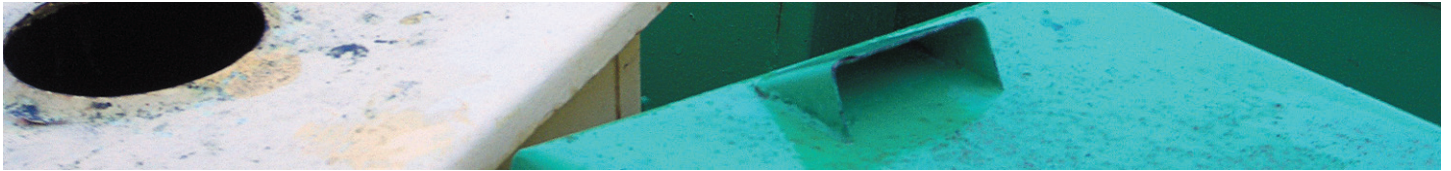
Your comments will guide the Joint Committee in deciding any changes that should be made to existing policies to promote a strategic framework of waste management facilities across the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley area, which is consistent with the Scottish Government's plans for a zero waste Scotland.

Any proposed changes to the current strategic management policy will be considered when formulating the first **Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Plan**.

All comments should be sent to

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Revised Timescale for the Issues Report

March 2008 - April 2008

Consultation with stakeholders

April 2008 - May 2008

Analysis of responses

June 2008

Production of summary of responses

June 2008 - September 2008

Discussion of issues by the Waste Strategy Area Group

December 2008

Joint Committee consideration of Strategic Waste Issues



