

Full Council

18 OCTOBER 2023

NOTICE OF MOTION 2 – RECYCLING RATES

Mover Councillor Crow and Seconder Councillor Hellier

This Council notes the Local Authority Waste Performance Statistics released by DEFRA in March 2023, showing the latest available household waste recycling data for the seven District and Borough Councils within West Sussex for three years from 2019/20. (Appendix A) This data shows Crawley having by far the lowest household waste percentage in West Sussex that is sent for recycling, having made little progress, and being one of only two local authorities to go backwards in 2021/22.

This Council also notes the letter sent by DEFRA to the Leader of Crawley Borough Council on 27 July 2017, that expresses concern about Crawley's low recycling rate and offers assistance, and his subsequent reply. (Appendix B)

This Council resolves to:

Publicly state its intent to be serious about improving Crawley's household waste recycling rate, aiming to reach a more equitable level with the six other waste collection local authorities in West Sussex, and in exploring options, seek learning from other local authorities and waste experts.

Request the Cabinet Member for Environmental Services and Climate Change, to set up and chair a cross-party member working group, to look at how household waste recycling rates in Crawley can be improved.

Appendix A

Percentage of Household Waste Sent for Recycling, Reuse or Composting (NI192)	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022
Adur District Council	36.59%	41.11%	41.43%
Arun District Council	42.84%	42.34%	42.62%
Chichester District Council	44.93%	44.50%	47.01%
Crawley Borough Council	30.27%	31.92%	31.39%
Horsham District Council	53.32%	53.52%	53.09%
Mid Sussex District Council	42.94%	41.75%	42.85%
Worthing Borough Council	39.96%	41.49%	43.63%

Appendix B



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Dr Thérèse Coffey MP
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State

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Cllr Peter Lamb
Leader, Crawley Borough Council

27th July 2017

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Dear Cllr Lamb,

Increasing household recycling is one of my key priorities as Minister responsible for waste management and one which I expect we both want to achieve. This sits alongside our UK obligation to recycle 50% of household waste by 2020 with future higher targets expected to be decided at EU level and with our long-term ambition to be one of the most resource efficient countries in the world.

I appreciate the significant role local authorities have played with increasing the amount of recycling in England, improving the amount of material recycled from around 10% to over 43% in the last 10 years. However, I am concerned to see that the most recent 'waste from households' recycling rate for Crawley Borough Council was 27.6% in 2015/16.

This does concern me greatly. I would be interested to understand any particular reasons or challenges your authority is facing locally with this? I am keen to hear where any particular issues have already been identified and future plans put in place to try and tackle this issue. It would be useful to know your contractual status, including when the last review was undertaken and when the next one is due. I would also be keen to know your plans or collaboration with other councils and your intentions to extend recycling.

My team would be very happy to discuss any of this with you. Please get in touch with them via [REDACTED]

I look forward to hearing from you,

[REDACTED]
DR THERESE COFFEY MP

Enc. List of recycling rates by council for 2015/16



From: Lamb, Peter
To:
Subject: RE: recycling rates
Date: 31 July 2017 12:21:25

Thank you for your letter. I will make sure to treat it with the same seriousness my letters to central government, on matters of great importance to my residents, have received from ministers in the past.

Regards,
Cllr Peter Lamb
Leader, Crawley Borough Council

From: EQ CAPS [EQCAPS@defra.gsi.gov.uk]
Sent: 31 July 2017 11:40
To: Lamb, Peter
Subject: recycling rates

Please find attached a letter from Thérèse Coffey MP Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for the Environment regarding the household recycling rate in your local authority.

If you have any questions about this letter please contact

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