



**Resources and Public Realm
Scrutiny Committee**
14 March 2019

**Report from the Director of
Performance, Policy and
Partnerships**

Recycling in flats

Wards Affected:	All
Key or Non-Key Decision:	Key
Open or Part/Fully Exempt:	Open
No. of Appendices:	0
Background Papers:	None
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1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1 The report provides clarification of the council's recycling service, current challenges with regards to increasing recycling and what steps are being taken to develop the best possible recycling service for our residents. It also provides clarification on the barriers to recycling in flats and the initiatives that are being undertaken to increase recycling in these properties

2.0 Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee are to note and comment on the contents of the report.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 The report details recycling rates achieved since the new Veolia contract in 2014/15. Comparisons are shown with other London Boroughs within the West London Waste Authority for 2017/18 only.

- 3.2 There are a number of challenges to recycling such as the high proportion of blocks of flats, the transient nature of living, English not being a first language, and difficulties of access for residents living in flats above shops.
- 3.3 Whilst the recycling rates vary across the 6 West London Boroughs, the demographics and housing stock of our comparators are vastly different. Only Hounslow has a similar issue in terms of high turnover of residents, language challenges and a high proportion of residents living in blocks of flats.
- 3.4 The report looks at solutions to these barriers and also production of Reduction and Recycling Plan to be ready by Dec 2019 GLA sign-off.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 As set out in the report

5.0 Legal Implications

- 5.1 As set out in the report

6.0 Equality Implications

- 6.1 As set out in the report

REPORT SIGN-OFF

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