

REPORT TO:	FULL COUNCIL
Date:	15/03/2023
OUTSIDE BODY:	DEVON AUTHORITIES STRATEGIC WASTE COMMITTEE
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1 ACTIVITY

- 1.1 The committee met 3 times and I attended all of them, one virtually and two in person.

2 PURPOSE

- 2.1 To promote sustainable, cost effective and efficient service delivery through a shared approach to resource and waste management in Devon. To develop, implement and review resource and waste strategy action plan for Devon. To share resources where possible having due regard for economies of scale. To develop and implement behaviour change and education initiatives.
- 2.2 It is working towards a reduction in residual waste and improved recycling rates so has an impact both on the environment and on improving services to residents and businesses.

3 ACHIEVEMENTS

- 3.1 Where waste and recycling advisors have been deployed there has been positive feedback though it is difficult to assess whether they made any significant difference to , but then there are only 3 of them for the whole of Devon.
An analysis of residual waste undertaken this year has identified that food waste is still a major problem; there was an underspend on the previous Clean Devon campaign so that money will be deployed in a campaign to stop people throwing food waste in their black bins.
Devon remains one of the highest performing Waste Disposal Authorities in England. Progress from the different districts towards an aligned service varies: in North Devon we are fairly closely aligned although there is progress still to be made.

4 THE FUTURE

- 4.1 It is slow progress, but it is progress, and strengthens the co-operation between the members of 'Team Devon'.

4.2 It is certainly worth continuing to appoint to DASWC: the ultimate aim would be to have a consistent approach to waste and recycling collections across Devon so close liaison with other authorities is useful.