

Appendix 6 – Medway's performance data.

1. Background

- 1.1. National indicators (NI's) are the nationally recognised method for measuring waste performance, bringing together waste data from across all of Medway's waste collection and waste treatment services.
- 1.2. NI's follow a financial year reporting cycle April to March. (Full guidance on NI calculation methodology included in Appendix 4).

2. Circular Economy Package

- 2.1. Under the Circular Economy Package (adopted into UK law), the UK is committed to:
 - 2.1.1. Achieving national recycling rates of:
 - 2.1.1.1. 50% by 2020 (*target missed; England achieved ~44%*)
 - 2.1.1.2. 60% by 2030
 - 2.1.1.3. 65% by 2035
 - 2.1.2. Sending No more than 10% of municipal waste should be sent to landfill by 2035.
- 2.2. These targets apply to the UK as a whole. While there are currently no direct financial or legal penalties for local authorities, councils such as Medway are expected to contribute toward meeting these national goals.

3. Environmental Targets (Residual Waste) (England) Regulations 2023

- 3.1. These regulations set a legally binding target to halve residual waste per person by 2042, limiting it to 287 kg per head of population in England. Residual waste includes waste sent to landfill, incineration, or energy recovery (including exports).

4. Net Zero and Building Back Greener Policy

- 4.1. The UK Government is consulting on the near elimination of biodegradable waste to landfill from 2028.
- 4.2. The Environmental Targets and recycling goals are expected to be achieved through three key waste policy reforms under the Environment Act:
 - 4.2.1. Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR): Producers of packaging will cover the full net cost of disposal, with funds passed on to Local Authorities to invest in waste services.
 - 4.2.2. Deposit Return Scheme (DRS): A deposit charged at point of sale for drinks containers, refunded when returned via reverse vending machines.
 - 4.2.3. Simpler Recycling (formerly Consistency in Recycling): Ensures all households can recycle the same core set of materials, though collection methods may differ.

5. Medway Performance April 2024 to March 2025

5.1. The audited performance rates for 2024/25 will not be released by Defra until Quarter 4 2025/26 but the expected results are detailed in Table 1.

Table 1 – Expected NI results		
Performance Indicator	Expected result	Movement on previous year
NI 191 - KGs of residual household waste per household.	594 KGs	Up by 5 KGs
NI 192 - Percentage of household waste sent for reuse, recycling or composting.	37.2%	Down 0.4 percentage points
NI 193 - Percentage of municipal waste sent to landfill.	1.6%	Up by 1.5 percentage points

6. Medway NI192 rate as a proportion across services

6.1. Table 2 below details the input to Medway's NI192 recycling rate by service for the FY 2024/25 compared to the previous FY.

Table 2 - NI192 by reuse, recycling and composting service		
Service	2023-24	2024-25
Kerbside garden & food waste	18.8%	18.2%
Kerbside MDR (white bag/clear sack)	10.2%	10.1%
HWRC recycling	2.6%	2.9%
Kerbside paper/card (blue bag)	3.3%	3.2%
Other recycling	2.2%	2.4%
Bring bank recycling	0.5%	0.5%
Total NI192 recycling rate	37.6%	37.2%

7. Historic National Indicators

7.1. Table 3 below details performance across all three national indicators over 10 years against local targets:

Table 3 - Medway NI performance against targets						
Financial year	NI 191		NI192		NI193	
	Residual household waste per household (KG's)		Reuse, Recycling & composting (%)		Municipal waste landfilled (%)	
	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target
2015/16	628	650	42.70%	44.00%	11.10%	19.00%
2016/17	630	650	42.80%	45.00%	10.40%	19.00%
2017/18	617	650	42.80%	46.00%	9.50%	11.90%
2018/19*	622	650	42.80%	38.00%	10.80%	11.90%
2019/20	567	650	46.00%	38.00%	4.00%	11.90%
2020/21	623	650	41.80%	38.00%	1.70%	11.90%
2021/22	624	650	40.50%	38.00%	1.50%	11.90%

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Financial year	NI 191		NI192		NI193	
	Residual household waste per household (KG's)		Reuse, Recycling & composting (%)		Municipal waste landfilled (%)	
2022/23	600	650	36.60%	38.00%	0.10%	11.90%
2023/24	589	650	37.60%	38.00%	0.10%	11.90%
2024/25**	594	650	37.20%	38.00%	1.60%	11.90%

**Adjusted NI192 target following a change in reporting*

***** Data 2024/25 due for release Quarter 4 2025/26 and is therefore predicted***