

# WASTE

To reduce the carbon impact from our waste activities, Dorset must work towards creating a more sustainable and efficient circular economy. This means reducing the amount of waste we produce by keeping resources in use for as long as possible and recovering and reusing products and materials wherever we can.

As the body responsible for household waste in the county, Dorset Council is in a strong position to help facilitate this change through direct, indirect, and influential initiatives.

After detailed evidence and information gathering exercises, led by the EAP and carried out by officer working groups, it has been recommended that the Council **implement the following 20 actions** in relation to Waste.

Milestones have been identified for each action. This plan shows the immediate targets we will need to achieve by 2023 to keep us on track.

Find definitions for each of the symbols used in this plan in the...  [SYMBOL KEY](#)



# ACTION PLAN: Waste



OBJECTIVE	ACTION TYPE	CO <sub>2</sub> SAVING POTENTIAL	CO-BENEFITS	COST	
<b>Become a low Waste Council by 2040</b>	<b>D I P</b>				
ACTIONS					2021-23 TARGET
Continue to work towards our commitment to become single-use plastic-free & eliminate the use of all single life products	<b>D I P</b>				All possible <b>single use plastic removed</b> from Council premises <b>by Sept 2022</b>
Increase scope of Single-Use Plastic Team to include non-recyclable products.	<b>D I P</b>				Plan to remove non – recyclable products implemented <b>by Dec 2022</b>
Carry out internal waste audits across our operations & create waste reduction plan supported by targeted campaigns	<b>D I P</b>				<b>10 x audits</b> completed + <b>Waste reduction plans</b> in place & implemented <b>by Dec 2022</b>
Work with Council tenants and concessions to reduce food waste and promote less packaging	<b>D I P</b>				Future target <b>beyond 2023</b>
Develop campaigns to minimise waste by Dorset Council staff e.g. Reuse incoming packaging to Dorset Council, such as boxes for outgoing orders and envelopes for sending internal mail, cancel subscriptions, reduce printing etc	<b>D I P</b>				<b>Communications</b> developed + <b>Information</b> disseminated <b>by Mar 2022</b>

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ACTIONS	2021-23 TARGET				
<p>Ensure Dorset Council waste is minimised through procurement e.g. Investigate potential for Dorset Council suppliers to take back packaging, or using reusable packaging systems</p>	<p>D I P</p>				<p><b>Waste minimisation</b> included in procurement guidance <b>by Mar 2022</b></p>
<p>Ensure all reusable furniture is donated</p>	<p>D I P</p>				<p>Facilities to ensure all <b>reusable furniture is donated from Dec 2021</b></p>
<p>Develop waste policy based on audit findings</p>	<p>D I P</p>				<p><b>DC Waste Policy developed</b> from audit findings <b>by Sept 2022</b></p>
<p>Develop waste communications plan and provide containers for all DC staff &amp; buildings</p>	<p>D I P</p>				<p><b>Communications plan developed</b> + <b>Containers installed</b> at DC buildings <b>by Sept 2022</b></p>

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<p><b>Support the transition to a Circular Economy in Dorset</b></p>	<p>D I P</p>				
ACTIONS					2021-23 TARGET
<p>Carry out scenario modelling for waste collection and treatment options in order to establish appropriate waste infrastructure to support the circular economy</p>	<p>D I P</p>				<p><b>Scenario modelling completed</b> with recommendations submitted to Cabinet by Dec 2022</p>
<p>Implement findings of scenario modelling</p>	<p>D I P</p>				<p><b>Site search</b> of relevant infrastructure completed by Dec 2023</p>
<p>Liaise with Waste Services on planning any major developments</p>	<p>D I P</p>				<p><b>Links to waste services</b> included in planning department process by Dec 2021</p>
<p>Lobby Government over the amount of plastic packaging and lack of action by retailers and supermarkets</p>	<p>D I P</p>				<p><b>Lobby paper presented</b> to government in 2021</p>
<p>Provide practical advice on the adoption of a circular economy</p>	<p>D I P</p>				<p><b>Advice provided</b> by Dec 2022</p>

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<b>Reduce the amount of waste produced in Dorset</b>	D I P				
ACTIONS					2021-23 TARGET
Develop targeted campaigns to reduce the amount of waste produced in Dorset and increase recycling and reuse	D I P				<b>Programme updated &amp; initiated by Dec 2021</b>
Develop targeted campaign to reduce, re-use and recycle commercial and industrial waste	D I P				<b>Approach agreed by Dec 2021 + campaign underway in 2022</b>
Improve recycling facilities and waste infrastructure in line with outcomes of scenario modelling and reviewed waste policy	D I P				<b>Future action beyond 2023</b>

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<b>Encourage greater re-use of waste in Dorset</b>	D I P				
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Explore the development of repair cafes and library of things.	D I P				<b>Budget allocated and staff in place for 2 year project by March 2022</b>

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<b>Reduce emissions from waste fleet</b>	<b>D</b> <b>I</b> <b>P</b>				
<b>ACTIONS</b>					<b>2021-23 TARGET</b>
Work with fleet manager to reduce emissions from waste collection vehicles, through route optimisation	<b>D</b> <b>I</b> <b>P</b>				<p><b>Plan initiated by Dec 2021</b></p> <p><b>Reduction target established &amp; monitored from Dec 2021</b></p>
<b>Reduce Littering &amp; Fly tipping</b>	<b>D</b> <b>I</b> <b>P</b>				
<b>ACTIONS</b>					<b>2021-23 TARGET</b>
Continue to work with the Police, Environment Agency & community groups to reduce littering & fly tipping	<b>D</b> <b>I</b> <b>P</b>				<p><b>Meetings held with Police / EA &amp; community groups by Dec 2021</b></p>

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