

## 58424 Waste Management Performance

I am currently reviewing waste management performance within Scottish local authorities and would like to obtain further information on the City of Edinburgh Council's waste management activities and recent performance.

Specifically, I am interested in:

The most recent waste and recycling performance data (e.g., recycling rate, landfill diversion, and residual waste per household or capita).

This information is published on The Scottish Environment Protection Agency's (SEPA) website at:

<https://www.sepa.org.uk/environment/waste/waste-data/waste-data-reporting/household-waste-data/>

Any recent reports, strategies, or updates related to waste management or recycling initiatives within the Council.

All reports are published on our website. The Transport and Environment Committee is the most relevant one for most waste-related reports -

<https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=136&Year=0>

In this context, a recent report dated 11/09/2025 may be of particular interest, but other reports may also be relevant.

The report of 11/09/2025 is at:

<https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=136&MId=7653&Ver=4>

Please refer to 'Item 8.5 – Comparison of recycling rates in UK cities'

In particular, the Communal Bin Review (below) regularly reports to this Committee.

Our Waste Management Strategy is also published on our website at:

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/recycling-3/waste-strategy>

A new strategy is under development. Other pages on the Bins and Recycling pages may also be of interest at:

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/bins-recycling>

Details on any ongoing or planned projects supported by the Recycling Improvement Fund or similar programmes.

The Council has received two allocations from the Recycling Improvement Fund.

The Communal Bin Review is on-going (<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/bins-recycling/communal-bin-review>). This reports regularly to the Transport and Environment Committee as above. The funding was for £8.5 million, co-funded by £3.2 million from the Council to deliver an updated household recycling and waste collection service to approximately 120,000 households living in flats. The funding has been used to deliver fully integrated recycling and waste bin hubs, purchase and refurbishment of bins, roadworks associated with the installation of bin corrals, communication materials, procurement of

electric bin lorries, fill level sensors on bins and other costs associated with delivering the project.

The Council also received an allocation of £19,000 to carry out works at one waste transfer station. This was for the purchase of additional storage containers and the laying of hard standing to allow the Council to introduce the Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) recycling service at the three household waste recycling centres. The transfer station acts as a bulking facility to consolidate the EPS from the three sites before onward transfer to the reprocessor. This has been delivered.