

Vale of Glamorgan Outcome Agreement 2013-2016: End of Year Report 2013/14

Strategic Themes	Selected Outcome Areas	Links to Corporate Plan Priorities	Lead	Local Authority Evaluation		Page
1. Growth and sustainable jobs: Supporting the economy and business	Supporting the local economy	Improving skills, knowledge and opportunities Maximising opportunities	Rob Thomas	Fully successful: 2 points	Fully successful 2 points	5
				Partially successful: 1 point		
				Unsuccessful: 0 points		
2. Education: Improving school attainment	Increasing school achievement	Improving attainment and attendance in our schools and learning centres Meeting the diverse needs of learners	Jennifer Hill	Fully successful: 2 points	Fully successful 2 points	8
				Partially successful: 1 point		
				Unsuccessful: 0 points		
3. Twenty-first century health care: Ensuring people receive the help they need to live fulfilled lives	Improving the lives of older people	Supporting older people to maintain their independence	Phil Evans	Fully successful: 2 points	Partially successful 1 point	13
				Partially successful: 1 point		
				Unsuccessful: 0 points		
4. Welsh homes/supporting people: Improving quality	Improving social housing	Maximising opportunities	Miles Punter	Fully successful: 2 points	Fully successful 2 points	16
				Partially successful: 1 point		
				Unsuccessful: 0 points		
5. Environment and sustainability/rural communities: Living within environmental limits and acting on climate change	Reducing landfill	Protecting and maintaining the environment Sustaining vibrant communities	Miles Punter	Fully successful: 2 points	Fully successful 2 points	18
				Partially successful: 1 point		
				Unsuccessful: 0 points		
Total score (Outcomes section)					9 points	

Score (Outcomes section)	8 – 10	6 or 7	4 or 5	Less than 4
Grant value (70%)	Full payment	75% payment	50% payment	No payment

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In areas where the Council has not achieved its actions and targets, the administration has agreed to undertake closer scrutiny and to take proactive action to ensure that these are achieved in 2014/15.

1. Supporting the local economy

The intended outcomes for the year have been fully achieved. Through access to current and future regeneration projects and investors we are contributing towards prosperity and overall wellbeing of residents in communities within the Vale through increased training and employment opportunities specifically targeting support at young people and adults who are not in employment, education or training (NEET). As a result we have seen the number of NEET young people reduce from 4.3% to 3.8%. Similarly there continues to be an increase in the take up of Work Programme and Communities First employment related training opportunities leading to more clients securing employment on completion.

Emphasis on the development and successful delivery of a comprehensive annual events calendar has contributed to an increase in visitor numbers to Council led or supported events and increased tourist visits to the Vale overall.

2. Increasing school achievement

We have been fully successful in achieving our intended outcomes for the year. Rapid progress has been made to increase Key Stage 3 performance, particularly in relation to the Core Subject Indicator. Improvement has been made with all 6 measures of Key Stage 3 performance and the rate of improvement on all six measures is above that of Wales. We are

now in the top 4 performing authorities in Wales at Key Stage 3 which provides a good basis for further improvement.

The Council's Work Programme continues to make a positive contribution in progressing NEET young people into employment. 29 of the 32 NEET referrals to the programme during the year were job starts. Since 2011 the programme has seen 160 NEET young people referred, 60 of whom have entered employment.

The Annual NEETS Statistical release shows that the Vale has consistently sustained a reduction in its NEET percentage rate over the last 5 years.

3. Improving the lives of older people

Our intended outcomes for the year have been partially achieved. Errors during the target setting process have meant that some targets have been vastly exceeded, whilst some have missed the target set by some margin.

During the year, there was an 8% increase in the number of adults supported to live at home, contributing to the Council's aim to help people maintain their independence for longer.

There has been further investment in re-ablement services, enabling more individuals to attain greater levels of independence.

4. Improving social housing

Our achievements against this objective have exceeded expectations. Targets have all been met and, in some cases, have been significantly exceeded.

All WHQS works are on track with the internal works progressing well. Tenant satisfaction has increased across all framework contractors due to improved site management and better communication with tenants that are receiving the work. Contractors continue to support the Council in terms of its community investment objective relating to apprenticeships and local labour. Internal improvements such as new boiler systems have improved the overall SAP rating of Council owned properties.

5. Reducing landfill

We have been successful in achieving our intended outcomes for the year. The majority of improvement actions are either completed, or are on track for completion.

The Council achieved the Welsh Government's (WG) Statutory Recycling Target (SRT) for combined recycling of 54% a year in advance of the deadline of 2014/15. All other performance data demonstrates that the Vale is making progress in meeting its statutory landfill diversion and recycling targets.

	Sources of Evidence Used in the Agreement*							
	Performance indicators	Satisfaction data	Socioeconomic, environmental and demographic statistics	Service usage levels	Audit, regulatory and inspection findings	Recognition by an acknowledged external award or accreditation scheme	Completion of a project or programme	Introduction of a new means of service access or delivery
1. Supporting the local economy	√	√		√				
2. Increasing school achievement	√		√	√	√		√	√
3. Improving the lives of older people	√	√	√	√			√	
4. Improving social housing	√	√		√				
5. Reducing landfill	√						√	√

Strategic theme: Growth and sustainable jobs	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Broad Outcome: Supporting the Economy and Business	Outcome 1: Supporting the local economy
Why are we focussing on this outcome? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To exploit the Vale's coast and countryside with particular emphasis on tourism and visitor facilities as well as increasing footfall as a result of events. ▪ To tackle the underlying causes of deprivation by developing opportunities for individuals and businesses. 	What will success look like? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Increased private sector investment ▪ Increased and more sustainable employment opportunities ▪ Sustainable and diversified businesses in the rural Vale. ▪ Increased confidence in those needing support into work ▪ Increased visitor numbers ▪ Increased footfall at organised events

Measures and targets	Target 2013/14	Performance March 2014
How much did we do?		
Number of Communities First clients completing employment-related courses	100	89
Number of Work Programme clients completing employment-related courses	80	90
Number of farming diversification projects supported	5	5
Number of rural tourism businesses advised	70	76
How well did we do it?		
Number of Work Programme clients securing employment	200	219
Number of Communities First clients entering employment	12	14
Number of Communities First clients who report feeling more confident about seeking employment	70	137

Number of new products/services supported to be launched in the rural Vale	6	14
Number of local individuals gaining training and employment through targeted recruitment and training in council construction projects	20 FTE	48 FTE
Number of visitors to Council led or supported events	90,000	100,000
Is anyone better off?		
Percentage of 16-18 year olds who are not in education employment or training (NEET)	4.3%	3.8%
Number of visitors to the Vale of Glamorgan for tourism purposes (as measured by the STEAM survey)	3.2 million	3.7 million
Story behind the data?		
<p>In order to further maximise opportunities for employment for local people and communities, we have integrated the Work Programme and Communities First into our Economic Development Unit. Through access to current and future regeneration projects and investors we are contributing towards prosperity and overall wellbeing of residents in targeted communities within the Vale through increased training and employment opportunities. Also, by targeting support to those who are not in employment, education or training (NEET) we have seen the number of NEET young people reduce. Similarly there continues to be an increase in the take up of Work Programme and Communities First employment related training opportunities leading to more clients securing employment on completion. More clients also reported feeling confident about seeking employment following support.</p> <p>Although we reported slightly less Community First clients completing employment related courses, in practice we succeeded in working with 183 participants on our Prosperity projects in 2013/14 which mainly involve supporting such clients to find work. This included employment skills development training which has not been included within the figure reported. Furthermore, the performance reported is not a full year's data as we were a new programme and not fully functional until September 2013 so there is scope for further improvement in 2014/15.</p> <p>The Council recognises the importance of events-based tourism in facilitating economic development and has invested in creating and sustaining an annual events programme in order to attract more visitors to the Vale outside tourism areas and the season. Whilst this approach continues to be successful as seen by increasing visitor numbers to council supported events and overall tourism numbers for the Vale, the Council is keen to see further development of its events program to include more national events in order to raise our profile and to secure funding for future years, particularly in light of continuing budget pressures and the need</p>		

to make efficiency savings.

2013/14 Actions	Result/benefit	Progress update
None		

Areas for improvement		Deadline
1	Increase the number of Communities First clients entering employment by improving the delivery of employment related courses.	2014/15

Areas of collaboration	
1	Communities First collaborates with a numerous of local and national organisations including Job Centre Plus, Jobs Growth Wales, WEA, Cardiff Communities First Cluster, Cardiff & Vale CAB, Cardiff & Vale Collage, Vale CSV, TPAS Cymru, Cardiff and Vale Public Health team, Pubic Heath Wales and Newydd Housing to provide services in response to the needs of targeted communities within the Vale.
2	The South East Wales Group involves 10 local authorities working collaboratively on a number of Opportunities for funding and tourism projects. Collaboration at the regional level involving all Welsh local authorities, Visit Wales and CRT Officers is currently being reviewed following Capital Regional Tourism being brought in-house by Welsh Government.

Strategic theme: Education	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Broad Outcome: Improving school attainment	Outcome 2: Increasing school achievement
Why are we focussing on this outcome? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To increase levels of school attainment of children and young people in the Vale of Glamorgan ▪ To raise standards in schools, particularly in Key Stages 2 and 3. ▪ The attainment of children and young people in the Vale of Glamorgan is of vital importance to the local economy and business and drives growth and supports sustainable employment. High levels of attainment are associated with higher levels of well-being. Our clear ambition is that educational outcomes in the Vale of Glamorgan are the best in Wales and match those of the most successful authorities in England with similar socio-economic profiles. 	What will success look like? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Success will be reflected in levels of attainment on a range of educational outcomes that are consistently the best in Wales. ▪ These measures will reflect further success in 'closing the gap' so that children and young people from disadvantaged groups make accelerated progress and that few become NEET. ▪ Levels of school attendance will be high. ▪ Inspection judgments will reflect the improvements that schools have made.

Measures and targets	Target 2013/14 (academic year 12/13)	Performance March 2014 (academic year 12/13)
How much did we do?		
The number of NEETs who are in contact with the NEET support officers.	40	109
How well did we do it?		
CSI KS3: The percentage of pupils assessed at the end of Key Stage 3 in schools maintained by the local authority, achieving the Core Subject Indicator, as determined by Teacher Assessment.	83.0%	83.0%

KS3 RWM in combination: Percentage of all pupils at Key Stage 3, achieving in Reading, Writing and Mathematics (RWM) in combination.	76.0%	76.3%
The percentage achieving the level 2+ threshold.	55.0%	55.4%
The percentage of all pupils in any LA maintained school, aged 15 as at the preceding 31 August who leave compulsory education training or work based learning without an approved external qualification.	0.2%	0.0%
The percentage of year 11 pupils that continue in full time education	85%	92.7%
The number of year 11 pupils known not to be in education, training or work based learning (NEET)	65	63
The number of year 12/13 pupils known not to be in education, training or work-based learning (NEET)	120	39
Is anyone better off?		
Percentage of 16-24 year olds who are in education, employment or training	80%	95.68% ¹
Percentage of schools judged good or better by Estyn	86%	79%
Percentage of pupil attendance in secondary schools	92.63%	93.38%
The percentage of young people formerly looked after with whom the authority is in contact, who are known to be engaged in education, training or employment at the age of 19.	50.0%	44.4%
Story behind the data?		
<p>In 2013 rapid progress has been made to increase Key Stage 3 performance, particularly in relation to the Core Subject Indicator. Improvement has been made with all 6 measures of Key Stage 3 performance and the rate of improvement on all six measures is above that of Wales. We are now in the top 4 performing authorities in Wales at Key Stage 3 which provides a good basis for further improvement. In 2014 standards continued to improve further at level 5+, 6+ and 7+ along with similar improvements in Foundation Phase and Key Stage 2. Improvements in Key Stage 3 now form firm foundations upon which to secure further improvement in Key Stage 4.</p> <p>Improvement in standards in Key Stage 3 has been a key priority for the Council. Challenge Advisers and Council Officers have</p>		

¹ This figure is for 16-18 year olds. The Council does not collect data post 18.

worked closely with school leadership teams to secure the required improvements. The Council's Key Stage 3 Improvement Strategy and implementation of the School Support Programme over time has also helped schools achieve performance improvements. Schools' Governing Bodies have been supported to set challenging targets which have also helped provide focus to the improvement work of schools.

14 schools were inspected last year from May 2013 to July 2014. Each school therefore represents approximately 7%. One school failed to secure Good or Better judgements. The reason Estyn gave for the school receiving a poor inspection result was that inspection team had been presented with a unique situation where Union activity and advice given to staff (which was later found to be incorrect) prevented teachers giving certain documents to the inspection team. Had this school secured the expected grades then our target of 86% would have been achieved. The Council is working proactively with this school to improve Estyn judgements. Of the 14 schools inspected 7.1% secured the highest Excellent judgement for Performance and Provision. 14.3% secured an Excellent award for the quality of its leadership.

The shortfall in performance of formerly Looked After Children who are known to be engaged in education, training or employment at the age of 19 relates to a small cohort of young people (27). Whilst every effort is made to keep in contact with this cohort, we are not always successful. We continue to engage and support this group to access appropriate training, education and employment opportunities to meet their needs.

The reduction of the number of young people NEET in the Vale of Glamorgan is a long term priority for the Council. As part of the Youth Engagement & Progression Framework (YEPF) the Council is committed to ensure the reduction of young people NEET is sustained through positive engagement.

The recent introduction of the YEPF has ensured that there is a closer relationship between Careers Wales and the Council and the understanding of data has been a crucial element of this. The Council will continue to challenge Careers Wales on data and ensure that they are doing all that is possible to support schools with the Common Application Process and enable the delivery of the Youth Guarantee which will enable all young people to access a further education course, placement or work based learning offer at 16. This will contribute further to reducing the numbers of NEET at age 16 and 18. The recently piloted Early Identification tool will be used across the Vale to identify those young people who most at risk of becoming NEET. In partnership with secondary schools the Education service will ensure provision is available to meet young people's needs and is brokered which will be a preventative intervention for those identified at risk.

The Annual NEETS Statistical release gives a comparison of NEET figures based on the Schools Destination Survey conducted by Careers Wales. The Vale of Glamorgan has consistently sustained a reduction in its NEET percentage rate over the last 5 years. The Council has engaged in several noteworthy initiatives over the last 12 months. The sustained use of WG Youth Support Revenue grants to support youth work in 5 secondary schools. Youth workers have been engaged in the motivation of young people by improving attitudes and behaviours. The establishment of pre vocational courses for year 10 students with CAVC using 14-19 funding, in which young people have been doing taster courses in motor mechanics, construction, catering hospitality, and aircraft service support. Young people have also been engaged in SWEET courses (Success with Education Employment and Training). The flexible start dates to fast forward courses has increased number of young NEET people entering courses. The Job Centre Plus partnership with Careers Wales, Vibe Experience and the Youth Service have provided mobile NEET clinics to young people in the rural Vale. Young people were invited to surgeries where careers advisors, JCP staff and CAVC staff attended to give Information Advice and Guidance (IAG) in opportunities available to them.

The Council's Work Programme has contributed to progressing NEET young people into employment. Of the 32 NEET referrals to the programme during the year 29 had been job starts. Since 2011 the programme has seen 160 NEET young people referred, 60 of whom have entered employment.

The Council is also working in partnership with local training providers to establish a Princess Trust Volunteer Programme from September 2014, and to offer young people taster vocational course via scheme called Spring Board in partnership with CAVC, Adult Community Learning and Careers Wales.

The NEETs (YEPF) strategic group continues to strengthen partnership work to ensure that services are created where there are gaps and that lead workers are aware of these services. For example a Princess Trust Volunteer programme is being developed to start in July 2014 in partnership with Youth Services, and a local training provider People Business Wales, and flexible start dates are in negotiation with CAVC as a progression route. Additionally Mobile Youth Support Services will be available in the rural Vale via a contract from Job Centre Plus to increase the engagement of unemployed young people through media and detached methodologies.

2013/14 Actions	Result/benefit	Progress update
None		

Areas for improvement		Deadline
1	Improvements have been made in standards of Reading, Writing and Mathematics at Key Stage 3 for the 2012/13 academic year, ranking the Vale third in Wales for both English and Mathematics. Further improvement is expected through implementation of the Key Stage 3 Improvement Strategy.	End of August 2014 when comparative data is available.
2	There is a need to further target improvements and specific schools in order to ensure improved inspection judgements.	2014/15
3	Work with our partners to reduce the number of pupils who leave school and are known to not be continuing in education, employment or training, particularly at Year 11.	2014/15

Areas of collaboration	
1	The Engagement and Progression Framework is being developed with education services, training providers and youth support services.
2	The Council works with Careers Wales to provide services to young people who are not in education, employment or training.
3	The Council commissions the Central South Consortium Joint Education Service to provide a range of School Improvement services.

Strategic theme: 21 st Century health care	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Broad Outcome: Ensuring people receive the help they need to live fulfilled lives	Outcome 3: Improving the lives of older people
Why are we focussing on this outcome? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There are evident inequalities in health in the Vale of Glamorgan, which disproportionately affect the most deprived communities. ▪ The Communities First areas in the Vale of Glamorgan, Gibbonsdown and Court and Castleland fall within the 10% most deprived areas in Wales. ▪ The area's population aged 45+ is increasing more quickly than in both Wales and the UK. 	What will success look like? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ People's independence and healthy living are promoted and sustained for as long as possible. ▪ People are able to make informed choices about their lives. ▪ Older people are encouraged to maintain and regain skills and capacities for independent living. ▪ Vulnerable adults are healthy and safeguarded from harm. ▪ People are valued and treated fairly in an inclusive way. ▪ People in deprived areas have healthier lifestyles and improved life expectancy. People are well informed about benefits and financial choices. ▪ People across all areas of the Vale are better able to access information and services that promote good physical and emotional health.

Measures and targets	Target 2013/14	Performance March 2014
How much did we do?		
Number of new telecare users	100	250
Rate per 1,000 population of over 65's who have had a UA assessment	95	43.6

Rate per 1,000 population of over 65's who have had an OT assessment.	40	32.4
Number of people over 65 who are clients of social services who are provided with benefits advice.	125	1,942
How well did we do it?		
The number of telecare installations completed with one calendar month.	75	225
Percentage of complaints received by, or on behalf of, people over 65, which have resulted in service modification or improvement.	50%	75%
The average number of calendar days taken to deliver a Disabled Facilities Grant	326 days	284 days
Is anyone better off?		
Number of adult service users receiving a direct payment	110	122
Percentage of adult protection referrals where the risk has been managed	95%	100%
Percentage of community supported clients receiving 20 or more hours of care per week	20%	18.1%
Story behind the data?		
<p>The targets relating to assessments for OT and UA were miscalculated. Additional resources have been made available to the OT team to improve the number of assessments completed and the response times.</p> <p>During the year, there was an 8% increase in the number of adults supported to live at home, contributing to the Council's aim to help people maintain their independence for longer.</p> <p>There has been further investment in re-ablement services, enabling more individuals to attain greater levels of independence.</p> <p>The reduction in the number of days taken to deliver a DFG has exceeded the target and work continues to further improve this response time.</p> <p>We have ensured that individuals have had a timely response when requesting support for financial advice and telecare services.</p> <p>We have a robust complaints monitoring process in place and ensure that lessons are learnt from the issues raised with the</p>		

Directorate.

2013/14 Actions	Result/benefit	Progress update
None		

Areas for improvement		Deadline
1	DFGs took 284 days to complete in 2013/14. The Council is committed to reducing this further.	2014/15
2	Improve response rate for OT assessments.	2014/15

Areas of collaboration	
1	Implementation of integrated social care and health locality structure for community services.
2	Review telecare services across Cardiff and Vale local authorities.
3	Continue to work with statutory partners to deliver the requirements of the RCF and ICF funds.

Strategic theme: Welsh homes/ supporting people	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Broad Outcome: Welsh Homes – Improving Quality	Outcome 4: Improving social housing
Why are we focussing on this outcome? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Work undertaken as part of the Welsh Housing Quality Standard (WHQS) will improve the quality of life the tenants and existing housing stock and housing stock and enhance the appearance of the neighbourhood. ▪ In addition, the investment will deliver wider community investment outcomes associated with training, employment and support local business. 	What will success look like? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Improvements in the quality of the housing stock and the local environment. ▪ Tenants are satisfied with the quality of the work undertaken and therefore the quality of their home. ▪ Increased and more sustainable employment opportunities. ▪ Increased public confidence, community cohesion and public safety.

Measures and targets	Target 2013/14	Performance March 2014
How much did we do?		
Percentage of housing stock where work that meets WHQS has been completed	40%	54%
Average number of apprenticeships employed as a result of the WHQS investment	14	23
How well did we do it?		
Average satisfaction score (out of a maximum of 10) given by tenants whose homes have undergone WHQS improvements	8.0	8.6
Percentage of local labour employed within 25 miles of Barry as a result of the WHQS investment	40%	43.5%
Is anyone better off?		
Percentage of homes under Local Authority ownership brought up to the Welsh Housing Quality	10%	35.4%

Standard.		
Number of homes benefitting from improved domestic energy performance measures – average SAP score.	68	70.1
Story behind the data?		
<p>Welsh Housing Quality Standard works are on track with the internal works progressing well. Tenant satisfaction has increased across all framework contractors due to improved site management and better communication with tenants that are receiving the work. Contractors continue to support the Council in terms of its community investment objective pertaining to apprenticeships and local labour. Internal improvements such as new boiler systems have improved the overall SAP rating of Council owned properties.</p>		

2013/14 Actions	Result/benefit	Progress update
None		

Areas for improvement	Deadline
1 None	

Areas of collaboration
1 None

Strategic theme: Environment and Sustainability/ Rural Communities	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Broad Outcome: Living within environmental limits and acting on climate change	Outcome 5: Reducing landfill
<p>Why are we focussing on this outcome?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Although the Welsh Government and EU landfill diversion targets will be met, it is unsustainable in terms of climate change and Welsh ecologic footprint reduction. ▪ The Vale of Glamorgan Council has formed a partnership with Cardiff, Caerphilly, Monmouthshire and Newport Councils to procure a residual waste treatment facility to treat the residual waste and avoid its landfill. ▪ The Vale of Glamorgan Council have entered into a partnership with Cardiff Council to procure anaerobic digestion (AD) of municipal food waste to meet Welsh Government policy on the most sustainable treatment method for organic food waste. ▪ The Welsh Government has set out the One Wales: One Planet: ‘Towards Zero Waste Strategy’ and supports regional waste partnerships in Wales. The project will achieve better value for the tax-payer by combining the remaining waste of five local authorities. The priority is to recycle and compost to achieve the Welsh Government’s recycling targets to 2025 and beyond. ▪ By working in partnership with other local authorities, we will achieve economies of scale in procurement on contract agreement result in cost efficiencies and ensure that we comply with a sustainable and ecological advantageous solution. 	<p>What will success look like?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A major reduction in the proportion of waste sent to landfill. ▪ Increasing waste recycling rates and reducing levels of residual waste with energy recovery (electricity and heat) of the residual element that cannot be recycled or composted. ▪ The AD treatment of municipal organic food waste management service for the next 25 years. ▪ Meeting targets and policies within the Welsh Government’s One Wales: One Planet: ‘Towards Zero Waste Strategy’. ▪ The municipal waste treatment plants resulting from these partnerships will make a net export of electricity and heat from renewable sources reducing the non-renewal requirement of power generators. ▪ It is estimated that the benefit to the wider local economy is in the region of £1.6m. ▪ When the facilities are operational Community Benefit Funds (£50K per year) will be set up to support local projects in the area. ▪ Net export of electricity and heat from renewable sources reducing the non-renewal requirement of

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> power generators. ▪ 220 workers on site during the construction stages, with 50% from the local area.
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Measures and targets	Target 2013/14	Performance March 2014
How much did we do?		
WMT/011 The percentage of local authority municipal waste received at all local authority household waste amenity sites that is prepared for reuse, recycled or of source segregated biowaste that is composted or treated biologically in another way.	54.00%	63.32%
WMT/010i The percentage of local authority collected municipal; waste prepared for reuse	0.35%	0.40%
WMT/010iii The percentage of local authority collected municipal waste collected as source segregated biowastes and composted or treated biologically in another way	23.00%	22.32%
How well did we do it?		
WMT/004b The percentage of municipal waste sent to landfill	45.00%	43.22%
Is anyone better off?		
Completion of new waste treatment infrastructure projects	0	2
Percentage of municipal waste recycled or composted: WMT/009b: The percentage of municipal waste collected and prepared for re-use and/or recycling, including source-segregated biowastes that are composted or treated biologically another way.	54.00%	54.83%
Story behind the data?		
<p>In relation to the percentage of municipal waste collected as source segregated biowastes and composted or treated biologically in another way (WMT010iii) our performance slightly suffered due to the way the PI is calculated. In fact, green waste performance slightly increased and based on actual tonnage collected for treatment, our performance increased in 2013/14 in comparison with the previous year.</p>		

Other supporting information from the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) Benchmarking Project 2012/13 demonstrates that the Vale of Glamorgan's collection service for food waste was the 2nd best performing, in term of capture per household (70kg/household) of kitchen food waste in Wales and the 8th best for green waste capture clearly demonstrating the progress being made by the Council in this area.

In addition, our combined recycling total of 54% exceeded the Welsh Government's (WG) Statutory Recycling Targets (SRTs) a year in advance of the target deadline of 2014/15. All other PI data demonstrates that the Vale of Glamorgan Council is making progress on meeting and exceeding its statutory landfill diversion and recycling targets.

2013/14 Actions	Result/benefit	Progress update
Prosiect Gwyrdd: Finalise preparation for financial close of the procurement	Fixes the main terms and conditions for the agreement between PG partners via the Host Authority.	Project reached Financial Close in December 2013. Contract management meetings scheduled monthly until commencement of the main contract April 2016.
Enter into an Interim contract with Prosiect Gwyrdd partners October 2014 to October 2015 for treatment of residual waste by energy from waste treatment.	Early diversion of residual waste from landfill and economies of scale saving in disposal costs.	Executive resolution to join partnership and enter into IAA with Host Authority.
Prosiect Gwyrdd: Preparing for sign-off of the Local Government (Contracts) Act 1997 Certificate including the consultation with the Partner Councils S151 officers.	Guarantees security of contract and diversion of residual waste and increased recycling whilst insuring the Host and other partnering authorities are fully protected under the agreement.	Sign off reached prior to contract signature by Host Authority December 2013.
Cardiff Organic Waste Treatment Procurement for AD	A more sustainable method	Welsh Government Procurement

(anaerobic digestion) and green waste treatment.	employed by the partnering councils for the treatment of organic municipal waste.	Health Check 2 completed July 2014. Call for Final Tender Stage with Preferred Bidder to be reported to partnering executives Oct 2014
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Areas for improvement		Deadline
1	Complete termination of existing landfill treatment contract to commence interim contract.	January 2015
2	Ensure that there is no further slippage in the Organic procurement process.	January 2016
3	Increase recycling capture from low participation areas and multiple occupancy dwellings.	March 2016

Areas of collaboration	
1	Prosiect Gwyrdd is a partnership between the Vale of Glamorgan, Caerphilly, Cardiff, Monmouthshire and Newport Councils.
2	Interim Residual Waste Treatment Contract in collaboration with Prosiect Gwyrdd partners.
3	The Vale of Glamorgan Council is working in partnership with Cardiff Council to procure an anaerobic digestion facility.
4	The Vale of Glamorgan Council is working in partnership with Cardiff City Council to procure a possible interim anaerobic digestion and In-Vessel contract prior to the commencement of the main organics contract.
5	The Welsh Government has set out the One Wales: One Planet: ' <i>Towards Zero Waste Strategy</i> ' and supports regional waste partnerships in Wales.