



Businesses are supported to grow

Businesses are supported to grow

Protecting and sustaining the environment

The purpose of this commissioning strategy is an environment that supports economic growth. We think this can be best achieved when the environmental opportunities for investment are emphasised whilst still making sure that the natural environment is protected.

Outcome

Increase recycling

Measure

Household waste recycled

The percentage of waste collected by either the County or District Councils which was reused, recycled or composted.

X Not achieved

[See the Data](#)



50.28

% recycled

Quarter 2 September 2015

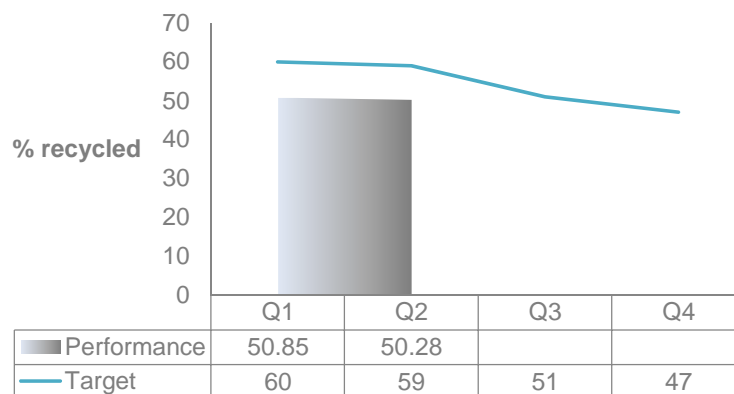


59

% recycled

Target for September 2015

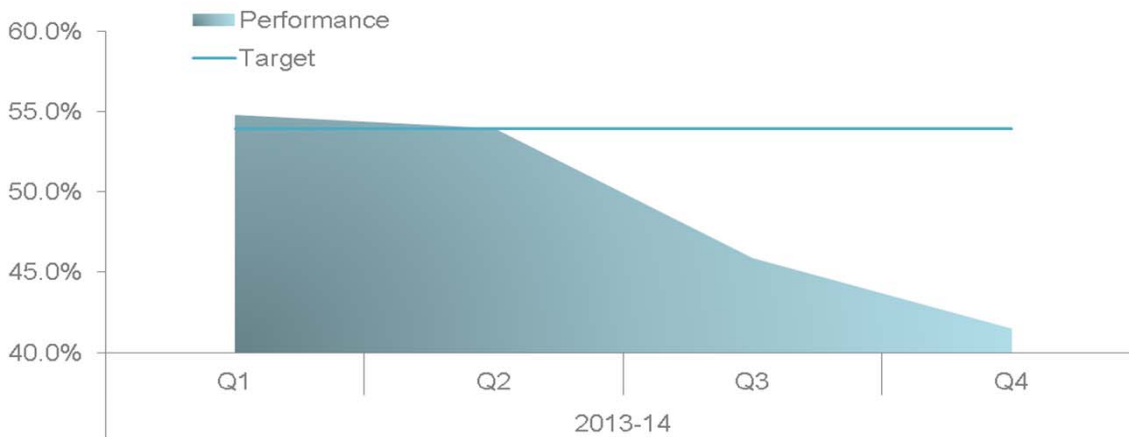
Household waste recycled



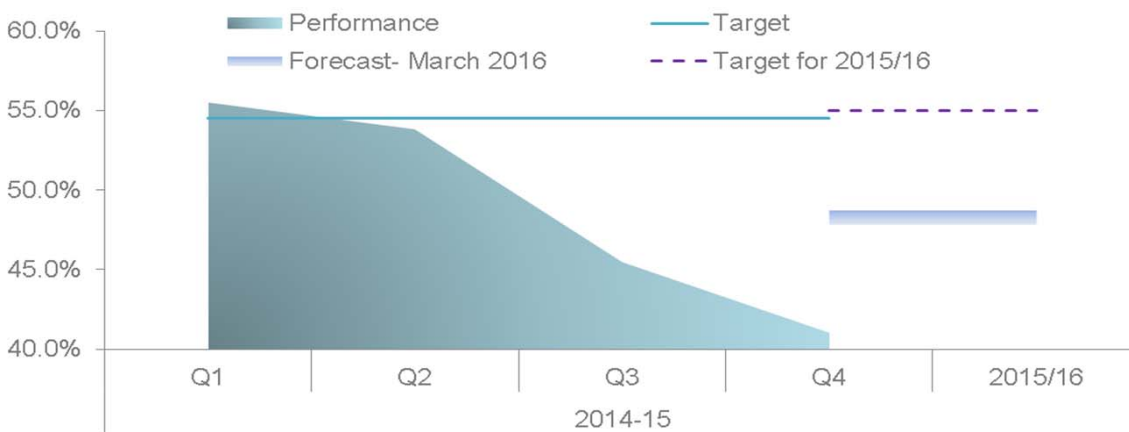
This is an estimate until final figures have been verified by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (due in February).

We have received less waste for composting than in 2014. Also, we continue to see a higher level of recyclables rejected as contamination than last year due to a change in the legislation introducing a more stringent sampling regime than in the past. The Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (2008) with the district councils set a target to achieve 55% recycling and composting by 2015. Work is being carried out to review the opportunities for a shared waste service and this work has been prioritised ahead of any work on a waste strategy and so the target of 55% will remain for 2015/2016 with a forecast to achieve 48% by end March 2016 based solely on the external factors which are affecting this figure, such as legislation and District Council collection changes.

Household Waste recycled



Household Waste recycled



Measure Name	Household waste recycled								
	2013-14				2014-15				2015/2016
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
Performance	54.8%	54.0%	45.9%	41.5%	55.5%	53.8%	45.5%	41.0%	
Target	53.9%	53.9%	53.9%	53.9%	54.5%	54.5%	54.5%	54.5%	55.0%
Forecast (March 2016)									48.3%

About the target

The Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (2008) set a target to achieve 55% recycling and composting by 2015. Quarterly targets reflect this but are seasonally-adjusted since most composting happens during April to September (Q1 and Q2).

About the target range

Given the number of separate figures which go into this calculation, a target range of +/- 0.5 percentage points allows for small fluctuations to remain on target.

About benchmarking

National data is available for each Local Authority. However, given the delay in finalising official figures, this is usually only available for the previous year, so needs to be treated with caution.