

## Resources and Waste

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**Key:**  
**Current Project Stage**  
 - In discovery (research, fact finding, gather evidence)  
 - In design (develop techniques/plan for delivery)  
 - In delivery (executing plan agreed at design)  
 - Completed (work has been finished)

**RAG rating**  
 - Green - action delivery on track/to agreed timelines (may be agreed to start at a later date)  
 - Orange - some delivery off track/timelines, further work to be completed  
 - Red - significantly off track/timelines, or may no longer be possible

Action ID	Objective	Action	LCC Role	Who may be involved	Timescales	Cost to Leicestershire	Carbon Saving	Deliverability Score	Project Status	RAG	December 2023 Update
<b>Waste</b>											
R1	1, 2	Complete the review and adoption of Leicestershire Resources and Waste Strategy	Ask	Districts	M	H	H	6	Complete	Green	Leicestershire Resources and Waste Strategy was adopted in April 2023
R2	1, 2	Develop an action plan to deliver the Leicestershire Resources and Waste Strategy	Ask	Districts	M	M	L	4	Delivery	Green	A comprehensive Action Plan to guide our initiatives has been developed.
R3	ADDED IN	Introduce food waste collections <del>subject to confirmation of mandated by 31 March 2026 as per Government policy 'Simpler Recycling', legislation and provision of funding and procure</del> including procurement of anaerobic Digestion capacity to treat collected food waste therefore contributing to carbon emissions reduction.	Ask	Leicestershire Waste Partnership Districts	L	H	M	2	Discovery	Orange	Leicestershire County Council is currently waiting for the Government to confirm funding and timelines.
R3	1, 2	Continue to support residents to reduce food waste through national campaigns such as "Love Food Hate Waste"	Lead	Districts Government VCSE	S	M	L	6	Delivery	Green	Leicestershire County Council supported Food Waste Action Week, and offered residents the opportunity to take part in a food waste prevention recipe competition. We continue to promote Love Food Hate Waste via social media and deliver training to volunteers to upskill them to deliver food waste prevention messages to residents.
R4	1, 2	Continue to support residents to implement home composting through provision of advice and guidance	Lead	Districts VCSE	S	L	L	9	Delivery	Green	Over 500 subsidised home compost bins have been sold during 2022/23, reducing green waste to landfill. The Council has been supporting Compost Awareness Week and providing ongoing assistance via Master Composter Volunteers.
R5	1, 2	Continue to deliver a programme of initiatives to increase reuse and prevent waste from arising	Ask	Districts VCSE	M	L	L	6	Delivery	Green	The Council continues to promote reuse initiatives, subsidizing classes on repair, and setting up collection points for reusable medical equipment at recycling sites.
R6	1, 2	Continue to encourage residents to recycle right and reduce contamination in kerbside recycling	Lead	Districts	S	L	L	9	Delivery	Green	Our contamination campaign continues, guiding residents on how and what to recycle through diverse advertising channels. The Council actively supports and promotes the national Recycle Week campaign.
R7	1, 2	Continue to deliver a volunteer scheme to support and encourage residents to make positive behavioural changes	Lead		S	L	L	9	Delivery	Green	Leicestershire County Council welcomed and trained new Master Composters, celebrated achievements with Environmental Action Volunteers, and initiated research on volunteering barriers.
<b>Materials</b>											
R8	1	Explore the opportunities for the Minerals and Waste Local Plan to support the move to a circular economy.	Lead	Districts Business	S	L	L	9	Delivery	Green	The recent review of the Leicestershire Minerals and Waste Local Plan (LMWLP) has shown that the plan remains flexible in its approach to recycling and re-use and that the policies and strategic objectives still support circular economy principles including waste management and carbon reduction. The LMWLP continues to deliver sustainable minerals and waste development in line with policy.
R9	1	Implement policy which seeks to eliminate single use materials.	Influence	Government	S	L	L	9	Delivery	Green	LCC responds to Government consultation or similar, as and when they arise
R10	1	Support national resource reduction campaigns such as "Refill" and "long live the lunchbox".	Ask	Districts Businesses	M	L	L	6	Delivery	Green	The Council actively supports relevant national campaigns.
<b>Food</b>											
R11	1	Deliver the Sustainable Food Plan to reduce the carbon impact of food production, distribution and food waste	Ask	Sustainable Food Partnership	S	H	H	9	Discovery	Green	Leicestershire County Councils has been leveraging insights from Oxford's 'Bean Meals' project (completed Oct 24) to inform and enhance Leicestershire initiatives.
R12	1	Explore options for local procurement of sustainable food for Local Authority and Schools catering to increase demand and stimulate supply chains.	Lead	Businesses	M	L	M	12	Design	Orange	A sustainable procurement report has been completed for a project reliant on the Leicestershire Traded Services school meal service continued delivery.
R13	1	Support residents to grow their own food and buy local seasonal produce through the provision of advice and signposting.	Ask	Sustainable Food Partnership Districts	S	L	L	6	Design	Green	Leicestershire County Council (LCC) supported efforts in Districts and Boroughs, with messaging through 'Good Food Leicestershire'. School programmes delivered by 'Food For Life' focus on local, seasonal and homegrown produce.
<b>Water</b>											
R14	3	Ensure a sustainable and resilient supply of water through leak reduction, customer education, provision of water efficiency measures, smart metering.	Ask	Water Companies	S	L	M	18	Discovery	Orange	Work to be progressed at a later date.
R15	3	Introduce more stringent water efficiency targets in national policy and regulations.	Influence	Government	M	L	L	6	Discovery	Green	LCC will respond to Government consultation or similar, as and when they arise

R16	3	Consider water consumption in local plans including provision for water efficiency metrics in new developments	Ask	Districts	S/M/L	L	L	7.5	Discovery		The Leicestershire Planning Officer Forum initiates efforts to integrate net zero and environment into local plans. Adjusted to long term status pending changes in Local Planning guidance by the Government.
R17	3	Support residents and businesses to reduce water consumption through provision of advice and signposting.	Ask	Districts VCSE Water companies i.e. STW/AW	M/L	L	L	6	Discovery		This action has been updated to a long term approach due to current resource limitations. Engagement with water companies pending.
R18	3	Introduce water efficiency product labelling.	Influence	Government	L	L	L	3	Discovery		LCC will respond to Government consultation or similar, as and when they arise