# Veolia Contract – Waste and Recycling service overview

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### **Contract Information**

- 7 years (2013 2020) with an option to extend for a further 8 years (2020 -2028)
- Contract value is circa £6m per annum £42m over first term
- Waste and Recycling, Street Cleansing, Parks and Open Spaces
- Fleet Management
- 127 Veolia staff work on the Watford contract





### Waste and Recycling what is involved?

- Service includes: refuse, dry recycling and compost collection
- Clinical waste, bulky waste, bring sites, on street recycling, bin deliveries, education program through schools
- (Schedule 2) commercial waste collections schools, charities, churches





## Waste and Recycling what is involved?

- Operate weekly refuse service in 140litre wheeled bins
- A weekly dry recycling/commingled service in 240litre bins
- Fortnightly compost/food collection in 240 litres bins
- Refuse service costs £1m per annum
- Dry recycling £780k per annum
- Compost/Food service £600k per annum





### Waste and Recycling what is involved?

- Service is far reaching and given to circa 30,000 houses and 10,000 flats
- Total of circa 99500 collections carried out per week that's over 5m per annum
- 14 freighters carry out the collections
- Collecting (in 2015/16) 7806 tonnes of dry recycling, 5903 tonnes of compost and 17,274 tonnes of refuse





### **Waste and Recycling - Disposal**

- Watford Council are the waste collection authority (WCA)
- Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) are the waste disposal authority (WDA)
- HCC direct waste and compost tonnage to applicable sites
- Watford and other WDAs responsible for dry recyclable material disposal and as such make our own arrangements
- As per our contract, when Veolia empty a waste container, ownership of the waste passes to the authority
- The risk and responsibility passes to Veolia
- Upon the waste being delivered to a disposal point, risk and responsibility passes from Veolia to the site operator
- Unless contamination is present and risk will revert back to Veolia





### Waste and Recycling – Disposal routes

- Refuse Direct deliver to Waterdale Transfer Station, Watford
- Shared with other councils
- Can accept 190,000 tonnes of waste per annum
- Waste is then transferred to Bletchley and Buckinghamshire land fill sites
- Also energy recovery facilities in Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire and North London
- Currently 53% of Watford's waste arising's
- <u>Veolia contract aims to deliver the minimum</u> amount of waste to this area of disposal







### Waste and Recycling – Disposal routes

- Commingled/Dry recycling Direct deliver Waterdale Transfer Station, Watford
- Shared with Three Rivers Council
- 5 x 40 cubic yard trailers used to transfer material daily to reprocessing site, Pearce Recycling in St Albans
- Currently 23.49% of Watford's waste arising's
- Veolia contract aims to deliver the maximum amount of recycling to this area of disposal







# Waste and Recycling – Disposal routes

- Compost Collection direct deliver to West London Composting
- Commingled food and garden waste collected and transferred commingled to Envar in Cambridge
- Currently 23.67% of Watford's waste stream
- Veolia contract aims to deliver the maximum amount of this stream for disposal







- A Borough wide food waste initiative
- Includes delivery of a kitchen caddy and roll of 52 liners to 30,000 houses
- Option for residents in flats to opt in to the service
- Aiming to make recycling food waste easier
- Compostable sacks were previously not accepted but a move to Envar in Cambridge now allows the use of sacks – that have a seedling logo











### **Frequently Asked Questions**

### What can I put in my caddy?

All food waste, including: plate scrapings, eggs and dalpy products, fruit and vegetables, meat, fish and bones, tea bags and corfiee grounds, bread, past and rice. Do not recycle – plastic bags, liquids, oil, plastic food packaging.

### Why should I recycle my food waste?

Food and garden waste from Watford is made into compost and used on farms as a soil improver - recycling food is good for the environment, and saves money too! will the food in my caddy smell?

Not if you empty your caddy regularly. Putting newspaper at the bottom of the caddy will help absorb any additional moisture. Large or messy food Items can also be wrapped in a sheet of newspaper and put directly into your green-lidded bin.

### Can I use plastic bags to line my caddy?

C Tel: 020 3567 6900

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Sorry, no. Plastic bags do not breakdown and cannot be used to make compost. If you use these your green-lidded bin will not be emptied. Please use the compilmentary liners we have supplied with your caddy.

@ Email: enquirles.watford@veolla.co.uk

### What are the biodegradable liners made of?

The liners may look and feel like plastic bags but they are made from compostable cornstarch. Please store your liners in a cool, dry place.

### Pve run out of liners! Where can I buy new ones? You can buy new liners from Wadford Borough Council offices (Town Hall and Wiggenhall Depot) and most supermarkets. Please make sure the liners have the

Please make sure the liners have the compostable seedling logo, Alternatively, you can wrap your food waste in kitchen towel or a sheet of newspaper before recycling it.

Lalwady compost at home, should stiff use my composter? Yes, if you already compost at home, please keep composting your fruit and vegetable peelings, tea bags

### and garden waste. However, cooked food waste and meat/bones/bread products should not go into your home compost bin. Please put these into your green-

### What do I do If I don't want my caddy?

If you already have a food waste caddy and don't need this one, please contact Veolia Watford on o20 3567 6900 or enquiries.watford@veolia.co.uk to arrange for us to collect it from you.





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**Recycling and waste** 

Collection day Wednesday

collection calendar 2016/17











- Hope to see a healthy increase in recycling rate
- Continued prompts through social media and campaigns
- Encouragement to residents to continue to buy compostable sacks – available at all supermarkets, town hall, Veolia depot







### Waste and Recycling – Challenges

- We have some great open spaces but we are very much urban in demographic
- Family grouping includes Trafford, Stockport and Hounslow
- Watford has a high density and high transient population
- 25% of dwellings are flats many are high rise
- Lots of HMO's, who takes ownership of waste?
- Relaxation of planning policy commercial properties turned into domestic properties without much heed for waste implications
- Recent times have shown an increase in throw away culture linked with economic growth
- Empty bin syndrome





### Waste and Recycling – Challenges

- Property Growth 17<sup>th</sup> highest population increase in England
- Waste and recycling infrastructure needs to be planned accordingly
- Collections reach a critical mass and additional resource is required at a tipping point
- We work to ensure that each area of services are working at maximum efficiency
- Route optimising and tailoring services to fit
- Working on a waste infrastructure document to deal with Watford's growth ambitions









# Waste and Recycling – Upcoming work

- Through early 2017-phase 2 of a Flats project
- Includes further engagement with managing agents/owners to encourage responsible waste disposal
- Introduction of charges for irresponsible disposal ie contamination of recycling bins
- Installation of a robust waste planning policy to manage Watford's property growth including high rise – Future proofing our services
- Introduction of a charge for additional green compost bins
- £35 charge for those properties wishing to use over and above the standard one bin provision









