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Subject: Waste Strategy for Essex - response to query at Cabinet

Dear Cllr Henderson,

Thank you for your interest in the launch of the consultation for the Waste Strategy for Essex, which was discussed at Cabinet yesterday.
As part of the discussion you asked about Essex's performance on the targets included within the current Waste Strategy (adopted in 2009) and clarifying statements in the report regarding future percentages of waste to be sent to landfill.

The Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy for Essex, adopted by Essex CC in 2008 contained the following targets.

Waste Reduction

"Essex will seek to achieve the national targets, as set out in the Waste Strategy for England 2007, for household waste not re-used, recycled or composted. The targets, expressed as kg/per head of the population of residual waste, are to not produce more than:

*310kg in 2010
270kg in 2015
225kg in 2020"*

Recycling Targets

Essex will aim to exceed the levels of recycling and composting of household waste as set out in the Waste Strategy for England 2007:

*40% by 2010
45% by 2015
50% by 2020*

The collective performance measured in Essex for each target years was:

Year	Waste Reduction			Recycling and Composting		
	Target	Outturn (y/e March)	Target Achieved	Target	Outturn (y/e March)	Target Achieved
2010	310kg	252kg	Yes	40%	49.2%	Yes
2015	270kg	228kg	Yes	45%	51.4%	Yes
2020	225kg	200kg	Yes	50%	54.6%	Yes

In addition to the recycling targets listed above there was also an aspiration to achieve "60% recycling of household waste by 2020", Essex councils fell short of this aspiration by 5.4% in the 2020 target year.

In the Draft Waste Strategy for Essex (page 5) we highlight both our **targets** and our **aspirations**.

The targets are things we are committed to doing. They are the government's current national targets and are the minimum we need to achieve. We would like to go beyond these targets, and therefore we have added further ambitions and aspirations to help us have a bigger impact more quickly.

When it comes to waste disposal the target is "We will send no more than 10% of waste to landfill by 2035". As an ambitious County, we want to aim higher than that, and so the Essex Waste Partnership have agreed to aspire to "send zero waste to landfill by 2030."

I hope that resolves all of your queries. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further questions.

For reference I have also copied in All Members, as promised at the Cabinet meeting.

Kind Regards

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