

**Service update – Gloucester City**

**General Overview**

The ongoing waste reduction project continues with more than 1000 waste audits carried out by the team in 12 months. This vital work has allowed us to recycle 35% more food waste this year and has seen participation levels rise from 26% to 45% across the City.

Gloucester's enhanced recycling service is still targeted to go live on 16th January 2017. Fourteen Romaquip Kerbsort vehicles have been ordered following a procurement exercise. The improved service will collect cardboard, mixed plastics and textiles from the kerbside in addition to the materials currently being collected. The recycling service will be a weekly collection with the refuse collections remaining fortnightly.

Our garden waste service now has one annual renewal date and subscriptions to the service are at the highest level, since the service became chargeable, with almost 20,000 households subscribing.

These service improvements will help to improve the percentage of waste that is recycled in the City, reduce the amount of waste that goes to landfill and see Gloucester edge closer to the 50% target by 2020.