

Service update – Gloucester City

**General Overview**

The first 4 months of our enhanced recycling service has resulted in a 17% increase in material collected for recycling when compared to the same period last year. Residual waste has also reduced by 2% during the same period. The new sorting equipment at Eastern Avenue allows us to sort and bale our own materials and by separating aluminium from steel and PET plastic from HDPE we are able to benefit from healthy market prices.

During April and May sample participation audits have taken place throughout the city, which suggests that 76% of Gloucester residents are now recycling to some extent, increased from 62% when last measured in 2015. Some waste composition analysis has also been carried out to establish why residual waste tonnages are still high in the city and what further work we can do to reduce it. This work has given us the necessary information to plan the next campaign “Recycle More” which will commence during June.