



## Who am I?

“Technical Coordinator” in Place Directorate

Strategy and policy- what’s the difference?

Policy

- Customer facing policy
- Internal Council policy
- External policy- Scottish and UK Government (legislation)

## What does Waste and Cleansing Do?

- Household recycling and waste collection
- 2 transfer stations (Seafield and Sighthill)
- 3 HWRCs (Seafield, Sighthill and Craigmillar)
- Special uplifts (bulky waste)
- Cleansing- street litter and fly-tipping
- Education and prevention
- Links to Street Enforcement, Customer, Planning, Fleet and other services

## Our scale

- 215,576 tonnes of waste
- Around 700 staff (mostly collections and cleansing)
- More than 20 million scheduled collections annually (but there’s a caveat!)
- Almost 29,000 special uplifts (bulky waste)
- More than 320,000 completed visits to HWRCs in last year
- 3,400 litter bins (plus communal household bins)

## Objectives and direction

- Legislation- Scottish, UK and still EU
- Local drivers and priorities (Net Zero 2030)
  
- Deliver Zero Waste to landfill
- Maximise recycling
- Prevent waste
- Clean streets

## Funding

- Internal funding from CEC
  - Scottish Government
  - Council Tax
- External Funding
  - Grants (specific projects)
  - Income from materials and electricity
  - Service charges- special uplifts and garden waste

## What do we cost? (Revenue)

- Collection £17.6 million
- Disposal £14.4 million
- Cleansing £12.2 million
- **Total £44.2 million**
- **3.86% of Council budget**
- £183.20 per household per year
- £15.27 per household per month
- £3.52 per household per week

## How do we do?

### 2021 Calendar Year

- Recycling rate 38.3% (Scotland 42.7)
- Waste arising 0.39tonnespp (Scotland 0.45)
- Carbon emission 0.94kgCO2e (Scotland 1.08)

### National Cleanliness Benchmarking Report 21/22

- Cleansing score 82.2% (Peer group 80.7)

## Challenges and opportunities

- We're not the producer....
- Funding and budget
- External events- Covid, Brexit, cost of living
- Recruitment and retention- HGV drivers
- Growing and changing city- student housing, STL's
- Technology- fly-tipping again!
- Existing Legislation- fly-tipping, contamination,
- New Legislation-DRS, pEPR, Circular Economy Bill
- Housing stock and demographics

## More challenges!



## Next time

- Focus on recycling performance
- The perils of measuring recycling performance!
- Where does our recycling and waste go?
- Retailer takeback and producer responsibility

## Thank you

- Useful contacts

- Initial contacts

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