

## Modernising Waste Factsheet

### What is Modernising Waste?

The Council is looking at ways to improve waste collection in The City Centre World Heritage Site. In particular we want to move away from black bag collections.

We want to hear your views about alternative ways of collecting waste to encourage recycling and improve the appearance of the City Centre.

### Why do we need to change?

The current service does not meet the needs of residents or the Council. It is easy to throw all the waste in one bag- this does nothing to support recycling or prevention of waste. In addition gulls and other vermin attack the bags and spread waste across the streets.

We'd like to tackle these issues, so that waste is better controlled, and to make sure that people can recycle as much as possible.

### Recycling Targets – Zero Waste Plan

The Scottish Government has published “Scotland’s Zero Waste Plan” which outlines a number of objectives and targets, which impact on what Councils need to do, and the Council’s Waste Strategy supports this, including:

- Landfill bans for all recycleable and bio-degradeable material;
- Make sure that waste is sorted as close to source as possible, e.g. through kerbside collections or recycling points;
- Ensure waste is made into high value end products;
- All households to receive separate food recycling collections by 2013;
- Make sure that no more than 5% of waste goes to landfill.

### What else do we need to think about?

Any solutions need to be practicable and deliverable, in a cost effective way. We need to take into account the built environment and planning constraints, as well as how people live, and the different housing sizes and designs. The World Heritage Site is not one uniform streetscape, and it is likely that more localised solutions may be required in different local areas.

### What options may be considered?

- Kerbside recycling collections, of food as well as paper, card and other materials;
- Gull proof bags;
- Individual or communal containers for waste or recycling;
- Garden waste bins;
- Different collection times;
- Other ideas from residents.

### What are we doing about it?

- Consulting with residents through meetings with resident’s associations, public meetings and online survey;
- Based on the outcomes running pilots of different options from the consultation;
- Evaluating the pilots and consulting with residents on the outcomes and the best solution for their area.