

North East

# Area Waste Plan Annual Progress Report

2006 - 2007



## 1. Executive Summary

This fourth annual report of North East (Moray, City of Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire) Area Waste Plan provides a review of progress between April 2006 and March 2007.

Headline achievements made towards implementing the plan can be summarised as follows:

- In Aberdeen City Council, all planned roll outs of Dry Recyclate and Garden Waste kerbside services have been completed with most suitable households being offered either one or both kerbside collections services. Two new waste appointments of Trade Waste Minimisation Officer and Community Waste Coordinator have been recruited.
- During 2006/07 in Aberdeen City 10,335 tonnes of garden waste were collected for recycling along with 19,675 tonnes of dry recyclate.
- The Moray Council's kerbside rollout has increased further to include Alves (approximately 100 houses) and Duffus (approximately 150 households). Approximately 88% of Moray is covered by a kerbside recycling service. 8052 tonnes of green waste has been diverted from landfill through the Council's kerbside recycling service during this reporting period.
- Two Waste Aware campaigns in the North East were shortlisted for the prestigious Green Awards 2006 which took place in November 2006. Waste Aware Moray's 'Monster Eater' radio advert was shortlisted in the Best Radio Advert category and Waste Aware Grampian's 'Unwanted Mail' television advert won the Best TV Advert award (under £100,000) category.
- Aberdeenshire Council extended its Dry Recyclate Kerbside collection scheme to 27,000 householders in Central Aberdeenshire in May 2006 and 30,000 households in North Aberdeenshire from September 2006. Waste Aware Campaigns have been used in each area to support the scheme. Urban households (settlements of over 300 households) in Central and North Aberdeenshire have been provided with Household Battery Collection Bags to recycle most types of household batteries.
- Business Environment Partnership (North East) BEPNE has released its annual report for the period 2006-07. Particular achievements to note were in relation to waste diversion and energy/CO2 savings, cost savings and the creation of new 'green' jobs. With respect to the latter, many of the new employment opportunities arose as a direct result of the Environmental Placement Programme. A number of local events were delivered throughout the year including an Environmental Management Workshop and Ministerial Influencer's Dinner.

- Waste prevention initiatives have continued throughout the North East including projects such as the Creative Waste Exchange, Master Composter Programme, Community Composting initiative and Grampian Real Nappy Project run by Aberdeen Forward Ltd.
- SEPA and the Moray Council sponsored a Waste Prevention Schools competition in March 07.
- SEPA and CaSPR (Campus Sustainability Programme) have continued to work together with the Tertiary Education sector and hosted a joint seminar on sustainable procurement and refurbishment.
- The local authorities and SEPA continue to work towards the incorporation of relevant policies into development plans across the area, to ensure a robust policy framework is in place to support sustainable waste management in the North East. In addition awareness raising was delivered to key planning decision makers.
- The Community sector within the North East has made significant progress in diverting waste from landfill. Wood Recyclability based in Aberdeenshire was joint winner of the Community Recycling Network for Scotland (CRNS) member of the Year Award. The social firm employing 45 clients with a range of special needs diverts around 2000 tonnes of wood waste per annum, producing a range of products on site. Wood Recyclability also diversified into a collection service for wood from building sites, which has proved popular and successful, diverting up to 7 tonnes per week.
- SWF150 waste diversion contracts for community composting, have been awarded to Aberdeen Forward by Aberdeenshire and Aberdeen City Councils respectively. These awards are for the diversion of approximately 250 tonnes and 200 tonnes respectively in 2007-08. Establishment of a new community composting site in Pitmedden, Aberdeenshire operated by the PUT (Pitmedden-Udny-Tarves) co-operative, anticipates diverting over in excess of 100t of garden waste in 2007-08.

This report provides progress against the individual actions contained in the 2006-2007 Area Waste Plan Action Plan.

A Newsletter has also been produced by the Waste Strategy Area Group that provides further detail on progress achieved by local stakeholders on the delivery of a wide range of waste activities and projects undertaken throughout the year.

A web version of the newsletter can be found at [http://www.sepa.org.uk/nws/areas/north\\_east/index.htm](http://www.sepa.org.uk/nws/areas/north_east/index.htm) or contact the Waste Strategy Area Co-ordinator for a copy.

## **2. Action Status**

The 06/07 Action Plan contained 12 action points. Out of this, 1 action is for completion beyond this reporting period (2006/2007).

Of the actions to be completed during 06/07:

- 7 Actions Completed
- 4 Actions Missed and updated in the 07/08 Action Plan
- 8 New Actions identified throughout the delivery year

A detailed progress report on 06/07 actions can be found in Annex 1.

## **3. Statements of Commitment Status**

These are areas of activity that the WSAG are now committed to throughout the AWP implementation and are reported as an ongoing concern. In the main they have replaced certain ongoing actions that were not considered to be 'SMART' (i.e. specific, measurable, achievable, relevant & time based).

Of the 22 commitments identified in the 06/07 annual report:

- 22 have reported progress
- 11 have been deleted because met in another way or duplicated by other statements
- 11 updated and 3 new Statements of Commitment for 07/08

A detailed progress report on 06/07 Statements of Commitment can be found in Annex 2.

#### 4. North East Waste Data (2006 / 2007)

Indicator	Outcome		
<b>Total municipal waste arisings</b>	<b>349,762 tonnes</b>		
<b>Breakdown</b>	Household waste	%	93.4
	Commercial waste	%	6.6
	other non-household waste	%	0
<b>Treatment of Municipal Waste (MW)</b>		<b>Tonnes</b>	<b>%</b>
	Recycled/Composted	88,409	25.3
	Energy from Waste	0	0
	Other recovery	0	0
	Landfilled	261,352	74.7
<b>Municipal Waste Recycling/Composting Rate</b>	25.3%		
<b>Landfilling of Biodegradable Municipal Waste (BMW)</b>	162,689 tonnes		
<b>Number of Households provided with Waste Collection service</b>	253,438		
<b>Number of Commercial premises provided with Waste Collection Service</b>	8,230		
<b>Household Waste Production per Household provided with Waste Collection Service</b>	1.3 tonnes per household		
<b>Commercial Waste Production per Commercial premises provided with Waste Collection Service</b>	2.8 tonnes per commercial premises		
<b>Collection of Municipal Wastes for Recycling/Composting and any other Relevant Infrastructure</b>	Number of households offered kerbside recycling	211,024	
	Number of recycling points in WSA	265	
	Number of recycling centres in WSA	25	
	Quantity recycled from kerbside scheme	28,241	
	Quantity recycled from bring schemes	34,298	
	Number of households per points/centres in WSA	874	
	Number of home composting bins distributed	14,083	
	Household waste composted	21,967 tonnes	

## 5. Area Specific Highlights

Organisation/ Group	Theme	Progress
Aberdeen Forward Creative Waste Exchange	Waste Prevention	<p>The Creative Waste Exchange is now in its 3rd Year. This reporting period was the first full year the Exchange had been trading. There are over 300 community members and numerous businesses donating unwanted materials, helping to divert nearly 60 tonnes of waste from landfill. The stock includes office stationery, furniture, arts and craft materials.</p> <p>Tonnes Diverted 58.2  Volunteers and Social placements 32  Community members (new) 212  Community members (renewals) 29</p> <p>Notable achievements include sponsorship from CSL, an Aberdeen based Sub-sea specialist, to run the CSL Creative Challenge 2007.</p>
Aberdeen Forward Master Composter Programme	Waste Prevention	<p>The Master Composter Programme operates throughout Aberdeenshire and the main task of the project has been to advise householders how to compost successfully therefore reducing the amount of biodegradable waste going to Landfill. The Project Officer (PO) has run workshops, information days, school visits and visited individual households. In 2006/07 the Project Officer was responsible for sales and maintaining a database of households.</p> <p>Number of tonnes diverted 1484  Number of volunteers 35  Number of volunteer hours 325  Number of events 32  Number of households/communities 5133</p> <p>A notable achievement is the increase of the profile of the Master Composter Programme through increased sales and events.</p>
The Grampian Real Nappy Programme	Waste Prevention	<p>This project is currently being funded by INCREASE since June 2006, having previously been funded by WRAP. The period 2006-07 has been particularly successful with lends increasing and the introduction of nappy sales. The project coordinators have been in discussion with a number of maternity units including Foresterhill, who are in discussions with Aberdeen Forward with respect to using real nappies in their wards.</p>
North East Community Recycling Forum	Area Waste Plan	<p>The community sector in Moray reported a diversion of over 1200 tonnes in 2006-07, employing 30 fte staff and providing 90 training places. These figures were achieved due to initiatives such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Environmental Initiatives Moray (CEIM) a partnership of five community recycling organisations in Moray employing a marketing and publicity officer.</li> <li>• The Green Home's "springback" mattress recycling and household goods recycling</li> <li>• Moray Waste Busters (household goods)</li> <li>• TEAM (timber and building materials)</li> <li>• Moray Waste Watchers (Can recycling)</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ReBOOT (IT equipment)</li> <li>• Four of the community recycling organisations securing ‘SWF 150’ waste diversion contracts with the Moray Council amounting to over 1400 tonnes in 2007-08</li> <li>• The New Hope Trust diverted over 1100t of textiles, household goods and electrical goods in 2006-07</li> <li>• The Box Room furniture recycling project in Banchory diverted over 120 tonnes of furniture from landfill in 2006-07</li> <li>• Instant Neighbour within Aberdeen City continues to provide furniture reuse services in the city. They have also expanded into Aberdeenshire for the first time, and expect to divert about 60t from landfill in 2007-08.</li> </ul>
Cairngorms Community Recycling Forum	Area Waste Plan	<p>The Cairngorms Community Recycling Forum continues to meet quarterly, in partnership with the National Park Authority. The Cairngorms National Park encompasses part of the North East Waste Strategy Area.</p> <p>In November 2006 an in-vessel composting seminar was held. More than 30 people from across the park debated the merits of different composting systems, all suitable for managing meat-included waste from hotels, restaurants and schools.</p> <p>The Association of Cairngorm Community Councils has piloted a small scale can recycling project in three communities across the park, one of which (Dinnet) is in the NE area.</p> <p>Cairngorm Mountain received funding in 2006 to install recycling facilities at their mountain visitor centre. This is part of a long term approach to recycling which aims to make Cairngorm Mountain a zero waste facility.</p>
North East Community Recycling Forum	Area Waste Plan	<p>The North East Community Recycling Forum continues to meet quarterly. Input has been received from HISEZ, Social Firms Scotland and SEPA. A range of new initiatives are also being nurtured, including food waste collections, more green waste bring sites and a sustainable housing project.</p>
Waste Aware Grampian	Area Waste Plan	<p>In May 2006 Waste Aware Aberdeenshire ran their second ‘Wild Waste Show’ – a free family fun day held at the National Trust property, Castle Fraser near Kemnay. The aim of the event was to raise awareness and understanding of sustainable waste management around a reduce, reuse, recycle theme, through a day of fun activities and workshops provided both by the Waste Aberdeenshire team and a selection of local community organisations and businesses.</p> <p>Shona Dryburgh, The Moray Council’s Recycling Officer was shortlisted for the UK wide “Recycling Officer of the Year” award.</p> <p>In addition to the material - specific Campaigns run throughout Grampian - additional support and information was provided to households through various means including the Waste Aware Grampian website, telephone line, newsletter, advertisements in BT Phone Book, Yellow Pages and Yell.com, and information panels situated at Recycling Centres.</p> <p>The television advert which was used as part of the Paper Waste Campaign was initially produced for use in the 2005/06 Campaign to encourage residents to reduce unwanted mail. Prior to the Paper waste campaign being run, Waste Aware Grampian, under the umbrella of Waste Aware Scotland, were rewarded for their innovative and creative approach to communicating sustainable issues and encouraging behavioural change by winning the award for Best Television Advert at the inaugural Green Awards in London.</p>

Eco-School	Eco-School status March 2007	<p><b>Aberdeen City Council</b> 68 Schools registered 29 Bronze, 16 Silver <b>Current Green Flag awarded schools</b> 6-1<sup>st</sup> 1-2<sup>nd</sup></p> <p><b>Aberdeenshire Council</b> 155 schools registered 66 Bronze, 32 Silver <b>Current Green Flag awarded schools</b> 9-1<sup>st</sup></p> <p><b>The Moray Council</b> 51 Schools registered 31 Bronze, 14 Silver <b>Current Green Flag awarded schools</b> 3-1<sup>st</sup></p>
BEPNE	Business Waste	The Business Environment Partnership North East steering group partners meet to share good practice and maintain strong links between business sector and business support organisations. It has also been an ideal forum to share information such as the Business Waste Framework overview and also raise awareness of the Better Waste Regulation Consultation.
Planning	Planning	During this reporting period there have been 14 Planning Applications and 7 informal queries for waste management infrastructure within the North East.

## **6. Useful sources of supporting information**

### **6.1 Contacts and Weblinks**

- [www.bepne.org.uk](http://www.bepne.org.uk)
- [www.crns.org.uk](http://www.crns.org.uk)
- [www.aberdeenforward.org](http://www.aberdeenforward.org)
- [www.wasteawaregrampian.org.uk](http://www.wasteawaregrampian.org.uk)
- <http://www.esauk.org/scotland/>
- <http://www.hie.co.uk/moray>
- <http://www.scottish-enterprise.com/grampian/>

### **6.2 Reports & Documents**

#### **Waste Prevention Action Plan**

A plan was issued in March 2007 with the aim of halting the growth in waste arisings by 2010. The plan is available at:

[http://www.sepa.org.uk/NWS/prevention/action\\_plan.html](http://www.sepa.org.uk/NWS/prevention/action_plan.html)

#### **Business Waste Framework**

Following consultation, the Scottish Government published the Business Waste Framework and Action Plan in March 2007. These documents are available at:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2007/03/105641>



**Annex 1 : 06/07 Action Progress Report**

Action Number	Action Description	Target	Responsibility	Action Status	Action Progress
1	Carry out local scoping of existing waste prevention initiatives and identify gaps	Produce a local Waste Prevention Action Scoping report to inform the development of a local waste prevention action plan.	WSAC lead on establishing group, and facilitating scoping/gap analysis. Support from National WPR Team.	Missed/Updated for 07/08	Waste Prevention activities have been implemented during this reporting period although the scoping report had been postponed until the issue of the Waste Prevention guide and toolkit. Please refer to Action 2 below for further information regarding Waste Prevention activities undertaken during this reporting period. This work has been moved into reporting period 2007-08 (Action No 1).
2	Choose and develop local waste prevention projects.	Implementation of local waste prevention projects to address the areas identified as gaps in action 1.	Individual project leaders to be identified from within WSAG. Support from National WPR Team	Complete	North East Waste Strategy Area Group (NEWSAG) funded the production of 3,000 waste prevention fridge magnets giving advice on Waste Prevention by Moray Waste Busters. Moray Waste Busters distributed these magnets to school children during their educational visits to their site at Forres. In March 2007 SEPA and Moray Council jointly held a Waste Prevention competition for schools located in the North East and Highland. Participants from 5 schools presented on the theme of "Is today's disposal society a case of convenience today - inconvenience tomorrow?" Judges included representatives from the Education Department of Moray Council, SEPA, and SWAG. The winning schools were in first place Elgin Academy, second place Alness Academy (Highland) and third place Forres Academy. The schools were presented with their prizes by Mr. Richard Lochhead MSP. There will be a continuation of Waste Prevention activities during reporting period 2007-08 (Action No 2).

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3	Where a Strategic Outline Case (SOC)/Outline Business Case (OBC) preferred option is not compliant with the current AWP BPEO, undertake Strategic Environmental Assessment and BPEO review as per SEPA guidance.	Reduce or prevent any identified environmental impacts of the revised BPEO that has been found to be comparable or better than the published AWP BPEO.	SEPA with support from local authorities	Complete	A Strategic Outline Case was submitted to the Scottish Government in March 2006. A BPEO assessment was undertaken during the development of the SOC as the options profiled at that time were found to be non compliant. Ministers concluded in March 2007 that Aberdeenshire and Aberdeen City Councils and Moray and Highland Councils progress this work within 2 separate strategic group boundaries to produce a revised Strategic Outline Case bid for their respective areas by December 2007. SEPA will continue to monitor the options development and support a BPEO review as and when required - 2007-08 new (Action No 5).
4	Increase the number of community composting initiatives.	Development of six community composting sites in North East Waste Strategy Area (Aberdeenshire).	Aberdeen Forward and NE Local Authorities	Complete	The Aberdeenshire Community Composting Project has been developed with Aberdeenshire Council and aims to tackle the problem of garden waste across the region. In the first instance, 8 communities have been chosen as pilot projects to be established in 2007/08. A strategic waste fund initiative (SWF150) bid has been accepted providing funding source to be developed. The pilot projects will be operating as The Aberdeenshire Community Compost Network (Seven of the eight sites will be serviced by an Aberdeen Forward collection vehicle carrying out a fortnightly collection service). A new community initiative based in Pitmedden is turning garden waste into compost. Residents of Pitmedden, Tarves and Udny can now take their garden waste along to a site set up by volunteers of the PUT Community Cooperative. The compost scheme will operate from Allathan Quarry near Pitmedden and will be open at weekends. The Community Group has received support from both SEPA and Aberdeenshire Council. 2007-08 new (Action No 3).

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5	Consider ways to promote discussion with development control planning officers and developers to encourage provision for home composting at the planning application stage.	Discussion with the Planning subgroup.	SEPA/North East local authority planning officers	Complete	<p>The planning sub-group relates to the three north east and highland councils, work to date has focussed on input to the strategic options appraisal process. Examples of best practice have been disseminated. Aberdeenshire Council's adopted Local Plan includes a policy (INF 6B – Waste Management Requirements for New Development) highlighting that sufficient space should be provided for home composting, where appropriate. Discussion is ongoing on Moray Council's Finalised Plan to include policies promoting recycling and modifications to this Plan are likely to cover home composting. Similarly Cairngorms National Park Authority are seeking to promote composting in their draft Local Plan and are looking to prepare sustainability guidance which is likely to cover waste management issues. These plans/policies are not likely to be finalised until later in 2008. SEPA staff have raised this issue at liaison meetings with Council development control staff at Cairngorms and Aberdeenshire planning meetings to date.</p>

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6	Ensure that site selection criteria are identified within forthcoming Development Plans to deliver any siting requirements of the Strategic Options Appraisal process and the BPEO of the Area Waste Plan for new waste management facilities.	Development Plans to adequately reflect the need for waste management site selection.	SEPA	Missed/Updated for 07/08	Due to the stage of development plan progress in the Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire Council areas (with the Local Plans already having been through the Local Plan Inquiry process and Aberdeenshire Local Plan adopted) the strategic options appraisal process has post dated the preparation of these two key plans. However, these plans include policies providing guidance for waste management, whilst the emerging plan in Moray is taking on board the site selection criteria as considered through the strategic outline case process. When commenting on the draft Local Plan for the Cairngorms Parks Authority SEPA have raised issues relating to the need to safeguard strategic waste management facilities and the need to identify and safeguard sites to fulfil Area Waste Plan requirements. Publication of the finalised plan is expected later in 2008. Aberdeenshire and Aberdeen City Councils are now developing a draft Structure Plan to contain strategic policies.
7	Promote cooperation in waste management in the tertiary education sector.	Hold two tertiary sector best practice workshops.	SEPA	Missed/Updated for 07/08	SEPA and CaSPR (Campus Sustainability Project) organised a seminar in September at Aberdeen University with participants from north east universities and colleges to review opportunities for action on procurement and reuse of goods during refurbishment. Work has progressed during the reporting period working with colleges within the University of the Highlands and Islands to enable them to become more Waste Aware. A seminar was organised in March 2007 for relevant representatives from all UHI colleges to participate in a seminar giving information on the work of partner organisations such as Envirowise and business waste minimisation advice and legal compliance. This event was unfortunately cancelled due to inclement weather and cancellations. SEPA and CaSPR will be organising further events/workshops during 07-08.

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8	WSAG to consider involvement in local awareness raising events to highlight the issues which may arise with planning applications for waste infrastructure.	Hold event in North East.	SEPA	Complete	A regional event “Planning Changes – Don’t waste this opportunity” was held at Inverurie for planning practitioners focussing on waste planning issues, organised jointly by Planning and Waste Management Institutes and sponsored by SEPA. Local awareness raising presentations have been delivered by SEPA staff to Aberdeen City Council and Moray Council planning decision makers to highlight the importance of the planning system in delivering sustainable waste management. Representatives from all north east councils participated in a Denmark Study Tour looking at how sustainable waste management has been delivered in another European Country of similar size and the planning characteristics of the facilities.
9	WSAG to ensure provision of clear policies on siting of waste facilities and promoting the design of new development to facilitate waste reduction and landfill diversion. To include promotion of supplementary planning guidance where appropriate.	All development plans to include clear waste management policies to guide developers and the public.	SEPA/Local Authority	Missed/Updated for 07/08	Please refer to progress under action 6. Moray Council and Cairngorms National Parks Authority have both been actively involved in ongoing discussions with SEPA regarding planning policies to achieve this action in emerging local plans, whilst SEPA and Aberdeen City Council reached agreement on wording for the Finalised City Local Plan to encompass this action description. The recommendations of the Local Plan Inquiry are awaited. Aberdeenshire Council’s adopted Local Plan contains appropriate policies, with supplementary planning guidance on site search currently outstanding. Cairngorms National Parks Authority and Moray Council are working on supplementary planning guidance for the management of waste during new development.

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10	Support the work of the Grampian Real Nappy Network.	To divert at least 100tonnes of waste from landfill by the promotion of Real Nappy's in a 2-year period.	North East Local Authorities and Aberdeen Forward Ltd	Complete	During this reporting period, 83 tonnes of waste have been diverted, using 21 volunteers. In addition, there have been 40 promotional events and 163 lends. Although this is a two year project the action is deemed to have been completed for this reporting period due to its significant interim achievements – 2007/08 (Action No 14).
11	Three material - based campaign – Garden Waste, Paper and cardboard and textiles.	Campaigns will run for 7 weeks and utilise PR and competitions to reinforce reduce, reuse and recycle message.	North East local authorities and SWAG	Complete	A “snapshot” household waste analysis was undertaken early in 2006 throughout the Grampian area. Following this analysis, 3 residual waste materials were selected by the Local Authorities (garden waste, unwanted textiles and paper waste) to target through individual awareness campaigns using media/PR coverage using imagery and associated straplines to encourage change in behaviour & attitude and encourage action to Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. * Garden Waste - (July & August 2006). Strapline was “No matter how much garden waste you have, remember to recycle or compost it”. Contact details to obtain further information and to purchase a composter or green cone were also provided. * Unwanted textiles campaign - (September & October 2006). Strapline was “There are many ways to Reuse and Recycle unwanted clothing, shoes and other textiles”. Contact details for further information were provided. * Paper Waste Campaign - (January & February 2007). Strapline was “Are you struggling with mountains of waste paper?” Contact details for further information were provided.

**Annex 2 : 06/07 Statements of Commitment (SoC) Progress Report**

Number	Statement of Commitment	Status	Progress
1	<p>Members of the NEWSAG will continue to promote waste prevention within their own organisations, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. introducing staff training and awareness raising on sustainable waste management practice;</li> <li>2. examining procurement activities with a view to promoting waste prevention, reuse and the purchase of recycled materials.</li> </ol>	Ongoing for 07/08	Waste Prevention within all NEWSAG organisations is recognised as being of utmost importance and has been progressed by all member organisations by the dissemination of good practice to staff and improved recycling provision.
2	<p>The Waste Strategy Area Group will develop a Local Waste Prevention Plan from the outcomes of the Waste Prevention Scoping Report focusing on specific identified local waste prevention issues</p>	Deleted	<p>The Waste Prevention guide has now been published and an appropriate action has been included (Action 1) within the 07/08 action plan. Therefore this Statement of Commitment has been deleted.</p>
3	<p>Aberdeenshire, City of Aberdeen and Moray Councils will produce quarterly and annual waste management performance monitoring reports for collation by SEPAs Waste Data Team.  <a href="http://www.sepa.org.uk/nws/data/index.htm">http://www.sepa.org.uk/nws/data/index.htm</a></p>	Deleted	<p>Since April 2006 WasteDataFlow is the official reporting mechanism for Scottish Local Authorities to report their data on municipal waste to SEPA. WasteDataFlow provides data for monitoring of the Landfill Allowance Scheme and has helped to simplify reporting arrangements for Local Authorities replacing LAWAS (Local Authority Waste Arisings Survey) and the Landfill Allowance Scheme Quarterly Monitoring Return (LASQMR).</p>
4	<p>The North East Waste Strategy Area Group (NEWSAG) will regularly review and amend the Area Waste Plan Action Plan to take into account implementation progress and changes in local and national waste strategy issues.</p>	Deleted	<p>This Statement of Commitment has been deleted and combined with SoC 5 below.</p>
5	<p>The NEWSAG will monitor, track and manage Area Waste Plan implementation. This will involve the collation of six-month interim review reports and publication of an annual report.</p>	Updated for 07/08	<p>This Statement of Commitment has been revised and combined with SoC 4 above. An interim Annual Progress report was completed in October 2006.</p>

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6	Support the continued promotion of home composting.	Deleted	This Statement of Commitment has been deleted as this has been incorporated into a 07/08 (Action No 4). During this reporting period Aberdeen City Council sold 358 compost units and 209 Green Cones. WRAP have subsequently taken over the home composting programme in the City on the 1st January 2007 although Aberdeen City continue to sell Green Cones at discounted prices. Between July 2005 and December 2006 Aberdeenshire Council had sold an additional 6,747 home composters and 3,178 Green Cones. WRAP took over the sale of composters in April 2007 and up to the 21st May 2007 had sold an additional 4583.
7	NEWSAG will keep under review emerging waste management technologies and report on their potential application in the North East.	Ongoing for 07/08	Waste Management technologies are reviewed regularly as part of assessment for the Strategic Outline Case submission for funding to the Scottish Government for MSW infrastructure by the Local Authorities. In addition SEPA provide objective advice and information to developers, planning officials and elected members as part of important awareness raising work on the need for waste management infrastructure. SEPA also carry out Life Cycle Assessment modelling on the range of waste proposals developed.
8	NEWSAG will ensure that the community sector is represented on it and identify partnership opportunities for working with CRNS and locally established community networks.	Deleted	CRNS is an important member of NEWSAG and representatives from NEWSAG including SEPA and the Local Authorities have been co-opted on to the local Community Forum Groups chaired by CRNS. Due to this partnership arrangement this Statement of Commitment has been deleted.

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9	Aberdeenshire, City of Aberdeen and Moray Councils will involve the Waste Strategy Area Co-ordinator and NEWSAG in the review of Strategic Waste Fund (SWF) bids as per Scottish Government guidance (November 2003). Progress on Strategic Waste Fund awards and their implementation will be reported in the Area Waste Plan Annual Report.	Ongoing for 07/08	Update information has been provided by NE Local Authority members to SEPA for inclusion within the Interim and Annual Area Waste Plan Progress Reports. Work is ongoing relating to reprofiling of SWF1 awards and revised submission of SWF 2 Strategic Outline Case bids by Moray and Highland Councils and Aberdeenshire and Aberdeen City Councils.
10	NEWSAG will continue to maintain open dialogue with adjacent Waste Strategy Area Groups to ensure that potential benefits from joint working are explored.	Ongoing for 07/08	This Statement of Commitment remains relevant and important to the work of the Waste Strategy Groups of the North East and Highland especially in view of the strategic groupings of Moray and Highland Councils working together to submit a bid to the Scottish Government for funding for the procurement of shared larger waste management facilities. In terms of business waste, partnership working across two waste strategy areas has resulted in the creation of a Highlands and Islands (including Moray) Business Environmental Coordinator.
11	To co-ordinate the delivery of SMART Action Plan outcomes during the course of the year, and to report upon progress towards targets and objectives at a prescribed frequency (Annual and Mid-Year Review).	Deleted	This Statement of Commitment has been deleted as it is covered within the revised SoC 5.
12	To co-ordinate and facilitate local Waste Strategy Area Group meetings, including any associated sub-groups and Elected Member Liaison requirements.	Deleted	This Statement of Commitment has been deleted as it is covered within the revised SoC 5.
13	SEPA will provide and maintain the NWS website including Waste Strategy Area specific activity, which NEWSAG will provide with regular implementation updates.	Ongoing for 07/08	Relevant web based North East Waste Strategy information is posted on SEPAs website and updated as with other NEWSAG members. Relevant links are provided to partner organisations in the cover report.

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14	The Waste Strategy Area Group will undertake to support local education and awareness activities where this contributes towards the aims and objectives of the Area Waste Plan.	Ongoing for 07/08	A number of education and awareness activities have been supported during this reporting period including Aberdeenshire Council's Wild Waste Show, Moray Schools Environment Summit, NE Global Footprint project.
15	The Waste Strategy Area Group will regularly report on local education and awareness raising activity and initiatives.	Deleted	This Statement of Commitment has been deleted as it is covered by the revised SoC 5.
16	NEWSAG will ensure that a database of North East businesses and a profile of North East local waste management services will be developed and updated regularly.	Ongoing for 07/08	This database is managed by BEPNE and is regularly updated <a href="http://www.bepne.org.uk">www.bepne.org.uk</a> .
17	To maintain strong links with business and business support organisations through BEPNE.	Ongoing for 07/08	NEWSAG members continue to work closely with the Business Environment Partnership NE as members of their steering group and specifically involved in their events such as Business Breakfasts or industry specific.
18	Once the National Action Plan for Business has been agreed, to prepare a local Business Waste action plan according to the needs of the Waste Strategy Area, and to agree roles and responsibilities with business support organisations.	Deleted	The Business Waste Framework has now been published and actions 8-10, relating to specific actions within the Framework, have been included within the 07/08 SMART Action plan, therefore this Statement of Commitment has been deleted.
19	To promote the recommendations in the National Best Practice Projects by the most appropriate means to the relevant industry sectors as the reports are published.	Updated for 07/08	Through the forum of BEPNE'S quarterly steering group meetings the National Best Practice Projects are disseminated to the relevant industry sectors at the appropriate juncture. Relevant information is sign-posted on to SEPA's NWS website.

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20	Identify current reprocessing capacity and quantify commercial and industrial waste materials in the WSA (from SEPA Waste Producer Survey) and identify gaps for future opportunities.	Deleted	A strategic waste management review of the North East has been included in the 07/08 Action No10 plan and as such this Statement of Commitment has been superseded and therefore deleted.
21	NEWSAG will promote an ongoing dialogue on best practice in waste management planning through existing arrangements between SEPA staff, its members and the 'ad hoc' planning subgroup established alongside planners from the Highland Waste Strategy Area.	Deleted	This Statement of Commitment has been deleted and has been incorporated into SoC 22.
22	Continue to disseminate advice on good practice in waste management planning, results of Local Plan Inquiries, ongoing research etc to SEPA staff, and Local Authority planning officers/waste managers through planning sub groups of Waste Strategy Area Groups or other appropriate mechanisms/alternative existing information sharing opportunities.	Ongoing for 07/08	SEPA has continued to take a proactive role during this reporting period as a consultee commenting on development plans and planning applications to promote the objectives of the National Waste Strategy within the North East. The NWS Planner sits on NEWSAG and with the Waste Strategy Coordinator has met with all three Local Authority planning Departments and a number of key stakeholders in addition to promoting the need for sustainable waste management infrastructure to local developers and Elected members.