



Rubbish to Resources

“ Our 10-year partnership of 15 councils has been an outstanding success and Lancashire is in the forefront of waste management innovation and practice. We have achieved most of our early goals but to divert each extra percentage of waste from landfill becomes progressively more challenging. Lancashire’s 600,000 households all need to play their part if we are to build on the partnership’s sound foundations. Please let us know if you think we are moving on the right lines or if you think any changes or different targets are needed. The enthusiasm and co-operation of householders is the key to our future success. ”

Councillor Graham Sowter
Lancashire Waste Partnership
Chairman

In 2001, we published the waste management strategy for Lancashire **A Greener Strategy for a Greener Future**. In it we set ourselves challenging targets for reducing waste growth and increasing recycling and composting, to be delivered by all 15 local authorities across the County. The revised strategy **Rubbish to Resources** will look to build on our progress since the 2001 strategy.

Why do we need to do anything? Well, in 2006/07 householders alone produced more than 720,000 tonnes of waste. On average, that’s more than 1 tonne produced by every household every year. Most of this waste (61%) still went to landfill although the amount recycled or composted grew.

Traditionally, landfill has been seen as the cheapest and easiest option for waste disposal but as this changes, so we must change the way we collect and manage this waste or face the environmental and financial consequences.

This document presents the targets and key principles of the 2001 strategy showing how the waste hierarchy priorities were delivered in Lancashire. It details what we have achieved and goes on to propose new and even more challenging targets for the future.

