

Waste Management & Recycling Policy

1. Introduction

One Manchester believes our approach to waste and recycling is crucial for the success of creating and maintaining, vibrant and sustainable places. This document sets out our approach and arrangements for managing Waste and Recycling across all of One Manchester's activities, not only where we have direct control through One Manchester's business operations, but also in the wider community where we can advise, influence and support activity in conjunction with partners. This is an activity that impacts on everyone and if not managed well can have a detrimental effect on health and wellbeing and the environment.

Waste management has become a complex area, legally, technically and commercially. As a housing provider and stakeholder in the Manchester we cannot rely on the waste collection services provided through local authorities as a complete answer to our waste management obligations. We therefore need to identify and contract one or more of the many reputable, licensed, specialist companies for the disposal of our waste, or for discharging our legal obligations.

2. Purpose

The aim of this policy is to support customers with literature and additional provisions to help increase recycling and reduce general waste at One Manchester sites, whilst at the same time safeguarding the health and safety of residents.

To promote innovative ways to prevent the production of waste through waste minimisation and the re-use of waste materials through recycling initiatives. This links directly to procurement issues, where careful selection of materials, suppliers, process redesign for disassembly and reverse logistics can all reduce the amount of waste produced or facilitate recycling and re-use.

Our main areas of focus is to ensure that our waste and recycling provision is closely aligned, and supports the approach and services provided by Manchester City Council to;

- Minimise the amount of waste generated
- Maximise the reuse and recycling of waste materials
- Ensure waste is disposed of appropriately
- Ensure that waste contamination is minimised

In operating this policy we intend to take reasonable steps to ensure the health and safety of all users of buildings we own and manage including mitigating any risks posed by the use of storage in buildings with communal parts.

3. Scope

This policy applies to all One Manchester stock including social housing, market rent, affordable rent and all One Manchester commercial premises. This policy will not apply to One Manchester stock that is under development.

4. The Policy

A) Operational activities that support our waste and recycling aims by;

- Understanding what waste is produced as a result of One Manchester's operational activities and having a clear disposal or reuse approach for it.
- All operations will be underpinned by appropriate waste management approaches.
- Having a clear approach to enforcement and cost recovery.

B) The responsible sourcing of products and services

- We will ensure that suppliers and contractors have in place arrangements that guarantee all their materials packaging and containers are kept to a minimum and where possible are designed to allow them to be recycled.
- Our waste and recycling aims and expectations will be incorporated into our procurement approach.
- We will make the best of use of technology to meet our waste and recycling aims.

C) That our existing assets including our offices and new build developments have appropriate waste and recycling provision.

- Where possible we will exceed Regulatory new build waste and recycling standards.
- We will work with partners to develop tailored waste and recycling provision for different property types.
- We will develop tailored solutions for our development sites and offices.

D) We will communicate, inform and engage effectively with staff, customers and partners

- We will benchmark our waste and recycling service provision.
- We will ensure that colleagues have the appropriate knowledge to support the delivery of our waste and recycling aims.
- We will ensure that our customers, colleagues and partners are signposted and have access to relevant waste and recycling literature including our aims, expectations and performance information.

5. Method and Approach

This policy should be read in conjunction with any procedures, service level agreements and guidance notes prepared to meet and support its aims.

6. Responsibility

The Executive Director of Customers and Communities is responsible for ensuring this policy complies with legislative requirements.

Managers and staff who deal with the management of our homes including the provision of facilities management services are responsible for implementing this policy.

7. Equality & Diversity

One Manchester will ensure that this policy is applied fairly to all our customers. We will not directly or indirectly discriminate against any person or group of people because of their race, religion, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, disability or other grounds set out in our Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy.

An Equality Impact Assessment has been carried out on this policy.

8. Monitoring, review and evaluation

In monitoring this policy we will:

Update this policy as required with changes in legislation or working practices and a full review will be completed every three years;

Carry out regular compliance and fire risk assessment checks of all Independent Living, High Rise Low Rise accommodation and commercial facilities that have waste & recycling provisions.

9. Legislation and Link to other Documents

- Environmental Protection Act 1990 and associated Waste Regulations 2011
- Control of Pollution (Amendment) Act 1989
- Waste Framework Directive 2008
- EU waste Framework Directive and associated UK Waste Regulation 2015
- OM Neighbourhood Management Policy;
- The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order - Jun 2005;
- Local Government Association – Fire safety in purpose-built blocks of flats - May 2012;
- The Building Regulations Approved Document B - Fire Safety – Dec 2010, Amended Dec 2018;
- HM Government - Fire safety risk assessment - sleeping accommodation - Jun 2006.
- Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority (GMWDA) Behavioural Change & Communication Strategy 2017 - 2022