

# Waste Framework

Members Briefings – April 2017



**Belfast**  
City Council

# Waste Framework

Key Drivers

How are we doing?

Themes

- Collections
- Infrastructure
- Behaviour Change
- Technology

Recommendations

Outcomes



Recycle  
60k tonnes

Service ~ 8M bins pa  
travelling 1M km = 25  
X around earth

Waste/recycling  
~ 1,500 jobs in  
Belfast

Council  
collects/treats  
waste = weight  
of 747 every  
DAY

40%  
Recycling rate

Potential for an  
additional 13k jobs  
in NI – Circular  
Economy (Renew)

aner City

Live Here - Fit for Purpose  
Services

Economic Driver

# Key Drivers

**Legislation**  
(Environmental Compliance)



Landfill Directive

Revised Waste Framework Directive

*Circular Economy Package ?*

& Contaminated Land

DOE Waste Mgt. Strategy 2013

Food Waste (NI) Regulations 2015

Treatment

Recycling  
Composting

Landfill  
Diversion/RDF/SF

Landfill

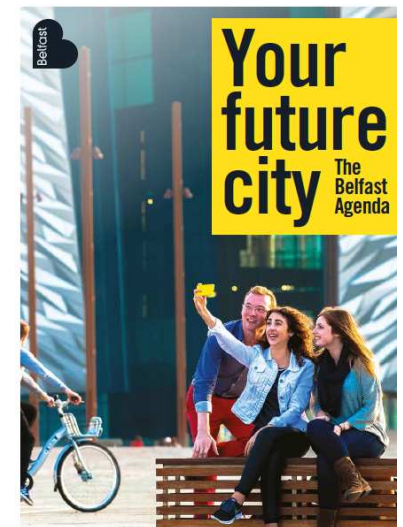
**Money**



NILAS fines

Improved VfM

**Belfast Agenda**







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## Optimisation of Waste to 2025 & Beyond

# The Waste Framework

## Managing waste, delivering value, supporting jobs

**A paradigm shift is needed** – to recycle around 20,000 tonnes per annum. This will require different waste collection schemes, new infrastructure and changes to our behaviour.

**...if everyone put the correct items in the correct bin, the Council would save almost £2 million per year and boost recycling rate by a staggering 20% !**

stronger engagement with the public is needed at key stages implementing the Waste Framework; education and promotion, public recognition, and incentives will be essential but, ultimately, enforcement may be required.

We need to create a step change to our recycling performance (bringing with it efficiencies), and **create environmental, and economic benefits for Belfast.**

The waste produced in Belfast can be harnessed to produce goods and energy, which could drive local infrastructure and economic development. This has been coined as the **Circular Economy** and deals with the leakages of valuable resources from waste from the local economy.

# Waste Framework

## Collections



## Infrastructure



## Behavioural Change



## Technology



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# Collection Options

## Current Kerbside Schemes

Potential Recycling Rate 40%

3 bin scheme



Inner city



pilots



Incineration



Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In house flexibility to adapt to changing regimes</li> <li>• 3 bin scheme – simple &amp; familiar</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multiple systems = resident confusion and less efficient operations</li> <li>• Limited range of materials available in recycling bin and contamination</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inner City – wide range of materials</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will not achieve the required improvement</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legal compliance – likely to be more challenging</li> </ul>

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# Collections - Potential Approach

Dry Recyclables  
(weekly)



Food Waste  
(weekly)



Garden waste  
(Fortnightly – seasonal)



Non-recyclable waste  
(fortnightly)



Potential  
Recycling  
Rate 42%

## Advantages

- City wide – Standardised approach = consistent message/communications
- Removes legal challenge separate collections
- Decreased Contamination
- Decreased Carbon footprint
- Cheapest operating costs to deliver compliance
- Increased Frequency Of Collections
- Additional Recycling capacity – greater range (glass)
- Meets Direction of Travel in industry (Quality)

## Disadvantages

- High Capital Set Up costs – may be mitigated with central Government funds
- Scheme Acceptance – public & operationally



# Infrastructure Options - Recycling

## Clean Materials Recycling Facility (MRF)



### Advantages

- Reduced risk of gate fee increases
- Increased income opportunities
- Job creation
- Proven technology – standard set up

### Disadvantages

- High capital set up costs
- Operational complexities and associated risks
- Size of facility required
- Income risk dependant on commodity markets

## Bulking Hall for Segregated Recyclables



### Advantages

- Reduced Contracted Treatment Costs/Gate fee
- Increased Income opportunities
- Job Creation
- Proven technology – standard set up

### Disadvantages

- Capital Set Up costs cheaper than MRF
- Operational risks
- Size of facility required smaller than MRF

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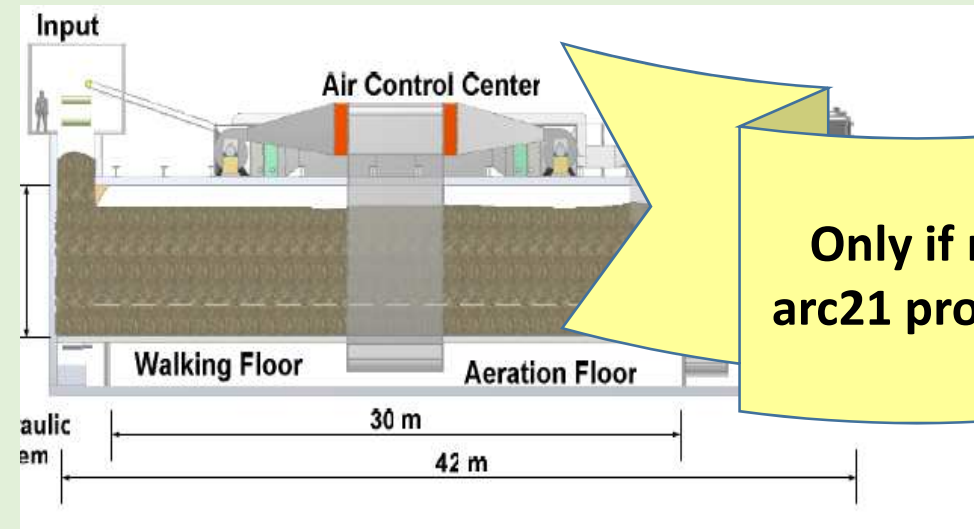
# Infrastructure Options - Residual

## Dirty Materials Recycling Facility (MRF)



Advantages	Disadvantages
Reduced Contract/Treatment costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High Capital Set Up costs</li> </ul>
NILAS Compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operational complexities</li> </ul>
Job Creation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Size of facility required</li> </ul>
Additional recycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Timescale until operation (3-5 Yrs.)</li> </ul>
Proven technology – standard set up	

## Dirty MRF + Drying Halls



Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduced contract/Treatment costs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Very High capital set up costs</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NILAS compliance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual revenue costs</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Job creation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operational complexities/unproven</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Potential to use landfill gas generator heat as drying source</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Size of facility required- Very Large</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Timescale until operational</li> </ul>

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# Behavioural Change

*stronger engagement with the public is needed at key stages to complement the options proposed on collections and infrastructure.*

## Food Waste Campaign



Potential savings - £50 per tonne

Increased Recycling ~ 1 %

NILAS & Landfill Diversion

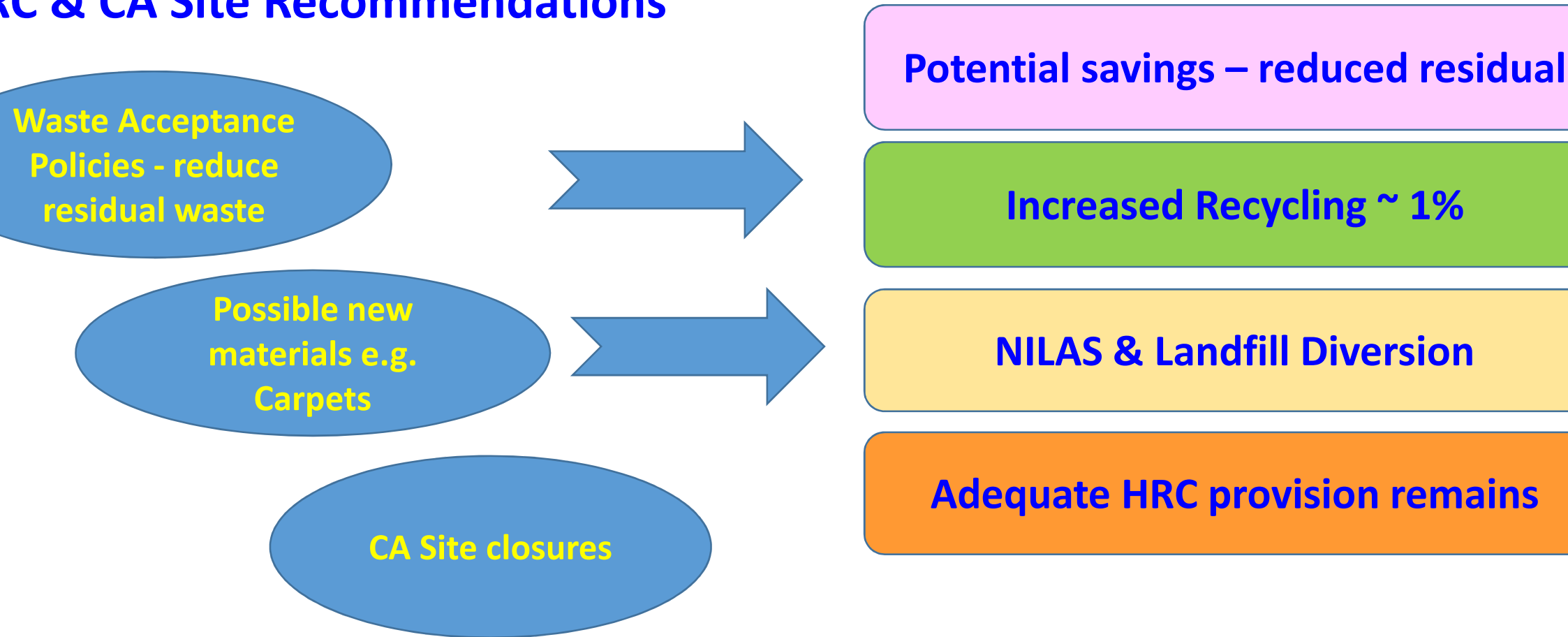
Circular Economy – Jobs/AD potential

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## RC & CA Site Recommendations



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## Accelerated Roll-Out of 180 litre Bins



**Reduced landfill costs**



**Increased Recycling ~ est. 2%-3%**

**NILAS & Landfill Diversion**

**BUT**

Significant initial capital cost (£3M), logistically challenging, bin ownership issues, readiness/public acceptability

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# Behavioural Change

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## Reduced Frequency of Residual Collections

	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
27				Black box Food caddy		
3				Blue bin Food caddy		
10				Black box Brown bin Food caddy		
17				Blue bin Food caddy		
24				Black box Brown bin Food caddy		

**Wirk example – 4 x weekly collections**

Potential Significant savings –  
reduced residual & operational costs

Increased Recycling ~ 2% - 3%

NILAS & Landfill Diversion

Reduced carbon footprint - vehicles

**BUT**

Route optimisation, public acceptability,  
reputational risk on implementation

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# Information Technology

Smart City

**Innovate UK**

**Smart Bins**

**Underground Waste Storage**

***Internet of Things (IoT)***

**n-cab Technology**

**Camera Technology**

**Advanced Analytics**

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# Recommendations

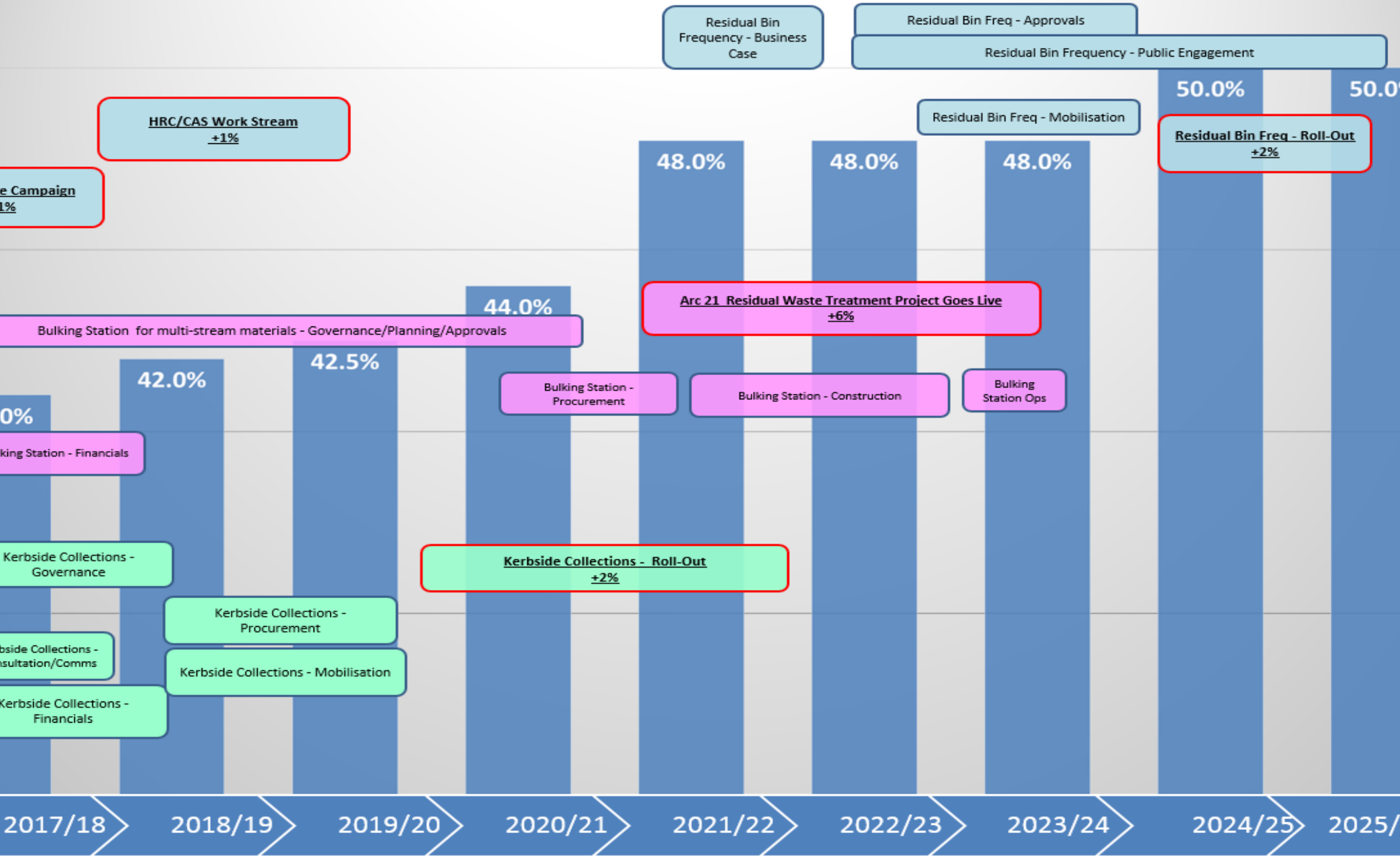
<i>Options</i>	<i>Ann Net Expenditure 2020 £1,000's</i>	<i>Additional Capital Costs</i>	<i>Projected Contribution to Recycling Rate</i>	<i>Recycling Rate Cumulative Total</i>
<b>Current Recycling Rate</b>	22,780	nil	nil	40%
<b>Collection Options</b>				
Multi Stream Kerbside Sort	21,997	9,775	2%	42%
<b>Residual Waste Infrastructure</b>				
Dirty MRF (est)*	2,500	21m	4%	46%
<b>Recycling Infrastructure</b>				
Bulking Station (est)	500	5.2m	Nil	46%
<b>Behaviour Change</b>				
Food Waste – residual bin	Na	NA	1%	47%
HRC Review (incl op Review)	-320	Nil	1%	48%
Reduce the residual waste bin collection frequency	-1,200	Nil	2%	50%
<b>Total</b>				<b>50%</b>

Required if no arc21 Solution

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# Framework - Timeline Proposed Options & Recycling Rate



# Outcomes

**Cleaner City – Environmentally friendly city**

**Live Here - Fit for Purpose Services**

**Economic driver – Resourceful Belfast (Circular Economy)**

