

LOCAL GOVERNMENT NATIONAL INDICATOR SET TECHNICAL HANDBOOK - RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

Name and address of responding organisation:
Devon County Council

Is this your organisation's official response to the consultation? Yes

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National Indicator Number:

193

Please complete a separate form for each indicator on which you wish to respond

Indicator Issue	
1. Is the Technical Definition of this indicator clear?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If NO a. What aspects of the technical definition of the indicator are unclear? Please specify clearly - is it in relation to the measurement method, or - on reporting b. Please suggest how the template can be clarified/improved.	a) The WCAs are not mentioned in the numerator. b) For clarity it might be worth mentioning that the indicator should also include all waste collected by WCAs that goes to landfill. See 6 for further comment.
2. Does the Technical Definition for this indicator have any unintended consequences?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If YES a. What are the unintended consequences on this national indicator? b. Can the unintended consequence be avoided? If so, how?	
3. Will the Technical Definitions for this indicator work in practice?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

<p>If NO a. Why would this technical definition not work in practice?</p>	
<p>4. Is this indicator defined at the right spatial level?</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>a) If not, what level should it be defined at? (including whether information is already gathered and/or reported at that level and if so where, if not, estimated cost of collecting and reporting it)</p>	<p>If WCAs had an indicator for municipal waste to landfill then they would have more incentive to offer a recycling service to businesses which if this was directed at organic waste would assist the WDAs to defend their LATS position. At the moment WCAs have no real incentive, which creates tension between the tiers.</p>
<p>5. Should data for this indicator be provided for any or all of the different equalities strands (please tick the relevant box)?</p>	<p>Ethnicity <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Gender <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Religion <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Age <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Sexual orientation <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Disability <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Other <input type="checkbox"/> (Please specify)</p>
<p>a) For any boxes ticked at 5, is this information already gathered and/or reported and, if so, where? If not, what would be the estimated additional burden of collecting and reporting it?</p>	
<p>6. Further comments on the questions above and /or any other comments that are not covered above questions.</p>	

Also for clarity, in the numerator where it says waste collected for recycling/composting rejected to landfill reference could be made to the definitions of sent for composting/sent for recycling used in NI192.

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