

BEST PRACTICE IN FOOD WASTE MANAGEMENT

PARTNER ORGANISATION: DUNDRUM TOWN CENTRE

The Centre's objective was to identify and implement best practice in food waste management to divert this waste from landfill and prepare for compliance with regulation of this waste stream in the future.



The lessons learned during the LAPD Programme, which are still being put into practice, include:

1. The involvement of all tenants and the commitment of the management company and the waste service provider are crucial to the success of any waste management programme in the town centre.
2. Due to high staff turnover in the retail and hospitality sectors training programmes in waste segregation are vital as part of staff induction. The use of graphics on signage and provision of instructions in at least six languages is necessary for staff compliance with procedures.
3. Ongoing monitoring of the quality of the waste presented for recycling and rejection of waste that does not meet the specifications is essential. Segregated waste must be presented in clear bags to enable its quality to be checked.
4. In looking at the volume of waste produced it is important to consider the trading environment and different buying patterns of customers to give an accurate assessment of recycling rates.

