COUNCIL MEETING

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Brighton & Hove City Council

NOTICE OF MOTION

Food Recycling Scheme

"Kitchen waste currently makes up one third of the domestic refuse in Brighton and Hove waste stream, which we should be diverting away from landfill or incineration.

Work on a Local Waste Strategy that would have continued the reduction of waste in Brighton and Hove, was started by the previous administration in conjunction with local residents, interest groups and businesses. It is a matter of regret that this strategy has not been published for discussion by this council.

Nineteen Local Authorities carried out kerbside food waste collection pilots under the WRAP, with very good results. They reported:

Collectively the trials provided a service to over 94,000 households and during the trials a total of 4,400 tonnes of food waste was diverted from landfill avoiding the emission of the equivalent of 2,000 tonnes of CO_2 (assuming that all the food waste went to in-vessel composting). Average food waste yields per household served per week ranged from 0.3 kg (bring scheme) to 2.2 kg (kerbside); this is equivalent to each household avoiding the equivalent of between 0.1 kg and 0.99 kg of CO_2 each week.

Such a scheme would continue the good work already started by the previous administration in terms of driving down levels of waste throughout the city.

This council therefore requests the Cabinet Member for Environment to give consideration to applying to the Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP) for support in setting up a food recycling scheme."

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