

Amendments to the Labour Party Climate Change Motion

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To add the following:

The Council Notes:

1. According to figures published by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) Tower Hamlets is the third-worst borough for recycling in London.
2. Defra figures also show that Tower Hamlets was the fourth-worst local authority for recycling in the whole of the UK in 2019/20.
3. A report published by the Council showed that the recycling rate per household was just 19.5 percent between April and June this year - significantly lower than the UK average of 46.2 percent.
4. Regular missed recycling and refuse collections potentially disenfranchises residents from recycling.
5. Our borough's household refuse and recycling must be collected on time and our streets cleaned regularly. Residents need to see that the Council is leading the way to make our borough both clean and green.

The Council Resolves:

1. That a targeted approach by the council to ensure that the borough is no longer the fourth worst local authority for recycling.
2. That a concerted effort is made by the council to ensure that recycling is collected on time without ANY missed collections.
3. The Council must proactively work to ensure that people ALWAYS have access to recycling bags particularly those who are elderly or cannot easily pick bags up from distribution points.