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Cost of contamination toolkit

APSE Refuse and street cleansing advisory group meeting

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Partnership between LWARB and WRAP

By 2020, London will have more harmonised, consistent and efficient waste and recycling services that will:

- Reduce the city's waste footprint and reinvigorate recycling to make a significant contribution towards the Mayor's ambition for London to achieve 65% recycling by 2030; and

- make a significant contribution towards England achieving its 50% household waste recycling target in 2020.

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What is the Cost of Contamination toolkit?

- **Free online toolkit to help measure the true cost of contamination**

- **Measures reactive costs incurred by authorities, including:**

  - Gate fees

  - Staffing

  - Communications

  - Extra contactor fees

- **Purpose is to:**

  - Calculate the true cost of contamination in the recycling stream

  - Provide officers with evidence to secure internal resources and funding to help tackle the issue

  - Provide in-depth service information for reporting to members

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Why was it developed?

- **Contamination in recycling is a big issue for London boroughs**

- **Financial and performance implications for authorities**

- **Research (e.g. borough visits, LROG workshop) showed authorities did not appreciate the true cost of contamination**

- **Inconsistent approach to measuring the cost to the authority**

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How was the toolkit developed?

- **Resource London and LEDNET commissioned Anthesis (a specialist sustainability consultancy) to develop the toolkit**

- **The structure and functionality of the toolkit was informed by discussions with Resource London, a working group (including local authority representatives, LARAC, WRAP and the ESA)**

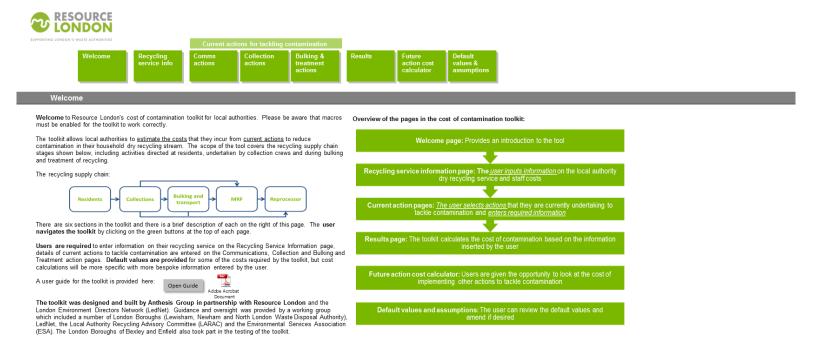- **5 boroughs trialled the toolkit – testing different collection methodologies**

The toolkit – live demo

The toolkit is hosted on the Resource London website

http://resourcelondon.org/resources/toolkits/cost-contamination-toolkit/

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