

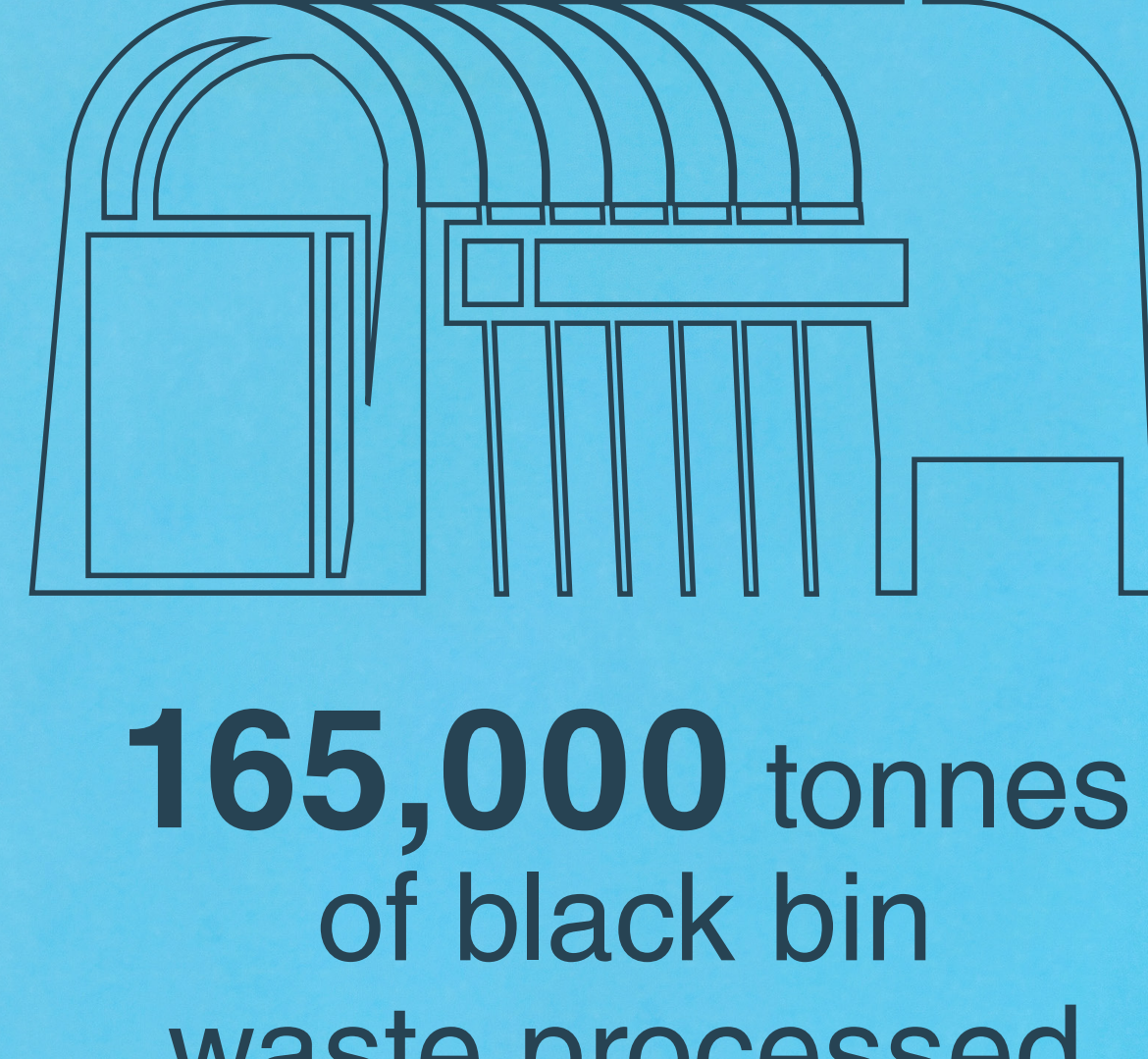
# Leeds City Council is signed up to **Waste to Wealth** and is committed to managing its resources sustainably

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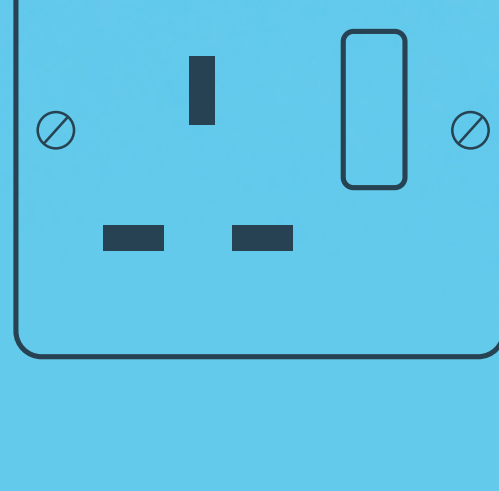


## Less than 1% of black bin waste goes to landfill

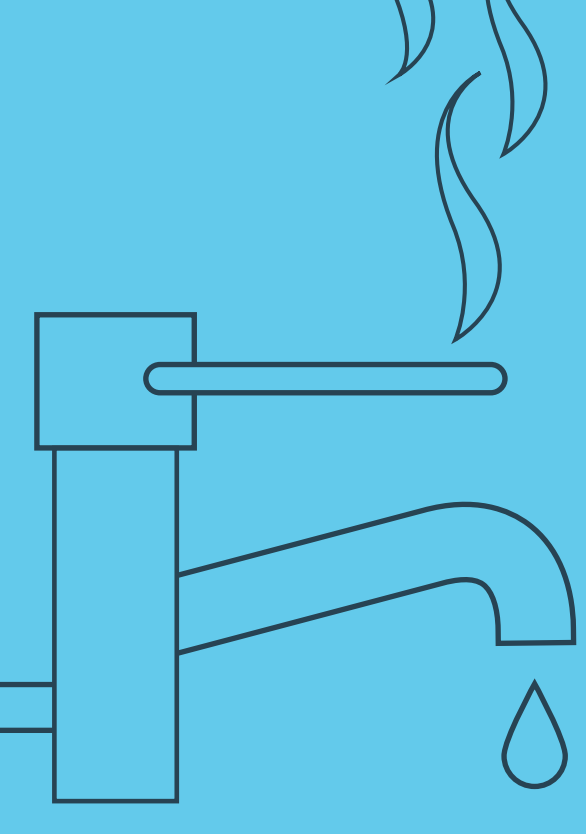
Our energy recovery plant processes all our non-recyclable household waste, generating energy for the National Grid and heating for social housing and businesses via the Leeds PIPES district heating network



**165,000** tonnes of black bin waste processed each year



Powering up to **20,000** homes via the National Grid



Providing low carbon heat and hot water for over **1,900** council homes and many local businesses



Reducing greenhouse gases – equal to taking **29,000** cars off the road each year



## Net zero carbon by 2030

The city has declared a climate emergency

## Everyone doing their part

### The city has a new interim **Waste Strategy 2019-2021**

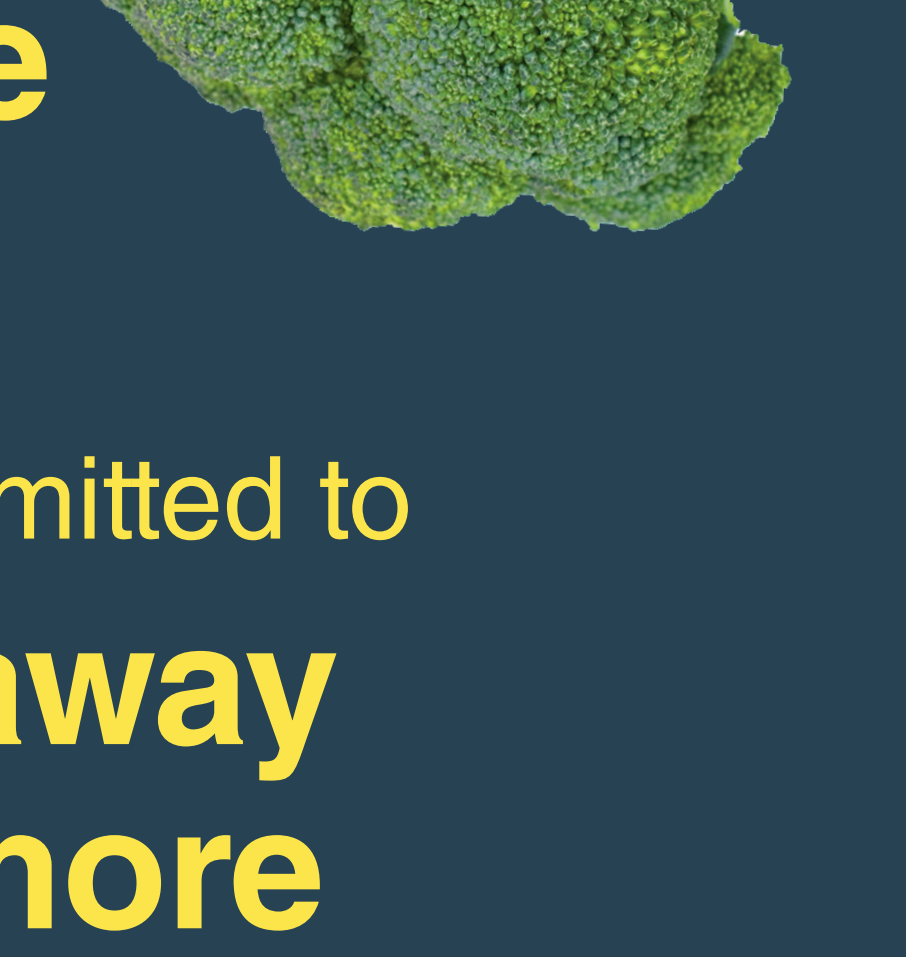
It followed a public conversation about waste, recycling and what people are prepared to do to reduce their impact



Household waste recycling has **doubled to around 39% since 2006**



**2 out of 3** people in Leeds say they will try to **reduce food waste**



Half of us have committed to **throw less away and reuse more**

**3 in 4** businesses are willing to make a public commitment to **reduce waste**



## Recycling on-the-go

Over **180 on-street recycling bins** have been introduced across Leeds City Centre



**1.2m coffee cups**  
**160,000 bottles**  
**140,000 cans**  
**7.5 tonnes recycled**

**49%** of people said they **used the recycling bins** up from 17% at the start



Leeds City Council is a big organisation. Through its organisational practices and workforce it has a big influence on sustainability in the city.



## Leading by example...



Huge reductions in avoidable single use plastic in our food and drink outlets



Helping our staff to understand their carbon footprint

Rationalising and improving our building portfolio to become more efficient



Overhauling our office waste management and recycling



## We've made reuse our first choice

**3.16 tonnes** of stuff reused last year instead of being thrown away

**Reuse shops** on 2 of our household waste recycling centres



## We Sort It

We're collaborating with local businesses to share in our vision to reduce waste and recycle more

## More businesses

are ready to sign up, make the commitment and display the We Sort It badge

