

**Policy for making Recycling Payments (Recycling Credits)
to Waste Collection Authorities - January 2014**

1. LCC in its role as WDA will, where required to do so, give notice to a WCA under Section 51(4)(a) of the EPA to deliver all collected waste into its waste treatment, processing and disposal facilities/contracts where such arrangements are in place, or are to be put in place.
2. Where no LCC facility or contract exists, or where, by arrangement with LCC, a WCA retains waste for recycling or composting in accordance with Section 48(2) of the EPA, LCC will make to the WCA a payment for the recycling of the waste (a "Recycling Credit").
3. The rate of the Recycling Credit will be calculated in accordance with regulation 3 of The Environmental Protection (Waste Recycling Payments) Regulations 2006. For clarity, the amount defined as 'A' under Section 3 of the 2006 Regulations will be £46.21 per tonne in 2014/15 and increased annually by 3%. Any amount payable by the County Council in consequence of the retention of waste for recycling by any WCA (defined as 'B' under regulation 3 of the 2006 Regulations) will be deducted from the amount 'A'.
4. For the avoidance of doubt, where LCC makes arrangements for the processing of waste collected by the WCAs, no "Recycling Credit" payment will be made to the WCA. Alternative payments, other than those to which a WCA may be entitled under statute, may be considered in individual circumstances where these are in the interests of the operational, strategic or budgetary requirements/proposals of the Council. In this case it should be clear that any payment would be discretionary.
5. In directing a WCA to deliver waste to any persons or places more than 3 miles beyond the boundary of its collection area, LCC will pay to the WCA a 'Tipping Away Payment' at a rate per tonne per mile, from the point that is 3 miles beyond its closest boundary, to the facility to which the WCA has been directed.
6. The effective date for the implementation of this policy is 1 April 2014.