



# Roscommon Co Co Goes Bin-less

## LOCAL AUTHORITY PREVENTION DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMME

Roscommon Co Co has removed the desktop bins from their planning department and achieved a 50% increase in recycling. The Council is now about to remove the bins from all of its offices and replace them with centralised recycling stations.



Implementing a practical waste segregation and collection system is the first target in the Council's LAPD initiative with particular emphasis on paper the largest waste stream as identified in a waste audit. By monitoring consumable use and waste generation patterns, waste reduction opportunities will be identified and targeted as small measurable prevention projects promoted by the Green Team who have representatives from all departments.

Baseline figures on waste generation, staff numbers, floor areas, numbers of printers, consumables used have been collected and will be used to set targets and benchmark the Council's performance against similar organizations.

Waste minimization is part of the Council's in house LAPD initiative, which will target more efficient resource use by reviewing existing practices using electronic rather than paper based systems for communication and information management. Best practice guidelines will be produced and there will be continuous staff training on new measures identified in the initiative. On completion of the project, the best practice guideline will be promoted to similar organizations.

Roscommon Co Co's project entitled "Programme for Waste Prevention, Energy and Water Conservation for Roscommon County Council Buildings and Services" has received €75,000 under phase 2 of the Local Authority Prevention Demonstration Programme.

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