

News Release



Stirling Council reduces costs by recycling roadsweeper waste

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Stirling Council is set to make significant savings thanks to an innovative system for recycling swept up road waste.

Around 2000 tonnes of grit and refuse are currently lifted by Land Services' mechanical sweepers annually and sent to landfill.

But thanks to the ingenuity of the Council's Environment Services team, this waste can now be reduced through treatment in a special dewatering facility where it is sorted and dried before being taken away and made into concrete blocks.

Environment Committee Convenor, Councillor Danny Gibson, said: "There was nothing much we could do with this residual waste apart from dump it at landfill, which is clearly not what we wanted. However our brilliant team has come up with a solution that both saves us money and keeps rubbish out of landfill.

"The savings are made because it's nearly 50% cheaper for us to pay to have this waste taken away and recycled than to pay the £99 per tonne landfill charge.

"Although we are well on our way to reaching the long term targets for recycling, we will increasingly have to come up with innovative solutions like this to continue reduce the amount we have to dispose of."

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Notes to Picture Editors:

Environment Committee Convenor Councillor Danny Gibson takes a look at the roadsweeper recycling system with Waste Treatment and Disposal Team Leader Paul Charters.

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Stirling Council currently recycles 55% of all waste – the second highest of any local authority in the country.

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