

APSE: Waste and Recycling Online Network

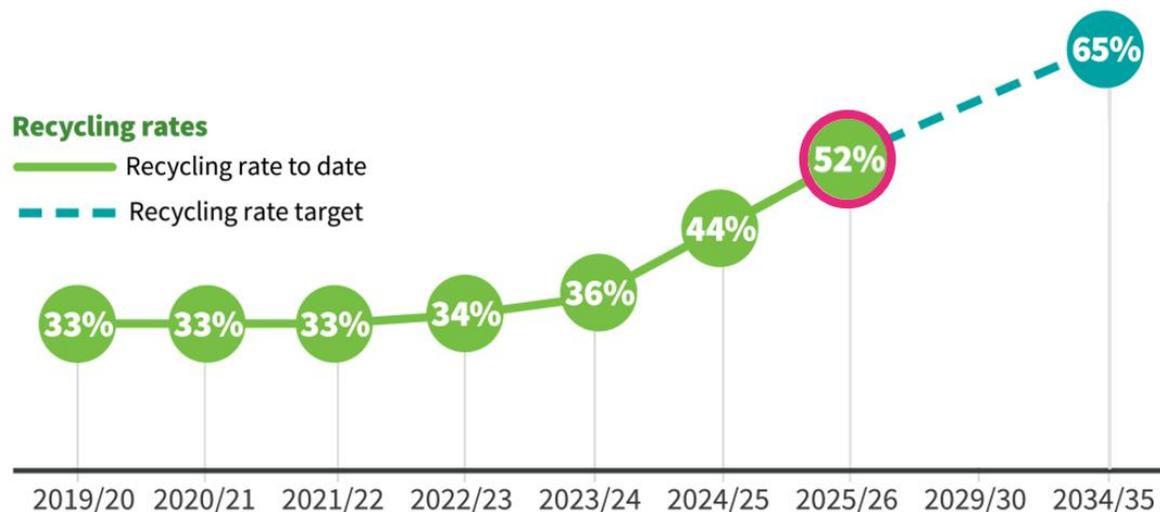
Transforming Waste Collections in Cornwall

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Waste in Cornwall – a brief history

- Unitary Authority
- Harmonisation
- Contracts
- Budget
- Performance



Service Transition

Old weekly



Black bag waste

Old fortnightly



Paper, card, plastics, cans, glass and textiles



Garden waste

New weekly



Food recycling

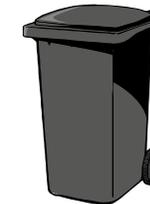
New fortnightly



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Garden waste



Non-recyclable rubbish

Food waste infrastructure

23 litre outdoor collection caddy



7 litre indoor kitchen caddy plus trial pack of 13 compostable liners (7 litre to 10 litre)

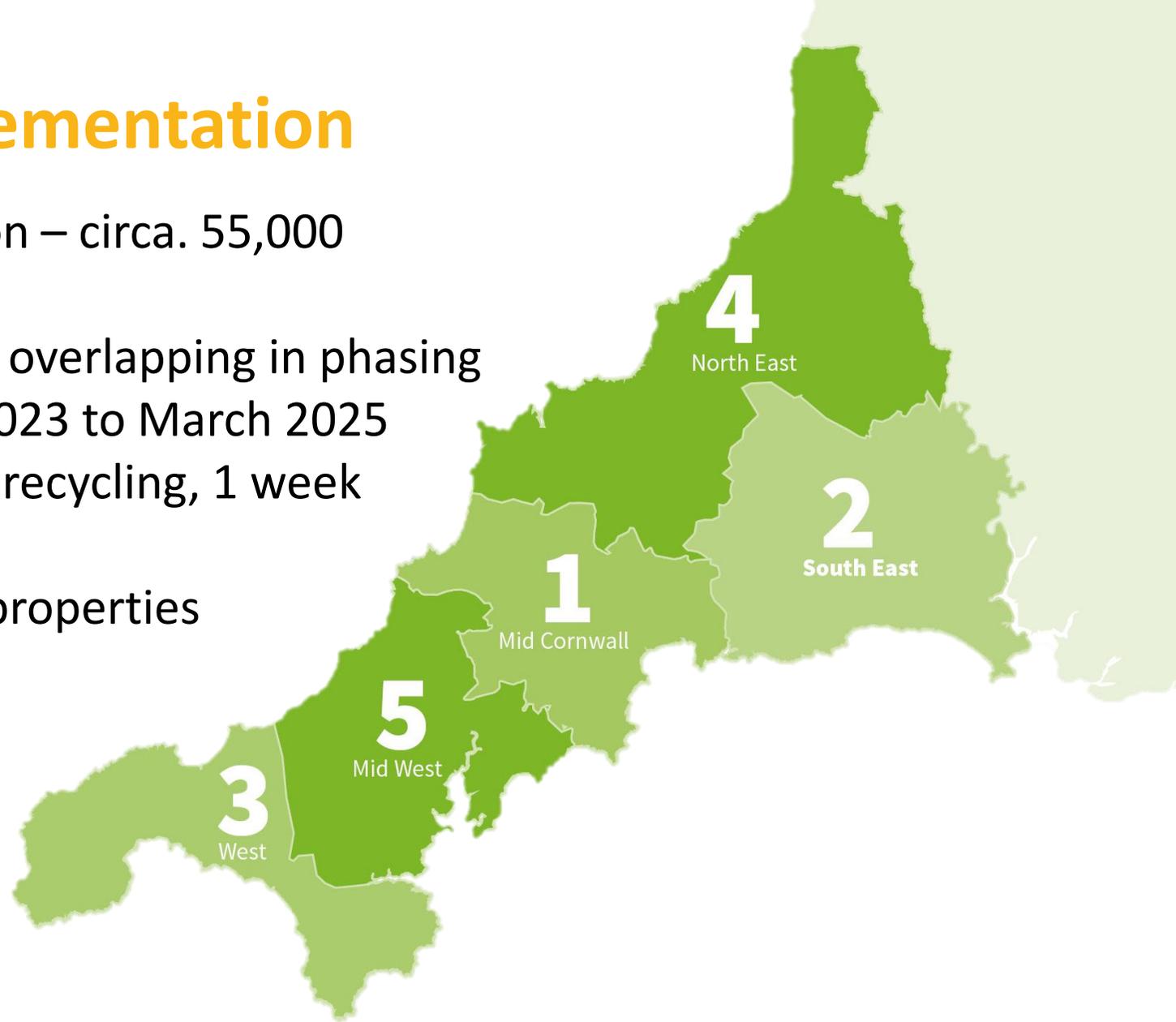
Plus significant capital programme to upgrade 5 RTS/MRF facilities



Food waste compartment on recycling vehicles

Food waste implementation

- Phased implementation – circa. 55,000 properties
- 5 geographical areas – overlapping in phasing
- Rolled out - October 2023 to March 2025
- Weekly food – 1 week recycling, 1 week dedicated
- Communals – 13,000 properties



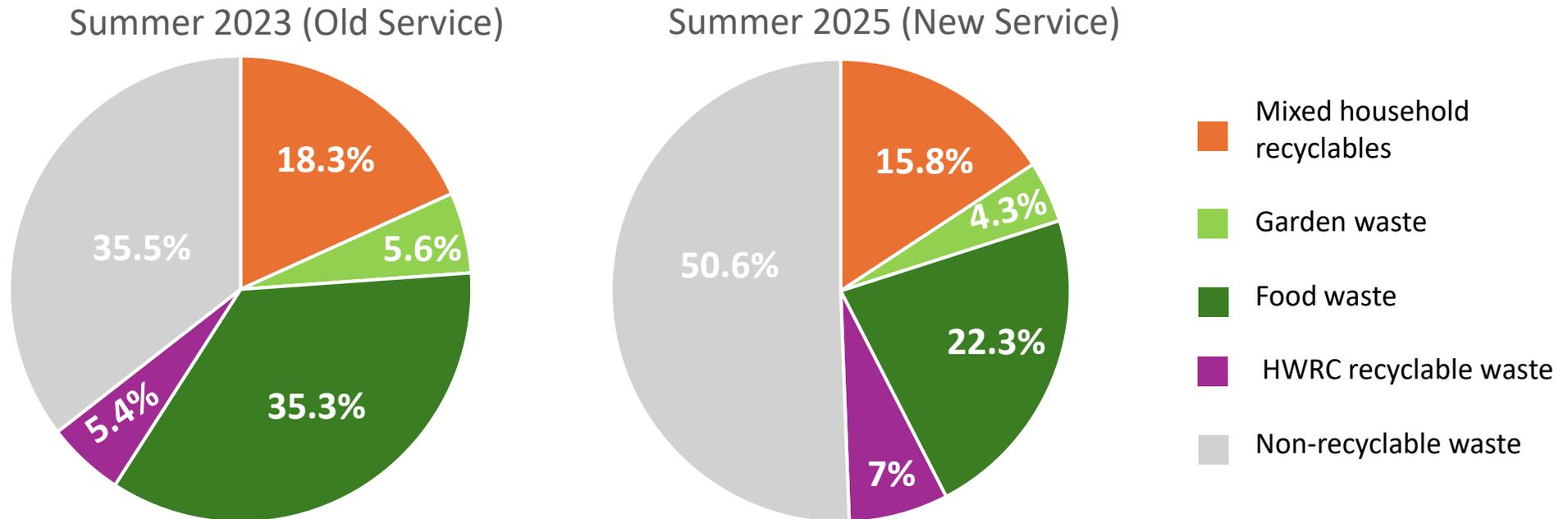
Communications

- Member briefings
- 3 x information leaflets to each household
- 170 drop in roadshow events - engaged face to face with approx. 2,850 individuals
- Social media posts
- Service change area on our website
- Engagement with local media
- 30,000 contacts via contact centre and processes



Waste Compositional Analysis

Average black bag composition

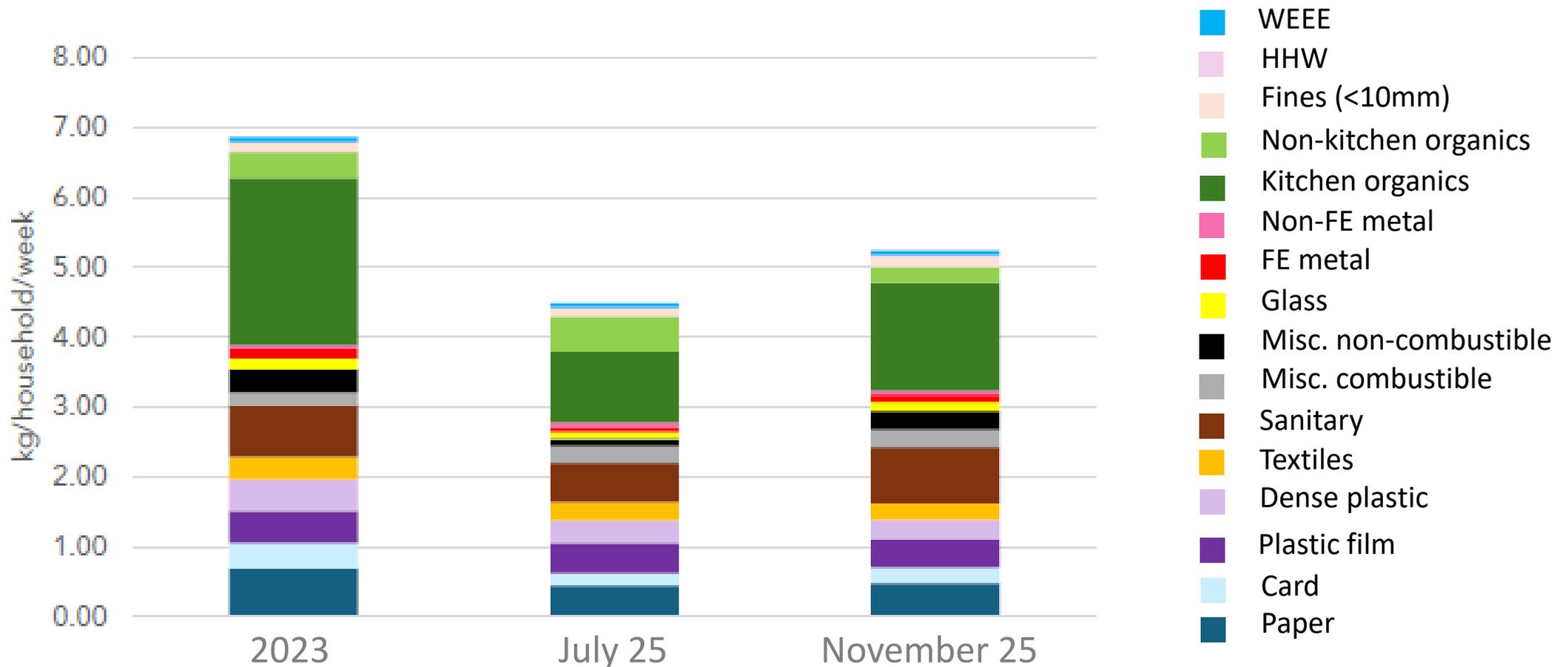


- **60% of food waste** collected from caddies (40% still going in the black bag)

Performance

- Forecasting - 2.7% overall reduction in waste arisings 2025/26

Weights of waste in the average householders' residual bin





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