

# Three Weekly Black Bin Collections - Update

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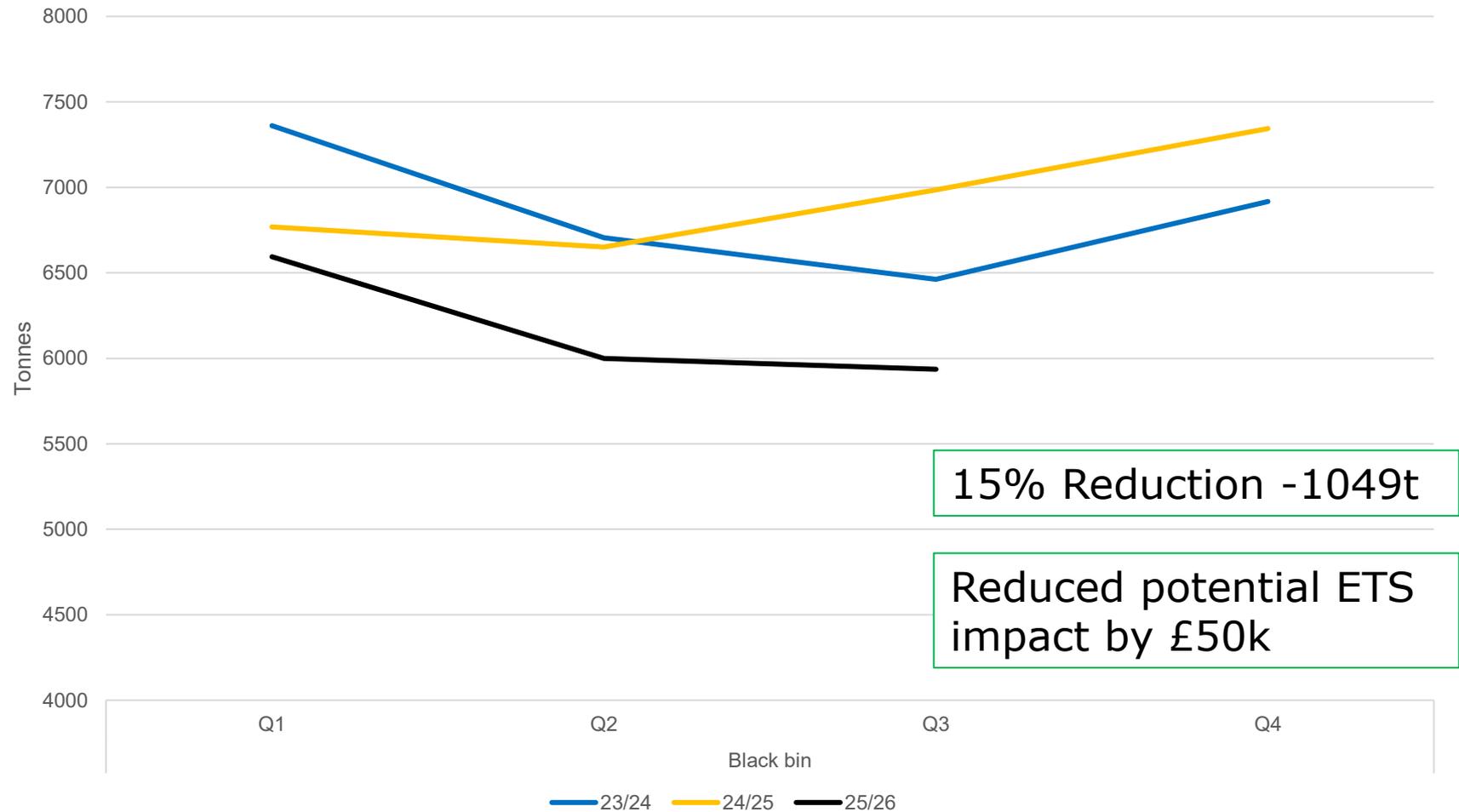
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# What and Why

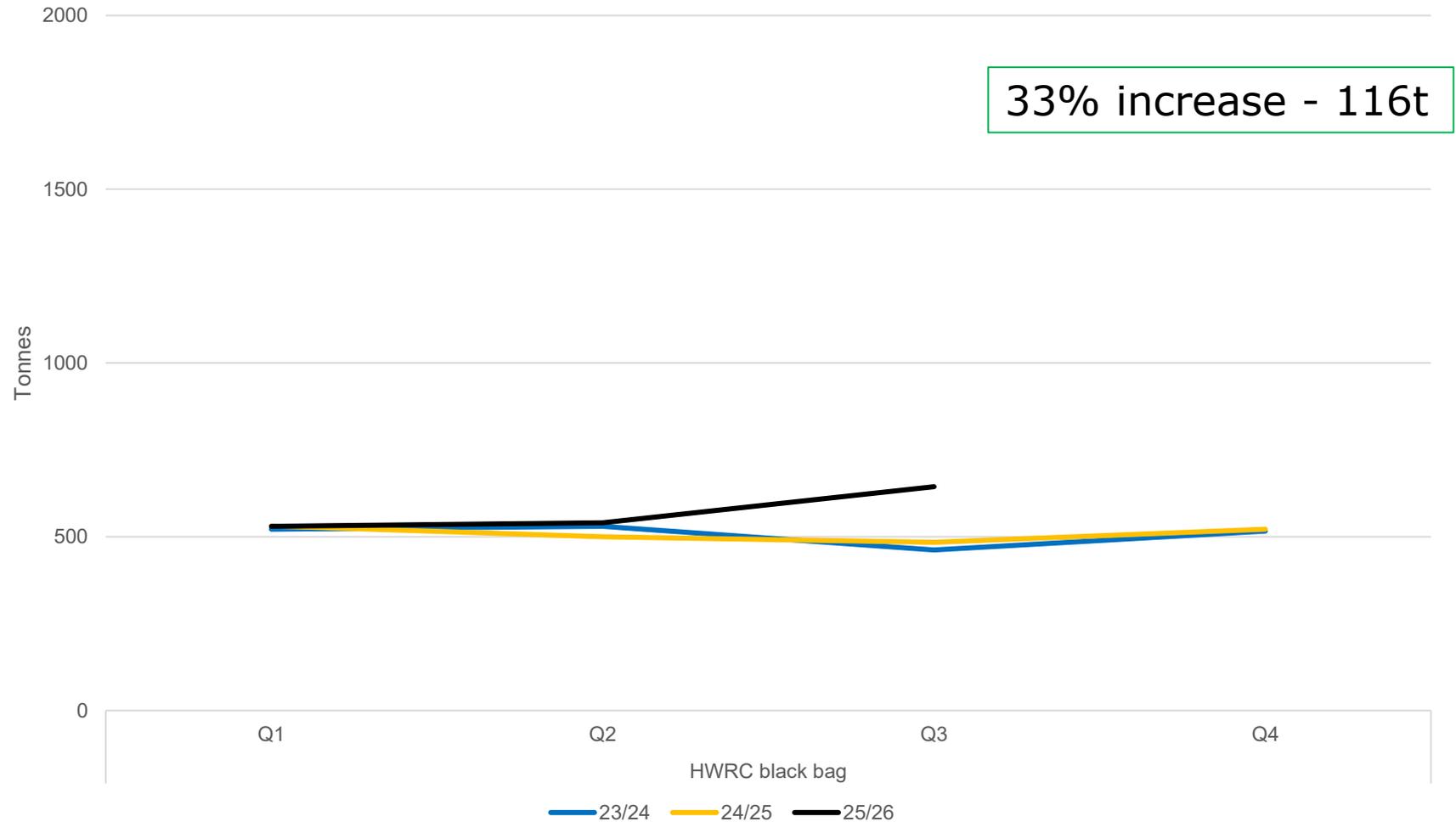
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- ❑ Collections of non-recyclable waste (black bin) changed to once every three weeks on **22 September 2025**
- ❑ **42%** of the black bin contained waste that could be recycled using existing services
- ❑ **49%** properties participated in the weekly food waste service
- ❑ West Berks is among **heaviest 10% for waste produced per person** (437kg per person)

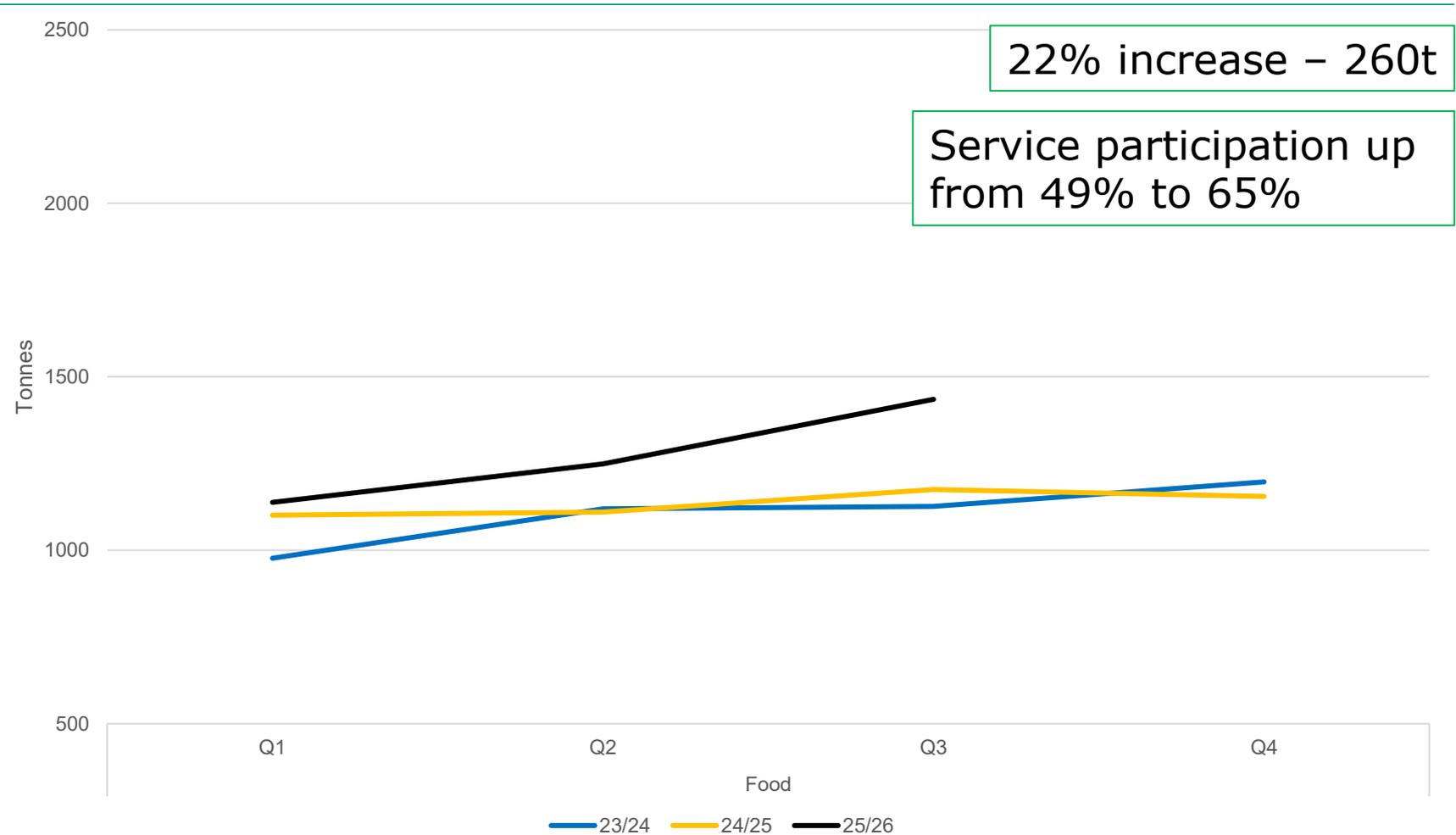
# Kerbside Black Bin Waste



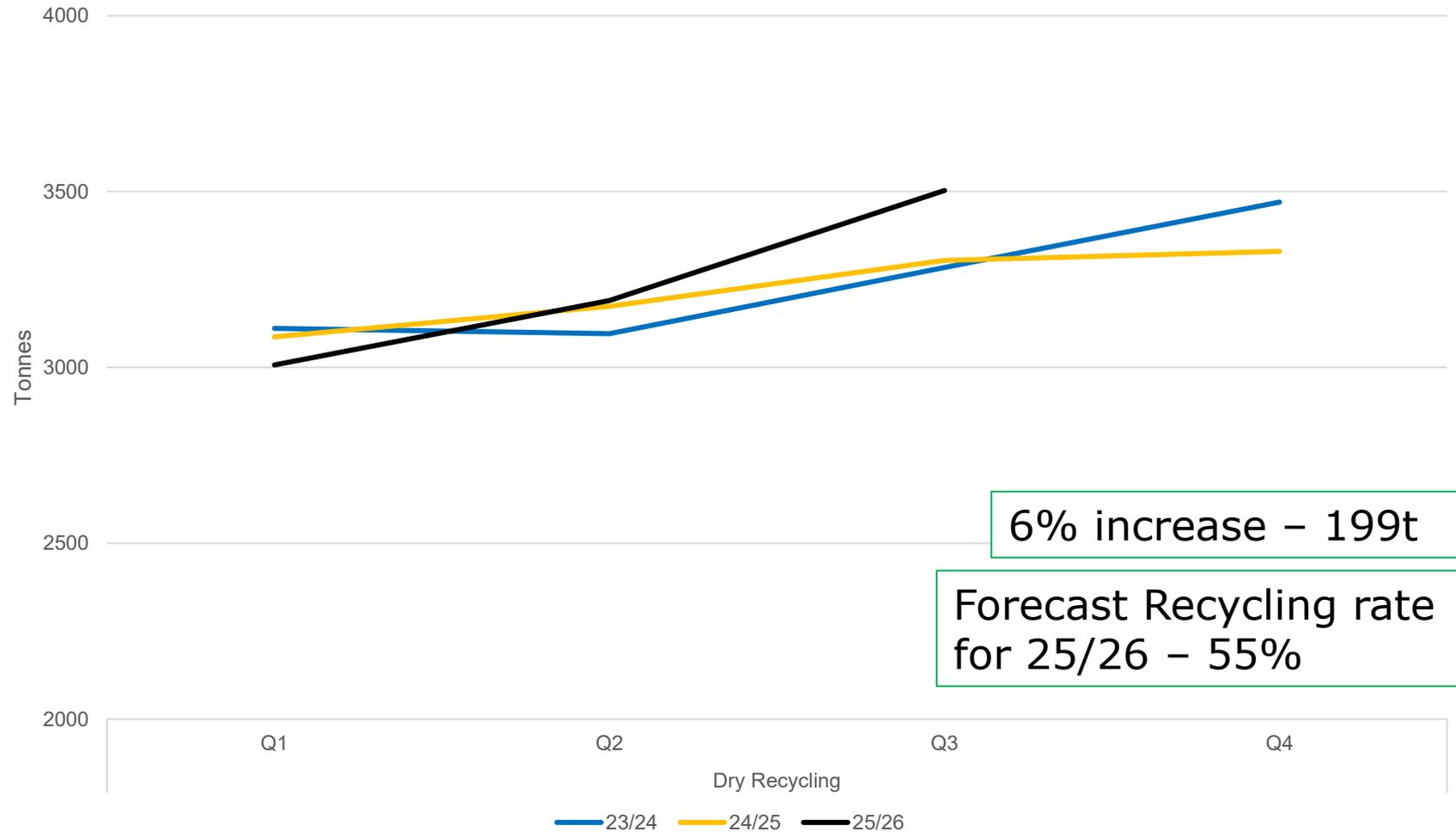
# HWRC Black Bag Waste



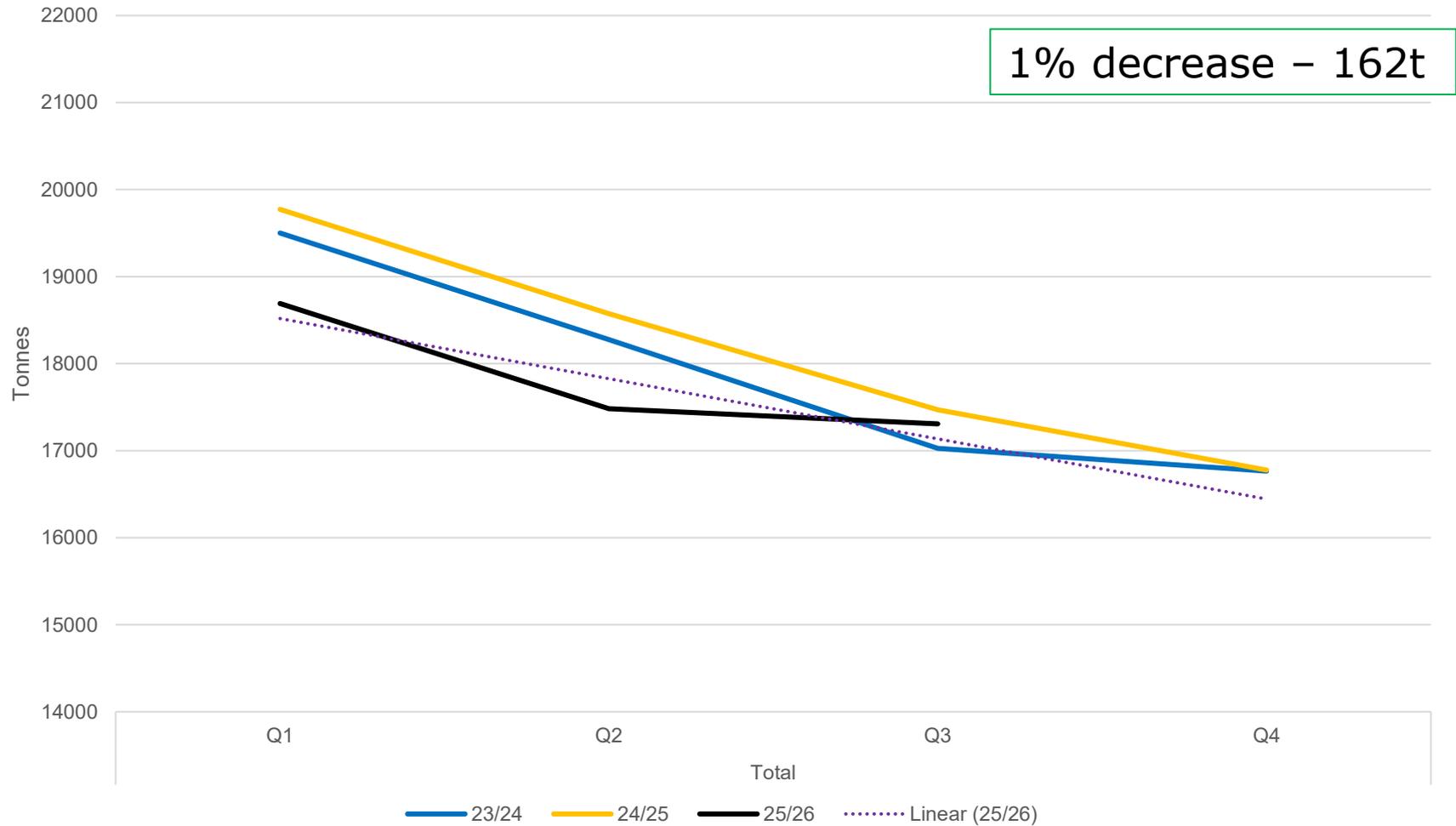
# Kerbside Food Waste



# Kerbside Dry Recycling

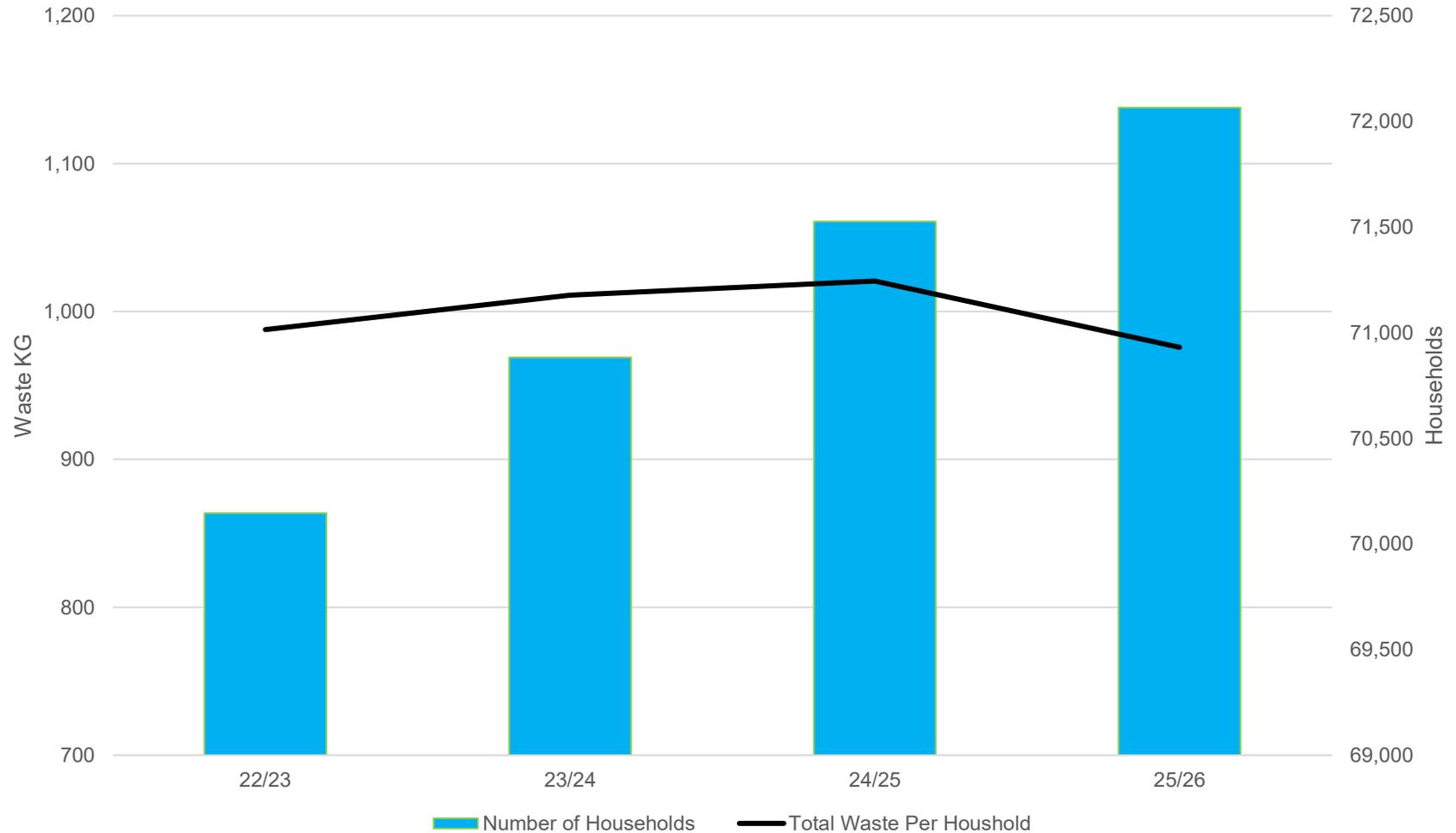


# Total Waste Collected



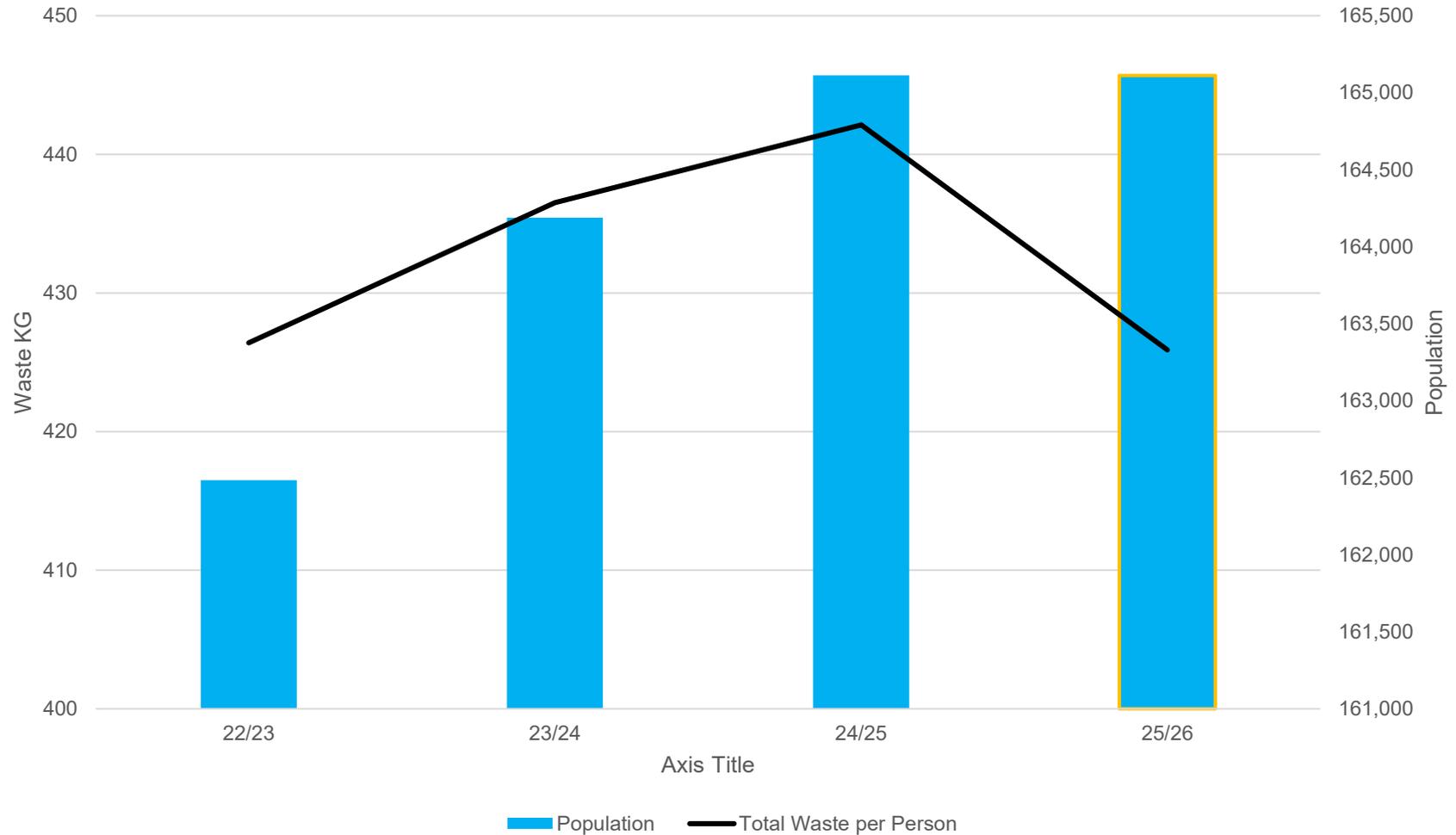
# Total Waste Per Household (KG)

*\*25/26 - Projection*

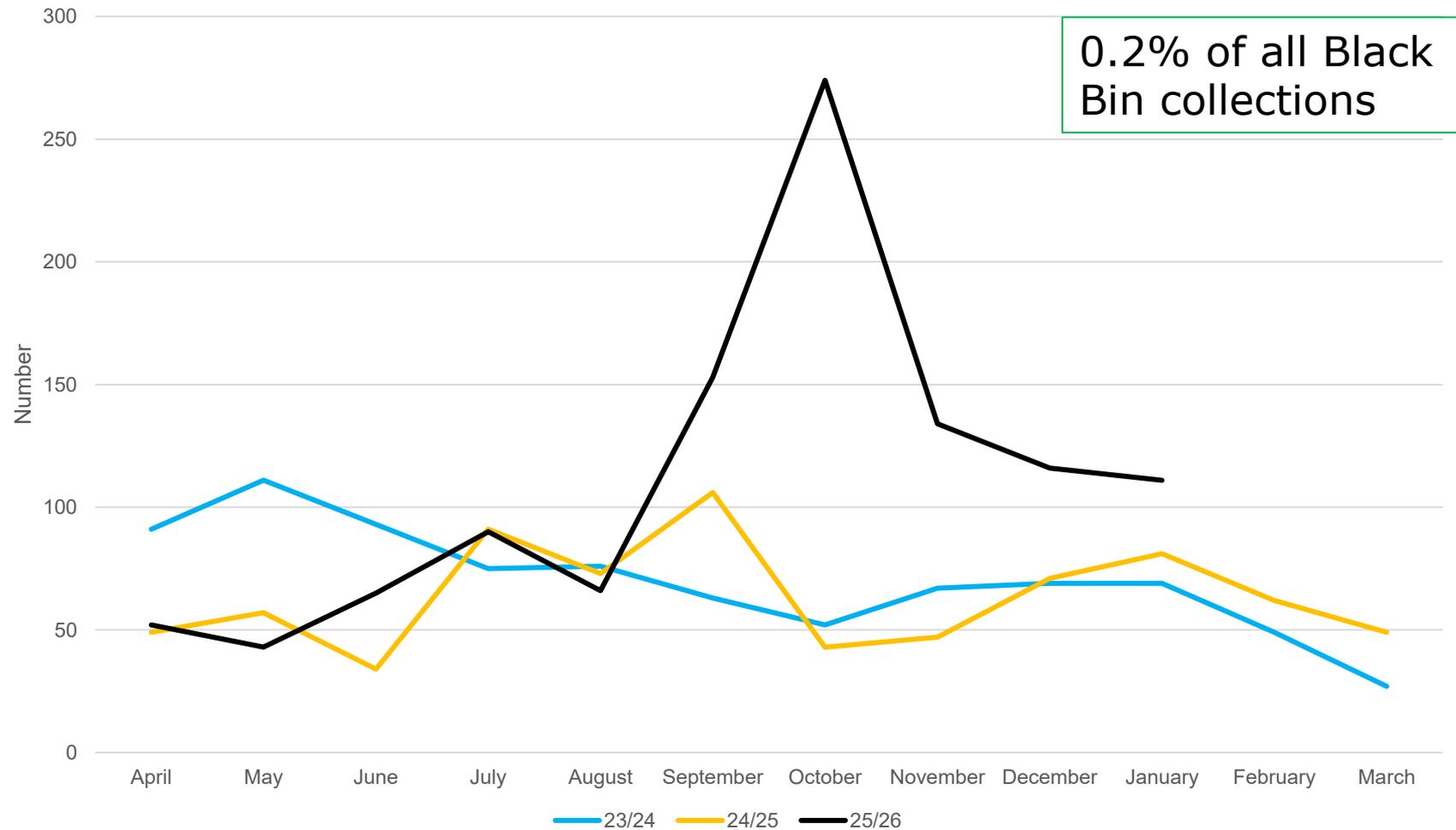


# Total Waste Per Person (KG)

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# Black Bin - Missed Collections

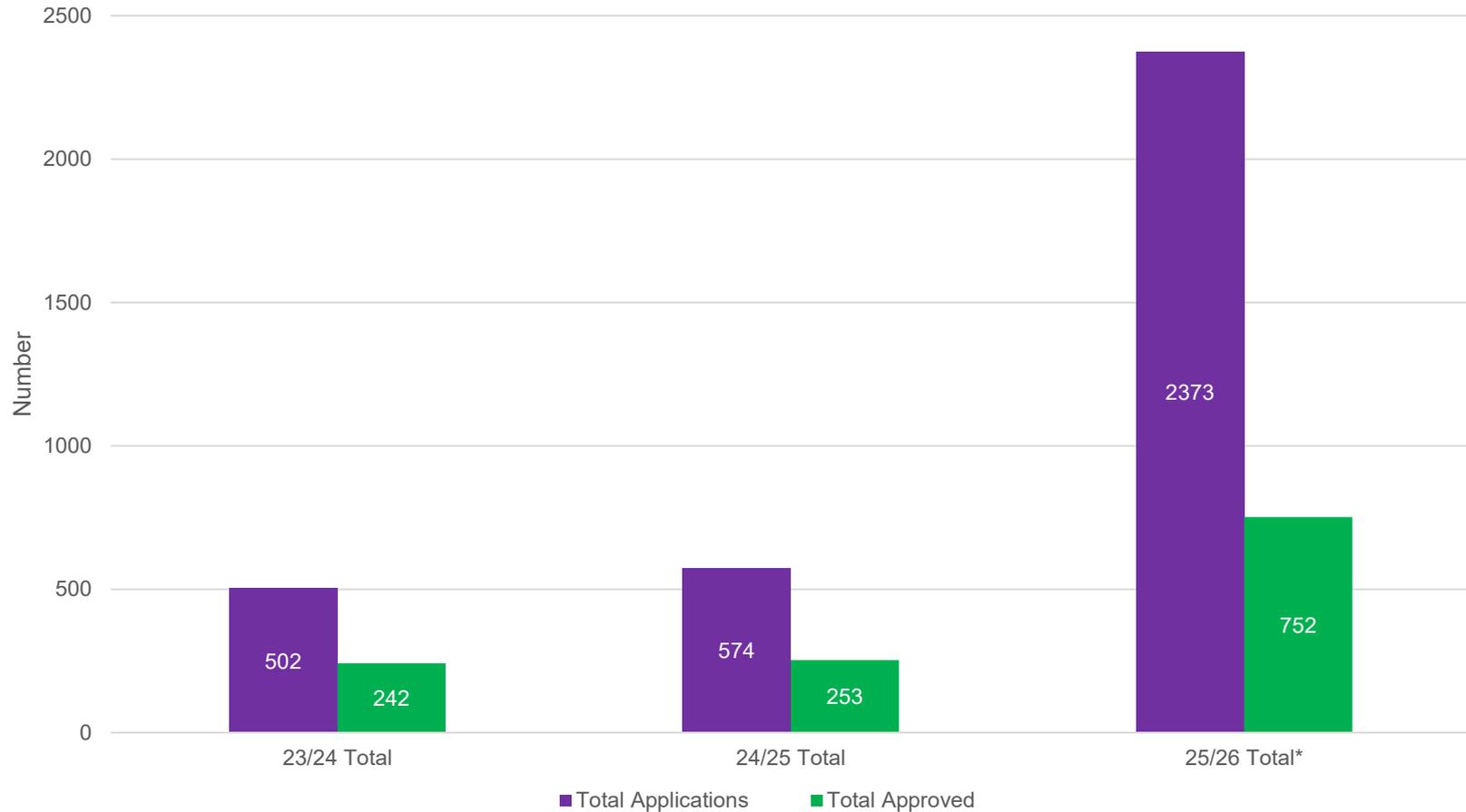


# Support Provided - April 2025 - January 2026

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- ❑ Service Information Requests – **34% increase** 2,618.
- ❑ Assisted collections – **51% increase** 188 added, around 1,000 in total.
- ❑ Clinical Collections – no increase in demand
- ❑ Outreach – over 60 events, 1,500 residents attended

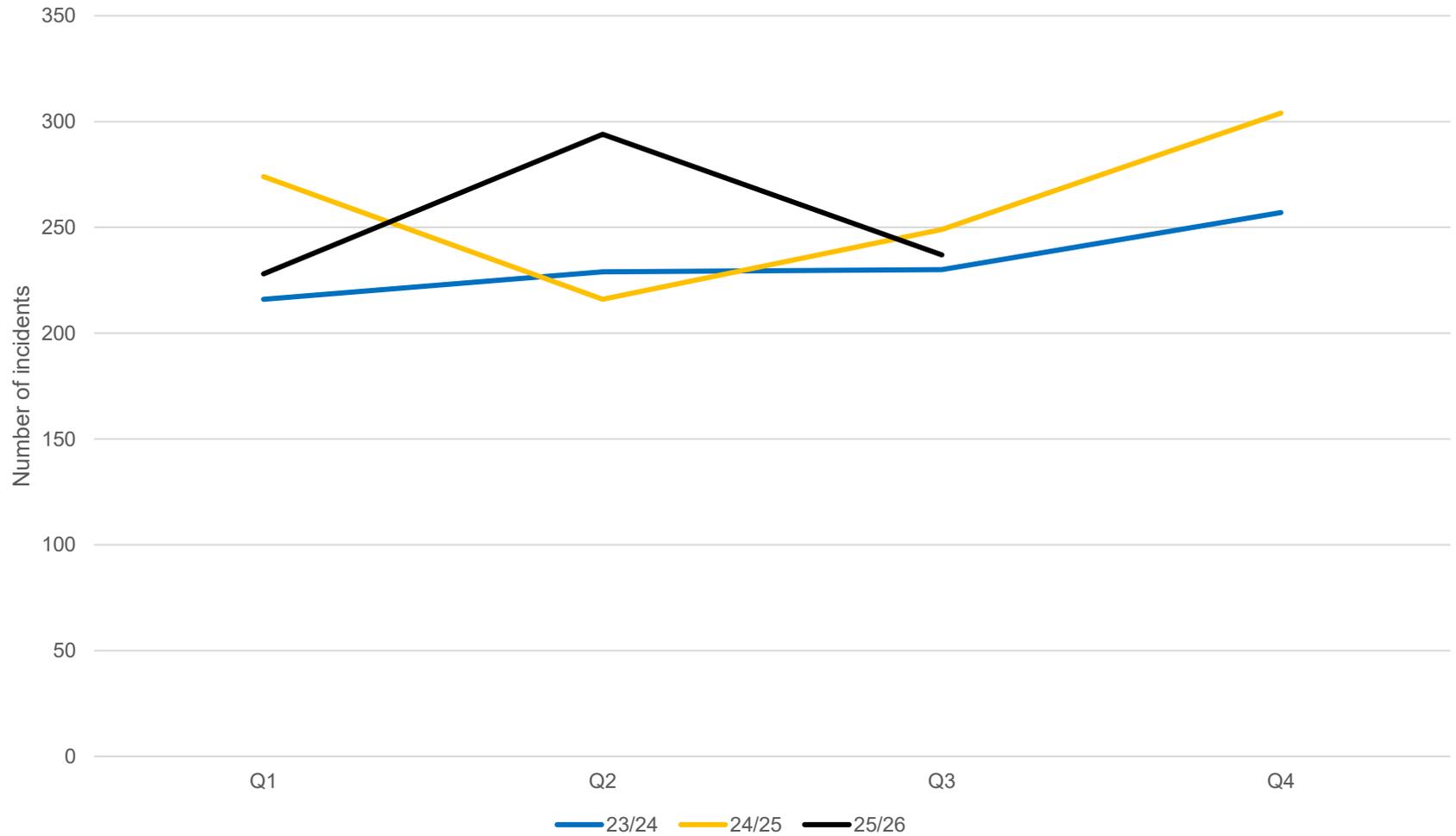
# Support Provided - Extra Capacity



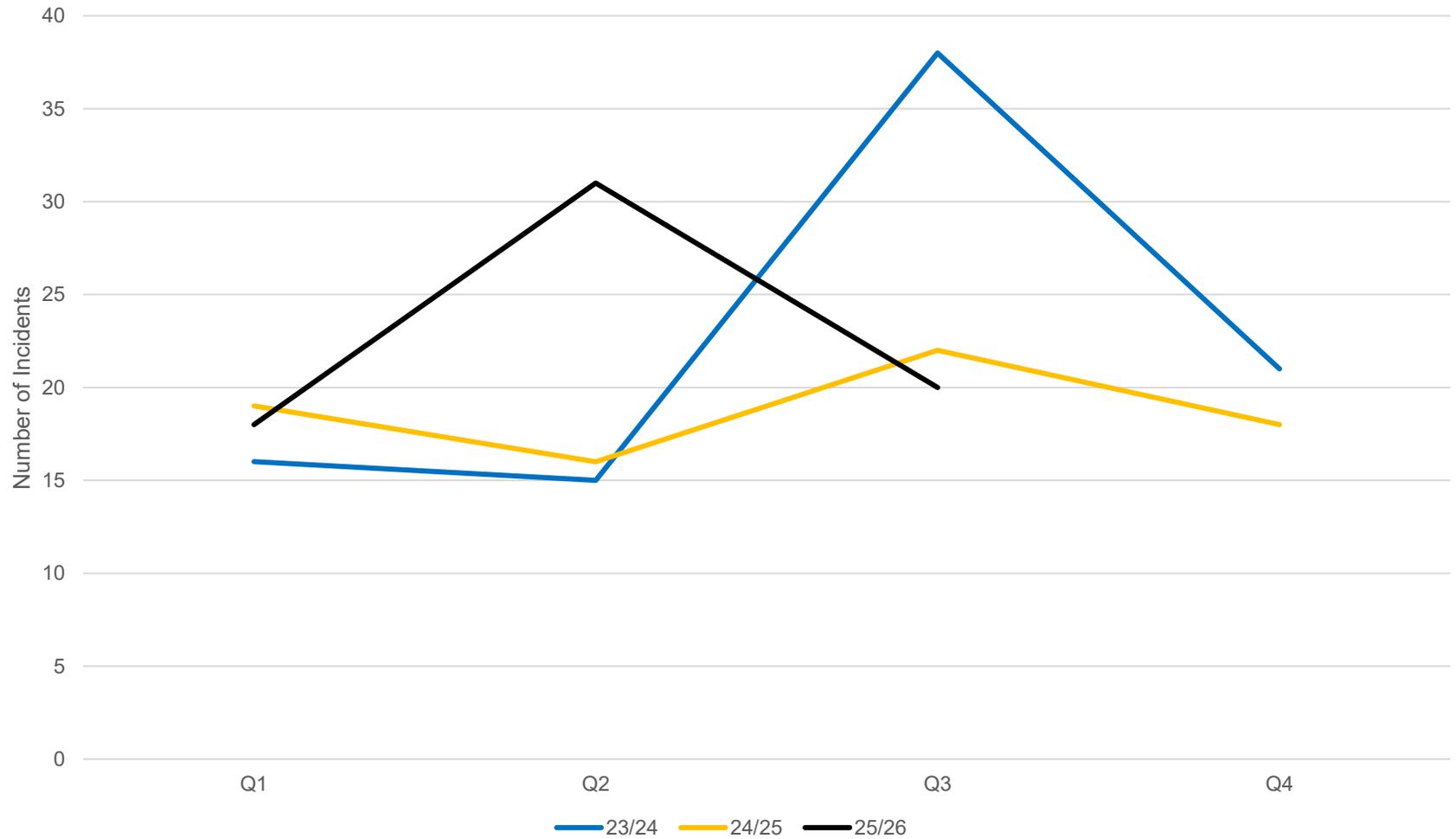
# Support Provided - Containers

Container type	Number delivered	Change from previous year	
Recycling box/bag	28,271	67%	
Food Caddy	6,645	88%	
Black bin (standard)	1,739	15%	

# Fly Tipping Incidents



# Fly Tips – Household Black Bags



# Lessons Learnt

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- ❑ Bin day finder QR code on bin sticker
  - More prominent
- ❑ Calendar delivery
  - Allowed more time
- ❑ Calendar design
  - Use of 'Week Commencing' caused some confusion
- ❑ Christmas collections
  - Catch up period

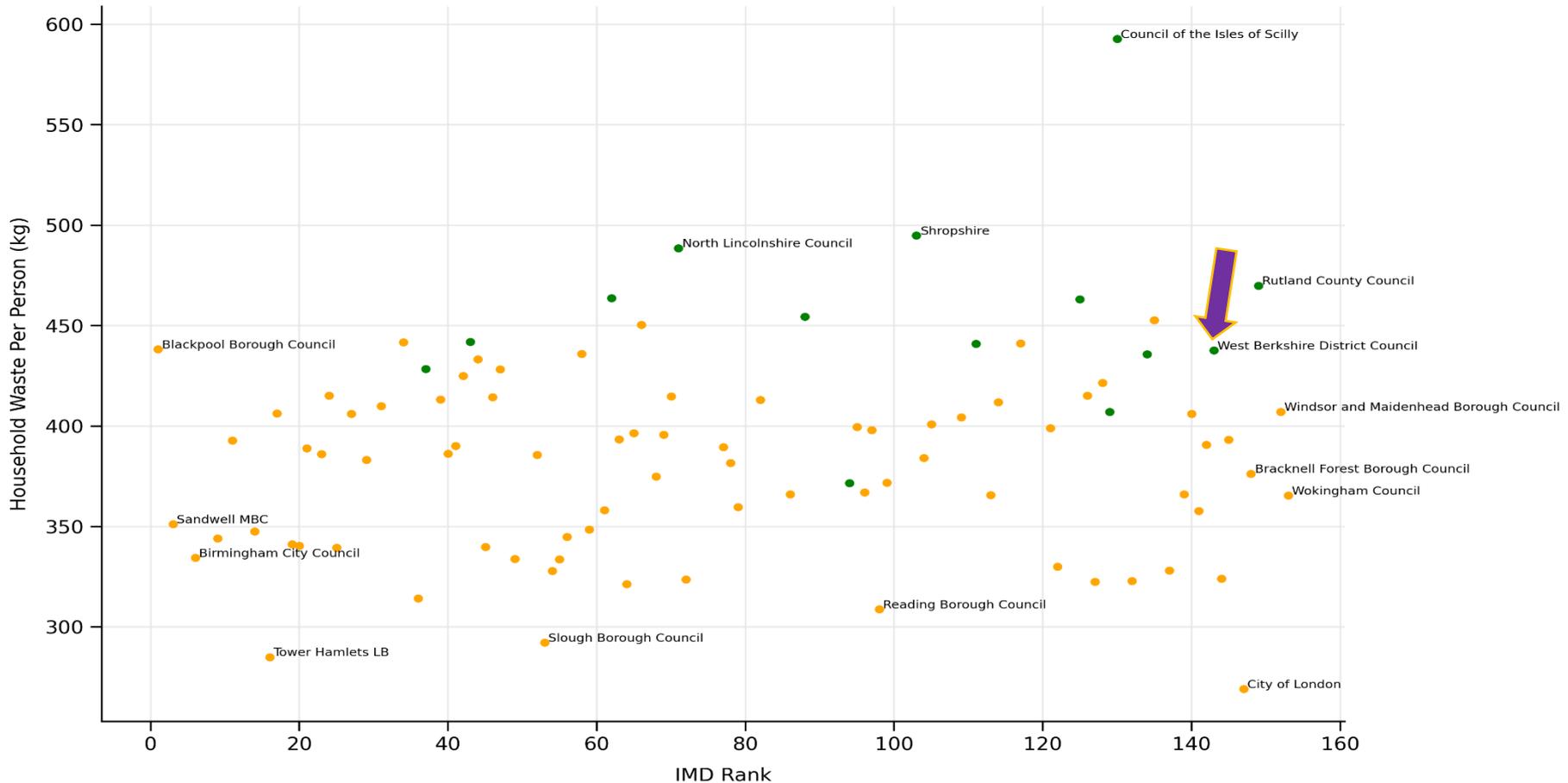
# Summary

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- ❑ Delivering against objectives
- ❑ Record Recycling Rate – 55%
- ❑ Waste diversion & slight minimisation
- ❑ Increase participation
- ❑ Reduced milage – est 9,700 miles per year
- ❑ Next Steps
  - Maintaining and strengthen participation & support
  - Increase waste types collected for recycling
  - Recycling container review

# Action from previous Scrutiny: Affluence vs Waste production (Unitary LAs)

IMD vs Waste Produced Per Person



# Affluence vs Waste production (Unitary LAs)

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- ❑ Modest relationship between affluence and the amount of household waste produced per person
- ❑ A more significant factor is whether an authority is urban or rural. Rural areas generate, on average, around 80kg more waste per person than urban areas, regardless of income level.
- ❑ Possible factors include
  - Garden waste collections
  - Increased space for containers
  - Access to HWRCs
  - Fewer flats

