With more than 200 tonnes of litter bin waste produced by residents and visitors to the city in the average month, Merseyside waste and recycling partners have come together to recycle street litter bin waste.

Liverpool City Council, Merseyside Recycling and Waste Authority and their contractors Amey and Veolia will be introducing extra hi-visibility bins at high traffic areas throughout Liverpool during a busy season of events.

The litter bin waste collected currently collected across the City in the most part is recyclable. Previously destined for landfill - recyclable items such as cans, paper, cardboard, plastic and glass bottles - are now sorted and extracted out, so that the valuable recyclable materials can be reprocessed.

It’s estimated that more than 50% of the litter and street waste collected in Liverpool is now recycled.

Cllr Laura Robertson-Collins, Chair of Liverpool City Council’s Neighbourhoods Select Committee said: “We need to increase our recycling rate using all means possible whether it is through waste produced in households or litter deposited in bins in the streets. These new bins are a way we will collect more recyclables and reduce the amount of rubbish which ends up buried in landfill.”

Cllr Graham Morgan, Chairperson of Merseyside Recycling and Waste Authority said: “This is a really important time for the city, and the region as a whole, with the eyes of the world looking at how we do business. By something as simple as increasing the amount of litter bins and recycling, we can ensure that our region impresses at every level.”