

## Warwickshire Waste Partnership

6 December 2011

### Update on Warwickshire Partners' Current and Forthcoming Waste Initiatives

#### Recommendation

That the Waste Partnership acknowledges the work being undertaken in each partner authority.

#### 1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The following report provides an update on the various waste initiatives taking place in each authority area.
- 1.2 Authorities work together on communications initiatives where there is an associated benefit.

#### 2.0 North Warwickshire Borough Council

- 2.1 The Revised Kerbside Recycling Scheme is continuing to do well with recycling tonnages continuing to show positive results. In the first five months, weights collected have increased by a third compared with the same period of the previous year.
- 2.2 Route optimisation. Tracking of the residual and garden waste rounds has been carried out, and this data – together with current weight returns – is being used to produce initial revision suggestions.
- 2.3 The Recycling Officer is carrying out various presentations in support of, and to further promote, the revised recycling collections. Project work is also being undertaken.
- 2.4 A review of waste and recycling collections is being carried out and a cross-party task and finish group is considering options to increase North Warwickshire's recycling performance.

#### 3.0 Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council

- 3.1 The new alternate week kerbside recycling and refuse collection service went live on 25th October 2011 as planned.

- 3.2 Notwithstanding the usual teething problems, it has gone well in the first three weeks. The tonnage collected in week two (which was, in effect, week one of a non-weekly recycling collection) was 220 tonnes. If replicated over 51 weeks, this would mean we would meet our initial target of 11,000 tonnes per year. We will bring more up-to-date figures to the meeting, but so far, so good!
- 3.3 We are also developing a free paper and cardboard collection service for SMEs. Initially, this is for our own trade customers and is being received well by all concerned.

#### **4.0 Rugby Borough Council**

- 4.1 We have been continuing education initiatives in schools around recycling and litter. Letters have been re-sent with our offer of presentations; some will be done in December, but mainly requests are coming back for January.
- 4.2 Promotion of food waste in green bins.
- 4.3 180 litre bins have been delivered, and these are being issued as standard for every bin replacement. This arrangement has been in force for 5 weeks, and there have been no issues as yet.
- 4.4 There was a problem with locks breaking on WEEE banks, but this seems to have been resolved now with better locks. The location of two WEEE banks is being reviewed, as they are under-utilised where they currently are.

#### **5.0 Warwick District Council**

- 5.1 Warwick Gates Project. We monitored participation in all refuse, recycling and composting schemes over a 6-week period, and are now knocking on the doors of properties that were consistently not recycling with a view to educating residents and understanding their barriers.
- 5.2 Food waste bags. We are delivering a trial roll of compostable caddy liners to every household to encourage more of them to compost their food waste. A bin hanger is being attached to all wheeled bins put out for collection with details about the caddy liners. A roll of caddy liners is then posted through the letterbox. The project has been jointly funded by WDC and WCC.
- 5.3 The Guide Dogs project. WDC officer, Zoe Court, is now registered as a guide dog puppy walker and 'Warwick' has moved in with Zoe and her family.
- 5.4 Flats recycling. Officers have been door-stepping a number of flat complexes to try and increase participation in the communal recycling scheme. We are providing a flats recycling bag to each flat that we doorstep.
- 5.5 New contract. Pre-qualification questionnaires have now been submitted and are currently being evaluated. An invitation to tender will be sent out in January 2012.

## **6.0 Stratford District Council**

### **6.1 November**

(i) **What Happens to My Recycling?**

A short video of the process that commingled material goes through at the MRF Ettington is now available to view on the Council's website: (<http://www.stratford.gov.uk/community/what-happens-to-my-recycling.cfm>). The video is designed to show residents what happens to their recyclable material and complete the 'knowledge loop'.

(ii) **Adverse Weather Conditions Arrangements**

Part of the pro-active measures we are taking this winter is a partnership approach between ourselves, our contractor Biffa and Warwickshire County Council. In the coming months, if the street cleaning or refuse and recycling services have to be suspended due to snow or ice, the contractor's workforce will be utilised to help Warwickshire County Council to grit and clear snow off pavements in key areas of the district.

### **What Happens to My Garden/Food Waste**

- (iii) A 2-page article will be published in the Council's Stratford View magazine, which goes to every household in the district, on "What Happens to My Garden/Food Waste?". The article explained the In-Vessel Composting process and gave examples of end product. Also, we are hoping to put a short video on our website showing the process at the IVC in Ufton.

### **6.2 December**

(i) **Christmas Recycling, Composting and Waste Reduction**

We'll be running a seasonal campaign to promote Christmas recycling, waste reduction, Xmas tree composting (via green waste collection service) and Love Food, Hate Waste.

## **7.0 Warwickshire County Council**

7.1 Work is taking place on the following tenders:

- (i) Green and Bio-waste – tenders submitted and currently being evaluated.
- (ii) New digital waste data system – currently out to tender.

7.2 The contract for LHF Transfer Station Operation and Haulage and HWRC Haulage has been awarded to Biffa Municipal Limited.

7.3 The contract for Nuneaton HWRC design, build and operate has been awarded to WRG.

7.4 A preliminary meeting has been held with Colas, the winning tenderer for the Lower House Farm design and build contract.

7.5 The opening hours for the HWRCs have been agreed.

7.6 The preparations for bringing six Household Waste Sites in-house on 1 December 2011 are progressing well.

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