WARWICKSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP

COMMITTEE ROOM 2, SHIRE HALL, WARWICK

2:00pm, TUESDAY 6th DECEMBER 2011

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies
- 2. Disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests
- 3. Minutes of the meeting held on 27 September 2011
- 4. Chair's Announcements
- 5. Waste Initiatives
 Report and verbal update from each authority
- 6. Proposed new Waste Management Targets to support Warwickshire's Municipal Waste Management Strategy Report
- 7. Recycling of Street Sweepings and Gully Emptyings
 Presentation
- 8. Love Food Hate Waste Communication Campaign 2011-12
 Presentation
- 9. Agenda item suggestions for next meeting
- 10. Confirmation of future meeting dates
 - 6 March 2012
- 11. Any urgent items

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Secretary of the Partnership
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Warwick

Membership of the Warwickshire Waste Partnership

North Warwickshire Borough Council

Councillor Hayden Phillips

Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council

Councillor Bill Sheppard

Rugby Borough Council

Councillor Dr. Mark Williams

Stratford-on-Avon District Council

Councillor Mike Brain

Warwick District Council

Councillor Dave Shilton (Vice Chair)

Warwickshire County Council

Councillors Jeff Clarke, Alan Cockburn (Chair), Michael Doody, Ray Sweet and John Whitehouse

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WARWICKSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP

The Warwickshire Waste Partnership met at the SHIRE HALL, WARWICK on TUESDAY the 27^h September 2011 at 2:00pm

Present:

Members of the Partnership

Councillor Alan Cockburn (Chair)

Councillor Hayden Phillips

Councillor Bill Sheppard

Councillor Dave Shilton (Vice Chair)

Councillor Ray Sweet

Councillor John Whitehouse

Other Councillors

Councillor Clare Hopkinson Councillor Barry Lobbett

Officers

Becky Davies

Brent Davis

Kitran Eastman

Glenn Fleet

Sean Lawson

Ian Marriot

Richard Maybey

Olly Scholefield

Martin Stott

Laura Vesty

Louise Wall

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Cllr Alan Cockburn was elected Chair of the Partnership (nominated by Cllr Shilton, seconded by Cllr Sweet)

Cllr Dave Shilton was elected Vice Chair of the Partnership (nominated by Cllr Cockburn, seconded by Cllr Sweet)

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received for:

- Cllr Mike Brain, Stratford-on-Avon District Council
- Cllr Dr. Mark Williams, Rugby Borough Council
- Cllr Jeff Clarke, Warwickshire County Council
- Cllr Michael Doody, Warwickshire County Council

2. Disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests

Cllr John Whitehouse declared a personal interest having made a charitable donation to Friends of the Earth.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 16 June 2011

(a) Minutes

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

(b) Matters Arising

Regarding the clearing of roadside litter, particularly in relation to the A46, Glenn Fleet confirmed that discussions are underway with the Highways Agency to develop a collaborative system that prevents duplication of work. It was agreed that progress should be monitored by the Partnership at this stage, rather than the Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

Regarding the Partnership's Business Plan objectives, it was confirmed that:

- Resources are now in place to assess the best way to monitor the sustainability of the municipal waste strategy
- Figures are now available to analyse the reduction of municipal waste per head, and this work will be led by Kitran Eastman (WCC), Becky Davies (WDC) and Cllr Whitehouse

Sean Lawson updated the Partnership on developments at the Material Recycling Facility, Ettington:

- Permission has been granted for 24x7 operation
- Plans have been submitted for the development of an education facility

4. Chair's Announcements

Cllr Cockburn informed the Partnership that this was Martin Stott's last meeting of the County Council, and offered thanks to Martin for all his good work over the years. Martin thanked the Partnership for the positive relationships that had developed between the authorities and wished everyone well for the future.

5. 2010/11 Waste Statistics

Laura Vesty introduced the report, containing overall figures for Warwickshire, a comparison with other waste disposal authorities and a breakdown by partner authority. The following points were highlighted:

- Positive reduction in municipal waste
- Positive increase in recycling and composting rates
- Recycling performance has fallen slightly compared to other authorities
- However, this should improve as new schemes launch, such as the imminent switch to alternate collections in Nuneaton & Bedworth
- The districts with alternate collections have the lowest residual waste totals
- This is the first year in which Warwickshire County Council has sold any LATs

It was noted that street sweepings are currently included within the landfill figures, but this will change when the new recycling contract starts in January 2012. Officers anticipate a 3.5% increase in the recycling rate from street sweepings, plus a further increase as Nuneaton & Bedworth and North Warwickshire move to alternate collections.

While Members noted the positive increase in rates for Warwickshire, they also noted the relative fall compared to other authorities. Officers were asked to look at the possible reasons for this, such as the balance between recycling, re-use and composting and if other authorities were focusing their efforts differently.

Cllr Hayden Phillips stated that the new facility at Dordon will help improve the recycling rate in North Warwickshire. Cllr Ray Sweet added that the Borough Council is also setting up a Task & Finish Group to identify best practices from around the County. Cllr Dave Shilton stated that Warwick District Council would be happy to participate in this, and there was consensus from the Partnership that sharing best practice would be beneficial to all.

The Partnership noted the report and approved the new format for presenting the end-of-year figures.

6. 2011/12 Q1 Waste Data

Laura Vesty circulated the report, offering the latest available waste and recycling figures from April - June 2011. The following points were highlighted:

- The data is provisional and not yet approved
- There is a slight increase in recycling compared to the previous quarter, which may be due to less composting in winter months
- Overall waste volumes are down compared to 2010/11 Q1, and there are positive trends for all types of waste
- Stratford and Warwick have the lowest residual waste per head
- Population figures are taken from the Waste Data Flow, which uses data from the Office of National Statistics that might not always be accurate

It was noted that the release of the quarterly data often coincides with the date of the Partnership's meetings, so members do not have opportunity to review the data prior to the meeting. To resolve this, consideration will be given to moving future meeting dates back by one week.

7. Waste Initiatives – update from each authority

Each partner authority provided an update on the waste initiatives in their region:

North Warwickshire

- The kerbside recycling scheme has yielded improvements in the recycling rate
- Route optimisation work has improved the efficiency of collections

 A Task & Finish Group is being established to look at best recycling practices from around the county

Nuneaton & Bedworth

- The switch to alternate collections is imminent, but there are still many households not participating in recycling
- Awareness of the scheme has been achieved via leafleting and promotions, but further work will be required when the scheme is in progress
- The main objection from residents has been the absence of food waste collection
- Targeted programmes to minimise food waste are therefore being considered

Rugby

- The textile recycling scheme has been delayed
- Delivery of slim-line bins is anticipated soon
- Residents can request a voluntary swap to a slim bin
- Slim bins are now the standard for new properties and replacements
- Districts and boroughs are welcome to trade bins with each other if needed

Warwick

- Progress continues with textile recycling schemes, including a link-up with the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association and collaboration with trading standards to combat illegal collection vans
- A campaign is underway on the Warwick Gates estate to increase recycling participation. Progress is being monitored and, where rates are low, staff have been knocking on doors to understand the barriers to recycling
- The district has been working with the County's Education department with a view to increasing awareness of recycling within schools

Stratford

- Biffa has been helping to divert food waste from landfill by placing stickers on bins.
 The council is now awaiting feedback on the level of food waste in green bins
- An education campaign has been launched to educate residents about how plastic bags can contaminate recycling
- This led to enquiries from residents about what happens to their recycling after collection, prompting an awareness article to be published in the Council magazine

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- Most recent work has centred on the contract arrangements outlined in the report
- The new Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) in Nuneaton does not yet have planning permission, but officers are as certain as they can be that this will be approved

During general discussion, the following points were raised:

- Rugby and Stratford (and soon Nuneaton & Bedworth) offer TetraPak collections, which is something that other authorities may wish to monitor and consider
- The collection of disposable nappies could also be an area for consideration
- The distribution of sample food-caddy liners was very well received in Warwick
- More clarity is needed for residents about which food liners are acceptable

8. Government Waste Review

Laura Vesty introduced the key points from the Government's Waste Review:

- The rumoured financial incentives for councils to return to weekly residual collections were not forthcoming
- There is strong support for food waste recycling through Anaerobic Digestion
- Councils will be prevented from inspecting waste and imposing fines. Enforcement will be limited to residents who conduct irresponsible behaviour
- The Landfill Allowance Trading Scheme will be scrapped, but the Waste Data Flow will continue
- There will be no new recycling targets imposed on councils
- There will be more support for businesses to recycle
- There may be future landfill restrictions on wood-based and biodegradable waste
- Businesses working with waste will have a duty to comply with the waste hierarchy

Members were encouraged by the support to businesses, which will also benefit the local community and bring additional income to the authority.

Officers confirmed that the County Council is about to commence a review of the services it can offer to businesses, and will be contacting the districts/boroughs to develop a policy that all authorities can work towards.

9. Household Waste Recycling Centres

Kitran Eastman presented the results of a public consultation on the transfer of HWRCs in-house. The following points were noted:

- A consultation period of 1 month was deemed most appropriate
- Despite wide advertisement of the consultation, there was limited interest from the press, resulting in just 218 responses (214 electronic, 4 paper)
- There were useful responses about what residents would find helpful, such as clearer information on what can and can't be recycled
- Feedback on the Re-use Shops was also useful, showing customer preference for DIY/gardening products. This will help inform future business models
- Profits from Re-use Shops are used to fund operational costs, with any surplus donated to local charities
- Beneficiaries are chosen by the voluntary agency running the Re-use Shop, but the County Council is seeking ways to involve local Members in the selection

10. Future Waste Disposal

Cllr John Whitehouse updated the Partnership on the findings of a Task & Finish Group that was established to consider the County Council's procurement of its future residual waste contract. In summary:

- Members attended an Industry Day to understand Warwickshire's waste requirements and potential solutions from market providers
- A 'select committee' type event was held to question experts and stakeholders
- A report containing seven recommendations was approved by the Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee and will be considered by Cabinet in October

- The recommendations cover 4 main themes:
 - o Flexibility so capacity can be adjusted in line with decreasing waste volumes
 - Contract length so the Council is not tied in for more than 15 years
 - Using a mix of technologies so the Council is not tied to any outdated or unaffordable solutions
 - Adopting the 'Competitive Dialogue' procurement so tenderers have greatest flexibility in their bids

Cllr Clare Hopkinson, a member of the Task & Finish Group, added that the review also focussed on the need to obtain value for money for the Council.

Cllr Alan Cockburn thanked members for the update and was in general support of the group's findings, stating that it was important not to be tied into long-term contracts at such an interesting and changing time for the waste industry.

Glenn Fleet thanked members of the Partnership who contributed to the select committee day. Richard Maybey agreed to circulate the report electronically.

11. Agenda item suggestions for next meeting

- Feedback from Nuneaton & Bedworth on their switch to alternate collections
- Feedback from Warwick on efforts to stop rogue collection companies
- Review of services that can be offered to businesses at HWRC sites

12. Confirmation of future meeting dates (Tuesdays, 2:00pm, Shire Hall)

- 6 December 2011
- 6 March 2012

Consideration to be given to moving these dat	es back as per agenda item 6
13. Any urgent items None	
The meeting closed at 15:40	Chai

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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.

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- 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.

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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 contact.



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- 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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Proposed New Waste Management Targets to Support Warwickshire's Municipal Waste Management Strategy

Recommendation

That the Waste Partnership notes the achievements made over the past few years and approves the new stretched targets up to 2013/14, as detailed in paragraph 5.2.

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 At the last meeting of the Partnership on 27 September 2011, members asked for a review of the key targets within Warwickshire's Municipal Waste Management Strategy, as the present targets have been exceeded.
- 1.2 This report summarises the progress made by the Warwickshire Waste Partnership towards reaching the targets agreed in Warwickshire's Municipal Waste Management Strategy and recommends a number of new stretched targets up to 2013/14.

2.0 Warwickshire's Municipal Waste Management Strategy

- 2.1 Warwickshire's Municipal Waste Management Strategy was adopted by the Warwickshire Waste Partnership in October 2005 and officially launched by the Partnership in January 2006.
- 2.2 The first review of the Strategy was planned for 2010, but due to a delay in Government guidance this was postponed. It has now been suggested that the legal requirement for councils in two-tier local authority areas to work together to produce a waste management strategy, may be abolished as part of the national waste review.
- 2.3 If the legal requirement for a Strategy were abolished, it would still make sense to produce a "concise, high-level strategic document". Any new document produced would need to address developments in legislation, policy and market forces and would take into account the improvements in performance achieved by partner authorities over the past five years. At the Partnership meeting on 14 June 2011 Members agreed that if the legal requirement were abolished, a "concise, high-level strategic document" would be produced in the near future to up-date the Strategy.

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3.0 Key Objectives

- 3.1 The key strategic objectives are to:-
 - (i) Reduce the amount of waste produced in Warwickshire.
 - (ii) Recycle and compost 40 45% of our waste by 2009/10 (We are now at 49% and expecting to achieve 56% by 2015).
 - (iii) Limit the amount of waste disposed of to landfill making use of existing waste treatment facilities.
 - (iv) After maximising recycling and composting, treat all remaining waste using 'other' market technology (no new landfill contracts).

4.0 Performance

4.1 The strategic objectives are monitored using the measures in the table below, the performance for the last three years is also provided.

		2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Measures	Aim	Actual	Actual	Actual
Residual household waste per household (formerly NI 191)	Low	662.5kg	591.3kg	564.4kg
Household waste re-used, recycled and composted (formerly NI 192)	High	43.20%	48.10%	49.20%
Municipal waste landfilled (formerly NI 193)	Low	51.60%	44.20%	40.00%
Household waste that has been used to recover heat, power and other energy sources	High	7.00%	10.20%	10 500/
(formerly LI 721) Percentage recycling and composting of "household waste" at Household Waste Recycling Centres (formerly LI 725)	High	7.00%	10.20%	18.50% 66.60%

- 4.2 As can be seen from the table above Warwickshire has made steady progress towards meeting the key objectives of the Strategy. Currently Warwickshire has achieved its 2009/10 recycling target and landfill diversion target and is expected to meet our 2012/13 landfill diversion target.
- 4.3 If Warwickshire is to meet the 2012/13 targets and comply with 2020 recycling target¹, it is essential to progress the waste agenda and review the Strategy as planned. In the interim it is suggested that a number of new stretched targets up to 2013/14 are adopted.



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¹ EU recycling targets of 50% for municipal waste by 2020

5.0 New Targets

- 5.1 Taking into consideration what is presently happening with waste reduction as well as other current and future waste initiatives, such as Alternate Weekly Collection in Nuneaton, possible service changes introduced in North Warwickshire, recycling of Street Sweepings across the County and the reduction in landfill use as the W2R² Contract goes live some realistic targets have been forecast.
- 5.2 The proposed targets are provided in the table below:

		2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Measures	Aim	Actual	Target	Target	Target
Residual household waste per household (formerly NI 191)	Low	564.4kg	0.538	0.485	0.473
Household waste re-used, recycled and composted (formerly NI 192)	High	49.20%	50.29%	54.72%	55.94%
Municipal waste landfilled (formerly NI 193)	Low	40.00%	34.11%	34.03%	17.28%
Household waste that has been used to recover heat, power and other energy sources (formerly LI 721)	High	18.50%	19.46%	17.27%	20.68%
Percentage recycling and composting of "household waste" at Household Waste Recycling Centres (formerly LI 725)	High	66.60%	66.62%	67.97%	69.68%

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² W2R is the project to build an Energy from Waste Facility in partnership with Staffordshire County Council

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Recycling of Street Sweepings and Gully Emptyings

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Economy of Scale

- Warwickshire CC (lead) & Coventry CC
 PLUS
 - Staffordshire CC
 - Solihull MBC
 - Herefordshire Council
 - Worcestershire CC
 - Leicestershire CC







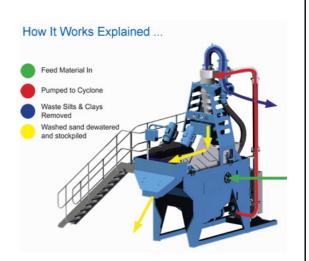
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Recycling of Street Sweepings and Gully Emptyings

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In a Nutshell

- Contract starts 3 Jan 2012
- 7 year term + up to 3 years extension
- 70% MINIMUM RECYCLING RATE (90%+ anticipated)







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Recycling of Street Sweepings and Gully Emptyings

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Sweepings Tonnages			
WCC	10,000		
CCC	2,000		
SCC	3,500		
Solihull	1,800		
Worcs CC + HC	8,000		
LCC	4,000		
Sub Total	29,300		
Gully Emptyings etc	1,200		
Warwickshire County Council	recycle for Warwickshire		

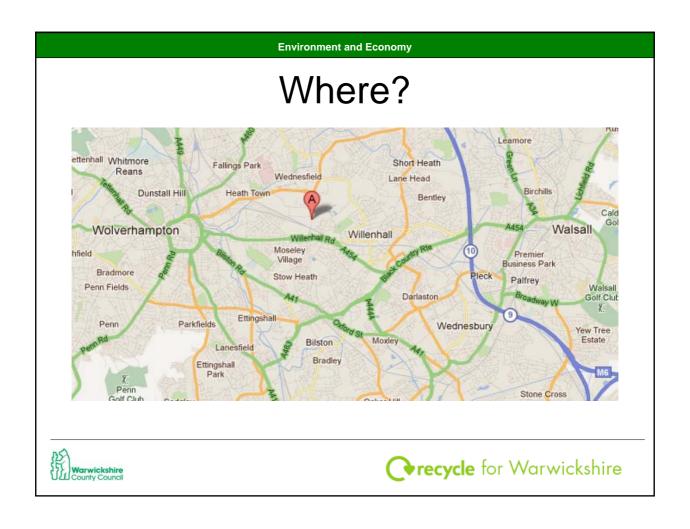
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Savings v Landfilling • Annual savings for WCC & CCC = £420,000+ @ 2011 disposal costs **Worklichire** **Corecycle for Warwickshire** **Corecycle for Warwickshire**

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