

## **Warwickshire Waste Partnership**

**6 March 2012**

### **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 Verbal update to be provided at the meeting

#### **3.0 Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council**

- 3.1 Verbal update to be provided at the meeting

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

- 4.1 As a result of the waste compositional analysis in the Borough, which identified the capture of only a minimal amount of food waste in the green bin, a campaign is planned to encourage residents to utilise the green bins more for food waste. Green bins originally purchased for garden-waste-only collections are imprinted with a 'no food waste' instruction, so labels have been sourced as a result of funding from WCC to cover this message. The labels will be delivered out during the spring, and this initiative will be carried out in conjunction with media coverage and a road-show in the town centre.
- 4.2 A kerbside collection of textiles will take place initially in the Bilton area of Rugby with bags being delivered by the Explorer Scouts, who will in return be paid the

profit from collection. Materials will be brought into the Work Services Unit and collected by our merchant, Wilcox textiles.

- 4.3 School visits continue with emphasis on what can be recycled in the bins on-site, as it has become apparent that many schools are still only recycling paper and cardboard.

## **5.0 Warwick District Council**

- 5.1 A roll of compostable food waste bags was delivered to each household on the green bin scheme before Christmas to encourage more participation in the garden/food waste recycling scheme. A comparison has been made between a 3-month period (Nov – Jan) in 2010/11 and 2011/12 that shows an overall increase in organic waste and a reduction in residual waste. We are continuing to monitor this to see whether it can be sustained.
- 5.2 New waste services contract – now at the ITT stage. Tenders are due to be returned in mid April. The contract will be awarded in September. There are options in the contract to include bring site collections, schools' recycling collections and a mixed plastics recycling collection – however, it will depend on the cost as to whether these will be taken up.
- 5.3 The door stepping project at Warwick Gates showed that some of the barriers to recycling were lack of containers or that they prefer to go directly to the HWRC weekly, rather than hold on to recycling for 2 weeks due to lack of space.
- 5.4 Trialling an alternate week, co-mingled recycling collection with 40 complexes of flats. They have been moved to a fortnightly collection for their residual waste and on the alternate week are now receiving a co-mingled recycling collection. The aim of the scheme is to reduce waste and recycle more by providing a more convenient means of recycling. Each flat has been delivered a recycling bag for use inside the flat to collect up the recyclables which are then tipped into the co-mingled bin for collection. The recycling rate for these properties so far is 22% (out of a possible 45%).

## **6.0 Stratford District Council**

- 6.1 Verbal update to be provided at the meeting

## **7.0 Warwickshire County Council**

- 7.1 Work is taking place on the following tenders:
- (i) WEEE – tenders submitted and currently being evaluated.
  - (ii) New digital waste data system – tenders submitted and currently being evaluated.
  - (iii) Recyclables Framework – soft market testing circulated and contract documents being developed.

- (iv) Long Term Residual Waste – soft market testing has been completed and the results are being considered.
- 7.2 The street sweepings contract went live on 3<sup>rd</sup> January. The details of the contract were featured on BBC Midlands Today, which is available to watch on You Tube: <http://youtu.be/opKRGkMFh8k>
- 7.2 A short-term contract for green waste in the north of the county has been awarded to WRG. Discussions are taking place with potential tenders for the provision of a biowaste contract.
- 7.3 The Warwickshire Waste Partnership Conference was held on 31<sup>st</sup> January, the conference was well attended and the presentations sparked some good debates.
- 7.5 A winter food campaign for Love Food Hate Waste was launched in December 2011. It is hoped this will help to reduce residual waste across the county.
- 7.4 The project to bring the six Household Waste Recycling Centres in-house on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2011 went well.

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