

## Warwickshire Waste Partnership

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

#### Recommendation

The Waste Partnership is asked to acknowledge the work being undertaken in each partner authority.

#### 1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This 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 Work has begun to consider the options for service delivery following confirmation that an AWC service would be implemented across the Borough by October 2013 at the latest.
- 2.2 Continuing to work with local schools carrying out assemblies and classroom activities.
- 2.3 Recycling road shows being carried out over the summer focusing on waste minimisation and launch of the "Slim Black Bin" competition.
- 2.4 Joint project with Environmental Health to promote Food Safety Week and Love Food Hate Waste.

#### 3.0 Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council

- 3.1 The "Easy as 1,2,3" three bin waste collection service has been in place for six months. Figures are being finalised but early indications are that there has been a significant increase in the amount of recyclable material collected along with a large decrease in waste sent for disposal.
- 3.2 The next phase of the scheme is to bring flats onto the AWC collection. 25 flat sites have participated in a commingled recycling trial utilising Coventry City Council's contract. Contamination has been very low and further consideration is being given to a "dual stream" service to match the kerbside scheme. Once the

preferred option is identified it is intended to role the service out to all flat sites and carry out collections on alternate weeks.

- 3.3 Street sweepings from NBBC and NWBC are being tipped and bulked at St Mary's Road depot before being transferred to Sita's facility for recycling. Changes are being implemented to maximise the amount of sweepings available for recycling.
- 3.4 Consideration is being given to implementing food waste collections into the current scheme.

## **4.0 Rugby Borough Council**

### **Targeting food waste**

- 4.1 When garden waste collections began in Rugby Borough, the green bins delivered across the Borough specifically stated 'Garden Waste Only – No Food Waste'. However, since implementing the 3-bin service in 2009, cooked and uncooked food waste are accepted in the green bin.
- 4.2 A compositional waste analysis of the 3-bin service carried out in 2011 showed only 4% of food waste was being captured in the green bins with the vast majority of food waste going into the black residual bins.
- 4.3 In order to clarify the message that all food waste should be going into green bins; labels are being placed on all green bins stating this. The work is planned for relevant collection days between 28 May – 15 June 2012.

### **Kerbside Textile Recycling**

- 4.2 A pilot textile recycling collection took place in April with the council working in partnership with the Rugby Explorer Scouts (TRiES) who delivered out the kerbside collection bags to a target area, with staff from the street cleansing service collecting the material in. The Explorer Scouts benefitted from profit arising from the sale of textiles collected. This scheme is being extended across the Borough by working with a variety of community groups and organisations.

### **Review of Bring Sites**

- 4.3 A fundamental review of recycling bring sites is currently being carried out to evaluate the options of retaining all 36 sites, removing poor performing sites or removing all sites. Recommendations will be made on performance, value and consultation.

## **5.0 Warwick District Council**

- 5.1 The recycling team has recently been through a restructure. Graham Folkes-Skinner is now heading up the newly created Service Development Team which includes Becky Davies as Recycling Development Officer and Phil Sensicle and Joe Bell as Community Recycling Officers. The team will be focusing on service improvements and efficiencies, promotion of waste minimisation and recycling and the mobilisation of the new waste and recycling contract and any changes/developments that brings.

- 5.2 The Authority took part in International Compost Awareness Week in May and sold 180 bags of compost produced at SITA's composting site in Packington to Warwick District residents. The Authority also donated 20 bags of compost to 10 local schools (on a first-come, first-served basis). A roadshow was also organised and one of the area's Master Composters was invited to talk to residents.
- 5.3 The Authority trialled an alternate week commingled recycling collection with 40 complexes of flats in Leamington Spa. Results showed a recycling rate of 25% out of a possible 40% over the 12-week trial and a reduction in rubbish of 22%. The Authority has plans to roll out the scheme to a further 40 sites.
- 5.4 The Authority rolled out the main alternate week collection scheme to a further 900 properties, reducing the number still receiving a weekly sack refuse collection.
- 5.5 Tenders for the new waste and recycling contract have been submitted and are currently being evaluated. The successful bidder should know in September/October 2012.
- 5.6 The Authority is anticipating a significant increase in the recycling rate through the recycling of street sweepings that Warwickshire County Council has set up. We are just finalising the figures.

## **6.0 Stratford District Council**

- 6.1 Stratford District Council has recently targeted misuse of recycling centres (including fly tipping and commercial use) by raising awareness and reminding residents of what household recyclable materials can be left at the sites and how they should be left.
- 6.2 With our waste and recycling collection contractor and other partners, we are exploring the opportunities and options for kerbside WEEE and textile collections.
- 6.3 Stratford District Council is planning to attend a number of carnivals and fetes etc. across the district during the summer (June to Sept) to promote the recycling and waste reduction message. Including looking at possible recycling facilities for the Olympic Torch Run locations in the district and working with Tesco on a promotion during recycling week.
- 6.4 The Authority are actively working with third sector (specifically furniture reuse schemes) to divert re-usable items that are collected as part of the bulky waste collection service from landfill/energy from waste.
- 6.5 Stratford District Council and Pure Recycling who run the MRF at Ettington are currently working to target and reduce rejected materials following detailed compositional analysis from whole load testing (specifically carpets, textiles non-recyclable plastics and WEEE).

## 7.0 Warwickshire County Council

- 7.1 Work is taking place on the following tenders:
- (i) Recyclables Framework – contract documents being developed
  - (ii) Long Term Residual Waste – the business case is being discussed
  - (iii) Biowaste – the Authority re-tendered for biowaste
- 7.2 The contract for the new digital waste data system has been awarded to Open Sky and the contract has now been signed
- 7.3 The contract for WEEE has been awarded to DHL
- 7.4 Construction of new Lower House Farm HWRC and Transfer Station on target
- 7.5 Planning permission submitted by contractor WRG for new Nuneaton & Bedworth HWRC at Judkins
- 7.6 Warwickshire Community Recycling has taken over the operation of four reuse shops and 2 sites – WCC is continuing to support the organisation in the medium term
- 7.6 An initial scope for the strategy review has been produced
- 7.7 Improvement and Efficiency West Midlands are commissioning WCC to retender for West Midlands authorities NOT named in previous OJEU Contract Notice

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