

Warwickshire Waste Partnership

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Waste Partners Update

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 WRAP are providing guidance and advice following an application for assistance.
- 2.3 Implications surrounding the potential impact of the Revised Waste Framework Directive are being evaluated prior to beginning the procurement process.
- 2.4 A Website survey is in place encouraging residents to give feedback on the current and future recycling services.

3.0 Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council

- 3.1 The "Easy as 1, 2, 3" three bin waste collection service has been in place for 10 months and continues to perform well with no major issues.
- 3.2 From October 1st residents will be able to separate food waste via their green bin and work is being undertaken in preparation for the start of the new service.
- 3.3 Green Waste collections being extended to 52 weeks per year (previously 44).
- 3.4 A review of the Trade Waste collection service is currently being undertaken.

3.5 Following a trial of comingled recycling at schools bins are to be rolled out to all schools to allow separate cardboard collections.

3.6 New website launched in June.

4.0 Rugby Borough Council

Targeting food waste

4.1 Labels have been placed on all green bins reminding residents that food waste is acceptable in the green bin. Comparisons will be made when data is available from the forthcoming waste compositional analysis

Kerbside Textile Recycling

4.2 Three kerbside textile collections have been carried out in separate areas of the Borough; however results were disappointing in all cases. This is probably due to the fact that there are many such collections taking place, also it was witnessed that an unrelated white van had collected material put out for the Council's collection. It has been reported that WRAP are looking for WCAs to trial a textile survivor bag scheme which is placed into the blue bin, comingled collection and removed at the MRF. Officers have contacted WRAP with a view for RBC to be included in the trial.

4.3 The new updated website was launched in July 2012.

5.0 Warwick District Council

5.1 Alternate week co-mingled recycling trial for flats proved very successful with a 25% recycling rate out of a possible 40%. Scheme was trialled at 40 sites (440 properties) and will now be rolled out to a further 40 sites (550 properties) as phase 2. A feedback form has been sent to all residents on the trial and is currently being returned – the results are all very positive. Full results will be available after 31st August 2012.

5.2 Evaluation of the new waste contract is now complete and successful bidder will be announced in early September 2012. Awaiting final approval from the Executive Committee but hopefully will be able to expand the recycling scheme to accept plastic pots, tubs and trays. The newly created Service Development Team will concentrate on mobilising the contract. The new contract may mean some changes to schools and bring site collections.

5.3 Warwick District Council worked closely with Warwick University Students Union, Action 21 and Landlords/Lettings Agents to minimise problems with excessive waste left the end of term. A Section 46 letter was sent out to each student informing them of their responsibilities regarding waste prior to them moving out. We then worked closely with the students and landlords to ensure they complied. Action 21 spent a few days out and about collecting any reusable furniture from student properties.

5.4 Trialled a different method of delivering rubbish and recycling collection calendars to properties this year. Design and printed them as a bin hangar which the collection crews then put on the wheeled bins after collection. We

used to send them out via Royal Mail as we found this was the only guaranteed method of them arriving. However, the new method of crews delivering them worked very well and was a much cheaper method.

- 5.5 Health and Safety Executive inspection took place between 20 & 21 June 2012. The inspection was a very useful couple of days. The only real concern was with the Contractor's recycling depot; however they did not action anything due to renewal of the waste and recycling contract on 1st April 2013. If the new Contractor decides to utilise this depot, essential works will be required.

6.0 Stratford District Council

- 6.1 Stratford District Council are exploring the opportunities and options for kerbside WEEE and textile collections with our waste and recycling collection contractor and other partners,
- 6.2 Stratford District Council is attending a number of carnivals and fetes etc. across the district during the summer (June to Sept) to promote the recycling and waste reduction message. Recycling facilities were provided at the Olympic Torch Run locations in the district.
- 6.3 The Authority is 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.
- 6.4 The recycling of street sweepings is adding 1.6% to the recycling rate. The rate could rise if EA approval is received for elements of the treated material to be used for spreading to restoration, thereby being classed as recycled.

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 – business case continues to be discussed
 - (iii) Consultancy support – contract documents being developed
 - (iiii) Asbestos – specification to be developed following consultation with Waste Collection Authorities to potentially include Fly-tipped Asbestos
- 7.2 The project team for the implementation of the new digital waste data system (ReStat) has been established and an initial meeting has been held.
- 7.3 The contract for Biowaste processing in Nuneaton and Bedworth will go live on 1st October.
- 7.4 Construction of new Lower House Farm HWRC and Transfer Station is on target, as building work currently 5 weeks ahead of schedule.
- 7.5 The WEEE Producer Compliance Scheme agreement has been prepared for signing by WCC legal services.

- 7.6 Approximately 50 primary schools visits were completed by the waste project officers.
- 7.7 A consultation took place on how the HWRC changes impacted on members of the public. The consultation ran from Thursday 2nd August to Sunday 2nd September. The results are being analysed.

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