

Warwickshire Waste Partnership

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Waste Partners Update

Recommendation

That the Waste Partnership acknowledges 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 is continuing to implement the new AWC and improved kerbside recycling service in October 2013.
- 2.2 Workshops are being held by WRAP to help produce and finalise ITT documentation in preparation for going out to tender.
- 2.3 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 over 12 months and continues to perform well with no major issues.
- 3.2 The inclusion of food waste into the scheme commenced on 1st October 2012 with all residents of the Borough receiving a kitchen food waste caddy and a sample of compostable bags.
- 3.3 In line with the introduction on the food waste service the green waste collections have been extended to 52 weeks per year (previously 44).
- 3.3 Working with Coventry City Council in forming a partnership agreement for the delivery of the Boroughs commercial waste collection service which will offer local businesses better access to recycling facilities..
- 3.4 New website launched in June.

4.0 Rugby Borough Council

4.1 Kerbside Textile Collections

A bid has been made to Wrap for funding to pilot a textile survivor bag scheme for the collection of textiles. Should the bid be successful approximately 5,000 homes would receive a heavy duty polythene bag. The resident will place the bag filled with textiles into the blue lid comingled recycling bin. The bags will be assessed at both the transfer station (WSU) and at the MRF (Kier) for their ability to protect the contents during the collection process.

4.2 WEEE Collections

Officers are currently investigating the possibility of a WEEE amnesty working with DHL and local schools. The participating school invites children to bring in old small electrical items for recycling – The school would receive direct payment, RBC would get the tonnage data and DHL the WEEE products

4.3 Recycling Project at Rugby Art Gallery

A static display was provided at the Art Gallery for seven weeks. The display illustrated 'what happens to your waste' and included 3 cutaway bins with Perspex fronts filled with materials relevant to the bin collection. Also included were a pictorial A-Z and throughout the period workshops were available for children to make items from recyclable materials.

5.0 Warwick District Council

5.1 The new refuse and recycling collection contract has been awarded to SITA. The contract length is 8 years with a possible 8 year extension. The recycling scheme will continue to function as a 'kerbside sort' using red boxes and bags and residents will also be able to recycle plastic pots, tubs and trays through the scheme. There will be some changes to the recycling collections from flats, schools and bring sites to make these schemes easier for users and make collections more efficient. The recycling from these sites will be collected co-mingled.

5.2 The Street Cleansing contract has been awarded to Veolia and the Grounds Maintenance contract to English Landscapes again for a period of 8 years with a possible 8-year extension.

5.3 As reported at the last partnership meeting, the alternate week co-mingled recycling scheme for flats is proving very successful. All newly developed complexes of flats are now being put straight onto this scheme and Officers are working closely with the Planning department to ensure sufficient space is provided for this scheme at future developments. A feedback form was sent out to all residents on the trial and the results show that:

- 100% of respondents rated the scheme as very good or good – there were no negative comments about the new scheme
- 67% of respondents said that they were recycling a lot more due to the scheme
- 85% of respondents said that the new recycling bins are easy to use

- 5.4 There will be changes to refuse and recycling collection days over Christmas and the Service Development Team have put a communications plan together based on what has been done in previous years to promote these to the public. This involves collection crews putting information hangers on wheeled bins, Christmas roadshows, adverts and press releases in local press, information posters in all one stop shops, community/parish notice boards and more. Christmas card and wrapping paper recycling points will be set up in libraries and Council buildings across the district for residents to use. There will also be Christmas tree recycling points at garden centres in the district, although most households can recycle these at home through the green bin scheme.

6.0 Stratford District Council

- 6.1 We are exploring the opportunities and options for kerbside WEEE and textile collections with our waste and recycling collection contractor and other partners.
- 6.2 We have submitted an expression of interest in being part of the WRAP textile survival bag trial and are waiting for a decision as to whether we have been successful.
- 6.2 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. This 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 – the contract is being developed
 - (ii) Long Term Residual Waste – still looking at the best solution for long term waste disposal
 - (iii) Consultancy support – M.E.L Research Ltd awarded composition analysis contract
 - (iv) Asbestos – Consultation with respective Waste Collection Authorities has been undertaken prior to formulation of the contract specification.
- 7.2 The contract for processing biowaste from Nuneaton & Bedworth went live on 1st October and is progressing satisfactorily.
- 7.3 The Lower House Farm project had been progressing extremely well, however due to a delay in the granting of wayleave to Western Power Distribution, the completion date for the site is going to be pushed back to January 2013 at the earliest.

- 7.4 The WEEE Producer Compliance Scheme agreement with DHL has been signed.
- 7.5 Work is progressing on the development of the new waste data management system ReStat and WCA involvement via a workshop is expected to take place Feb/March 2013. Date to be confirmed.

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