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# WARWICKSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP

COMMITTEE ROOM 2, SHIRE HALL, WARWICK

2:00pm, TUESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2012

## AGENDA

### General

1. **Apologies**
2. **Disclosures of interests**
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting, including matters arising**

### Reports

4. **Household Waste Recycling Centre Annual Update**
5. **Waste Data Overview for Q2 2012/13**
6. **Waste Partners Update**
7. **Sub-regional Working**  
Verbal update, Sean Lawson
8. **Waste Strategy Update**

### Other

9. **Dates of future meetings**
  - 5 March 2013
  - 25 June 2013
  - 10 September 2013
  - 3 December 2013
  - 11 March 2014
10. **Agenda item suggestions for next meeting**
11. **Any urgent items**

## **Membership of the Warwickshire Waste Partnership**

### **North Warwickshire Borough Council**

*Councillor Hayden Phillips*

### **Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council**

*Councillor Neil Phillips*

### **Rugby Borough Council**

*Councillor Dr. Mark Williams*

### **Stratford-on-Avon District Council**

*Councillor Lynda Organ*

### **Warwick District Council**

*Councillor Dave Shilton (Vice Chair)*

### **Warwickshire County Council**

*Councillors Martyn Ashford, Jeff Clarke, Alan Cockburn (Chair), Ray Sweet and John Whitehouse*

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## WARWICKSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP

Minutes of the meeting held at 2pm on 18 September 2012, Shire Hall, Warwick

### Present:

#### Members

Councillor Martyn Ashford  
Councillor Hayden Phillips  
Councillor Neil Phillips  
Councillor Carolyn Robbins  
Councillor Dave Shilton (Chair)  
Councillor Ray Sweet  
Councillor John Vereker  
Councillor John Whitehouse

#### Officers

Brent Davis  
Richard Dobbs  
Glenn Fleet  
Graham Folkes-Skinner  
Sean Lawson  
Richard Maybey  
Kerry Moore  
Olly Scholefield  
Louise Wall

#### Others

Councillor Barry Lobbett

### 1.0 Apologies

Received from Councillor Alan Cockburn, Councillor Lynda Organ, Councillor Jeff Clarke (replaced by Councillor John Vereker), Councillor Dr Mark Williams (replaced by Councillor Carolyn Robbins) and Tony Perks.

### 2.0 Disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests

None.

### 3.0 Minutes of the previous meeting, including matters arising

Minute 6.3 – Councillor Shilton asked if there had been any increase in the opening hours of the re-use shop at Cherry Orchard and if the Portfolio Holder would consider removing the restriction around bank holiday opening. Glenn Fleet explained that there has been a big increase in the opening hours and the re-use shop was proving very successful. Glenn agreed to forward the request for bank holiday opening to the Portfolio Holder for consideration, and to re-check if there are any planning restrictions that prevent opening on these days.

Minute 7.4(v) – Graham Folkes-Skinner stated that further roll-out of co-mingled recycling to flats had only recently received approval.

**Resolved: The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.**

### 4.0 Update on National Waste Policy

- 4.1 Kerry Moore introduced the report highlighting some of the key factors.
- Para 3.1 – Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council stated that it made a bid for DEFRA/DCLG funding to support weekly collections
  - Para 3.5 – None of the partner authorities have applied for funding under the Household Reward and Recognition Scheme
  - Para 3.6(iii) – Warwickshire County Council is assessing if/how it should use a new legislative power to charge for waste disposal from a wider range of non-domestic premises. Kerry explained that it can now charge for disposal of “Schedule 2” waste, produced at sites of commercial activity – such as nursing homes, self-catering accommodation, new schools,

caravan sites etc. Officers from the partner authorities are exploring what the impact would be on local communities should this power be invoked

**Resolved: Officers should continue to investigate the implications of implementing the new power, and bring a report to the Warwickshire Waste Partnership with a recommendation when appropriate.**

## **5.0 The Waste Framework Directive and Co-mingled Collections**

- 5.1 Glenn Fleet explained that a judicial review is currently underway with regard to the classification of co-mingled materials, the outcome of which could lead to an obligation for Local Authorities to introduce separate collections for paper, glass, metal and plastic.
- 5.2 Guidance from both the European Commission and DEFRA states that co-mingled collections are acceptable. However, the judicial review will determine if authorities employing such a system may be open to legal challenge.
- 5.3 Richard Dobbs stated that North Warwickshire Borough Council wants to issue a tender for a co-mingled service, but has been advised by WRAP that it may be open to legal challenge if it does not pursue an open tender.
- 5.3 During discussion, the following points were noted:
- a. The judicial review is driven by parties that may have a vested interest, e.g., reprocessing firms that could profit more from separate collections
  - b. The arguments in favour of co-mingled, combined with continued market demand for its materials, suggest it is a viable and sustainable system
  - c. Further guidance from DEFRA to supplement the legislation should be available in the new year, following the judicial review
  - d. In the future, glass may no longer be defined as recycling if used for road aggregate. This would make it unaffordable for authorities to run a separate glass collection service
  - e. Warwick District Council successfully runs separate recycling collections, rather than co-mingled, so there is still debate as to which system is best

**Resolved: Officers to report back as and when further guidance is issued by DEFRA.**

## **6.0 Waste Partners Update**

- 6.1 North Warwickshire Borough Council
- a. Tender notices will be issued soon as part of the move to alternate weekly collections. Contract to be awarded in February 2013, with an anticipated start date in October 2013
  - b. Thanks to the assistance of the County's Waste Management team, food waste can now be accepted in green bins and will be collected weekly
- 6.2 Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council
- a. Food waste will be accepted in green bins from October 2012 and will be collected 52 weeks a year (from 44). Residents have been issued with food caddies and 10 free biodegradable liners

- b. Cllr Whitehouse stated that it was important to remove any barriers to food waste recycling, such as the availability of different sizes of liner rolls – i.e., those on low income may not be able to afford rolls of 50
  - c. Trade waste services are being reviewed to see if they may be better delivered by a partner, such as Coventry
- 6.3 Rugby Borough Council
- a. Stickers have been put on green bins informing residents they now accept food waste. Officers are awaiting compositional analysis to indicate how much take-up there has been
  - b. There are still issues with textile recycling. In addition to rogue traders collecting donations intended for the local authority, residents can now easily sell their textiles to merchants
- 6.4 Warwick District Council
- a. Letters have been issued to bidders with results of the new waste contract tender
  - b. Residents will need to be informed about the new plastic collection service which will take all plastics, not just bottles
  - c. A trial is underway using drawstring collection bags, and officers are exploring whether additional containers may be needed
  - d. Communication is underway with student unions and landlords to minimise the dumping of furniture and household items at the start of the new term
  - e. Following the Health and Safety Executive inspection, preventative work has been targeted around trips and falls and manual handling
- 6.5 Stratford District Council
- a. Exploring the options available as part of an extension to the current waste contracts, which may include kerbside WEEE and textile collections
    - a. Kerry Moore suggested that they investigate the WRAP trial, which Rugby has expressed an interest in
    - b. Nuneaton & Bedworth advised that WEEE banks have been more effective than WEEE collections in their Borough
  - b. Work is still underway with PURE to improve analysis of the materials processed at the MRF in Ettington
- 6.6 Warwickshire County Council
- a. Various tenders are underway, as detailed in the report
  - b. The new Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) at Lower House Farm is due to open in January 2013
  - c. The results of the consultation on changes to the HWRCs will be available at the next Waste Partnership meeting

**Resolved: Further partner updates to be provided at the next meeting.**

## **7.0 Waste Management Statistics for 2011/12**

- 7.1 Glenn Fleet introduced the report, showing the final figures for 2011/12, approved by DEFRA.

- a. Recycling and composting volumes are down 0.6% overall on the previous year, due to a reduction in green waste arising from the dry summer weather
  - b. Total waste volumes are reducing – more is being collected at kerbside, but far less is being taken to the HWRCs
- 7.2 Cllr Ashford asked why there has been a reduction in waste volumes at the HWRCs. Glenn responded that there is now more enforcement at the HWRCs, particularly around inert waste, which has seen tonnages drop. The economic conditions may also be a factor, with fewer people renovating or buying new household goods.
- 7.3 Cllr Shilton asked why commercial waste volumes have increased by 41.1%, and why asbestos volumes have decreased. Kerry Moore explained that the Council charges for commercial waste disposal and the increase is a positive reflection on the additional services now offered to businesses. Regarding asbestos, Glenn stated that there is more enforcement over asbestos allowances. Brent Davis added that regulations around asbestos removal have become tighter, so residents are increasingly using licenced contractors.
- 7.4 Cllr Whitehouse questioned why Warwickshire’s ranking is so low compared to other County Councils for “kg of waste per household” and “kg of waste per head” (Appendix D). Sean Lawson suggested the data may not take account of recent population growth in some areas. Cllr Shilton asked that confirmation be sought as to whether the data is based on the latest census population.
- 7.5 Brent Davis questioned if Warwick District Council’s comparatively low figure for residual household waste per head (Appendix B) may be slanted by its student population, who are not fully resident in the area. Cllr Shilton asked that confirmation be sought if students were included within this figure.

**Resolved: Future reports to contain figures based on latest population data, plus clarification if students are included within household data.**

## **8.0 Waste Data Overview for Q1 2012/13**

- 8.1 Glenn Fleet introduced the report, providing data on waste volumes for the first quarter of 2012/13. Notably:
- a. Overall waste is down compared to same period of the previous year
  - b. Green waste is up compared to the same period of the previous year
  - c. Recycling volumes are not as good as hoped for, partly because the materials extracted from street sweepings have not yet been signed off by the Environment Agency as recycling
  - d. Energy from Waste tonnages are down because the Council needs to fulfil its current landfill commitments, and also because the facility was out of order for a period. There are two landfill contracts ending this year, which will result in increased tonnages to the Energy from Waste facility

**Resolved: The figures for Q1 2012/13 were noted.**

## **9.0 Dates of future meetings**

Cllr Shilton confirmed the following dates of future meetings (Tuesdays, 2pm):

- ~~4 December 2012~~
- ~~26 February 2013~~
- ~~14 May 2013~~
- ~~10 September 2013~~
- ~~19 November 2013~~
- ~~18 February 2014~~

*Amended as follows:*

- 5 March 2013
- 25 June 2013
- 10 September 2013
- 3 December 2013
- 11 March 2014

#### **10.0 Agenda item suggestions for future meetings**

Sean Lawson to provide a verbal update on the work of the sub-regional officers group

#### **11.0 Any other business**

- a. Kerry Moore stated that the waste collection authorities will be invited to attend a sub-regional demonstration meeting where WRAP will present on the re-use project
- b. Glenn Fleet received a positive response from partners regarding a proposal for the next annual waste conference to be held in North Warwickshire to coincide with the official opening of the new HWRC at Lower House Farm

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Chair

The meeting closed at 3.45pm

# Warwickshire Waste Partnership

4 December 2012

## Household Waste Recycling Centre Annual Update

### Recommendation

That the Waste Partnership notes the annual update.

### 1.0 Background

In early 2010 Warwickshire County Council's Waste Management Group undertook an internal review of the Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) service. The review highlighted areas for potential savings, improvements in service, public attitudes, as well as compiling lessons learnt from the HWRC contract, in-house provision and best practice.

Following a subsequent Cabinet report and a HWRC Task and Finish Group being established, the Strategic Director of Environment and Economy made a key decision regarding HWRC provision on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

### 2.0 Decisions taken

- To bring the management and operation of Cherry Orchard, Grendon (New Lower House Farm facility to replace the Grendon site 2012), Princes Drive, Shipston, Stockton and Wellesbourne Household Waste Recycling Centres in-house when the contracts for these sites expire in November 2011.
- To reduce the opening hours of all the Household Waste Recycling Centres when the above sites are brought in-house.
- To close each Household Waste Recycling Centre for 2 to 3 days per week (no days to include weekends) once the sites are brought in-house, while ensuring sites in the same area are not closed at the same time.<sup>1</sup>
- To introduce an 'open bag policy' at all Household Waste Recycling Centres once the above sites are brought in-house.
- To liaise with Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council in relation to the future options for the Judkins Household Waste Recycling Centre.

### 3.0 In-house Provision

Following the decision to bring the HWRCs in-house, a project board was set up to monitor the project. This was important to ensure the project was completed on time, within budget and delivered the allocated savings.

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<sup>1</sup> Following further work, it was agreed to pursue a partnership arrangement with the third sector, this allowed the sites to stay open 7 days a week



### 3.1 Implementation

In-house operation went live from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2011. The initial implementation of the project included:

- i. Reorganisation of the waste management group
- ii. TUPE of staff from external contractor
- iii. Revised contract arrangements for all staff
- iv. Procurement of new heavy plant machinery
- v. Initial staff training for plant, compactors and health and safety
- vi. New haulage contract let and implemented
- vii. Purchase of two haulage vehicles and recruitment of drivers
- viii. Managing existing contracts for recycling of materials
- ix. New site signage installation

The immediate implementation went well.

### 3.2 Flexibility

One of the key reasons for bringing the HWRCs in-house was to give Warwickshire County Council (WCC) a greater level of flexibility and control over the quality of the services, recycling rates, wastes accepted on site, the introduction of new and innovative services, ability to make future cost savings and to work in partnership with other local authorities. Since bringing the sites in-house, the waste management group has been working on a number of projects to take advantage of the new flexibility including:

- Introducing hard plastics recycling at 3 sites (Hunters Lane, Burton Farm, Princes Drive) – with suitability for remaining sites to be investigated
- Reviewing and implementing new trade waste prices at the two HWRCs offering trade waste services (Princes Drive and Hunters Lane) and offering reduced rates for source-separated materials – further work on a more in-depth trade waste review is on-going
- Moving waste up the hierarchy by increasing the amount of reuse at the sites via 4 new community-run reuse shops (Cherry Orchard, Shipston, Stockton and Wellesbourne) and the reuse of inert waste from all HWRCs
- Development of a new framework contract for the sale of HWRC recyclables including use of e-auction where appropriate
- Development and implementation of enhanced communications for the HWRCs to ensure the public make the best use of existing facilities
- Development of a new digital waste data system – reducing admin time for office staff
- Closer partnership working with the provider of the new Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment contract (DHL) regarding proactive communications and schemes

- A pilot Community RePaint programme for 2 HWRCs is being developed

### 3.3 Public consultations

WCC's waste management group has carried out two public consultations: one to find out the views of the public before making changes to the service in August 2011 (218 responses received), and one 6 months after the changes to the service had been implemented in August 2012 (135 responses received).

#### 3.3.1 Comparable questions

The following questions were asked during both consultations in order to compare the results.

Consultation	Question	Answers	Results
2011	How much do you believe these changes will affect you or your household?	The proposed changes will not affect me	50.2%
		The proposed changes will have some impact on me	25.6%
		The proposed changes will have a significant impact on me	22.3%
		I don't know	1.9%
2012	How much have the changes to the HWRC service affected you or your household?	The changes have not affected me	30.2%
		The changes have had some impact on me	45.7%
		The changes have had a significant impact on me	15.5%
		I don't know	8.5%

Consultation	Question	Answers	Results
2011	Do you think the open bag policy;	Should be strictly introduced to keep the sites open	72.9%
		Should not be introduced and opening hours further reduced	7.9%
		Don't know	19.2%
2012	Do you think the open bag policy;	Should be introduced	53.9%
		Should not be introduced at this stage	35.9%
		Don't know	10.2%

#### 3.3.2 August 2012

Another key question from the August consultation was:

**How do you feel about the service provided at the HWRCs over the last 6 months?**

- Improved – 15.3%
- Stayed the same – 38.1%
- Worse service – 34.7%
- Don't know – 11.9%

### 4.0 Reduced Opening Hours

On 9 January 2012, the site opening times changed over to 9.30am to 3.15pm during the week and 8.30am to 4.15pm on weekends (except Shipston). The new opening hours were promoted in a number of different ways including banners on site, new site signs, posters, leaflets, business cards and press releases.

During the August 2012 consultation, residents were asked to rate the communication methods used by WCC to promote the changes. The results are provided in the table below:

Medium	Used it or saw it	Did not see it or unhelpful	Don't know
Local newspapers	35.8%	60.8%	3.3%
WCC website	60.5%	37.0%	2.5%
Social media e.g. Twitter	3.5%	77.9%	18.6%
Advertising at HWRCs	38.1%	47.5%	14.4%
Information provided through community forums	6.8%	71.8%	21.4%
Leaflets/ Posters in libraries	15.3%	71.2%	13.6%
Direct email	16.2%	67.5%	16.2%
Radio/ broadcast media	8.5%	75.4%	16.1%

The implementation of the new opening hours went well and only six official complaints regarding reduced opening hours across all sites were received in the initial period.

The effect of the changes on tonnages of waste and recyclables entering the HWRCs (total inputs) over the first nine months compared to the previous year are summarised in the table below and show a reduction of just over 3,000 tonnes. As a comparison, the overall tonnage of waste/recyclables (excluding green waste) arising during the first two quarters of the 2012/13 year can be seen within the Waste Data Overview for Q2 report. This shows that waste and recycling across the county is also down by around 1,200 tonnes.

	2011 tonnage inputs	2012 tonnage inputs	Year Change (tonnes)
Jan	4649	4401	-248
Feb	4204	3606	-598
Mar	5662	4817	-845
Apr	6198	4803	-1395
May	5719	5376	-343
Jun	5278	5028	-250
July	5191	5282	91
August	5438	5864	426
September	4949	4725	-224
Totals	47288	43902	-3386

## 5.0 Reduced Opening Days

The initial decision made in November 2010 was to close each HWRC for 2 to 3 days per week (not including weekends) once the sites are brought in-house, while ensuring sites in the same area are not closed at the same time to support the saving targets.

As part of the process to bring the HWRC service in-house, discussions were held with a third-sector organisation to secure and develop a network of Reuse Shops, previously run by the contractor operating the HWRCs, for the long-term benefit of the community. The brief was expanded further and investigations began on the potential for extending this benefit by engaging the third-sector organisation in the running of the entire HWRC. If successful, the partnership arrangement would ensure the sites did not have to close for 2 to 3 days a week as planned.

Approval was given by the Portfolio Holder and Strategic Director for Communities in January 2012 for Warwickshire Community Recycling (a joint charitable enterprise set up by Warwickshire Community and Voluntary Action (CAVA) and the Heart of England Community Foundation) to operate **two** whole HWRC sites at Wellesbourne and Stockton, (including the shops on those two sites), and three further shops at the Shipston and Cherry Orchard sites and the new Lower House Farm site when it opens around January/February 2013. As a result of the approval, all sites retained open 7 days per week (except for Stockton) which is only open 3 days a week.

The reuse shops at Cherry Orchard, Stockton, Shipston and Wellesbourne were taken over by Warwickshire Community Recycling in April 2012. A full takeover of operations at the Wellesbourne and Stockton HWRCs by Warwickshire Community Recycling was complete by June 2012.

Nominated by WCC, Warwickshire Community Recycling won the 'Community Champion of the Year' title at the CIWM Awards for Environmental Excellence. WCC and Warwickshire Community Recycling also won 'Best Partnership' for the project at the LARAC Celebration Awards 2012.

## **6.0 New HWRC Facilities**

### **Nuneaton and Bedworth HWRC**

A 15-year contract for the design, build and operation of a HWRC was awarded to FCC Environmental (WRG) in April 2012. As part of the rebuild, the site will have a purpose-built reuse shop on-site operated by a third-sector organisation. The Contractor has 2 years to build the site. In the interim period, the current HWRC will continue to be used.

### **Lower House Farm HWRC and Transfer Site**

Lower House Farm has been developed as a joint venture with Staffordshire County Council for transferring residual waste from North Warwickshire, Nuneaton & Bedworth and Tamworth to the Energy from Waste Facility (W2R) opening at Four Ashes in Staffordshire in December 2013 and as a new HWRC. The HWRC will serve residents of both Warwickshire and Tamworth. The Authority will share the running costs with Staffordshire County Council.

WCC has also been working with North Warwickshire Borough Council (NWBC) and has granted a license for NWBC to use the site for storing its waste collection vehicles.

## Background Papers

1. Household Waste Recycling Centre Direct Service Project, Warwickshire waste Partnership 26<sup>th</sup> June 2012

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# Warwickshire Waste Partnership

4 December 2012

## Waste Data Overview for Q2 2012/13

### Recommendation

That the Waste Partnership notes the provisional data for the 2nd quarter, July to September 2012.

### 1.0 Key Issues

Members of the Warwickshire Waste Partnership are presented with an estimate of waste and recycling figures at Disposal and Collection Authority level.

### 2.0 Data Overview

- 2.1 This report contains a mixture of data taken from Waste Data Flow and from Warwickshire County Council in-house records and, at the publication of this report, are considered **provisional estimates**.
- 2.2 The figures should be treated as provisional as data may be changed until all authorities' data is approved by the Environment Agency (EA) and the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) through the Waste Data Flow System.

## Provisional Waste Management Data Quarter 2 2012/13

Figures are taken from Warwickshire County Council in-house records and at the publication of this report are considered provisional estimates.

### 1. Total Municipal Waste Arising and Disposal Route (Tonnes)

	July	August	September	Q2 Total	Q1 Total
<b>Total Tonnes</b>	<b>26,958</b>	<b>27,476</b>	<b>23,448</b>	<b>77,882</b>	74,848
<b>Landfilled</b>	8,649	8,869	7,445	<b>24,963</b>	24,762
<b>Inert - Landfilled</b>	196	211	124	<b>531</b>	1,248
<b>Energy from Waste</b>	2,983	3,003	2,610	<b>8,596</b>	8,997
<b>Other Technology*</b>	0	0	0	<b>0</b>	0
<b>In-vessel Composting*</b>	5,494	5,093	4,290	<b>14,877</b>	14,225
<b>Windrow Composting*</b>	3,557	3,628	2,984	<b>10,169</b>	7,845
<b>Other Composting*</b>	111	114	95	<b>320</b>	426
<b>Recycling (HWRC)</b>	1,635	1,915	1,534	<b>5,084</b>	4,518
<b>Recycling (WCA)</b>	3,877	3,983	3,864	<b>11,724</b>	11,980
<b>Reuse</b>	456	660	502	<b>1,618</b>	847

\*Other Technology – Refuse Derived Fuel

\*Windrow composting – Outdoor composting of green garden waste from HWRCs, NBBC and NWBC

\*In Vessel composting – Indoor controlled composting of garden and food waste from RBC, WDC, SDC

\*Other composting – Chipboard and wood

### 2. Percentage of Waste by Disposal Route

	July	August	September	Q2 Total	Q1 Total
% Recycling	20.4%	21.5%	23.0%	<b>21.6%</b>	22.0%
% Composting	34.0%	32.2%	31.4%	<b>32.6%</b>	30.1%
% Reuse	1.7%	2.4%	2.1%	<b>2.1%</b>	1.1%
Total	56.1%	56.1%	56.5%	<b>56.3%</b>	53.2%

% Landfill	32.8%	33.0%	32.4%	<b>32.7%</b>	34.8%
% Energy from Waste and RDF	11.1%	10.9%	11.1%	<b>11.0%</b>	12.0%
Total	43.9%	43.9%	43.5%	<b>43.7%</b>	46.8%

### 3. Estimated Provisional Performance

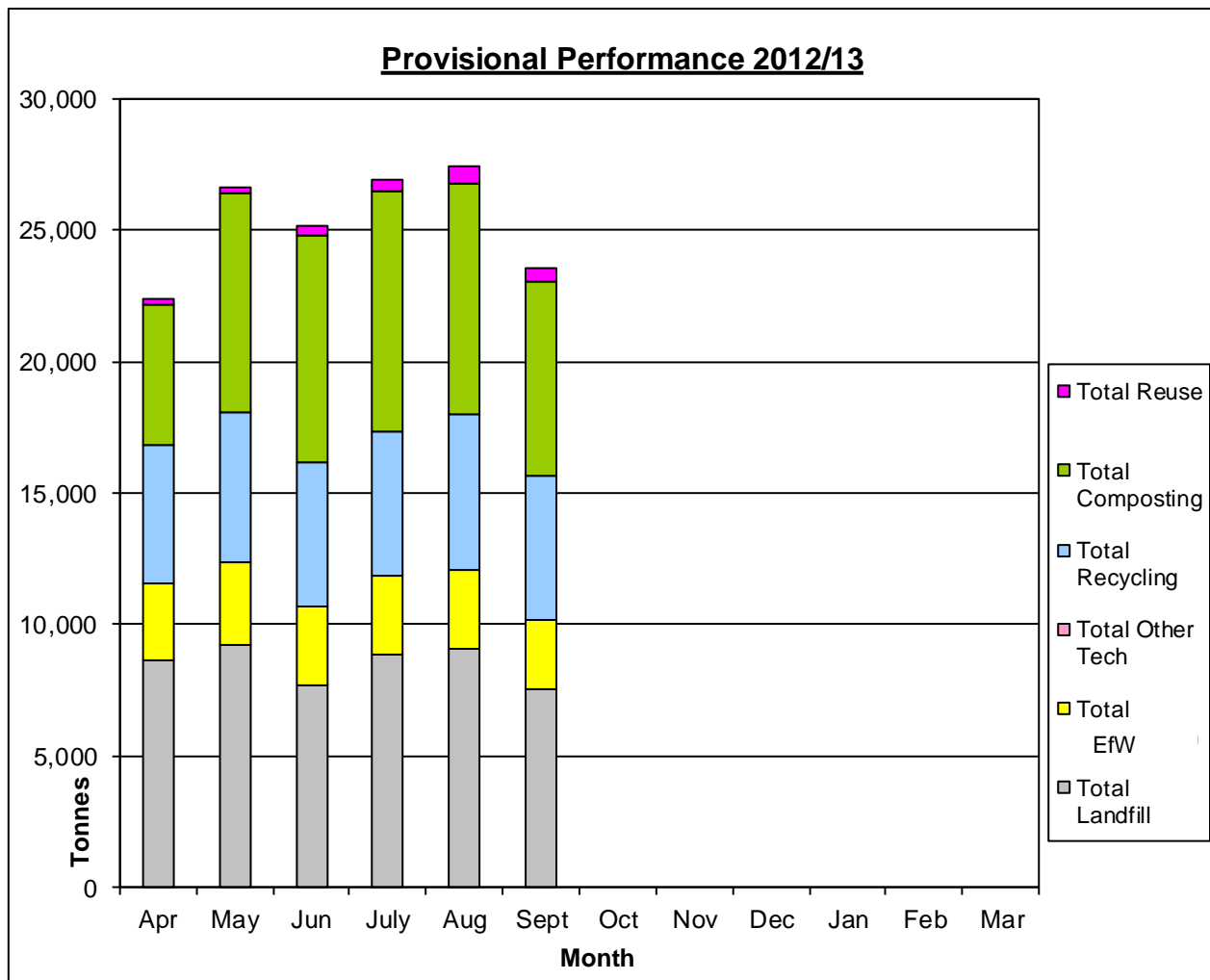
	<b>Q2 2011/2012</b>	<b>Q2 2012/2013</b>	<b>Change</b>
Recycling Rate/Reuse	15,923 tonnes	18,426 tonnes	☺ 2,503 tonnes up
	<b>22.4%</b>	<b>23.7%</b>	☺ 1.3% up
Composting Rate	18,419 tonnes	25,366 tonnes	☺ 6,947 tonnes up
	<b>25.8%</b>	<b>32.6%</b>	☺ 6.8% up
Recycling, Composting and Reuse Rate	34,340 tonnes	43,792 tonnes	☺ 9,452 tonnes up
	<b>48.2%</b>	<b>56.3%</b>	☺ 8.1% up
Landfill Rate	24,418 tonnes	25,494 tonnes	X 1,076 tonnes up
	<b>34.3%</b>	<b>32.7%</b>	☺ 1.6% down
Energy from Waste	12,499 tonnes	8,596 tonnes	X 3,903 tonnes down
	<b>17.5%</b>	<b>11.0%</b>	X 6.5% down
<b>Total Municipal Waste</b>	<b>71,257 tonnes</b>	<b>77,882 tonnes</b>	X 6,625 tonnes up
			X 9.3% up

### 4. Comparison of Q1 and Q2 Combined Performance

	<b>Q1 and 2 2011/2012</b>	<b>Q1 and 2 2012/2013</b>	<b>Change</b>
Recycling/Reuse Rate	32,568 tonnes	35,771 tonnes	☺ 3203 tonnes up
	<b>22.2%</b>	<b>23.4%</b>	☺ 1.1% up
Composting Rate	41,045 tonnes	47,862 tonnes	☺ 6,817 tonnes up
	<b>27.9%</b>	<b>31.3%</b>	☺ 3.4% up
Recycling, Composting and Reuse Rate	73,613 tonnes	83,633 tonnes	☺ 10,020 tonnes up
	<b>50.1%</b>	<b>54.8%</b>	☺ 4.7% up
Landfill Rate	49,063 tonnes	51,504 tonnes	X 2,441 tonnes up
	<b>33.3%</b>	<b>33.7%</b>	X 0.4% up
Energy from Waste	24,475 tonnes	17,593 tonnes	X 6,882 tonnes down
	<b>16.6%</b>	<b>11.5%</b>	X 5.1% down
<b>Total Municipal Waste</b>	<b>147,151 tonnes</b>	<b>152,730 tonnes</b>	X 5,579 tonnes up
			X 3.8% up



NB. District recycling rates are taken from claimed recycling credits. Last years figures are taken from Waste Data Flow. All other figures are taken from Warwickshire County Council in-house records and at the publication of this report are considered **provisional estimates**.



## 5. District Provisional Performance – Household waste

*Note: Figures are from the Waste Management System and not Waste Data Flow therefore WCA reporting differences will exist.*

	North Warwickshire		Nuneaton and Bedworth		Rugby		Stratford		Warwick	
	Q1 and Q2 2011/12	Q1 and Q2 2012/13	Q1 and Q2 2011/12	Q1 and Q2 2012/13	Q1 and Q2 2011/12	Q1 and Q2 2012/13	Q1 and Q2 2011/12	Q1 and Q2 2012/13	Q1 and Q2 2011/12	Q1 and Q2 2012/13
Recycling Rate	1,851 tonnes 13%	tonnes %	4,067 tonnes 15%	tonnes %	5,148 tonnes 24%	5,259 tonnes 23%	7,010 tonnes 24%	5,983 tonnes 22%	5,314 tonnes 20%	tonnes %
Composting Rate	3,368 tonnes 22%	4,151 tonnes %	5,951 tonnes 21%	7,376 tonnes %	6,088 tonnes 28%	7,442 tonnes 32%	9,810 tonnes 35%	10,333 tonnes 38%	7,986 tonnes 31%	9,527 tonnes %
Recycling, Composting and Reuse Rate	5,219 tonnes 35%	tonnes %	10,021 tonnes 36%	tonnes %	11,237 tonnes 52%	12,676 tonnes 54%	16,820 tonnes 61%	16,316 tonnes 60%	13,763 tonnes 53%	tonnes %
Residual	8,556 tonnes 65%	9,768 tonnes %	17,614 tonnes 64%	15,873 tonnes %	10,388 tonnes 48%	10,616 tonnes 46%	10,920 tonnes 39%	10,763 tonnes 40%	12,875 tonnes 49%	11,615 tonnes %
Total	13,775 tonnes	tonnes	27,635 tonnes	tonnes	21,625 tonnes	23,292 tonnes	27,740 tonnes	27,079 tonnes	26,174 tonnes	tonnes

# Warwickshire Waste Partnership

4 December 2012

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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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# Warwickshire Waste Partnership

4 December 2012

## Waste Strategy Update

### Recommendation

That the Waste Partnership notes the overview of the Waste Strategy update.

### 1.0 Background

- 1.1 Warwickshire currently has two strategy documents adopted by the Warwickshire Waste Partnership relating to the delivery of waste targets: the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (2005) and the Joint Waste Minimisation Strategy (2007). Both strategy documents have also been adopted individually by each of the Authorities.
- 1.2 The key targets and objectives within the old documents are summarised below:
  - (i) Reduce the amount of waste produced in Warwickshire
  - (ii) Work progressively towards higher recycling levels, exceeding current statutory targets of 30%<sup>1</sup>
  - (iii) Aim to reach inspirational county-wide targets of between 40-45% recycling to be achieved by 2009/10<sup>2</sup>
  - (iv) Limit the amount of waste disposed of to landfill – making use of existing waste treatment facilities e.g., Coventry and Solihull's EfW facility
  - (v) After maximising recycling and composting, treat all remaining waste using 'other' market technology (no new landfill contracts)<sup>3</sup>
- 1.3 Warwickshire made steady progress towards meeting its key strategy objectives and adopted a number of stretched targets in 2011. The targets are provided in the table below.

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<sup>1</sup> The UK Waste Strategy 2000 set a national target to recycle or compost at least 30% by 2010. The EU recycling target is now 50% for municipal waste by 2020

<sup>2</sup> We are currently at 49% and expecting to achieve 56% by 2015

<sup>3</sup> Updated as part of a Task and Finish Group in June 2011

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

## 2.0 Waste Strategy Update

- 2.1 The Warwickshire Waste Partnership has agreed to update key elements of the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy document including waste composition, services, performance information, data and legislation. It is not the intention to fundamentally re-write the existing strategy, start from a blank canvas or alter the main strategy objectives.
- 2.2 The updated Strategy will ensure that the members of the Warwickshire Waste Partnership continue to work together to implement sustainable methods of waste management and will ensure the Authorities meet their legislative requirements.
- 2.3 The waste management group at Warwickshire County Council will complete the majority of the update in-house; with guidance from all Warwickshire Authorities and with support from a consultancy with experience in updating waste strategies at key stages.
- 2.4 A workshop will be held to develop actions and indicators that will inform the updated strategy action plan to ensure the objectives in the strategy are met.

## 3.0 Progress

- 3.1 Work on the update to the strategy commenced following the Warwickshire Waste Partnership meeting in June 2012. The following tasks have been completed:
- A core team of project officers has been set up and meetings scheduled to progress the update
  - The project initiation document has been produced



- The update of waste data and performance has commenced
- The update of national waste strategies and policies has commenced
- The tender for waste composition analysis was developed and awarded to M.E.L Research Limited. The winning tender was for 2 seasons (autumn and spring) of residual and green waste analysis
- The autumn waste composition analysis was completed during late October and early November
- Raw data from the autumn waste analysis has been obtained – the overall result for Warwickshire is provided as an Appendix **(to be provided)**
- Work package for consultancy support was developed and 2 written quotes obtained. The winning quote was from the consultancy Frith Resource Limited
- A statement has been produced detailing the decision to update the strategy

## 4.0 Next steps

4.1 The next steps for the project are as follows:

- Quality assurance by consultant of statement to support the update of the strategy rather than a full review
- Report for autumn waste composition work to be obtained from consultant
- Schedule planning for spring waste composition work
- Completion of spring waste composition analysis
- Quality assurance of national waste strategies and policies by consultant
- Finalise services and performance section updates
- Finalise data and projections to be used in updated document
- Development of possible actions and indicators at annual waste conference
- Review of information from conference and development of action plan
- Quality assurance of action plan by consultant

## Background Papers

1. Review of Warwickshire's Municipal Waste Management Strategy, Warwickshire Waste Partnership – 26 June 2012
2. Proposed new Waste Management Targets to support Warwickshire's Municipal Waste Management Strategy, Warwickshire Waste Partnership – 6<sup>th</sup> December 2011

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