

# Warwickshire Waste Partnership

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## Waste Partners Report

### 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 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 A decision has been made to remove the recycling bring sites; with removal being carried out during September 2013. All residents have access to kerbside comingled recycling collections and as a result the tonnage collected from the bring sites has dropped down to just 350 tonnes annually. In addition to low tonnages the bring sites are regularly found to be contaminated with materials not suitable for recycling. Several sites also suffer from fly-tipping on a regular basis.
- 4.2 The resource (vehicle & crew) freed up by removing the sites will be directed to assisting the core refuse / bio waste collection service which has been stretched to the limit due to construction of approximately 2,500 new housing units in the last five years and continuing new development.
- 4.3 In addition to new housing; with effect from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2013 the Council's main tipping point was changed from Ling Hall to Whitely Coventry resulting in the collection rounds having further to travel.

- 4.4 As a result of the points above collection crews are finding it increasingly difficult to complete the collection rounds within the time of a normal shift, hence the need to utilise the resource currently used for bring sites collections to assist.

## **5.0 Warwick District Council**

- 5.1 We have moved a further 350 properties onto the districts alternate week collection scheme (AWC), making both monetary and logistical efficiencies
- 5.2 We are continuing with our participation surveys to provide information on both how well received the mixed plastic collections have been received and how a wheeled bin collection affects the amount of recycling presented.
- 5.3 Rationalising our collections from flats. There is the potential to move some of these collections to AWC providing efficiencies and also provide a more consistent education message.
- 5.4 Managed student departure from the district in June/July in conjunction with local re-use charity and Warwick University.
- 5.5 Finalising a resident survey to provide information on the public's perception of the districts, local environment and the effect that our three main contracts, namely, Refuse and Recycling, Street Cleansing and Grounds Maintenance have on it.

## **6.0 Stratford District Council**

- 6.1 The kerbside collection of small items of WEEE, textiles and household batteries is going very well. In June 3.72 tonnes of WEEE was sent for reprocessing.
- 6.2 The recycling of street sweepings is helping with increasing the recycling rate.
- 6.2 Nine "temporary" recycling banks have been installed on Bancroft Gardens in Stratford. This is a trial to provide additional bin capacity during busy periods (specifically the summer months, bank holidays etc) to avoid bins overflowing and litter issues as well as trying to divert waste from landfill to be recycled. It is hoped that they can be made available for temporary events across the district in future.

## **7.0 Warwickshire County Council**

- 7.1 Work is taking place on the following tenders:
- i. HWRC Recyclables – Plan to have e-auction option for textiles/shoes, paper, card and cardboard and soft plastics in conjunction with Improvement and Efficiency West Midlands (IEWM).
  - ii. Residual Waste – continuing to look at the best solution for long term waste disposal
  - iii. Plasterboard - Quotation to be evaluated mid/late August

- iv. Asbestos – Tender pack is being developed
  - v. Inert Waste – Quotation exercise completed, contract to commence on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2013
  - vi. CCTV – Tenders received and being evaluated
- 7.2 Work on ReStat (the development of the new waste data management system) continues to progress
- 7.3 The operations team are working with Biffa regarding running the transfer station at Lower House Farm, due to open in December 2013 when W2R goes live.
- 7.4 A series of home composting workshops will take place across the County in the coming months.
- 7.5 The Waste Management is currently going through Strategic Commissioning – a process to decide how best to achieve the outcomes needed for Warwickshire based on the needs of the population, the resources available and the priorities of the Council.

## Background Papers

- 1. None

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