

# Warwickshire Waste Partnership

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## Waste Partners Report

### Recommendations

- (1) 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 Gavin Waite, Head of Waste and Transport started at the Authority on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013.
- 3.2 Nuneaton and Bedworth are currently looking into re-routing the waste rounds, reducing rounds from 6 to 5 - this is to make savings. It will also even out any heavier days/weeks. It is proposed that this will be rolled out by the new financial year.
- 3.3 Nuneaton and Bedworth are looking into proving all flat complexes with recycling facilities and have conducted a Borough wide audit of the flats to coincide with this. Nuneaton and Bedworth will be looking to start rolling this out by the new financial year.
- 3.4 The new Binfo application for smart phones has been launched and is available to download which gives householders 2 weeks collection information, what goes where for each bin and a reminder push notification option to provide a reminder to present their particular bins for collection. This will also be an invaluable tool to provide push notifications to residents that

have this application, to make them aware of any disruptions due to weather and any other information we want to get to residents quickly i.e. Christmas collections.

- 3.5 Christmas promotions will start in the middle of November, starting with the household magazine, radio advertising and bin hangers Christmas information, along with twitter and facebook communications.

#### **4.0 Rugby Borough Council**

- 4.1 Verbal update to be provided at the meeting.

#### **5.0 Warwick District Council**

- 5.1 Received approximately 450 completed resident surveys as part of look into the public's perception of their local environment and the effect our three main contracts have on it. At the time of writing the Keep Britain Tidy Group are analysing the results.

- 5.2 There are three proposed projects currently being scoped to look at:-

i) Recycling in flat rationalisation

ii) Sponsorship

iii) Measures

iv) Purchase and delivery of refuse and recycling containers.

v) PR & Marketing

vi) Non-Contractual cleansing teams and attendants.

This work is part of an overall aim of getting value for money and efficiencies out of the Refuse/Recycling, Street Cleansing and Grounds Maintenance contracts

- 5.3 At the beginning of the academic year all students' properties were written to, welcoming them to the district and providing the relevant information for their refuse and recycling collections. The cost of this mail shot was shared with colleagues in Council Tax, who were sending out Council Tax exemption letters to the same addresses.

- 5.4 Alongside the Waste Minimisation Officer employed by SITA, officers from Contract Services, visited these same student properties in late October asking whether they had received the information and providing advice, additional recycling containers etc. on the day.

- 5.5 Plans are in place to inform residents about their refuse and recycling collections over Christmas/New Year period using bin hangers. As has

happened in previous years there will be additional recycling points for Christmas cards, Wrapping Paper and Christmas Trees, which will be detailed on the hanger.

- 5.6 We have started closer dialogue/liaison with our colleagues in Planning to ensure that developers are aware of our requirements on space for bin provision, access etc.

## **6.0 Stratford District Council**

- 6.1 The kerbside collection of small items of WEEE, textiles and household batteries has now diverted over 10 tonnes of material from landfill. In the first six months of the new service approximately 8 tonnes of WEEE, 1 tonne of batteries and 2 tonnes of textiles was collected and sent for reprocessing.
- 6.2 The nine “temporary” on-street recycling banks have been removed from Bancroft Gardens in Stratford and put into storage for the winter. This trial was deemed to be a success in providing additional bin capacity during busy periods, diverting waste from landfill to be recycled and raising the profile of and promoting on-street recycling. The bins will be used for temporary events and reinstalled in the Bancroft in spring 2014 when visitor numbers increase.
- 6.3 Having signed up to the End of Recycling Destination Charter, the Council have publicised current information on where all of the household recycling collected in the district goes on our website [www.stratford.gov.uk/community/end-destination-charter.cfm](http://www.stratford.gov.uk/community/end-destination-charter.cfm)
- 6.4 The LGA "it's #OurDay 2013" on 17<sup>th</sup> October was used to send a range of waste and recycling messages to the Council Twitter 4,373 followers.
- 6.5 The latest version of the Council's resident's magazine "Stratford View" has been distributed to all households in the district in November 2013. The magazine features articles on garden and food waste and the In-Vessel Composter plant at Ufton. There is also an offer to residents of a free kitchen caddy and a start-up roll of compostable caddy liners.

## **7.0 Warwickshire County Council**

- 7.1 Work is taking place on the following tenders:
- i. Textiles – Quotation exercise for HWRC textiles has taken place and the new contract starts 1<sup>st</sup> December.
  - ii. Asbestos – Tenders evaluated and will be awarded shortly
  - iii. HWRC Recyclables – Plan to have e-auction tender for paper, card / cardboard and mixed soft plastics within the next two months, in conjunction with Improvement and Efficiency West Midlands (if successful further e-auctions will take place for different materials)
  - iv. Wood – A tender pack is being developed
  - v. Carpet – A tender pack is being developed

- vi. Residual Waste – continuing to look at the best solution for long term waste disposal
- 7.2 Work on ReStat (the development of the new waste data management system) is steadily progressing
- 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 have been taking place across the County, there will be more planned.
- 7.5 The Waste Management is exploring opportunities to secure further efficiencies in the service to support the savings in the 2014-18 period.

## Background Papers

- 1. None

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