

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 Amended bulky waste charges to include single item collections and are in the process of monitoring its service delivery impact.
- 3.2 NBBC is looking to introduce wheeled bin delivery charges of £5.00 for all waste receptacles.
- 3.3 Monitoring new developments to ascertain potential future capital investment for increased waste collection services.
- 3.4 Refuse collection vehicles to be fitted with asset management units, with tracker ability, to obtain collection data on drivers, vehicles etc.
- 3.5 Liaising with NBBC planning to try to get a supplementary document in order to enable us to work with developers for the supply of wheeled bins for waste and recycling provision at new developments.
- 3.6 Flats audit has been completed and all properties assessed for suitability of scheme. One trial has been completed and the outcome was quite positive in

terms of usage and contamination levels but usage dropped off as the weeks went on which suggests a need for constant communication/incentivisation - which may need to be looked in to. We are planning a second trial in a council owned complex and are now working toward getting funding to source bins and start implementing the scheme.

- 3.7 Continuing the use of non-collection notices at kerbside for household recycling bins.
- 3.8 Communication plans for the following areas are complete and are starting to be implemented:
- H/H Recycling (recycle right),
 - Christmas collection changes,
 - Enviro Enforcement (tip off & stop the drop),
 - Compostable recycling (grey to green) and the Flats recycling

The plans include a variety of communication methods for each area.

- 3.9 Signing up to as many summer events to carry out roadshows as possible. Will be doing these for both recycling and enviro enforcement this year.

4.0 Rugby Borough Council

- 4.1 The recycling campaign aimed at reducing contamination has been delivered to thirteen areas within the borough. The campaign provides education so residents better understand what items can be placed in the blue-lidded bin. As a last resort and after providing warnings to residents, if a bin is found to contain incorrect materials on two or more occasions then the bin is removed. In the first area of focus a reduction in contamination of around 80% was observed. A general improvement in the other areas has also been apparent. Recycling bins that are removed for persistent contamination are returned if residents sign an agreement to recycle correctly in future. Returned bins are subsequently monitored periodically.
- 4.2 A series of presentations on recycling and litter continue to be delivered across all year groups in local schools.
- 4.3 Kitchen caddies have been delivered to all households within the borough that did not previously receive one. Information packs were provided alongside the kitchen caddy informing residents of other services including how paint can be disposed of, information on our three bin recycling service and information on Warwickshire's Household Waste Recycling Centres.
- 4.4 In cab / in depot technology is being considered, together with route optimising software.
- 4.5 Charging developers for bins has been implemented successfully with an initial order of 131 sets of bins

5.0 Warwick District Council

- 5.1 From 6th June 2015, WDC will be introducing charges for waste containers. Wheeled bins will be £25, recycling boxes will be £5, recycling box lids will be £1.50 and recycling bags will be £2.50. There will be a delivery charge of £5 on top of this. There will be no charge for food caddies as these were funded by WCC, however the delivery charge will apply. There are no concessions.
- 5.2 The charges will apply to all new, additional, lost, stolen, old, dirty or damaged containers. Containers that are damaged during collection or fall into the back of the collection vehicle will be replaced free of charge.

6.0 Stratford District Council

- 6.1 The 360 degree cameras fitted to the refuse fleet are proving invaluable in dealing with bins not on boundary and vehicle driving dangerously around vehicles. The in-cab technology is helping to improve efficiency of collection service and enhance communication processes.
- 6.2 A Waste Action Plan for 2016/17 has been produced with an associated promotions plan. The results of the waste composition analysis will influence some of the promotions.
- 6.3 New residents continue to receive information packs alongside their wheeled bins. The pack includes a guide to the three bin system plus the new food waste and junk mail leaflets.
- 6.4 The kerbside collection of textiles, small items of WEEE and batteries continue to prove popular.
- 6.5 We are planning to carry out some litter picking of some dual carriageway sections of highways under the access arrangement with Kier and Highways England.

7.0 Warwickshire County Council

- 7.1 Communication activities update:
- i. Now with nearly 5,000 subscribers, the latest 'Recycle for Warwickshire' e-newsletter was broadcast in March and can be accessed here:
<http://app.mailerlite.co.uk/q2j9z8>

The e-newsletter was recently held up as best practice by LARAC (Local Authority Recycling):
<http://www.larac.org.uk/content/recycle-warwickshire-e-newsletter-please-take-look#.VzCse9lrLre>

- ii. The second annual Food Waste Challenge and prize draw attracted 5,329 entries, and a range of prizes were donated by DHL Enviosolutions plus a number of Warwickshire businesses. Presentation of prizes and post publicity took place in late April / early May.
- iii. CC officers are looking at bulk buying compostable kitchen caddy liners for resale at local outlets and online. The liners will be provided at near cost price.
- iv. The Recycle for Warwickshire Facebook page likes continue to grow and now stands at 396 likes. The two twitter pages, Compost Corner and Recycle 4 Warks also continue to expand.
- v. WCC are working with the Northamptonshire Waste Partnership with a view to expanding Northamptonshire's Feed Your Caddy rewards programme into Warwickshire. Residents who register online and pledge to recycle food waste will be entered into a monthly draw for prize vouchers which can be spent at local retailers and visitor attractions. The existing scheme is at www.feedyourcaddy.co.uk/

7.2 Procurement activities update:

- i. The plasterboard quote was awarded to Reconomy Ltd and commenced in April 2016. The contract is for 6 months with the option to extend for a further 6 months.
- ii. The wood reprocessing tender awarded to Jack Moody Recycling Ltd commenced in April 2016. The contract is for 2 years with the option to extend for a further 2 years.
- i. The clinical waste tender was awarded to SRCL Ltd and commenced in April 2016. The contract is for 3 years with the option to extend for a further 2 years.
- ii. The tyre disposal tender was awarded to Midfit Tyres Ltd and commenced in April 2016. The contract is for 2 years.
- iii. The leachate removal and disposal tender was awarded to William Gilder Ltd and commenced in April 2016. The contract is for 1 year with the option to extend for a further 2 years.
- iv. A tender for the reprocessing of inert waste took place in April/May. The evaluation is taking place.
- v. There were no bids submitted for the Mattress Recycling tender, and this is being re-tendered on a longer term following soft market testing. More potential processors are in a position to bid which was not the case last year.
- vi. Future tenders planned for this year include; WEEE, paint, carpet, metal, green waste and analysis of gas, leachate and surface waters.

7.3 Other Activities

- i. Awards: WCC Waste management has picked up more awards for its partnership with Age UK Warwickshire to operate recycling centre re-use shops and 2 whole HWRCs:
 - o 2015 Public Sector Sustainability Awards (Most Sustainable Public Sector Project) – winner of 'Best Procurement Project', Runner Up in 'Best Waste/Recycling Project' category and Highly Commended in 'Innovation' category.
 - o Highly commended in the Governments, Cities & Regions category at The Circulars 2016 (the world's premier circular economy award programme). Judges were extremely impressed by 'the positive impact the initiative is having across Warwickshire and the UK as a whole, with Warwickshire clearly demonstrating that it is on track to achieve scalable circular value'.
 - o Institute for Continuous Improvement in Public Services (ICiPS) Annual CI Awards 2016 - Runner Up in the category collaborating across organisational boundaries to deliver improvements.
 - o Improvement and Efficiency Awards 2016 – Gold Winner in the Category Transformation in Waste & Environment.
 - o Excellence in Public Procurement Awards 2016/17 – Finalist in the categories: Small Business / Third Sector Engagement Initiative of the Year, Best Service and Procurement Innovation or Initiative of the Year.
 - o Finalist in the National CSR Awards 2016 in the category Reduce, Reuse, Recycle (ceremony 12 May).
 - o Finalist in the MJ Achievement Awards 2016 in the categories Innovation in Finance and Reinventing Public Services (ceremony 16 June).

WCC Waste Management is also finalist in the National Recycling Awards 2016 in the categories Team of the Year and the Best Food Waste. The latter is for the Grey to Green Campaign (ceremony 6 July).

- ii. WCC Waste Management representatives presented papers at the Remunicipalisation Conference – see <http://goo.gl/k3ZG3m> and The Future of Waste Management Conference and Exhibition – see www.salford.ac.uk/onecpd/courses/the-future-of-waste-management-conference-and-exhibition-london

Background Papers

1. None

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