

# 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 Operations/H&S
  - Transport and Trade service transfer partnership with Coventry City Council is ongoing
  - Depot move to Gresham Road site – ongoing, move date estimated February 2017
  - Procurement of additional vehicles: 2 x precinct sweepers plus various street cleansing vehicles
  - Trialling a 360 CCTV system in RCV's for staff safety
  - New posts awaiting job advertisements – 2 x refuse drivers and 4 x loaders
  - Reviewing bulky waste collection service following price changes
  - Looking to introduce delivery charges on household bins, not including recycling inserts or food caddies
  - H&S data management system being collated for WM

### 3.2 Enforcement

- Reviewing enforcement processes
- Reviewing and improving fly tipping processes
- Replacement post awaiting job advertisement – Enviro Enforcement Officer

### 3.3 Recycling

- Continuing with contamination hangers and planning to introduce automated contamination process when possible
- Planning a second flats recycling trial at a council complex
- Bring bank sites assessment almost complete, looking to review the management process of these

### 3.4 Waste Promotions/Communications

- Continuing to carry out communications as per yearly plan
- Council's magazine pull-out for special Christmas edition in process of being made
- Fly tipping stickers created and now being used to ask for witness statements from public/awareness that council are aware of the fly tipping etc.
- Fly tipping and littering leaflets being made – with involvement from local schools for artwork etc
- Renewed bins on streets sticker in process, asking residents to remove bin from highway
- Recycle week promotions being planned – promotional pull up banners in public buildings and social media posts daily
- Christmas bin collection changes – collection calendars and letters to all affected underway, Christmas road shows in both town centres being diarised
- Improvements to promotional trailer being made, new artwork to include enforcement – for enforcement officer's input on road shows

## 4.0 Rugby Borough Council

- 4.1 Currently recruiting an Environmental Education Officer after the previous post holder left in May.

## 5.0 Warwick District Council

- 5.1 WDC introduced charges for all waste containers on 6th June 2016. In the first 2 months this has helped to contribute £12k towards the purchase of containers and delivery of them to households.
- 5.2 A tender process for the purchase of waste containers earlier this year has helped to generate further savings.
- 5.3 Unfortunately, the Recycling Officer employed by Suez is leaving. WDC are unsure at this time whether Suez will look to replace them.

- 5.4 WDC has ongoing waste issues with Houses in Multiple Occupation (HIMOs), particularly students. A working group involving Members and Officers from across the Council has been set up and has been liaising with Rugby Borough Council over their approach to tackling these issues. WDC is exploring the idea of using Community Protection Notices.

## **6.0 Stratford District Council**

- 6.1 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.
- 6.2 The kerbside collection of textiles, small items of WEEE and batteries continue to prove popular.
- 6.3 We have carried out a review of our bulky items collection service. One of the focuses was how we could maximise re-use and recycling. Ease of booking, quality of service and value for money also featured. Renaming the service to remove the word “waste” from the service title was also seen as important.
- 6.4 We have used the highway lane closure arrangements to carry out litter picking of central reservations.
- 6.5 We have carried out the bi-annual review of properties with a second general waste bin to confirm continued eligibility. Ninety four bins have been removed. Based on each bin containing 10kg of waste per collection this gives a saving of almost two and a half tonnes.
- 6.6 Biffa has carried out a review of the route optimisation which has been in operation since August 2015. There are a few changes to the split of collection rounds between general waste and recycling on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. There have been no day changes for residents.
- 6.7 We are supporting Biffa with their Driving Recklessly on Pavements (DROP) campaign in a bid to deal with vehicles driving dangerously around collection trucks which puts operative’s lives in danger.

## **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 July and can be accessed here:  
<http://app.mailerlite.co.uk/g3d9g7>
  - ii. CC officers are assessing business cases and options for either bulk buying compostable kitchen caddy liners for resale or facilitating a low-cost online/mail order partnership. It is hoped to achieve significant saving for residents compared to current suppliers and stockists.

- iii. The Recycle for Warwickshire Facebook page likes continue to grow and now stands at 407 likes. The two twitter pages, Compost Corner and Recycle 4 Warks also continue to expand.
- iv. Northamptonshire's Feed Your Caddy rewards programme was expanded into Warwickshire in July and more than 500 Warwickshire households have already registered. Residents who register online and pledge to recycle food waste are entered into a monthly draw for prize vouchers which can be spent at local retailers and visitor attractions. Kerbside / doorstep promotion of the scheme will take place later in the year. For further details, visit [www.feedyourcaddy.co.uk/](http://www.feedyourcaddy.co.uk/)

### 7.3 Procurement activities update:

- i. The inert waste tender was awarded to Brinklow Quarry and commenced in August 2016. The contract is for 2 years with a possible 1 year extension.
- ii. The plasterboard contract with Reconomy was extended for 6 months from September 2016 to March 2017.
- iii. An exemption was obtained for the metals recycling tender for 5 months up until March 2017, this is so it can be procured alongside the WEEE tender.
- iv. The paint waste tender is currently being evaluated and will commence in October. The contract is for 2 years with a possible 36 months extension.
- v. The mattress tender is currently being evaluated with a view to awarding a contract commencing in October 2016. The contract is for 2 year with a possible 1 year extension.
- vi. The 'Slim Your Bin' tender is currently being evaluated with a view to awarding a contract commencing in October 2016. The contract is for a 7 month pilot with a possible 1 year extension.
- vii. Future tenders planned for this year include; WEEE, carpet, metal, green waste, waste composition and analysis of gas, leachate and surface waters.

### 7.3 Other Activities

- i. A letter of support from the chairman of the Warwickshire Waste Partnership was written to the chairman of Project Integra, in support of their campaign to include Incineration Bottom Ash Recycling within the UK's recycling rate calculation.
- ii. Awards: WCC Waste management has picked up another award for its partnership with Age UK Warwickshire to operate recycling centre re-use shops and 2 whole HWRCs - Public Sector Silver in the International CSR Excellence Awards 2016.

September will see two WCC representatives attending APSE Service Awards where the group is a finalist in the category 'Best Service Team: Waste Management and Recycling Service'.

- iii. WCC Waste Management representatives are billed to speak at the NEC's RWM 2016 in September and the University of Salford's Recycling and Waste Show in October.
- iv. A best practice tour of 2 Warwickshire recycling centre re-use shops is scheduled for 28 September. Lower House Farm and Judkins charity shops will welcome delegates from The Welsh Government and The Environment Agency as well as personnel from waste authorities as far afield as Durham, Kent and West Sussex. With Warwickshire acknowledged as a pioneer in the development of recycling centre re-use shops, the sell-out tours act as springboard for organisations and agencies developing re-use facilities or else supporting operators in their locality.

## Background Papers

None

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