

Warwickshire Waste Partnership

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Waste Partners Report

Recommendations

The Waste Partnership is asked to acknowledge the updates on the various waste activities taking place in each area since the last partnership meeting in June 2018.

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 Subscriptions to the new Extra Garden Waste Service continue to grow with 377 households now signed up for additional collections from 423 bins – a take up of around 45%.
- 2.2 The trial of bags to replace paper & card inserts will run from September to November. Two types of bags will be trialled, a weighted and unweighted version.
- 2.3 New collection calendars go online in September. They will include details on Christmas collections and the winter green waste suspension as well as new, clearer information on what can be recycled.
- 2.4 A twelve month extension to the contract for reprocessing the Council's kerbside recyclables is in the process of being finalised.
- 2.5 Preparations are well under way for "Recycle Week" which will focus on promotion through social media as well as more traditional communication methods.
- 2.6 Working with Coventry City Council on a joint tender for a replacement bulky waste collection service.

3.0 Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council

3.1 Depot

- a) Permit now issued and waste operation being assessed ahead of operations start.

3.2 Recycling

- a) MRF tender now been awarded and following standstill period details will be released in conjunction with the collection partnership with Coventry.
- b) Still conducting a review on flats to reduce contamination and working with new and existing flats to have bin store alterations to allow room required for recycling bins. NBBC will be liaising closely with WCC with this project to ensure we attain the very best results.
- c) In-house In-cab technology process trial scheduled which sits in the CRM software.
- d) Trade Recycling round almost ready to be implemented as part of our commercial waste partnership with Coventry. The full details are to be drafted in conjunction with their commercial team.
- e) NBBC green waste second bin charging has been introduced and has been generally well received by most residents.
- f) Coffee cup collections in town centres being explored as part of Valpak's scheme

3.3 Promotions/Communications

- a) Communications for the inception of the new recycling contract being prepared in readiness for the start in October 18, combining training from WRAP - amending materials to move toward "normative messaging". Communications to include roadshows, updated and promoted online recycling directory, initiative with local schools, new recycle guide with dedicated plastics section and possible ongoing competition.
- b) 2 roadshows carried out during July.
- c) Website pages created to include promotion of home composting, linking to WCC pages – using green charging as a platform to promote this.
- d) Planning Christmas collection change communications – sending letters to those affected rather than using bin hangers.

- e) Recycle week promotions to include: roadshows or stalls in shopping centres as well as pull up banners and other materials in council foyers, and waste education drop in sessions with local large businesses.

3.4 Refuse Collections

- a) Vehicle tender orders raised for 6 x refuse collection vehicles expected delivery date November 2018
- b) Dates agreed for Christmas and New Year 2018/19 working and sent to WCC for information.
- c) Additional resources put into the refuse collection budget to respond to increased pressures due to new developments. A full reconfiguration exercise is required and will be undertaken in 2018.

3.5 Enforcement

- a) Enforcement Partnership proposals now agreed and expressions of interest sought from environmental enforcement providers. Agreement to include PSPO alcohol and fly tipping enforcement.
- b) Currently we are carrying out a pilot project working with different housing associations to carry out joint signage initiatives around the bin areas, to tackle the issues surrounding not only fly tipping, but also antisocial behaviour.
- c) Weekly hotspot patrols are still ongoing; this is giving enforcement an opportunity to hit key areas of concern in the borough. Feedback from residents is very positive. Weekly hotspot patrols are not only acting as a deterrent for potential fly tippers, but is also giving residents the opportunity to communicate face to face with enforcement officers regarding ongoing issues in their areas.

4.0 Rugby Borough Council

- 4.1 On-going review of refuse and recycling rounds through our route optimisation software, which will also identify the number of new rounds and replacement vehicles required across the fleet.
- 4.2 Green waste subscriptions have exceeded last year's figure of 22,186. The current number subscribed is 22,399.
- 4.3 Currently reviewing our supplier arrangement for the transportation of waste and recycling from our transfer station to the end user.
- 4.4 Dry / warm weather has caused operational difficulties with vehicles overheating and the dust from dry landfill sites getting into the cooling systems.

4.5 Number of missed bins is now running to an average of 8 missed bins per day out of an average daily collection of 12,573 bins, with the waste collection officers currently looking to reduce this figure.

4.6 A new digitised weighbridge has been installed and is now up and running.

5.0 Warwick District Council

5.1 Verbal update to be provided at the meeting.

6.0 Stratford-on-Avon District Council

6.1 The “Recycle Right” social media initiative is going from strength to strength with more residents responding to tweets and posts.

6.2 We are working with the group Rubbish Friends and Tesco with regard to shopping trolley theft and abandonment.

6.3 The inaugural meeting took place of the Stratford Improvement Group which brings together various agencies with the aim of improving how we all work together to provide seamless service in Stratford Town Centre

6.4 We have sent out communal recycling bags to the flats that have been occupied since our initial mail out. We plan to analyse any improvement in the quantity and quality of recyclate collected since the original bags were issued.

6.5 We have developed a draft local environmental quality enforcement policy for formal adoption by SDC Cabinet in autumn 2018.

6.6 We are working on duty of care advice / enforcement for businesses.

6.7 We have successfully used fixed penalty notices for a number of fly tipping incidents.

7.0 Warwickshire County Council

7.1 Communication activities update:

- a) 9,500 subscribers received the May / June edition of the ‘Recycle for Warwickshire’ e-newsletter, featuring: home composting; community litter picks; reducing plastic use; food waste recycling and Slim Your Bin.
- b) Slim Your Bin has recruited 660 'bin dieters' onto its 4-week training programme. We will be asking elected members from all local authorities to help to promote the scheme, along with our finalists from the Recycling Champion of the Year contest.
- c) We are promoting a new Repair Café in Sydenham, Leamington

- d) We have been working with Localities and Communities on food poverty interventions
- e) We are helping Integrated Community Equipment with promotion of an equipment amnesty
- f) We are following up the food waste recycling pilot in Stratford District that took place over the winter with a questionnaire to residents. We are analysing results to establish which trial intervention was the most cost effective.
 - i. Provision of comprehensive resources and information;
 - ii. Provision of moderate resources and information;
 - iii. Provision of basic information / signposting
- g) The countywide food waste recycling behaviour change campaign – In to Win, continues across the county. At least 5475 households are now signed up.
- h) All waste reduction behaviour change activity is promoted with regular posts on our social media accounts, with 949 followers on Facebook (Recycle for Warwickshire) and 766 followers on Twitter (@Recycle4Warks).

7.2 Procurement activities update:

- a) The tender for the recycling of plasterboard from the HWRCs was awarded to Clews Recycling Ltd. The contract term is 12 months with the option to extend for a further 12 months.
- b) Future tenders planned for the year include asbestos and leachate.
- c) Market testing has taken place for carpet recycling.
- d) The extension for the street sweeping is being considered.

Background Papers

None

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