

Warwickshire Waste Partnership

12 June 2019

Waste Partners Report

Recommendation(s)

1. 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 March 2019.

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the various waste activities taking place in each authority area.

2.0 North Warwickshire Borough Council

- 2.1 NWBC is preparing a tender for separate bookable textile recycling collections. The service would run at zero cost to the Council with the contractor keeping all income from materials.
- 2.2 Continuing to adapt collection rounds to accommodate new residential developments. Despite the increase in households, the volume of black bin waste remained the same in 2018-19 as 2017-18.
- 2.3 Preparing for the second year of the Extra Garden Waste Service. The majority of existing customers are set up to renew by annual direct debit.
- 2.4 Planning to run dry recycling trials at flats, including providing bags to store recycling and carry it down to the bin stores, signage and written communications.
- 2.5 Have moved to compostable coffee cups within the civic offices and meeting rooms and are looking to establish a dedicated collections and recycling scheme to deal with them.

3.0 Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council

3.1 Refuse and Recycling

- a) Currently working with Coventry City Council to reconfigure general HH and recycling rounds. Green rounds to be reconfigured when the scheme has been in place for a sufficient amount of time to allow for accurate forecasting.

- b) 6 new refuse vehicles in use, livery TBC.
- c) Trade comingled recycling service launched and currently being offered to customers in partnership with Coventry City Council.
- d) Working with WCC on bypass cleaning during June.
- e) 17,700 addresses now subscribed to green bin collection scheme
- f) In-cab technology in final stages of design and working with Vodaphone to provide a method of auto device switch-off when vehicle is in motion.

3.2 Promotions/Communications

- a) Recycle Right guide for brown lid service has been updated in line with new MRF contract and published, to be promoted throughout summer including 4 roadshow events booked.
- b) 4 community litter pick events took place as part of Keep Britain Tidy's (KBT's) Spring Clean campaign

3.3 Enforcement

- a) Enforcement Partnership contract with 3GS going well with littering, fly-tipping and duty of care actions being carried out so far.

4.0 Rugby Borough Council

- 4.1 New recycling contract commenced with Casepak 08/04/2019 and new hauliers bulk freight.
- 4.2 Refuse and recycling round re-organisation on going.
- 4.3 New vehicles ordered for refuse / recycling and street cleansing operations.
- 4.4 Web aspx currently reviewing trade waste rounds.

5.0 Warwick District Council

- 5.1 Work continues on procuring the new contracts for waste collection, street cleansing and grounds maintenance which are due to start April 2021.
- 5.2 WDC are working with WRAP to carry out some modelling of different collection options including the separate collection of food waste, collection of additional recyclable materials e.g. cartons, etc. to help inform our new waste collection contract.
- 5.3 WDC are reviewing the provision of bring sites and whether we continue to provide this service.

- 5.4 Annual Chief Executive Speech takes place on 11th and 12th June with a staff EXPO to showcase the work being undertaken. As part of the recycling exhibition WDC staff have been asked to sign up to Slim Your Bin and In to Win in exchange for a goodie bag.
- 5.5 Annual student departure takes place soon and work is being done to get students to think about managing their waste in advance of leaving.
- 5.6 Working with our Events Team to improve recycling at events. All events are to have recycling bins and should nominate a person/s to manage waste at the event to maximise recycling.

6.0 Stratford-on-Avon District Council

- 6.1 SDC's Customer Satisfaction survey showed 87.7% of residents are satisfied with waste and recycling services
- 6.2 Visits have taken place to a number of businesses in Alcester and Southam to talk to the proprietors regarding their waste provision and their duty of care and to ascertain if they are compliant and to provide advice if they are not.. This is part of an on-going campaign.
- 6.3 Fly tipping enforcement is taking place where there is evidence left. Fixed penalty notices have been issued in some cases and other cases are on-going. We are currently working on a prosecution with Solihull BC where the fly tipper was depositing items both sides of the boundary.
- 6.4 There has been a continued focus on contamination which has included weekly social media themes and writing to the occupiers of properties where contaminated bins have been presented for collection.
- 6.5 Some general environmental social media posts have been made using the hashtag EnviroRight. Topics have included the top pollutants in UK lakes and rivers.

7.0 Warwickshire County Council

- 7.1 Communication activities update:
 - a) 9,800 subscribers received the May edition of the 'Warwickshire Recycles' e-newsletter, featuring: Slim Your Bin; reducing single use plastic; focus on glass recycling; data from the composition analysis. The summer edition will be out in July.
 - b) Slim Your Bin has recruited 930 '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 opportunities to volunteer in waste minimisation, including: master composter; recycling champion; reuse shop volunteer; Repair Café volunteer; litter pick organiser.
- d) We have focussed on home composting promotion this spring. Events have been run across Warwickshire, with 5 workshops in Nuneaton and Bedworth. Sales of composting equipment and Green Johannas in particular are higher than the previous year.
- e) 8 schools have had a talk on recycling or composting so far this year. We have contributed to 7 community events promoting waste reduction, composting and recycling.
- f) The countywide food waste recycling behaviour change campaign – In to Win, continues across the county. At least 6020 households are now signed up.
- g) All waste reduction behaviour change activity is promoted with regular posts on our social media accounts, with 1200 followers on Facebook (Warwickshire Recycles) and 815 followers on Twitter (@WarksRecycles).

7.2 Procurement and Contracts update:

- a) The following extensions are being considered; textile recycling, plasterboard recycling, re-use shops and HWRC operation (Stockton and Wellesbourne),
- b) The following contracts have been extended; WEEE recycling and clinical disposal.
- c) The tenders for mobile plant for the HWRCs are currently being evaluated.
- d) Upcoming procurements in the next few months include caddy liners concession and CCTV for the HWRCs.
- e) Market testing will take place for clinical and wood reprocessing.
- f) Body Worn Video Camera trial continues at Princes Drive HWRC and will be rolled out to other sites over the summer.

8.0 Financial Implications

8.1 None.

9.0 Next steps

9.1 Updates on progress to be provided at the September meeting.

Background papers

None.

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