

Warwickshire Waste Partnership

Date: Wednesday, 25 September 2019
 Time: 2.00 pm
 Venue: Committee Room 2, Shire Hall

Membership

Councillor Howard Roberts
 Councillor Ian Shenton
 Councillor Jill Sheppard
 Councillor David Norris
 Councillor Jenny Fradgley
 Councillor Andrew Wright
 Councillor Neil Dirveiks
 Councillor John Horner
 Councillor Heather Timms (Chair)
 Councillor Margaret Bell

Items on the agenda: -

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(1) Apologies

(2) Members' Disclosures of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

(3) Chair's Announcement

(4) Minutes of the previous meeting, including matters arising

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WARWICKSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP

Minutes of the meeting held on 12 June 2019 at Shire Hall in Warwick

Present:

Warwickshire County Council

Councillors: Neil Dirveiks
John Horner
Kate Rolfe
Heather Timms (Chair)
Andy Wright

Officers: Ruth Dixon – Waste Strategy & Commissioning Manager
Tamalyn Goodwin – Project Manager
Tom McColgan – Senior Democratic Services Officer
Andrew Pau – Waste Management & Partnerships Group Manager

Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council

Glen McGrandle

Rugby Borough Council

Councillor Howard Roberts
Dan Green
Jim Perkins

Stratford-on-Avon District Council

Councillor Ian Shenton
Craig Bourne
Angela Lloyd

Warwick District Council

Councillor David Norris
Gary Charlton

Environment Agency

David Hudson

1. Apologies

Councillors Bell, Smith, Kondakor and Fradgley sent their apologies. Richard Dobbs and John Rhodes also sent their apologies.

2. Disclosures of interests

There were none.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting, including matters arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Matters Arising

Ruth Dixon confirmed that the number of households had been confirmed following the last meeting and were up to date on the provisional performance table.

Andrew Pau stated that a heat map showing expected development across the county had been produced and he would circulate it to members before the next meeting of the partnership.

Andrew Pau stated that the County Council was pulling together information about the previous initiatives around black bag waste at household recycling centres and best practice from other authorities before determining how best to proceed.

Dan Green stated that Rugby was coming to the end of the procurement exercise to secure a provider for a waste app. The app would provide a similar feature set to those already offered by other authorities with push notification reminders for collection days and information about what items go in what bin.

The Chair noted that a collective waste partnership response to the Government's consultations on their waste strategy had been submitted and was available online: <https://democratic.warwickshire.gov.uk/cm5/Calendarofmeetings/tabid/73/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/410/Meeting/4641/Committee/594/SelectedTab/Documents/Default.aspx>

4. Waste Management Performance Data

Andrew Pau presented the performance data report which was a standing item.

In response to Councillor Rolfe, Andrew Pau stated that unfavourable growing conditions over the summer in 2018 led to a decrease in the amount of green waste collected which had caused the decline in composting performance seen in the data.

Councillor Shenton noted that year on year performance was fairly stable at just above 50% recycling, composting and reuse and asked how the partnership was going to reach the 65% target it had aimed to achieve by 2020. Councillor Shenton stated that while it was good to have challenging targets they also needed to be realistically achievable.

The Chair stated 65% was an aspirational target and it was clear that it was not going to be reached. The Chair stated that with the upcoming review of the Warwickshire Waste Strategy and the Government's new waste strategy there was a chance for partners to review internal targets and take a fresh approach to driving up recycling and composting rates.

Councillors Horner and Dirveiks both stated that they supported maintaining a challenging target as the Government's consultations on their new waste strategy

showed that there may be new ways of working around single use plastic and packaging that would drive performance.

Andrew Pau stated that there had been a fall in performance nationally as strategies had matured and some fatigue had set in. Even the best performing authorities were not meeting the Warwickshire targets. Jim Perkins noted that the Government had originally threatened fines for authorities that did not meet the national 50% target for composting, recycling and reuse however the threat of fines had been withdrawn and performance had dropped off.

In response to Councillor Rolfe, Craig Bourne stated that while Stratford did do a lot of work to promote recycling and composting through social media the differential between the district's performance and the Warwickshire average could be largely explained by the size of the average garden in Stratford. Larger gardens in the Stratford area meant that green waste made up a larger proportion of waste collected by the council which increased the recycling, composting and reuse rate.

Resolved

That the Waste Partnership note the provisional data for the year 2018-19.

5. Warwickshire Waste Strategy

Ruth Dixon provided an update on the Government's recent consultations. The response submitted on behalf of the Warwickshire Waste Partnership can be found online:

<https://democratic.warwickshire.gov.uk/cmis5/Calendarofmeetings/tabid/73/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/410/Meeting/4641/Committee/594/SelectedTab/Documents/Default.aspx>

Andrew Pau said the timetable for reviewing the Waste Strategy and targets would align with the expected announcements from Government on the national waste strategy in 2020.

A strategic review of waste is taking place at the County Council. Once complete there may be some actions arising from the review.

In response to Councillor Shenton, Ruth Dixon stated that the County Council carried out an annual composition analysis. This analysis provided a snapshot of residual waste composition and the last analysis had shown that around 50% of the county's residual waste could be re-used, recycled or composted using existing systems either at the site or at the kerbside. Ruth Dixon stated that about 25% of residual waste was food waste which could be collected in green waste bins. Councillor Horner noted that if all waste was correctly disposed of Warwickshire would be able to comfortably achieve the 65% reuse, recycle and composting rate discussed under the previous item.

In response to Councillor Roberts, Ruth Dixon stated that extended producer responsibility would only cover the cost to local authorities of waste correctly disposed of and wouldn't cover the additional cost of clearing illegally disposed of items.

Councillors Fradgley and Shenton both expressed support for extending producer responsibility for packaging to encourage producers to reduce the size and amount of packaging they were using.

Jim Perkins stated that income generated by extended liability charges would not be a reliable source of funding for local authorities; producers would seek to reduce their liability by reducing packaging and thus the amount paid to local authorities would fall. Councillor Horner also stated that if there was an additional levy on producers it would be passed on to consumers which would have a disproportionate impact on low income households; functioning as a regressive tax.

Councillor Norris noted that the idea of a deposit return scheme for plastic bottles had been suggested for a number of years but had never taken off in Britain as it had in other European countries. Councillor Norris asked what the barriers to implementation had been. Andrew Pau responded that there was a very high initial cost to install the infrastructure necessary to run a deposit return scheme which had proved too high a hurdle for previous schemes.

Councillor Rolfe asked if businesses bought into the local authority collection and disposal regimes for commercial waste.

Craig Bourne responded that Stratford Business Improvement District had identified Coventry City Council as its preferred bidder for commercial waste and would be highlighting this to its 400 members. Andrew Pau added that the County dealt with around 5000 tonnes of commercial waste per year which amounted to a very small percentage of the waste produced by Warwickshire businesses. Glen McGrandle also clarified that business had a duty to follow the waste hierarchy when disposing of waste but that they could use any supplier to fulfil these responsibilities.

Resolved

That the Waste Partnership note the report and agree the proposed actions and indicative timescales.

Actions

1. Update on National waste strategy to be provided at the next meeting.
2. Update on WCC strategic review to be provided once available.

6. Waste Partners Report

The Chair invited the partners to provide an update of activity in their area.

Rugby

Dan Green stated that Rugby BC had awarded a new two year contract with the option to extend for a maximum of further 2 years to Casepak for the onward transport and processing of recycling. Less favourable market conditions meant that this contract was significantly more expensive than the previous one. Rugby would also shortly begin a programme of education and enforcement aimed at reducing contamination of recyclable materials.

Rugby was continuing with its reorganisation of collection rounds (including trade). Rugby is beginning a consultation with residents around moving to a kerbside only collection regime and so letters had been sent to residents with long driveways or those receiving alley collections. Rugby had also agreed the specification for new vehicles and hoped to be able to purchase vehicles in the near future.

Warwick

Gary Charlton stated that Warwick DC is working with WRAP to look at different collection options including food waste and additional recyclable material. The work would help inform a new waste collection contract. A review of bring sites was also taking place due to fly tipping issues, further updates would be provided once residents have been consulted.

Warwick DC also welcomed Warwick University's commitment to pay for additional waste collection targeting the waste generated by students leaving the Leamington Spa area after term ends. Gary Charlton stated that his team was also working closely with colleagues from across the council to manage the waste generated by events in Warwick and Leamington.

Stratford on Avon

Craig Bourne reported that waste and recycling services had received good feedback from the recent customer satisfaction survey carried out in Stratford. Stratford DC had been visiting local business to remind them of their duty of care and assess their waste provision. Additional enforcement activity had also been taking place around fly tipping with fixed term penalty notices being issued.

Nuneaton & Bedworth

Glen McGrandle stated that 6 new refuse vehicles were in use in the borough and in-cab technology was in the final stages of design and would provide a direct link between vehicles and customer services so information could be easily passed onto customers. Over 17,000 households had subscribed to green waste collection. NBBC had led four community litter pick up events as part of Keep Britain Tidy's Spring Clean campaign. Glen McGrandle also report that after some initial teething problems the enforcement contract with 3GS was now running smoothly.

Warwickshire County Council

Andrew Pau stated that the County Council was persisting with online education campaigns such as the waste newsletter and slim your bin and elected members had also taken up the campaigns promoting them through parish newsletters. The County was also selling home composting equipment at a discounted rate online.

Resolved

That the Waste Partnership acknowledge the updates on the various waste activities taking place in each area since the last partnership meeting in March 2019.

7. Verbal Updates

David Hudson provided an update on the work undertaken by the environment agency in Warwickshire. The Environment Agency was responsible for regulating waste in the county; he noted that Household Waste makes up approximately 15% of all waste with construction waste being the single largest component. David Hudson reported that there were high rates of recycling construction waste and Warwickshire in general was performing well in terms of the amount of illegal waste being dumped in the area.

In response to Councillor Rolfe, David Hudson and Andrew Pau both confirmed that mattresses were difficult to dispose of as they were bulky to transport and there was a limited recycling market which makes them more costly to deal with than other materials. The mattresses were disposed of to landfill currently.

In response to Councillor Norris, Andrew Pau stated that he would welcome producer responsibility being extended to items that are hard to dispose of for example mattresses and carpets.

Councillor Norris stated that elsewhere in the country recycling of construction materials had been encouraged through targeting residents wanting materials for DIY projects rather than just looking to commercial entities and suggested this as an area for Warwickshire to explore in the future.

Councillor Shenton raised concerns about the amount of waste going to incineration especially given the Government's recent announcements concerning emissions and air quality.

Andrew Pau stated that energy recovery through incineration was preferable to landfill in terms of environmental impact and commitments to energy recovery were fairly long term but the County would look to government for a steer about how energy recovery should be approached in the refreshed Warwickshire waste strategy.

8. Any Urgent Items

There were none.

9. Agenda Item Suggestions for Next Meeting

There were none.

10. Dates of Future Meetings

The Waste Partnership noted the dates of future meetings:

- 25 September 2019, 2.00 pm, Shire Hall, Warwick
- 11 December 2019, 2.00 pm, Shire Hall, Warwick
- 18 March 2020, 2.00 pm, Shire Hall, Warwick

The meeting closed at 4 pm

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Chair

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Warwickshire Waste Partnership

25th September 2019

Waste Management Performance Data

Recommendations

- (1) The Partnership is asked to note the provisional data for the year 2019/20.

1.0 Data Overview

- 1.1 This report contains a mixture of data taken from Waste Data Flow and from Warwickshire County Council in-house records and at the publication of this report are considered estimates.
- 1.2 The figures should be treated as provisional as data may be changed until all authorities data is approved by the EA and DEFRA through the Waste Data Flow System.
- 1.3 Household data will not be updated until 2020.
- 1.4 The key targets from the Warwickshire Waste Strategy are listed below:

Partnership Targets 2020	Reuse, Recycling and Composting Rate 65%	Kg of Residual Waste per Household 311kg (excluding HWRC waste)
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Provisional Waste Management Data 2019/20

1. Provisional performance Q1 2019/20 (household waste)

	Q1 2018/19	Q1 2019/20	Change
Recycling/Reuse rate	16,170 tonnes	16,464 tonnes	☺ 294 tonnes up
	21.8%	23.7%	☺ 1.9% up
Composting rate	25,331 tonnes	21,602 tonnes	✘ 3,729 tonnes down
	34.1%	31.1%	✘ 3.0% down
Recycling, Composting and Reuse rate	41,501 tonnes	38,066 tonnes	✘ 3,435 tonnes down
	55.9%	54.8%	✘ 1.1% down
Landfill rate	7,231 tonnes	4,940 tonnes	☺ 2,291 tonnes down
	9.7%	7.1%	☺ 2.6% down
Energy from waste	25,600 tonnes	26,401 tonnes	☺ 801 tonnes up
	34.4%	38.0%	☺ 3.6% up
Total Household waste	74,332 tonnes	69,407 tonnes	☺ 4,925 tonnes down
			☺ 6.6% down

2. Estimated performance for year 2019/20 (household waste)

HH	North Warwickshire			Nuneaton and Bedworth			Rugby			Stratford			Warwick			HWRC			Warwickshire		
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 est	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 est	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 est	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 est	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 est	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 est	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 est
	27,820	28,090	28,090	56,140	56,520	56,520	45,720	46,300	46,300	57,340	58,580	58,580	62,550	63,670	63,670	N/A	N/A	N/A	249,570	253,160	253,160
Recycling rate	5,335 tonnes 19%	4,948 tonnes 19%	4,967 tonnes 19%	9,292 tonnes 19%	9,125 tonnes 19%	9,121 tonnes 21%	10,277 tonnes 26%	10,397 tonnes 26%	10,384 tonnes 26%	14,044 tonnes 25%	13,336 tonnes 24%	13,352 tonnes 24%	10,823 tonnes 21%	10,621 tonnes 21%	10,632 tonnes 21%	10,982 tonnes 37%	11,124 tonnes 36%	11,389 tonnes 37%	60,753 tonnes 24%	59,551 tonnes 24%	59,845 tonnes 24%
Composting rate	7,417 tonnes 26%	7,188 tonnes 27%	7,129 tonnes 27%	11,258 tonnes 23%	11,759 tonnes 24%	8,249 tonnes 19%	7,573 tonnes 19%	7,561 tonnes 19%	7,500 tonnes 19%	19,503 tonnes 35%	20,003 tonnes 36%	19,951 tonnes 36%	16,212 tonnes 31%	16,732 tonnes 33%	16,682 tonnes 33%	7,763 tonnes 25%	7,588 tonnes 24%	7,601 tonnes 24%	69,726 tonnes 27%	70,831 tonnes 28%	67,112 tonnes 27%
Recycling, Composting and Reuse Rate	12,752 tonnes 45%	12,136 tonnes 46%	12,096 tonnes 46%	20,550 tonnes 43%	20,884 tonnes 43%	17,370 tonnes 39%	17,850 tonnes 45%	17,958 tonnes 44%	17,884 tonnes 45%	33,547 tonnes 60%	33,339 tonnes 60%	33,303 tonnes 60%	27,035 tonnes 52%	27,353 tonnes 54%	27,314 tonnes 54%	18,745 tonnes 62%	18,712 tonnes 60%	18,990 tonnes 61%	130,479 tonnes 51%	130,382 tonnes 52%	126,957 tonnes 51%
Residual	15,307 tonnes 55%	14,476 tonnes 54%	14,360 tonnes 54%	27,586 tonnes 57%	27,184 tonnes 57%	27,089 tonnes 61%	22,163 tonnes 55%	22,709 tonnes 56%	21,989 tonnes 55%	22,113 tonnes 40%	22,565 tonnes 40%	22,501 tonnes 40%	24,700 tonnes 48%	23,562 tonnes 46%	23,489 tonnes 46%	11,703 tonnes 38%	12,467 tonnes 40%	12,045 tonnes 39%	123,572 tonnes 49%	122,963 tonnes 48%	121,473 tonnes 49%
Total	28,059 tonnes	26,612 tonnes	26,456 tonnes	48,136 tonnes	48,068 tonnes	44,459 tonnes	40,013 tonnes	40,667 tonnes	39,873 tonnes	55,660 tonnes	55,904 tonnes	55,804 tonnes	51,735 tonnes	50,915 tonnes	50,803 tonnes	30,448 tonnes	31,179 tonnes	31,035 tonnes	254,051 tonnes	253,345 tonnes	248,430 tonnes
Kg of residual per HH	550 Kg	515 Kg	511 Kg	491 Kg	481 Kg	479 Kg	485 Kg	490 Kg	475 Kg	386 Kg	385 Kg	384 Kg	395 Kg	370 Kg	369 Kg	N/A	N/A	N/A	495 Kg	486 Kg	480 Kg
Kg of all waste per HH	1,009 Kg	947 Kg	942 Kg	857 Kg	850 Kg	787 Kg	875 Kg	878 Kg	861 Kg	971 Kg	954 Kg	953 Kg	827 Kg	800 Kg	798 Kg	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,018 Kg	1,001 Kg	981 Kg

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HWRC Performance Q1 2019-20	Burton Farm HWRC	Cherry Orchard HWRC	Hunters Lane HWRC & Transfer	Judkins HWRC	Lower House Farm	Princes Drive HWRC & Transfer	Shipston HWRC	Stockton HWRC	Wellesbourne HWRC	Total
Recycling %	57.23	54.44	63.77	60.47	59.39	54.02	65.21	61.56	54.99	56.67

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Item X

Warwickshire Waste Partnership

25 September 2019

National Waste Strategy

Recommendation(s)

1. The Warwickshire Waste Partnership is asked to note the report and consider the impact for the partnership.

1.0 Consultations to inform the national waste strategy

- 1.1 In February 2019 Defra released three consultations seeking views from industry and relevant parties to inform the Resources and Waste Strategy for England.

- 1.2 The consultations were:

- Extended producer responsibility (EPR) for packaging waste
- Deposit return scheme (DRS) for beverage containers
- A consistent set of materials to be collected for recycling by local authorities

- 1.3 The Warwickshire Waste Partnership submitted a joint response to these consultations.

- 1.4 The Government commits that further work to develop policy proposals in all three areas will be undertaken in parallel ensuring they form a cohesive packaging of measures.

- 1.5 This report provides a summary of Government's initial feedback on the responses to the consultations, which highlight some of the Government's current stances on various topics and policy areas. Links to the full feedback are provided in Appendix A.

2.0 Extended producer responsibility (EPR)

- 2.1 Government intends to introduce an extended producer responsibility system for packaging in 2023 and will be seeking to introduce the powers to extend the current producer responsibility systems via the Environment Bill.

- 2.2 Government expects to consult on the final proposals in 2020.

- 2.3 The following table shows some key proposals from the consultations and the proportion of agreement with that proposal from all responders:

Proposal	Agree
Producers should fund the costs of collecting and managing household and household-like packaging waste	74%
Packaging for commercial / industrial applications should be out of scope	60%
Producers should pay to fund local authorities to provide a recycling collection service	77%
Producers should pay to fund local authorities to recycle the packaging waste collected	91%
Producers should pay to fund local authorities to manage household packaging in residual waste	81%
Producers should fund national communications campaigns	90%
Producers should fund local communications campaigns	88%
Producers must label their packaging as recyclable or not recyclable	90%

- 2.4 The majority agreed that payments to local authorities for collecting and managing household packaging waste should be based on provision of collection services that meet any minimum requirements and the collection of a common set of packaging materials.

3.0 Deposit return scheme (DRS)

- 3.1 The Government will seek general primary powers in the Environment Bill to introduce a deposit return scheme for beverage containers.
- 3.2 The Government will consider analysis and evidence from commissioned research projects when determining the exact scope and model of a DRS.
- 3.3 The indication is that the Government are leaning towards an 'all in' scheme where containers of any size are included, as opposed to the alternative model of a 'on the go' system, intended to capture only smaller containers (say below 750ml).
- 3.4 The Government will hold a second consultation in early 2020 on the regulatory framework for introducing a DRS for drinks packaging through secondary legislation, including more detailed proposals for the nature of any scheme.
- 3.5 Following the second consultation the DRS would be introduced from 2023.

4.0 Consistency

- 4.1 The executive summary states that Government recognises the potential new costs for local authorities arising from these proposals. LAs will therefore receive additional resource to meet any new net costs arising from the policies when implemented. This includes both net up front transition costs and net ongoing operational costs.

Dry recycling

- 4.2 Government will seek to amend legislation to require all English local authorities to collect at least the following dry materials from 2023:
- Glass bottles and containers
 - Paper and card
 - Plastic bottles
 - Plastic pots, tubs and trays
 - Steel and aluminium tins and cans
 - Food and drinks cartons under consideration
- 4.3 Government will consider carefully how this steer will interact with proposals for a deposit return scheme.
- 4.4 The final makeup of the core set of dry materials for collection will depend on final decisions regarding a reformed packaging producer responsibility scheme.
- 4.5 Government will legislate for reviewing and amending the core set of materials.

Food waste

- 4.6 Government will legislate to ensure that, by the end of 2023, every local authority provides householders with a separate food waste collection.
- 4.7 Government's preference is that this should be a separate weekly collection of food waste and not mixed with garden waste. However, it is clear that further consideration is needed with respect to local circumstances.
- 4.8 Government will give further consideration to the costs and benefits of providing free caddy liners as standard for food waste collections.

Collection of garden waste

- 4.9 Government will give further consideration to the costs and benefits of this service before making a final decision on whether garden waste collections should be free of charge or whether charging should be a matter for local decision making.

Separate collection of dry materials

- 4.10 Government continues to support separate collection of dry materials as the default to achieve high quality recycling, in particular separating glass and fibres. However Government recognises that in some circumstances separate collection is not necessary to achieve high quality or is not technically, economically or environmentally practicable (TEEP).

4.11 Government will work with the sector to ensure suitable guidance is provided on the application of separate collection provisions to achieve high quality recycling. This will include consideration of requirements related to the collection of packaging waste arising from proposals for packaging extended producer responsibility.

Minimum service standards

4.12 Government will work with local authorities and other stakeholders to prepare statutory guidance on minimum service standards for waste and recycling.

Further consultation

4.13 Consultation on consistency of collections and minimum service standards guidance would take place later in 2019 or early 2020.

5.0 Financial Implications

5.1 Not yet known.

6.0 Timescales associated with the decision and next steps

6.1 Further consultations on EPR, DRS and Consistency are expected in early 2020.

6.2 Future timescales will be notified to the partnership as they become available.

Background papers

1. [Partnership meeting 20th March report](#)
2. [Partnership responses to consultations](#)

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The report was circulated to the following members prior to publication:

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Appendix A - Full feedback from consultations

Reforming the UK packaging producer responsibility system

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/packaging-waste-changing-the-uk-producer-responsibility-system-for-packaging-waste>

Introducing a Deposit Return Scheme in England, Wales and Northern Ireland

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/introducing-a-deposit-return-scheme-drs-for-drinks-containers-bottles-and-cans>

Consistency in recycling collections in England

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/waste-and-recycling-making-recycling-collections-consistent-in-england>

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Item X

Warwickshire Waste Partnership**25 September 2019****Reducing residual waste at HWRCs****Recommendation(s)**

1. The Warwickshire Waste Partnership is asked to review the information provided and support the introduction of a trial in 2020.

1.0 Summary of performance data

- 1.1 A graph of visitor numbers across each site over the past 2 years is shown in appendix 1 attached. Visitor numbers at all sites but Lower House Farm has grown over this period. There are now on average 2% more daily visitors than there were in 2017.
- 1.2 A table of recycling, reuse and composting rates for each site over the past 3 years is shown in the table on appendix 2. Although there are seasonal and other fluctuations, the overall average household waste recycling rate across all sites has stayed roughly the same across the 3 years at 60%.
- 1.3 A summary of data from the September 2018 HWRC composition analysis is shown in the table in appendix 3. There has been a rise in the proportion of waste in the residual waste skips that is in bags or boxes – from 8% in 2016 to 11% in 2017 and up to 18% last year. The average percentage of waste that could have been recycled from the residual waste skips across all sites and all types of waste last year was found to be 41%. Considering just the loose waste deposited into the residual waste skips, the amount of waste that could have been recycled was 30%. However, considering just the waste deposited in bags or boxes into the residual waste skips, the amount of waste that could have been recycled at the kerbside was 50%. A further 13% of this bagged waste could have been recycled at the sites. So, in total 63% of the bagged waste could have been recycled.

2.0 Discussion at March Warwickshire Waste Partnership

- 2.1 On 20th March, Warwickshire Waste Partnership discussed the HWRC composition analysis and various suggestions were put forward to reduce the amount of recyclable waste discarded in the residual waste skips. One proposal was to restrict the ability of the public to present waste for disposal in sealed bags or boxes. This would allow for site recycling advisors to inspect waste in containers destined for the residual waste to verify that none of the content was recyclable.

- 2.2 The county was tasked with considering a trial to test the restriction of closed bags and boxes.

3.0 Best Practice

- 3.1 The Vale of Glamorgan introduced a bag/box sorting initiative at its 2 recycling centres in September 2018, in conjunction with their contractor FCC. Since no longer accepting unsorted bags or boxes, the scheme has improved recycling rates and reduced residual waste. Residual waste has reduced by 60% and the recycling rate for the sites increased by 15 percentage points. Residents are encouraged to recycle as much as possible at the kerbside, increasing kerbside recycling rates and leading to long term behaviour change. Torfaen County Borough Council rolled out a similar scheme in March 2019.
- 3.2 From an FCC analysis of the waste in the Vale of Glamorgan HWRC's residual waste skips presented in bags or boxes, over 60% could have been recycled. This is in line with the most recent WCC HWRC analysis, where 63% of was presented in bags or boxes in the residual waste skip could have been recycled. This suggests that a sorting initiative in Warwickshire could generate a worthwhile increase in recycling.

4.0 Proposed Trial

- 4.1 Residents visiting all Warwickshire HWRCs would be asked to sort recyclable from non-recyclable materials at home, so that when visiting the sites, items could be quickly and correctly placed in the right skip. At one HWRC, any resident bringing in closed bagged or boxed waste would be asked by recycling advisors to open the container to show that they do not contain recyclable materials. If they do, the resident would be asked to sort the materials on site or return home to do so. A dedicated sorting area would be set up to provide space to do this. Residents would be given restricted access to the residual waste skip, enabling them to dispose of any non-recyclable waste in this container following the onsite checks.

5.0 Media Interest

- 5.1 Following the publication of the papers from the March Partnership meeting, where the results of the HWRC composition analysis were discussed, WCC was contacted to comment on a news piece for the Coventry Telegraph.
- 5.2 As with any behaviour change project, it will be important to get the communication messages right and demonstrate that the trial is to find out how best to help residents recycle more of their waste. This will benefit the environment as well as reducing waste disposal costs.

6.0 Financial Implications

- 6.1 A budget will be developed as the project plans develop.
- 6.2 The trial will inform what level of investment will be required to roll any successful methods out to more HWRCs and will also give an indication of the savings in waste disposal costs that can be expected across all sites.

Background papers

1. [Vale of Glamorgan press release](#)
2. March 2019 Partnership papers including HWRC composition analysis report
3. [Coventry Live press article](#)

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Appendix 1

HWRC visitor numbers:

	Burton Farm HWRC	Cherry Orchard HWRC	Hunters Lane HWRC & Transfer	Lower House Farm HWRC	Princes Drive HWRC & Transfer	Shipston HWRC	Stockton HWRC	Wellesbourne HWRC	Total
2017-18	178,526	183,635	211,159	205,452	356,352	72,549	25,867	38,652	1,447,488
2018-19	191,845	183,805	211,209	202,309	361,901	77,470	30,875	38,652	1,473,362

Appendix 2

HWRC recycling, reuse and composting rates:

	Burton Farm HWRC	Cherry Orchard HWRC	Hunters Lane HWRC & Transfer	Judkins HWRC	Lower House Farm HWRC	Princes Drive HWRC & Transfer	Shipston HWRC	Stockton HWRC	Wellesbourne HWRC	Total
2016-17	57.98	57.99	67.89	62.23	61.23	56.99	67.12	63.23	56.45	62.44
2017-18	57.23	58.12	66.78	60.23	60.23	54.93	67.34	62.23	57.23	61.46
2018-19	56.15	55.23	64.88	61.21	58.32	53.62	65.43	61.29	56.73	59.75

Appendix 3

HWRC compositional data for residual waste from September 2018 survey:

Presentation of bags or boxes within the residual waste skip	2016	2017	2018
	8%	11%	18%

Materials loose in skip	2016	2017	2018
Kerbside recyclable	14%	11%	3%
Site recyclable	38%	50%	27%
Total recyclable	52%	61%	30%

Materials in bags / boxes	2016	2017	2018
Kerbside recyclable	50%	58%	50%
Site recyclable	11%	12%	13%
Total recyclable	61%	70%	63%

Combined materials	2016	2017	2018
Kerbside recyclable	18%	17%	12%
Site recyclable	40%	52%	29%
Total recyclable	58%	69%	41%

Item X

Warwickshire Waste Partnership

25 Sept 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 June 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 Frith Resource Management has now completed their TEEP¹ assessment and as a result the Council is moving to fully commingled recycling collections from 1st November 2019. Communication to residents has already begun with more planned in the run up to the service change. The move is expected to provide significant cost savings once all split bodied vehicles have been replaced and will hopefully also increase the amount of material collected for recycling.
- 2.2 Working with Rugby Borough Council to finalise the tender specification for separate bookable textile recycling collections. The tender is split into two lots, one for NWBC, one for RBC.
- 2.3 The Extra Garden Waste Service has moved into its second year. The majority of first year customers (87%) renewed for a second year and 78% of those now pay by annual Direct Debit.
- 2.4 Moving the online collection calendar renewal month from October to December to serve as an extra reminder to residents to look at their calendar for Christmas and New Year information.
- 2.5 Bulky waste collections by Emmaus are running smoothly. The council has recently re-allocated some areas of the Borough to different collection days to address increased demand.
- 2.6 Preparing for the Ovo Energy Tour of Britain cycle race which passes through the Borough on 13th September. Bin tags are being deployed along the route

¹ TEEP

to promote the tour, road closures and what to do if bin collection falls on race day.

3.0 Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council

3.1 Refuse, Recycling and Street Cleansing

- a) Currently working with Coventry City Council to reconfigure general HH and recycling rounds is ongoing. Green rounds to be reconfigured when the scheme has been in place for a sufficient amount of time to allow for accurate forecasting.
- b) A further 2 x refuse collection vehicles and a waste master JCB to be purchased 19/20 to update the fleet further. Waste management are working with procurement to tender and place orders.
- c) A vehicle livery supply and fitment system has now been agreed. The system to be used to ensure key internal messages are communicated to residents on waste collection vehicles etc. A private commercial advertising option is being considered.
- d) Riverbank clearance training is being considered for some waste management operatives to enable obstructive items to be cut and cleared from waterways in a prompt and safe manner.
- e) A street cleansing review to be undertaken to ascertain resource efficiency and improved routing and scheduling requirements.
- f) A recently appointed Waste Management Technical Officer will be tasked to assist with the implementation of the above review and the instillation of a robust cleansing standard monitoring mechanism.
- g) NBBC are working with WCC highways on weed spraying issues that have arisen.
- h) 20,700 addresses now subscribed to green bin collection scheme
- i) In-cab technology in final stages of design. Waste operational trial to be undertaken with bulky, clinical waste collections and bin deliveries.

3.2 Promotions/Communications

- a) NBBC liaising with WRAP and Alupro to incorporate a 'Metal Matters' campaign to increase the amount of metal material in recycling bins. The campaign seeks to target underperforming areas of the borough with information and communication to try to change waste handling habits.

- b) Community litter pick events on going throughout the year with waste management working closely with local communities with equipment supply, waste collection and health and safety advice.

3.3 Enforcement

- a) Littering Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) case files have been submitted to legal for processing. Several cases have been listed into court via the single justice system (SJS) and offenders witnessed littering within Nuneaton and Bedworth will be prosecuted.
- b) Funding for CCTV camera's to tackle illegal waste deposits within NBBC has been confirmed and waste management are discussing options with providers.
- c) Fly tipping, in conjunction with 3GS; to be targeted at key 'hot spot' areas and offenders prosecuted for this offence.

4.0 Rugby Borough Council

- 4.1 Fleet procurement progressing with Purchasing organisation appointed and quotes now being received from manufacturers
- 4.2 Closer working relationship with Highways England established with cleansing/litter picking being carried out on A45 from late August to mid-September. (Details available on request)
- 4.3 Forecast recycling rate for 2018-19 forecast to be 48.1%, an increase of 3.5% on previous year all due to increases to dry stream. Note; would've been 55% if pre-subscription green waste tonnage was maintained.
- 4.4 Green waste subscriptions now 22,977, equates to c47% of all eligible properties.
- 4.5 Looking to implement the kerbside only (no alley collections) service to all eligible properties in Sept 2019 following public consultation exercise.
- 4.6 Trade waste collection review commencing in September 2019.
- 4.7 Dedicated commercial waste officer to be appointed.
- 4.8 Wider efficiency review of current waste and recycling collection rounds proposed for September 2019 to ensure, currently auditing all collection rounds to identify gaps in information and to ensure accuracy.
- 4.9 Recruitment process underway for frontline services to reduce dependency on Agency staff.

- 4.10 Shop bought disposable coffee cups now acceptable for inclusion in our DMR collections allowing for a positive comms and messaging campaign to highlight this.
- 4.11 Planning commencing for Recycling Week 2019 which takes place 23-29 September.
- 4.12 Rugby now being represented again at WWP sub groups.

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. Warwick District Council is aiming to go out to tender mid-Oct 2019.
- 5.2 WRAP, and their consultants Ricardo, have been carrying 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. The final report is due to be submitted by mid-Sep and some of the results will then be presented to Executive.
- 5.3 Reviewing the provision of bring sites and whether we continue to provide this service.
- 5.4 Continue to work with RBC on enforcement. So far this financial year - 3 fixed penalty notices issued for fly-tipping and 2 Community Protection Warnings issued for accumulations of waste on properties.
- 5.5 Planning for the return of students to Warwick District and distributing information about their waste collection services. Departure of students before summer went well. The University paid for an additional waste collection over the weekend once the students had left which worked well.

6.0 Stratford-on-Avon District Council

- 6.1 Fly tipping enforcement continues to take place where there is evidence left. SDC have good success where fly tippers have been caught on CCTV.
- 6.2 There has been a continued focus on contamination with letters being sent to occupiers of properties where contaminated bins have been presented for collection.
- 6.3 A participation survey has taken place in two areas on sacks and boxes for general waste and recycling.
- 6.4 SDC has been working with Keep Britain Tidy as a partner in a research project with DEFRA. Keep Britain Tidy have been commissioned to research into litter composition including dropped versus binned litter and the brand types.

6.5 SDC is working with WRAP on collection modelling for the next contract.

7.0 Warwickshire County Council

7.1 Communication activities update:

- a) 9,800 subscribers received the July edition of the 'Warwickshire Recycles' e-newsletter, featuring: reducing food waste; reducing single use plastic; focus on metal recycling; textile recycling; home composting; repair cafe. The next edition will be out in September.
- b) Slim Your Bin has recruited more than 1000 '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) Home composting promotion is being planned for the autumn. Events will be organised across Warwickshire and we expect to sell more composting equipment this year than in previous years.
- e) A busy half term of school engagement is planned, with 8 schools scheduled for talks on recycling or composting in September and October. We have contributed to community events over the summer promoting food 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 1270 followers on Facebook (Warwickshire Recycles) and 830 followers on Twitter (@WarksRecycles).

7.2 Procurement and Contracts update:

- a) The following extensions are being considered: glass recycling, leachate processing, tyre reprocessing
- b) The following contracts have been extended: plasterboard recycling, textile recycling, re-use shops and HWRC operation (Stockton and Wellesbourne).
- c) The tenders for mobile plant at the HWRCs were awarded to Watling JCB Limited. The 4 vehicles are expected to be on site in early autumn.
- d) Upcoming procurements in the next few months include caddy liners concession, clinical disposal, wood reprocessing, monitoring of closed landfill, metal recycling and CCTV for the HWRCs.

- e) Market testing has taken place for clinical waste and wood reprocessing.
- f) Body Worn Video Cameras are rolled out at all WCC operated HWRCs.

8.0 Financial Implications

8.1 None.

9.0 Next steps

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

Background papers

None.

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Warwickshire Waste Partnership

25 September 2019

Action on Climate Change

Recommendation(s)

1. The Warwickshire Waste Partnership is asked to note the report and the possible links with the work of the Partnership.

1.0 National commitment to address climate change

- 1.1 In May 2019 the Government announced that the national net zero carbon reduction target would be moved from 80% by 2050 to zero by 2050.
- 1.2 County, Unitary, Metropolitan, District, Borough and Town councils across the country have been declaring a climate emergency. Many have also committed to targets for new zero carbon that are more ambitious than the national target. A target of becoming carbon neutral by 2030 appears to be the typical target so far.

2.0 Commitments to address climate change in Warwickshire

- 2.1 Warwick District Council declared a climate emergency on 26th June at Full Council. The council has set a target of carbon neutral by 2025 for all council activities and services; becoming a net-zero carbon organisation, including contracted out services, by 2025 in terms of scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions.
- 2.2 Stratford District Council declared a climate emergency on 15th July at Full Council. Councillors have pledged to take local action to contribute to national carbon neutral targets through the development of practices and policies, with an aim to being carbon neutral in Stratford-on-Avon district by 2030.
- 2.3 Rugby Borough council declared a climate emergency on 18th July. The council committed to establish a cross party working group to advise the council's cabinet on the actions and timescales needed to move towards carbon neutrality by 2030. The working group will present its initial recommendations within six months.
- 2.4 On 25th July, Warwickshire County Council full council declared a climate emergency. The council have committed to set up a task and finish cross party joint working group to respond to the challenge and report to cabinet in

six months. The group will carry out preparatory baseline data research and come back to cabinet and full council in the new year with a set of targets, with costs and actions. The council also committed to working with Districts and Boroughs Councils to develop targeted and resourced proposals.

3.0 Next steps for WCC

- 3.1 The first meeting of the cross party joint working group is scheduled for 18th September. At this meeting the scope of the work of the task and finish group will be defined.
- 3.2 Further verbal updates from each partner authority can be provided at the meeting.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 The resources required to fulfil this commitment are as yet undetermined.

Background papers

- 1. [WDC press release](#)
- 2. [SDC press release](#)
- 3. [RBC press release](#)
- 4. [WCC press release](#)

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