

Warwickshire Waste Partnership

Date: Wednesday, 30 September 2020
Time: 2.00 pm
Venue: Virtual Meeting

Membership

Councillor Heather Timms (Chair)
Councillor Neil Dirveiks
Councillor Jenny Fradgley
Councillor John Horner
Councillor Andrew Wright
Councillor Margaret Bell
Councillor Moira-Ann Granger
Councillor Howard Roberts
Councillor Ian Shenton
Councillor Jill Sheppard

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Warwickshire Waste Partnership

Wednesday, 24 June 2020

Minutes

Attendance

Committee Members

Warwickshire County Council

Councillor Heather Timms (Chair)

Councillor Neil Dirveiks

Councillor Jenny Fradgley

Councillor John Horner

Councillor Andrew Wright

Ruth Dixon, Waste Strategy and Commissioning Manager

Tamalyn Goodwin, Project Manager (Waste Strategy and Commissioning)

Isabelle Moorhouse, Trainee Democratic Services Officer

Andrew Pau, Strategy and Commissioning Manager (Waste & Environment)

Observing: Councillor Keith Kondakor

North Warwickshire Borough Council

Councillor Margaret Bell

Richard Dobbs, Corporate Director – Streetscape

Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council

Councillor Jill Sheppard

Glen McCrandle, Head of Waste and Transport

Rugby Borough Council

Councillor Howard Roberts

Dan Green, Head of Environmental and Public Realm Senior Management Team

Jim Perkins, Interim Waste and Transport Manager

Stratford-on-Avon District Council

Councillor Ian Shenton

Julie Lewis, Head of Community and Operational Services

Angela Lloyd, Streetscene Lead Contracts Officer

Warwick District Council

Councillor Moira-Ann Granger

Zoe Court, Contract Services Manager & Parking & Ranger Service Manager

Becky Davies, Recycling Development Officer

1. General

(1) Apologies

None.

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

None.

(3) Chair's Announcement

The committee held a minute silence for Councillors Bill Olnier and Richard Chattaway who had passed away since the previous meeting.

The Chair welcomed Councillor Moira-Anne Granger, Becky Davies and Julie Lewis to the committee.

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

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 January 2020 were approved and signed by the Chair as an accurate record.

It was clarified that most of the actions from the previous meeting had been completed and the waste crime officer led meeting will be held on the 8th July. The Chair added that there have been increased concerns regarding fly tipping.

2. Waste Management Performance Data

Andrew Pau, Strategy and Commissioning Manager (Waste & Environment) for Warwickshire County Council, presented the report and waste data tables. Reusing and recycling rates have increased in the 2019-20-year bracket from the previous year with the current rate being 51.9%; energy recovery had also increased whereas landfill tonnage had decreased. Andrew Pau continued that the current system had been improved and no major changes had occurred.

Following a question from Councillor Keith Kondakor, Glen McCrandle, Head of Waste Transport for Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council, stated that they received positive feedback regarding their composting practices and there is no evidence from the waste facility to suggest that the increase in tonnage was caused by the green bin charges.

Ruth Dixon, Waste Strategy and Commissioning Manager for Warwickshire County Council, added that they hold the statistics for green bin sales and home composting workshop. A composition survey has not been completed since September 2018; therefore, it is unknown what the residual waste consisted of. However, the recycling numbers had decreased because of home composting. Andrew Pau reminded the committee that the changes in Nuneaton and Bedworth were expected. In response to Councillor Moira-Anne Granger, Andrew Pau stated increases in residual waste was expected with green bin charges, but data provided by Rugby Borough Council showed that this waste was within limits.

Julie Lewis, Head of Community and Operational Services for Stratford-on-Avon District Council informed the committee that at Daventry District Council, a three-weekly residual service was introduced with green waste charges. This led to a decrease in residual waste, an increase in green waste, which increased to 62% in 2019, and an increase in food recycling. This sustained and kept improving over the two years since its implementation.

Andrew Pau reminded the committee that April 2020 was the first full month of lockdown and its tonnage statistics were the most current at the time of the meeting. He confirmed that the recycling residual figures increased between 10-20% in April.

Richard Dobbs, Corporate Director - Streetscape for North Warwickshire Borough Council concurred that recycling increased in lockdown, glass recycling increased from 90 to 240 tonnes in April 2020. However, this had led to capacity issues with collection and processing. Jim Perkins, Interim Waste and Transport Manager for Rugby Borough Council, added that there had been an increase of 10-15% with recycling in Rugby.

Councillor Granger stated that Warwick District also had a large green waste increase, but this levelled out whereas recycling had continued to increase.

Resolved

That the Warwickshire Waste Partnership notes the provisional data for the year 2019/20.

3. Current service changes due to Covid - 19

The committee commended the work of officers and refuse collectors during the Covid-19 pandemic. Andrew Pau added that the county council needed to close its recycling centres for 12 weeks, but officers were holding weekly meetings to review service delivery. Work between the county, district and borough councils benefitted the county with reinstating these services.

Glen McCrandle agreed with Andrew Pau regarding the county cooperation as this aided with finding the best practice. The Chair and Councillor Howard Roberts acknowledged that waste collection was underappreciated before the pandemic.

Richard Dobbs stated that North Warwickshire suspended their waste collection service for a month due to sick or self-isolating staff. He corresponded with officers across the county and help provided by the county council allowed the borough to return to collecting green waste as quickly as possible. Volunteers within the authority helped with this too. Richard Dobbs informed the committee that North Warwickshire collected twice as much green waste in the first week of lockdown and 2.5 times more green waste in the second week compared to the whole of last year. This has now decreased from 248 tonnes to 118 within a week. However, this would likely fluctuate in accordance to the weather.

Andrew Pau and Richard Dobbs confirmed that all waste collection services have resumed normality across the county. North Warwickshire opened the walk-in waste collections to coincide with the reopening of household waste recycling centres. Richard Dobbs concluded that there had been an increase in white goods being collected. Andrew Pau continued that the booking system for the household waste recycling centres had been successful in reducing queues; therefore, the site capacity and bookings have been increased for the centres. Andrew Pau concluded that they are currently implementing a system to accept trailers on three different sites: Lower House Farm, Cherry Orchard and Burton Farm, but only on certain days and times of the week.

Following several queries from Councillor Margaret Bell, Andrew Pau clarified that the public should book online but phone messages had been left by members of the public who were unable or had not done this. If it is impossible to book online, including through friends or family, another method will be sought.

The system at the Prince's Drive site involved visitors pulling over to the left-hand side of the road and the large area from the cars to the containers was purposefully designed to prevent close contact between visitors and provided the social distancing required. Following a recommendation from Public Health Warwickshire, the 2-metre social distancing measure will not be reduced and only one person can exit a vehicle. Two may exit if they are carrying a large object but the staff cannot help with carrying objects. Andrew Pau concluded that this system had worked so far.

In response to Councillor Jenny Fradgley, Andrew Pau replied that three Age UK contracted charity shops opened on the 15th June. They have had to change its operation to ensure social distancing and keep the public safe in their shops. This had been a soft launch and plans will be implemented to prevent the shops opening prematurely. The Chair reiterated the necessity of working with Age UK and ensure the shops and volunteers are ready for reopening.

In response to several queries from Councillor Kondakor regarding the booking system, Andrew Pau clarified that there was no requirement to wear facemasks at the recycling centre sites but the public are encouraged to follow Public Health advice. He added that there were constraints with the current booking system 'Eventbrite' but hiding booked slots will be investigated. Following a question from Councillor Granger, the Chair reiterated that Andrew Pau will look at all possible solutions.

4. Waste Partners Updates

The Chair invited the officers to brief the committee of updates in their districts and boroughs. All officers thanked their fellow officers from the other districts, boroughs and county for their help during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Richard Dobbs repeated that North Warwickshire is fully operational after suspending their green bin collection and the tonnage implications which resulted from this. Capacity had increased above the normal rate as more collections were needed to service households. Due to the increase in home workers, Richard Dobbs stated they do not know how they will be able to decrease these rounds which will lead to cost and capacity issues. The garden waste charge that was due to be implemented on the 1st June had been postponed until April 2021. Residents of North Warwickshire could obtain an extra green bin until the end of June 2020 with a new service reflecting the capacity issues commencing in July. Richard Dobbs added that the new 'cab' technology that was due in September had been delayed. Recently they had struggled with disposing recyclables as their recycle rates had increased by 20% and their refuse collectors have reduced staff and their waste capacity due to social distancing. Richard Dobbs concluded that they are making progress towards opening Warwickshire's own material recycling facility which they are planning to open in 2023.

Glen McCrandle informed the committee that Nuneaton and Bedworth had focused on keeping services going and utilising internal resources to ensure all waste services worked as normal. Risk and safeguarding measures have been implemented with large waste collection along and seven daily reviewed jobs. All operations, depots and offices will be risk assessed so staff can work

safely. He reiterated that household recycling increased by 20% and street cleaning operations are place. Council officers are working from home in localised areas and commercial waste services had reduced their work by 30% due to closed businesses, but this will return to normal. Discussions are being held with Nuneaton and Bedworth's enforcement partner to reinstate patrols; this should be between four to six weeks after a risk assessment. Glen McCrandle concluded that their garden waste scheme had received positive feedback, and the climate change emergency meetings had recommenced; this included reviewing their waste collection fleet to have electric or hybrid vehicles.

Jim Perkins stated that Rugby suspended their bulky waste collection for two weeks due to the Covid-19 pandemic but all their services were running as normal despite challenges with the tonnage. The two-metre rule will not be relaxed, safety measures have been updated but logistical changes had been halted. The new waste collection vehicles had been delayed due to Covid-19 halting manufacturing across Europe; however, they should arrive July or August 2020. Jim Perkins concluded that there have been 620 more green subscriptions since 2019-2020.

Becky Davis, Recycling Development Officer for Warwick District Council stated that they are tendering contracts to start in April 2021 with bidding and contracts being awarded in September. Textile collection had been suspended due to the state of the market and textile processors were not willing to take materials from kerbs. All services have continued to run apart from a two-week suspension in green waste collection. Resources had been increased across all services due to the tonnage increase of 30 collections to 77 weekly. Becky Davies thanked the county council for providing taxis for workers so they could carry out their waste collection rounds. Zoe Court had been appointed the new contract services manager.

A discussion followed between the officers about waste collections starting at six in the morning rather than seven.

Angela Lloyd, Streetscene Lead Contracts Officer for Stratford-on-Avon District Council, informed the committee that charges for garden waste collection had been paused until 1st March 2021. Throughout the pandemic, all services had continued but side waste had not been collected due to limited capacity, but this will be relaunched softly on the 6th July. There were 43 collections one day to collect bulky recycling and extra vehicles were needed. Angela Lloyd stated it had been tidier in lockdown, but bins were overflowing with litter. Fly tipping had increased slightly on a smaller scale, but it will reduce again.

Ruth Dixon, Waste Strategy and Commissioning Manager for Warwickshire County Council praised the booking system for notifying the public, so they were aware of what to expect. There had also been an increase in social media followers, newsletter subscribers and more viewers reading waste's online posts; not all posts are Covid-19 or recycling centre based and include food and waste reduction. Home composting information had been provided online which increased viewing numbers and interest from 150 to 600 views. Face to face home composting workshops should resume in September. Ruth Dixon added that home composting equipment sales had been good, and these are now being sold at the recycling centres.

In response to Councillor Kondakor, Ruth Dixon stated that the compost equipment for sale had been ongoing online. Bins cannot be bought from Junkins but they were sold at Nuneaton Town Hall and Bedworth Civic Hall; they could also be bought at Lower House Farm or Hunter's Lane. Following questions raised by Councillor Kondakor, Andrew Pau raised that the wood contract

involved the wood collected at the household waste recycling centres and ensured that the wood collected is recycled or burnt for fuel. Andrew Pau continued that the paint contract is due to be retendered and this will process hazardous paint that is collected from the household waste recycling centres. The public have been asked to gift their unwanted paint or dry it out to make it hazard free.

Resolved

That the Warwickshire Waste Partnership acknowledges the updates on the various waste activities taking place in each area since the last partnership meeting in January 2020.

5. Smarter Joint Working

Andrew Pau reminded the committee that questions had been raised in the previous meeting regarding strategy. Work had been recirculated in terms of national resources, waste strategy consultation and the response from the Warwickshire Waste Partnership. The committee was informed that the new government strategy will be heavily based on a circular economy with an emphasis on producer responsibility, deposit return scheme and consistency with collection services. This had been delayed but the second round of consultation and a detailed consultation should be released late 2020 or early 2021 and the government will be running summer workshops. Andrew Pau continued that as the strategy will be radical, the partnership agreed to run base linework with Paul Frith; who had worked with other authorities. Covid-19 delayed this but as things normalise, Paul Frith will be contacted to continue this work again.

6. Action on Climate Change

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Warwickshire County Council paused its climate change work, but Andrew Pau stated that they were more in line with the council plan. He added that the county council's climate emergency meeting will be on the 2nd July and district and borough meeting will take place in late July.

Dan Green, Head of Environmental and Public Realm Senior Management Team at Rugby Borough Council, informed the committee that the Local Government Association will host a virtual event on the 1st July, which will focus on advancing climate change goals.

7. Any urgent items

None.

8. Agenda item suggestions for next meeting

The Chair stated that waste crime will be revisited in the future.

The committee agreed that fly tipping and littering campaigns should be agenda items in the future.

The Chair expressed her gratitude to all officers involved.

9. Dates of future meetings

The next dates for the Warwickshire Waste Partnership are:

30th September 2020

9th December 2020

The meeting rose at 15:36

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Chair

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Warwickshire Waste Partnership

30 September 2020

Waste Management Performance Data

Recommendations

- (1) The Partnership is asked to note the provisional data for the 1st Quarter 2020/21.

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 The estimation for end of year figures for 2020/21 used figures for the current year where available (Apr-Jul), and the remainder of the months forecast were calculated by using an average of the % change over the June and July months, and applying them to last years figures.
- 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
2020/21

1. Provisional performance Q1 2020/21 (household waste)

	Q1 2019/20	Q1 2020/21	Change
Recycling/Reuse rate	15,041 tonnes	15,101 tonnes	☺ 60 tonnes up
	21.6%	22.1%	☺ 0.5% up
Composting rate	22,076 tonnes	22,963 tonnes	☺ 887 tonnes up
	31.6%	33.6%	☺ 2.0% up
Recycling, Composting and Reuse rate	37,117 tonnes	38,064 tonnes	☺ 947 tonnes up
	53.2%	55.7%	☺ 2.5% up
Landfill rate	8,656 tonnes	4,658 tonnes	☺ 3,998 tonnes down
	12.4%	6.9%	☺ 5.5% down
Energy from waste	23,977 tonnes	25,552 tonnes	☺ 1,575 tonnes up
	34.4%	37.4%	☺ 3.0% up
Total Household waste	69,750 tonnes	68,274 tonnes	☺ 1,476 tonnes down
			☺ 2.1% down

2. Estimated performance for year 2020/21 (household waste)

HH	North Warwickshire			Nuneaton and Bedworth			Rugby			Stratford			Warwick			HWRC			Warwickshire		
	27,820	28,300	28,428	56,140	57,170	57,674	45,720	47,120	49,729	57,340	59,750	60,353	62,550	64,720	65,395	N/A	N/A	N/A	249,570	257,060	261,579
	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21 est	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21 est	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21 est	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21 est	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21 est	2018-19	2019-20	2019-20 est	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21 est
Recycling rate	4,948 tonnes 18.6%	5,324 tonnes 19.5%	5,847 tonnes 20.3%	9,125 tonnes 19.0%	8,408 tonnes 18.1%	9,669 tonnes 19.4%	10,397 tonnes 25.6%	9,695 tonnes 24.4%	9,832 tonnes 23.1%	13,336 tonnes 23.9%	12,866 tonnes 22.3%	13,903 tonnes 23.6%	10,621 tonnes 20.9%	10,579 tonnes 20.0%	11,752 tonnes 21.4%	11,124 tonnes 36.0%	11,789 tonnes 37.7%	8,253 tonnes 43.0%	59,551 tonnes 23.5%	58,254 tonnes 22.8%	59,256 tonnes 23.3%
Composting rate	7,188 tonnes 27.0%	7,748 tonnes 28.4%	7,782 tonnes 27.1%	11,759 tonnes 24.5%	9,233 tonnes 19.9%	9,910 tonnes 19.9%	7,561 tonnes 18.6%	8,294 tonnes 20.9%	9,612 tonnes 22.6%	20,003 tonnes 35.8%	22,048 tonnes 38.2%	22,970 tonnes 38.9%	16,732 tonnes 32.9%	17,830 tonnes 33.8%	18,782 tonnes 34.2%	7,351 tonnes 23.8%	7,111 tonnes 22.8%	3,555 tonnes 18.5%	70,594 tonnes 27.9%	72,124 tonnes 28.3%	72,611 tonnes 28.6%
Recycling, Composting and Reuse rate	12,136 tonnes 45.6%	13,072 tonnes 47.9%	13,629 tonnes 47.4%	20,884 tonnes 43.4%	17,641 tonnes 38.0%	19,579 tonnes 39.4%	17,958 tonnes 44.2%	17,989 tonnes 45.3%	19,444 tonnes 45.7%	33,339 tonnes 59.6%	34,914 tonnes 60.5%	36,873 tonnes 62.5%	27,353 tonnes 53.7%	28,409 tonnes 53.8%	30,534 tonnes 55.6%	18,475 tonnes 59.7%	18,900 tonnes 60.5%	11,808 tonnes 61.5%	130,145 tonnes 51.4%	130,378 tonnes 51.1%	131,867 tonnes 51.9%
Residual	14,476 tonnes 54.4%	14,198 tonnes 52.1%	15,134 tonnes 52.6%	27,184 tonnes 56.6%	28,832 tonnes 62.0%	30,163 tonnes 60.6%	22,709 tonnes 55.8%	21,761 tonnes 54.7%	23,130 tonnes 54.3%	22,565 tonnes 40.4%	22,773 tonnes 39.5%	22,142 tonnes 37.5%	23,562 tonnes 46.3%	24,387 tonnes 46.2%	24,356 tonnes 44.4%	12,467 tonnes 40.3%	12,342 tonnes 39.5%	7,405 tonnes 38.5%	122,963 tonnes 48.6%	124,846 tonnes 48.9%	122,330 tonnes 48.1%
Total	26,612 tonnes	27,270 tonnes	28,763 tonnes	48,068 tonnes	46,473 tonnes	49,742 tonnes	40,667 tonnes	39,750 tonnes	42,574 tonnes	55,904 tonnes	57,687 tonnes	59,015 tonnes	50,915 tonnes	52,796 tonnes	54,890 tonnes	30,942 tonnes	31,242 tonnes	19,213 tonnes	253,108 tonnes	255,224 tonnes	254,197 tonnes
Kg of residual per HH	520 Kg	502 Kg	532 Kg	484 Kg	504 Kg	523 Kg	497 Kg	462 Kg	465 Kg	394 Kg	381 Kg	367 Kg	377 Kg	377 Kg	372 Kg	N/A	N/A	N/A	493 Kg	486 Kg	468 Kg
Kg of all waste per HH	957 Kg	964 Kg	1,012 Kg	856 Kg	813 Kg	862 Kg	889 Kg	844 Kg	856 Kg	975 Kg	965 Kg	978 Kg	814 Kg	816 Kg	839 Kg	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,014 Kg	993 Kg	972 Kg

HWRC Performance Q1 2020-21	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 %	53.49	57.71	62.30	55.35	66.72	54.72	54.74	55.92	41.21	58.08

Warwickshire Waste Partnership

30 Sep 2020

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 2020.

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 Although our refuse & recycling collection services are more or less back to normal from the period at the peak of the pandemic, we are still regularly deploying extra resources to collect the additional waste being put out for collection. Between May and July, recycling tonnages were up over 15%.
- 2.2 We are due to take delivery of three new refuse collection vehicles this month. These will be the first new 26 tonne single-bodied vehicles we have purchased since we moved to a fully commingled recycling service and will bring additional capacity, reduced running costs and lower carbon emissions. It is anticipated that the extra capacity will reduce our need for additional vehicles and staff to collect the higher than average amounts of material put out for recycling.
- 2.3 Officers are looking again at implementing in-cab technology to produce collection efficiencies and reduce the need to bring in additional rounds to meet the demands placed on the service by a growing population. In-cab will also assist with the introduction of green waste charging which was delayed due to coronavirus but is now planned for next year.

3.0 Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council

3.1 Refuse, Recycling and Street Cleansing

- a) Continuing to operate with regards to key services and safeguarding of key worker staff. Vulnerable members of the work force have been taken from their substantive roles and placed on positions where their contact with others is kept to a minimum.
- b) Risk assessments have been updated and issued to all Gresham Road users and visitors.
- c) Bulky waste collections are continuing with restricted schedules; however, this is being reviewed constantly to increase where appropriate.
- d) All household waste functions operating as normal.
- e) Waste collection round reconfiguration exercise progressing well, in conjunction with Coventry City Council.
- f) Fly tipping 'In cab' data capture and sharing process has commenced and has been made live with no issues.
- g) Street Cleansing operating procedures to incorporate 'In Cab' automated graded works scheduling, following NI 195 monitoring highlighted actions.
- h) Street cleansing operating as normal following the introduction of social distancing safeguards.
- i) Riverside clearance training undertaken with operatives being trained to recover items from hard to reach areas and waterways using harnesses, ropes and ties.
- j) Household recycling collections are operating as normal, with an average increase of 30% tonnage throughout the covid-19 period so far
- k) Awaiting WCC decision on HWRC appointment scheme extension arrangements to assess any issues locally.
- l) Enforcement functions have re-started, and focus placed on fly tipping activities, with several FPN's issued

3.2 Promotions/Communications

- a) All promotions and communications continuing where possible to support core services.

3.3 Climate Change Emergency

- a) Climate change meetings have taken place to discuss NBBC response. Vehicle procurement exercises to identify electric and dual fuel alternatives when arranging demonstrations.

4.0 Rugby Borough Council

- 4.1 Eleven new RCVs have now been delivered and are on the road in Rugby. The other vehicles included in the procurement will be delivered over the next 4 or 5 weeks.
- 4.2 Work is ongoing on a new 14 year rolling fleet replacement programme.
- 4.3 Continuing to respond to the current COVID-19 guidance with regards to all refuse, recycling and cleansing services and safeguarding of key worker staff. Still working to the requirements of Covid secure Risk Assessments, government and industry guidance.
- 4.4 Implementation of in-cab technology in all refuse and recycling collection vehicles is ongoing.
- 4.5 Green waste subscriptions now nearly 28,000. Over 4000 additional subscriptions than in 2019-20 totals, largely due to lockdown. A fourth collection round has been implemented to deal with this additional volume.
- 4.6 As of August 2020, contamination of our Dry Mixed Recycling is currently 10.5%. Still work to do to drive this percentage down further but contamination has been decreasing each month since April 2019.
- 4.7 Recruitment process successfully completed for waste, recycling and street cleansing operatives, significantly reducing our reliance on Agency workers
- 4.8 Review of commercial waste service efficiency and effectiveness commenced in February but halted in late March due to lockdown. Project has since recommenced, and all further updates will be provided to this group when outcomes and recommendations are fully known.
- 4.9 Efficiency and effectiveness audit initially planned for March for the waste and recycling collection services. This follows the internal audits carried out in 2019 for the fleet management and green waste collection services. This Audit will now take place later in the year and we will update future meetings regarding its progress and outcomes
- 4.10 With the exception of a 2 week period where bulky waste collections were suspended, RBC has continued to maintain all collection services through the lockdown period and have been working very closely with all group colleagues to ensure that best practice, advice, guidance and documentation is shared with all partners at all times. Work is underway in the planning for a second spike in infections and business continuity and risk assessments updated accordingly.
- 4.11 RBC continue to liaise closely and take an active role in WPP working groups.
- 4.12 RBC continue to play an active and proactive role in the regional MRF project which is currently progressing through procurement stages.

5.0 Warwick District Council

5.1 New Head of Service

Julie Lewis has been appointed as Joint Head of Service for Warwick District Council and Stratford District Council.

5.2 New Waste Contract

Final tenders have been received for street cleansing and grounds maintenance contracts. The aim is to award the contracts at the end of September 2020. The contracts will start on 1st April 2021.

The decision was taken to abandon the procurement process for waste collection and investigate alternative ways to deliver these services. Consequently, we are negotiating an extension to the current waste contract with SUEZ and exploring possible joint service opportunities with SDC.

5.3 University Students

Academic year starts on 5th October, we anticipate students will start to return to their rental properties from 19th September. We have a programme of coms to encourage students to deal with their refuse and recycling correctly. This includes posting out a welcome postcard to all known student properties, sending an email to all returning students via Warwick SU, a corporate social media campaign and a letter to all known student landlords to remind them of their role and responsibility regarding waste provision.

5.4 Fly-tipping

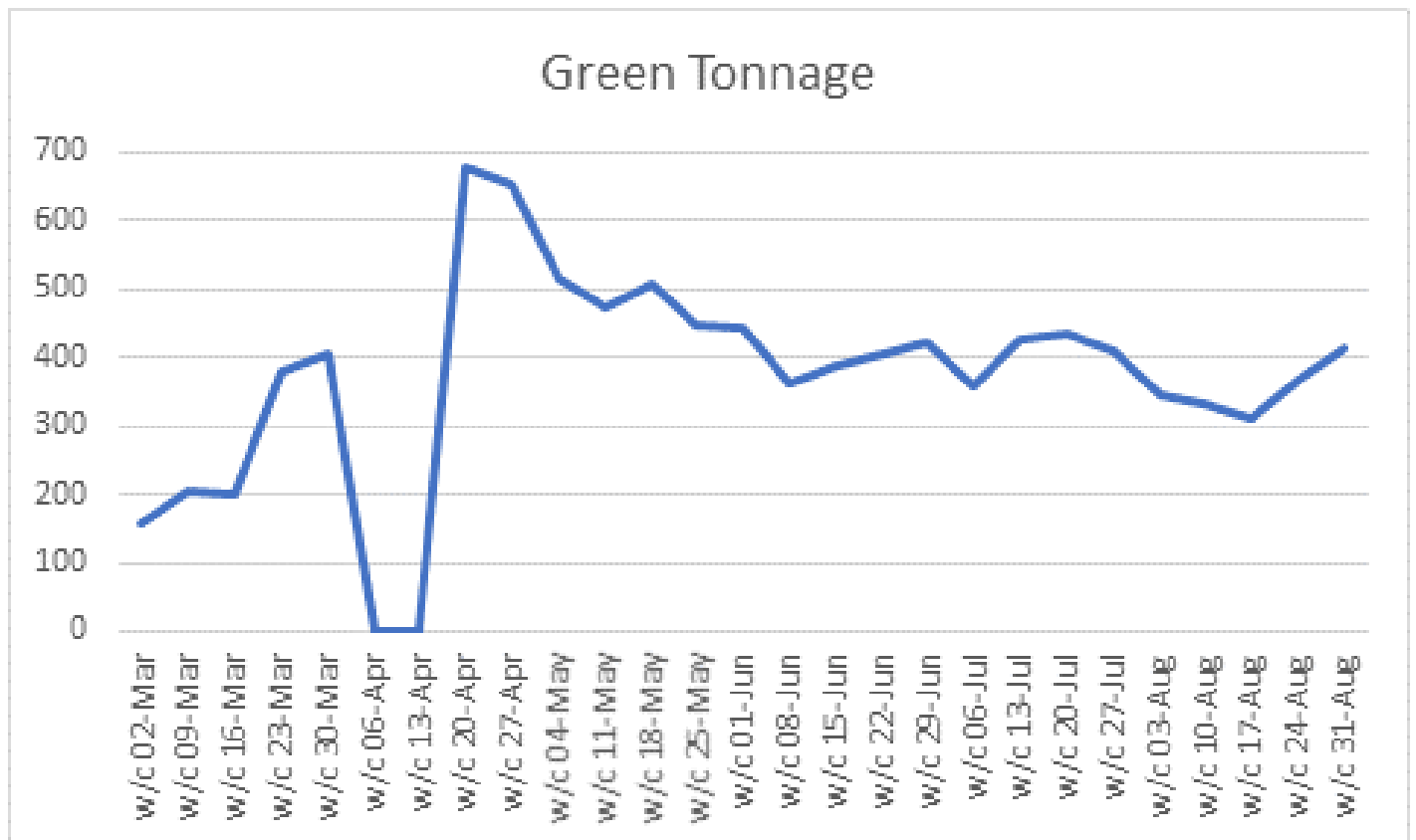
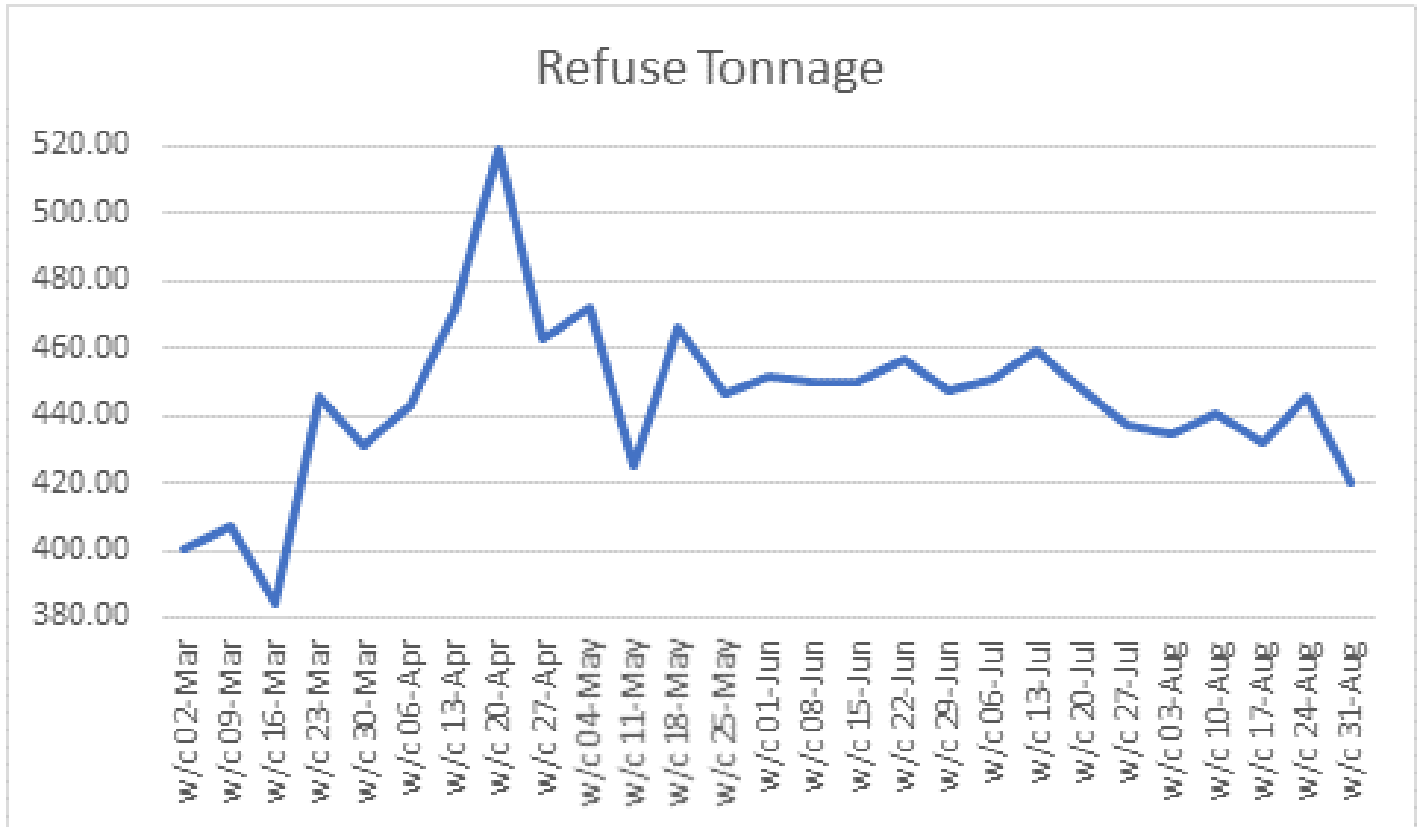
April – July we had 551 reports of fly-tipping, on par with the same period last year. We are continuing to just remove fly-tips and not looking for evidence or taking any enforcement action during this time.

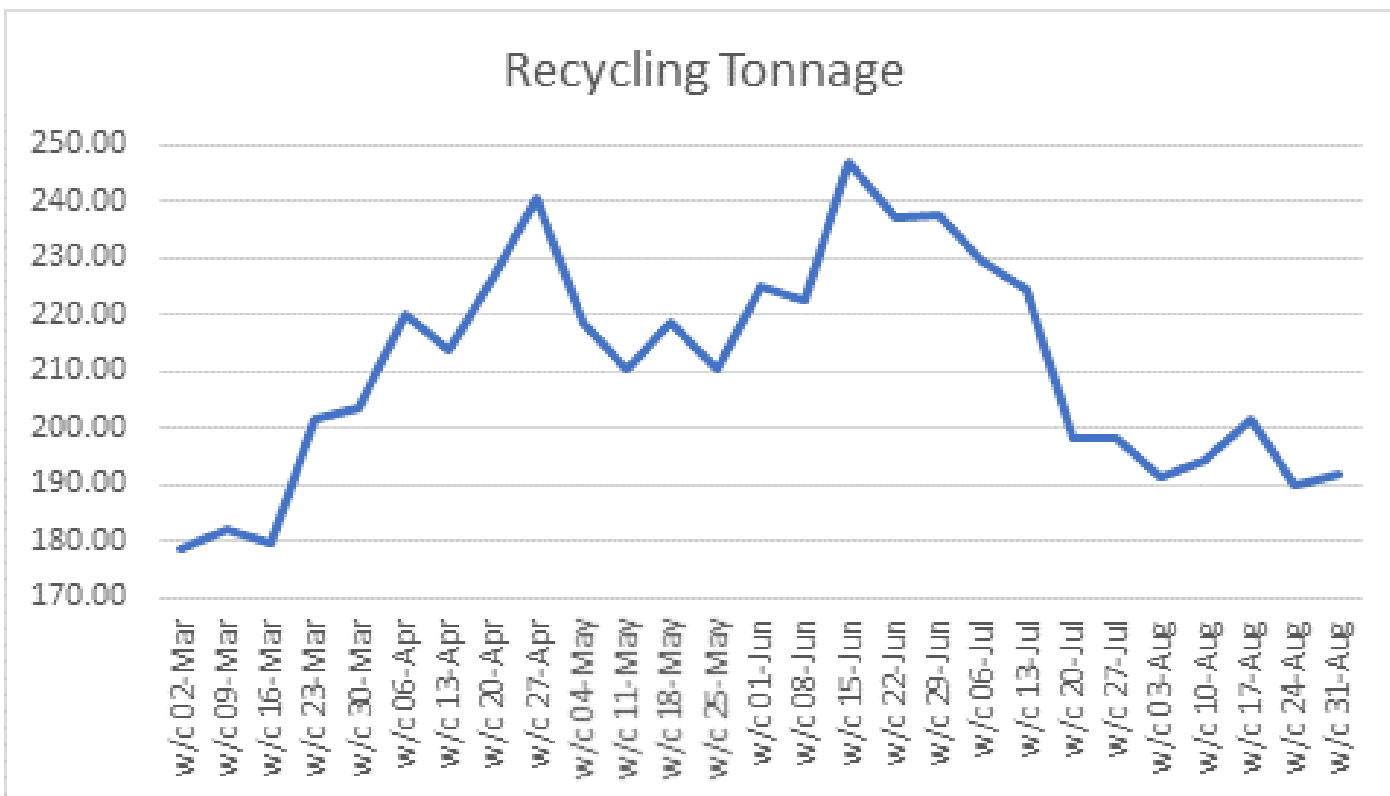
5.5 Litter

The 'Don't be a Tossler' on Social Media was launched, it has been well received, Corex posters have been produced to put in litter 'hot spot' parks/green spaces. We have also produced a video to support this for social media/You tube.

5.6 Latest WDC kerbside collection data

See refuse tonnage, green tonnage and recycling graphs; one extra vehicle is still being used to collect the higher levels of recycling, although we expect to drop this shortly.





6.0 Stratford-on-Avon District Council

- 6.1 SDC have continued to provide a full range of waste collection and street cleansing services throughout the pandemic. All waste streams have seen a significant increase in volume. General waste and dry recycling have seen a minor reduction recently with the reopening of the hospitality industry. Garden waste has seen a seasonal fall. We have also seen an increase in the number of requests for additional recycling bins due to not collecting recycling side waste.
- 6.2 June, July and August saw the number of fly tipping incidents more than double across the district compared to last year (64 in 2019 / 136 in 2020).
- 6.3 The chargeable garden waste service will start on 1st March 2021. There will be a 4-week period commencing 11 January 2021 where residents can sign-up to the service at a discounted rate.
- 6.4 Our social media posts have continued focusing on waste reduction, recycling and environmental messages plus refilling water bottles.

7.0 Warwickshire County Council

7.1 Covid – 19

- a) The Partnership has worked together throughout the Covid-19 pandemic to ensure the continuation of waste services across the County.
- b) HWRCs closed on March 24th and 6 reopened on Monday 18th May with a booking system to manage social distancing. Shipston was the 7th site to reopen on 22nd June. The systems in place have ensured that visitors and staff are able to keep 2 metres apart, nearly all of the waste streams are available, and queueing has been minimal. There are currently over 12,200 appointments available per week across the 7 open sites. The final two sites, Stockton and Wellesbourne, are due to open on 26th September. Four reuse shops are open: Princes Drive, Hunters Lane, Judkins and Lower House Farm. Wellesbourne is due to open on 26th September.

7.2 Pre-sorting of waste to increase reuse and recycling

The booking system has given us the opportunity to ask users of all sites to pre-sort their waste, both to increase reuse and recycling and to reduce time spent depositing waste on site. We are also sending an appointment reminder, which is another opportunity to prompt reference to the website to know what can be recycled and to pre-sort waste. Limiting the number of visitors at each site within each time slot also helps site staff to monitor and provide advice to maximise recycling.

7.3 Communication activities update:

- a) 9,372 subscribers received the July edition of the 'Warwickshire Recycles' e-newsletter, with a 37% open rate and 6.8% click rate. It focussed on the reinstatement of waste services, detailing how to access the recycling centres and reuse shops. There will be another HWRC update send this month and an Autumn edition will be out in October.
- b) Slim Your Bin has recruited 1,188 'bin dieters' onto its 4-week training programme. We have added a module called Slim Your Bin Kids, packed with ideas for keeping children entertained with practical activities the bring home the waste minimisation message. We will be asking elected members from all local authorities to help to promote the scheme.
- c) The YouTube Home Composting Workshop launched in the spring has been viewed 634 times and feedback has been very positive. An updated version will be shared for the autumn composting season. Compost bins are available to purchase from the recycling centres, with a greater range of equipment available from the online shop for home delivery.
- d) The countywide food waste recycling behaviour change campaign – In to Win, continues across the county. 5807 households are now signed up.

- e) All waste reduction behaviour change activity is promoted with regular posts on our social media accounts. Facebook followers have increased to 2,194 (Warwickshire Recycles), with 955 followers on Twitter (@WarksRecycles).

7.4 Procurement and Contracts update:

- a) The following contracts have been extended:
 - Waste Electronic and Electronic Equipment Recycling
 - Leachate removal and disposal
- b) Upcoming extensions or those currently taking place are Asbestos collection and disposal, Ling hall landfill and Metals collection and recycling.
- c) The following contracts have been awarded following a competitive process:
 - Plasterboard reprocessing has been awarded to Clews Recycling Ltd
 - Paint reprocessing has been awarded to Paint 360
- d) Upcoming procurements or those currently taking place are paper and card recycling, haulage of kerbside waste, glass, tyres, garden waste composting. Work is also taking place to consider haulage provision as the contract ends Nov 2021.

8.0 Financial Implications

- 8.1 None.

9.0 Next steps

- 9.1 Updates on progress to be provided at the Dec 2020 meeting.

Background papers

None.

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