

Warwickshire Waste Partnership

Date: Wednesday 9 December 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, 30 September 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)

North Warwickshire Borough Council

Councillor Margaret Bell

Richard Dobbs, Corporate Director – Streetscape

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

Craig Bourne, Contracts Manager

Angela Lloyd, Streetscene Lead Contracts Officer

Warwick District Council

Councillor Moira-Ann Granger

Graham Folkes-Skinner, Business Support and Development Manager (Neighbourhood Services)

1. General

(1) Apologies

Becky Davies, Recycling Development Officer (Warwick District Council) and Zoe Court, Contract Services Manager & Parking & Ranger Service Manager (Warwick District Council) who were substituted by Graham Folkes-Skinner, Business Support and Development

Manager (Neighbourhood Services)

Apologies for Glen McGrandle, Head of Waste and Transport (Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council) and Julie Lewis, Head of Community and Operational Services (Stratford District Council) were received in the meeting.

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

None

(3) Chair's Announcement

None

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

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 June 2020 were approved and signed by the Chair as an accurate record.

2. WM Performance Data

Andrew Pau (Strategy and Commissioning Manager (Waste & Environment) presented a PowerPoint to the partnership on performance. He noted that there were unusual circumstances due to Covid-19 in the first financial quarter. Recycling, reusing, composting and energy recovery from waste all increased and waste tonnage decreased. Energy recovery is obtained from burning waste which is better than landfilling waste. Landfilling waste remains the most harmful way of disposing of residual waste. Household waste decreased by 1.5 thousand tonnes. Andrew Pau concluded that performance for the first quarter increased and the accepted waste decreased.

In response to Councillor Ian Shenton, Andrew Pau stated the decrease in landfill rates were most likely caused by Covid-19. The County Council's landfill rates are usually less than 10%. The council has two energy recovery contracts which are utilised to their fullest as there is a contractual tonnage limit to the waste that can be sent for energy. Landfilled waste in Warwickshire primarily consisted of household waste from the HWRCs which is bulky and cannot be burnt at an Energy from Waste facility as easily.

Councillor Moira-Ann Grainger noted that these figures should be achieved after the pandemic and advertised more.

Councillor John Horner queried the conflict of the declared climate emergency in Warwickshire and burning waste for energy. Andrew Pau replied that generating energy from pre-produced waste is a good option as it would otherwise be landfilled but reducing, reusing, recycling and composting are preferable.

The Chair added that a lot of waste goes to Coventry plant which produces electricity and heat which is then used in nearby student flats, offices and leisure centres. Andrew Pau continued that the Coventry plant is a combined heat and electricity power facility. Councillor Shenton stated as much energy from waste should be obtained as possible.

Following a query from Councillor Jenny Fradgley, Andrew Pau responded that he didn't think the facilities the council uses have carbon capture as this is rare in the UK. Combined plants like the Coventry plant are best environmentally. It was agreed that the carbon impact of waste disposal methods would be discussed at the next partnership meeting.

Andrew Pau reminded the partnership that the joint strategy states energy should be obtained from waste and it is cheaper to send waste for energy than to a landfill which produces methane. The county council is a shareholder in the Coventry plant, but they do not get revenue from it.

In response to Councillor Howard Roberts, a very small amount of waste collected by Warwickshire goes to Cemex in Rugby to be 'ClimaFuel'. Richard Dobbs, Corporate Director – Streetscape at North Warwickshire Borough Council added they are in discussion with the Coventry plant for the new regional MRF to be powered exclusively through solar panels on the roof.

Andrew Pau continued that the performance data for 2020-21 was estimated following the trend during lockdown. Following a query from Councillor Grainger, Andrew Pau stated that he believed there were behavioural changes caused by lockdown which induced the reduction in waste.

Andrew Pau noted that the recycling centres were closed during part of the first quarter (all recycling sites in Warwickshire have since reopened); therefore, their collection statistics were 2% lower than normal. Between April – July 2020 the amount of composting collected via kerbside collection was up by 10%, recycling was up by 12% and residual waste was up by 4%.

Following concerns raised by Councillor Shenton, it was agreed that reviewing recycling targets should be a future agenda item. However, this would be as part of the review of the Warwickshire Waste Strategy.

Andrew Pau added that kilograms per household figure or per person were targets that were only for the waste collected at the kerbside; in this data, the numbers reported included the tonnage of waste collected at the recycling centres. The first round of consultation as part of the government strategy commenced in early 2020 and the second round is expected early next year. The joint municipal waste management strategy will be reviewed after this; this would be the best time to set new recycling targets. The second consultation should be released February-March 2021.

Resolved

The Waste Partnership notes the provisional data for the 1st Quarter 2020/21.

3. Current service changes due to Covid-19

Andrew Pau reiterated that all recycling centres in Warwickshire have reopened, the booking system will remain for at least another six months following government advice. Visitors to the centres since reopening have decreased by 1/3 but waste tonnage is only 2/3 of the previous level; this meant that the public are making better use of their visit. There are over 12000 weekly slots for members of the public to use with 75%-85% of these slots being used. Overall, all sites have good capacity and social distancing remains obligatory which meant it was more difficult to open all materials on all sites; it varies by site, but glass, textiles and engine oil have been reintroduced. Everything is online.

In response to Richard Dobbs, Andrew Pau stated it is too early to say if the booking system will remain post-pandemic but there are benefits for this.

Councillor Margaret Bell informed the meeting that the booking system received mixed reviews in North Warwickshire, but it had been mostly praised; she queried if no booking could be required at

quieter times in the week. She continued that not all members of the public can use the online booking system so an alternative is needed.

Following a query from Councillor Bell regarding larger vehicles such as vans and pick-ups and whether they are allowed at recycling centres, Andrew Pau and Ruth Dixon (Waste Strategy and Commissioning Manager) stated that these restricted vehicles are allowed under certain circumstances and with vouchers. The rules were introduced initially in 1998 so traders did not abuse the HWRCs.

Richard Dobbs added that if the booking system was kept then it might be easier to manage abuse of the HWRCs by traders. Members of the public with commercial vehicles or vans might then be able to use recycle centres in those vehicles. Andrew suggested the review of the policy could take place when the Warwickshire waste strategy review takes place.

The Chair and Councillor Shenton commended the booking system.

Richard Dobbs stated that North Warwickshire borough's service had returned to normal but green waste charging was delayed to April 2021.

Graham Folkes-Skinner (Business Support and Development Manager (Neighbourhood Services) at Warwick District Council and Dan Green (Dan Green, Head of Environmental and Public Realm Senior Management Team) at Rugby Borough Council informed the partnership that both their respective councils have new waste and recycling collection vehicles due to the extra demand. Dan Green added that Rugby borough had returned to normal service.

Craig Bourne (Contracts Manager) at Stratford District Council confirmed that service returned to normal in Stratford District and charging for green waste will be brought in in March 2021.

Andrew Pau added that charging for green waste could potentially have an impact on the residual waste contract and on the bio waste processing contract which has minimum tonnage. Officers from the different authorities will need to consult on this.

The Chair and Andrew Pau commended the work of the waste collection authorities and the positive public change in attitude towards their waste services.

4. Update on environmental crime, littering, fly tipping

Andrew Pau raised that fly-tipping had increased in parts of Warwickshire since lockdown. Since the last waste partnership meeting, a joint officer meeting involving all the District and Borough Councils, the Environment Agency, waste planning authority and Police regarding organised environmental crime took place. Fly-tipping and littering continue to be monitored and the campaign 'Don't be a tosser' was launched to tackle this.

Richard Dobbs noted that every borough in Warwickshire participated in the campaign and disputed the idea that the booking system for recycling centres caused the fly-tipping increase. He stated that they had issues with interviewing fly-tipping suspects due to social distancing and obtaining vehicle registration plates from the DVLA due to their restricted response to certain types of environmental enquiry. However, rural crime has been more recognised in North Warwickshire and more engagement with parishes councils.

Councillor Bell queried if fly-tipping levels will return to normal. The Chair agreed that a shared-joint targeted strategy is needed. The Chair stated that officers could meet offline to discuss a joint strategy, including a strategy to persuade members of the public to report fly-tipping. Councillor Grainger noted that it is difficult to inform the public on the complexities on enforcement and a joint strategy may be difficult as each borough and district deals with fly-tipping differently.

Dan Green said that there were some specific fly-tipping hotspot areas, but it had not increased significantly or been widespread. Dan Green had spoken to parish councils who could provide them with locations and days of the week that fly-tipping occurred, but as soon as measures were implemented it moved location.

Councillor Grainger stated that fly-tipping had not increased in Warwick District during lockdown.

Craig Bourne stated that fly-tipping had increased during lockdown in Stratford District and is still higher than before.

5. Seasonal communication campaigns

Ruth Dixon informed the partnership that her team are responsible for promotional campaigns and collaborate with officers from the districts and boroughs. Each of the districts and boroughs will soon start to talk to their residents about Christmas collection timetables, which allows us to spread additional recycling messages rather than just what day bins will be collected instead of Christmas Day. Ruth Dixon showed the partnership a list of their regular communication channels and topics such as reducing food waste and plastic packaging and promoting composting. She added that they tie these into national campaigns such as National Recycling week. They also sell subsidised compost bins both online and at the recycling centres, encourage savvy shopping and repairing or giving away belongings before throwing them away. They also provide general information such as when recycling centres open. In October they will focus on Halloween pumpkin waste and autumn composting, followed by Christmas food, packaging and presents.

In response to Councillor Roberts, Ruth Dixon stated they did some PPE littering social media posts. Councillor Roberts requested a campaign on how littering PPE equipment harms wildlife.

6. Waste Partners Updates

Graham Folkes-Skinner informed the meeting that Warwick District Council have a new joint head of service with Stratford District. They had received final tenders for street cleaning and grounds maintenance with the aim to award the contracts by the end of September 2020 to start in April 2021. They are negotiating an extension for their waste collection contract and reviewing joint opportunities with Stratford District Council. Waste campaigns for university students and their landlords had started. Fly-tipping is on-par with 2019 at 551 incidents and the 'Don't be a tosser campaign' had been well received.

Dan Green informed the partnership that Rugby Borough Council have 11 new vehicles with Covid-19 safety stickers and warnings for fly-tippers. They have continual reviews of their risk assessments in their business continuity and have no Covid-19 cases within their waste and recycling team. Officer teams had been split. Garden waste figures remained high, so a new collection round was implemented. He concluded that tonnage on commercial waste had reduced so the financial viability of this will be reviewed within six months.

Richard Dobbs stated that North Warwickshire Borough Council also have new vehicles with Covid-19 safety messages on. North Warwickshire's commercial waste had been impacted as their system was not operating the same and their contracts will be renewed at the end of February 2021 to start in March-April 2021; therefore, they asked all their contract holders if they would like their contracts renewed. They have had a lot of officers who self-isolated which strained the service, so other officers and the fire service were on standby to stand in.

Craig Bourne from Stratford District Council commended the work of Biffa during the pandemic and concurred with Graham Folkes-Skinner regarding progress for the joint waste contract bid for Stratford and Warwick districts.

Resolved

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

7. Smarter joint working

Andrew Pau asked the partnership if they wanted to pause or continue with the agreed closer working joint project. The project was set up to start baselining work in terms of service, provision and costs from each council in order to potentially provide services more effectively and efficiently with lower costs as well as better quality. An external consultant was to be brought in to help with this.

Councillor Bell stated that no one would argue with being more efficient, but waste collection is the only thing that all members of the public see, this affects how a council is seen.

Richard Dobbs suggested that officers discuss the implications of the project and potential ways forward and bring this to the partnership to see where the conversation will lead. He reminded the meeting of the MRF project and that Warwick District are looking to become a partner in it which may lead onto wider benefits around haulage, procurement, joint working, and a model for recycling collection to be shared around the county.

The Chair stated that the project should be paused because of the pandemic and green/biowaste waste should be focused on instead.

8. Action on Climate change

Andrew Pau stated that there are ongoing council meetings regarding climate change with members, portfolio holders and a new officer group which was set up to focus on climate change issues, joint working and sharing best practice. They also discuss electric vehicle charging, emissions, vehicle strategy and baselining.

Ruth Dixon presented the figures that Scotland put together on carbon metric. She stated that if waste is burnt it produces 388 kilograms of carbon dioxide compared to 452 kilograms if it went to a landfill. The English figures are yet to be produced and Andrew Pau noted that Scotland's assumptions may not always apply to us.

Andrew Pau pointed out that Warwickshire's residual waste contributes 35,000 tonnes of carbon a year to the Warwickshire total. This is more than the county council's own estate and fleet. So, any

work we can do to keep residual waste reducing is a significant contribution to reducing climate impact. Kerbside recycling provides negative carbon which means it is positive environmentally; this took the council's total environmental benefit from processing waste down to 1.5 thousand tons of carbon. Carbon levels are important regarding waste management.

In response to Richard Dobbs, Andrew Pau clarified that the Scottish system makes assumptions and from information provided it was likely that more waste was managed kerbside than at recycling centres.

The Chair stated that for Warwickshire to go carbon neutral it must eliminate 5.3 million tonnes of carbon. A programme manager was employed by the county council to manage this and the county council's COVID-19 recovery plan will suggest a grant scheme to community organisations, parish and town councils, districts and boroughs to take part in with looking at carbon reductions and mitigation actions on climate change.

Andrew Pau added that the waste conference in 2021 will focus on climate change, will be virtual and would be held February or March 2021.

9. Any urgent items

None.

10. Agenda item suggestions for next meeting

After the second round of consultation by Government, a review of the Warwickshire waste strategy including recycling targets will take place.

Richard Dobbs to provide an update on the MRF project.

More information on electric and hydrogen waste collection vehicles to see if this is possible.

11. Dates of future meetings

The next dates for the Warwickshire Waste Partnership are:

9th December 2020

17th March 2021

The meeting rose at 16:06

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Warwickshire Waste Partnership

9 December 2020

Waste Management Performance Data

Recommendations

- (1) The Partnership is asked to note the provisional data for the 1st and 2nd 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 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. Performance Q1 + Q2 2020/21 (household waste)

	Q1 + Q2 2019/20	Q1 + Q2 2020/21	Change
Recycling/Reuse rate	29,646 tonnes	32,406 tonnes	😊 2,759 tonnes up
	21.6%	23.6%	😊 2.0% up
Composting rate	43,916 tonnes	44,464 tonnes	😊 548 tonnes up
	32.0%	32.4%	😊 0.4% up
Recycling, Composting and Reuse rate	73,562 tonnes	76,870 tonnes	😊 3,307 tonnes up
	53.6%	56.0%	😊 2.4% up
Landfill rate	15,891 tonnes	11,813 tonnes	😊 4,078 tonnes down
	11.6%	8.6%	😊 3.0% down
Energy from waste	47,694 tonnes	48,475 tonnes	😊 781 tonnes up
	34.8%	35.4%	😊 0.6% up
Total Household waste	137,147 tonnes	137,158 tonnes	x 11 tonnes up
			x 0.00% down

2. Performance for year 2019/20 (household waste)

	North Warwickshire			Nuneaton and Bedworth			Rugby			Stratford			Warwick			HWRC			Warwickshire		
HH	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	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
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Recycling rate	4,948 tonnes 18.6%	5,324 tonnes 19.5%	5,946 tonnes 20.5%	9,125 tonnes 19.0%	8,408 tonnes 18.1%	9,742 tonnes 19.5%	10,397 tonnes 25.6%	9,695 tonnes 24.4%	9,932 tonnes 22.9%	13,336 tonnes 23.9%	12,866 tonnes 22.3%	13,989 tonnes 23.3%	10,621 tonnes 20.9%	10,579 tonnes 20.0%	11,834 tonnes 21.4%	11,124 tonnes 36.0%	11,789 tonnes 37.7%	8,560 tonnes 42.2%	59,551 tonnes 23.5%	58,254 tonnes 22.8%	60,003 tonnes 23.3%
Composting rate	7,188 tonnes 27.0%	7,748 tonnes 28.4%	7,843 tonnes 27.0%	11,759 tonnes 24.5%	9,233 tonnes 19.9%	9,957 tonnes 19.9%	7,561 tonnes 18.6%	8,294 tonnes 20.9%	9,786 tonnes 22.6%	20,003 tonnes 35.8%	22,048 tonnes 38.2%	23,150 tonnes 38.6%	16,732 tonnes 32.9%	17,830 tonnes 33.8%	18,832 tonnes 34.1%	7,351 tonnes 23.8%	7,111 tonnes 22.8%	4,199 tonnes 20.7%	70,594 tonnes 27.9%	72,124 tonnes 28.3%	73,767 tonnes 28.6%
Recycling, Composting and Reuse Rate	12,136 tonnes 45.6%	13,072 tonnes 47.9%	13,789 tonnes 47.5%	20,884 tonnes 43.4%	17,641 tonnes 38.0%	19,699 tonnes 39.5%	17,958 tonnes 44.2%	17,989 tonnes 45.3%	19,718 tonnes 45.4%	33,339 tonnes 59.6%	34,914 tonnes 60.5%	37,139 tonnes 61.9%	27,353 tonnes 53.7%	28,409 tonnes 53.8%	30,666 tonnes 55.5%	18,475 tonnes 59.7%	18,900 tonnes 60.5%	12,759 tonnes 63.0%	130,145 tonnes 51.4%	130,378 tonnes 51.1%	133,770 tonnes 51.9%
Residual	14,476 tonnes 54.4%	14,198 tonnes 52.1%	15,232 tonnes 52.5%	27,184 tonnes 56.6%	28,832 tonnes 62.0%	30,212 tonnes 60.5%	22,709 tonnes 55.8%	21,761 tonnes 54.7%	23,671 tonnes 54.6%	22,565 tonnes 40.4%	22,773 tonnes 39.5%	22,814 tonnes 38.1%	23,562 tonnes 46.3%	24,387 tonnes 46.2%	24,567 tonnes 44.5%	12,467 tonnes 40.3%	12,342 tonnes 39.5%	7,502 tonnes 37.0%	122,963 tonnes 48.6%	124,846 tonnes 48.9%	123,998 tonnes 48.1%
Total	26,612 tonnes	27,270 tonnes	29,021 tonnes	48,068 tonnes	46,473 tonnes	49,911 tonnes	40,667 tonnes	39,750 tonnes	43,389 tonnes	55,904 tonnes	57,687 tonnes	59,953 tonnes	50,915 tonnes	52,796 tonnes	55,233 tonnes	30,942 tonnes	31,242 tonnes	20,261 tonnes	253,108 tonnes	255,224 tonnes	257,768 tonnes
Kg of residual per HH	520 Kg	502 Kg	536 Kg	484 Kg	504 Kg	524 Kg	497 Kg	462 Kg	476 Kg	394 Kg	381 Kg	378 Kg	377 Kg	377 Kg	376 Kg	N/A	N/A	N/A	493 Kg	486 Kg	474 Kg
Kg of all waste per HH	957 Kg	964 Kg	1,021 Kg	856 Kg	813 Kg	865 Kg	889 Kg	844 Kg	873 Kg	975 Kg	965 Kg	993 Kg	814 Kg	816 Kg	845 Kg	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,014 Kg	993 Kg	985 Kg

HWRC Performance Q1+2 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
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Recycling %	55.5	57.2	57.0	53.5	60.2	56.1	57.7	-	-	56.9
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3. Apr - Sep Tonnes Comparison 2019 to 2020

Household	2019							2020						
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total
HWRC	3,747	3,803	3,720	3,604	4,035	3,871	14,874	401	988	2,863	2,887	2,751	2,737	7,139
Composting	602	798	624	612	921	826	4,383	37	112	311	415	260	336	1,471
Recycling	1,143	1,103	1,001	901	1,101	969	6,218	121	398	1,251	1,250	1,252	1,183	5,455
Residual	2,002	1,902	2,094	2,091	2,013	2,076	12,178	243	478	1,302	1,222	1,239	1,218	5,702
N Warks	2,408	2,715	2,295	2,684	2,426	2,171	10,102	2,106	3,093	2,794	2,951	2,435	2,504	10,944
Composting	791	979	816	985	828	704	5,103	284	1,379	941	1,011	664	836	5,115
Recycling	446	457	423	470	456	418	2,670	542	482	556	531	483	492	3,086
Residual	1,171	1,279	1,056	1,229	1,142	1,049	6,926	1,280	1,232	1,297	1,409	1,288	1,176	7,682
Nuneaton	3,830	4,169	3,684	4,409	3,972	3,682	16,092	4,646	4,447	4,370	4,347	3,821	4,322	17,809
Composting	748	978	824	1,043	901	759	5,253	1,022	1,007	936	1,060	799	997	5,820
Recycling	640	671	636	746	661	649	4,003	792	772	867	851	719	713	4,714
Residual	2,442	2,520	2,224	2,620	2,410	2,274	14,490	2,832	2,668	2,567	2,436	2,303	2,612	15,418
Rugby	3,277	3,644	3,201	3,558	3,475	3,566	13,679	3,747	4,137	3,986	4,126	3,685	4,107	15,996
Composting	841	1,004	813	967	880	777	5,282	1,035	1,339	1,180	1,128	776	946	6,404
Recycling	828	828	828	813	813	813	4,922	889	963	1,065	1,050	920	893	5,780
Residual	1,608	1,812	1,560	1,778	1,782	1,976	10,516	1,823	1,835	1,741	1,948	1,989	2,268	11,604
Stratford	4,960	5,815	4,885	5,478	5,096	4,595	21,138	5,678	5,555	5,329	5,605	4,888	5,561	22,167
Composting	2,046	2,730	2,204	2,460	2,158	1,913	13,511	2,652	2,645	2,227	2,537	1,835	2,500	14,396
Recycling	1,151	1,232	1,058	1,205	1,152	1,080	6,878	1,348	1,286	1,342	1,358	1,199	1,198	7,731
Residual	1,763	1,853	1,623	1,813	1,786	1,602	10,440	1,678	1,624	1,760	1,710	1,854	1,863	10,489
Warwick	4,256	4,938	4,416	4,861	4,421	4,072	18,470	4,301	5,396	4,885	5,019	4,316	4,962	19,602
Composting	1,486	2,061	1,731	1,996	1,624	1,486	10,384	1,537	2,305	2,015	2,069	1,472	1,860	11,258
Recycling	866	866	866	786	786	786	4,955	826	1,029	1,020	1,002	826	935	5,639
Residual	1,904	2,011	1,819	2,079	2,011	1,800	11,624	1,938	2,062	1,850	1,948	2,018	2,167	11,983
Total	22,477	25,083	22,200	24,594	23,425	21,957	94,354	20,879	23,616	24,227	24,935	21,896	24,193	93,658

Overall	2019							2020						
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total
Composting	6,514	8,550	7,012	8,063	7,312	6,465	43,916	6,567	8,787	7,610	8,220	5,806	7,475	44,464
Recycling	5,073	5,156	4,812	4,921	4,969	4,715	29,646	4,519	4,930	6,101	6,042	5,399	5,414	32,405
Residual	10,890	11,377	10,377	11,610	11,144	10,777	66,175	9,794	9,899	10,517	10,673	10,691	11,304	62,878
Total	22,477	25,083	22,200	24,594	23,425	21,957	139,736	20,879	23,616	24,227	24,935	21,896	24,193	139,747

HWRC	2019							2020						
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total
Composting	602	798	624	612	921	826	4,383	37	112	311	415	260	336	1,471
Recycling	1,143	1,103	1,001	901	1,101	969	6,218	121	398	1,251	1,250	1,252	1,183	5,455
Residual	2,002	1,902	2,094	2,091	2,013	2,076	12,178	243	478	1,302	1,222	1,239	1,218	5,702
Total	3,747	3,803	3,720	3,604	4,035	3,871	14,874	401	988	2,863	2,951	2,435	2,504	10,944

Districts	2019							2020						
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total
Composting	5,912	7,752	6,388	7,451	6,391	5,639	39,533	6,530	8,675	7,299	7,805	5,546	7,139	42,993
Recycling	3,930	4,053	3,810	4,020	3,868	3,746	23,428	4,398	4,532	4,850	4,792	4,147	4,231	26,950
Residual	8,888	9,475	8,282	9,519	9,131	8,701	53,996	9,551	9,421	9,215	9,451	9,452	10,086	57,176
Total	18,730	21,280	18,481	20,990	19,390	18,086	116,957	20,478	22,628	21,364	22,048	19,145	21,456	127,119

Tonnage Change 2019 to 2020

HWRC	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total
	-3,346	-2,815	-856	-717	-1,284	-1,134	-10,152
Composting	-565	-686	-313	-197	-661	-490	-2,912
Recycling	-1,022	-705	250	349	151	214	-763
Residual	-1,759	-1,424	-793	-869	-774	-858	-6,477
N Warks	-302	378	499	267	9	333	1,184
Composting	-507	400	125	26	-164	132	12
Recycling	96	25	133	61	27	74	416
Residual	109	-47	241	180	146	127	756
Nuneaton	816	278	685	-62	-151	640	2,206
Composting	274	29	112	17	-102	238	567
Recycling	152	101	231	105	58	64	711
Residual	390	148	343	-184	-107	338	928
Rugby	470	493	785	568	210	541	3,068
Composting	194	335	367	161	-104	169	1,122
Recycling	61	135	237	237	107	80	858
Residual	215	23	181	170	207	292	1,088
Stratford	719	-260	444	127	-208	966	1,788
Composting	606	-85	23	77	-323	587	885
Recycling	198	54	284	153	47	118	854
Residual	-85	-229	137	-103	68	261	49
Warwick	46	459	469	158	-105	890	1,917
Composting	51	244	284	73	-152	374	874
Recycling	-39	164	154	216	40	149	684
Residual	34	51	31	-131	7	367	359
Total	-1,597	-1,467	2,027	341	-1,529	2,236	10

Overall	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total
Composting	53	237	597	157	-1,506	1,010	548
Recycling	-554	-226	1,289	1,121	430	699	2,759
Residual	-1,096	-1,478	140	-937	-453	527	-3,297
Total	-1,597	-1,467	2,027	341	-1,529	2,236	10

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Composting	618	923	911	354	-845	1,500	3,460
Recycling	468	479	1,040	772	279	485	3,522
Residual	663	-54	933	-68	321	1,385	3,180
Total	1,749	1,348	2,883	1,058	-245	3,370	10,162

Percentage Change 2019 to 2020

	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total
HWRC	-89	-74	-23	-20	-32	-29	-68
Composting	-94	-86	-50	-32	-72	-59	-66
Recycling	-89	-64	25	39	14	22	-12
Residual	-88	-75	-38	-42	-38	-41	-53
N Warks	-13	14	22	10	0	15	12
Composting	-64	41	15	3	-20	19	0
Recycling	22	5	31	13	6	18	16
Residual	9	-4	23	15	13	12	11
Nuneaton	21	7	19	-1	-4	17	14
Composting	37	3	14	2	-11	31	11
Recycling	24	15	36	14	9	10	18
Residual	16	6	15	-7	-4	15	6
Rugby	14	14	25	16	6	15	22
Composting	23	33	45	17	-12	22	21
Recycling	7	16	29	29	13	10	17
Residual	13	1	12	10	12	15	10
Stratford	14	-4	9	2	-4	21	8
Composting	30	-3	1	3	-15	31	7
Recycling	17	4	27	13	4	11	12
Residual	-5	-12	8	-6	4	16	0
Warwick	1	9	11	3	-2	22	10
Composting	3	12	16	4	-9	25	8
Recycling	-5	19	18	27	5	19	14
Residual	2	3	2	-6	0	20	3
Total	-7	-6	9	1	-7	10	0

Warwickshire Waste Partnership

9 December 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 September 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 Refuse & Recycling Collections have settled down but there is still a strain on staffing due to Covid-19 and the arrival of Autumn has kept demand on the green waste service high.
- 2.2 Three new 26 tonne single-bodied vehicles have arrived and are in service and are already bringing additional capacity, reduced running costs and lower carbon emissions.
- 2.3 Next year's collection calendars have been finalised and are available online. Bin tags setting out Christmas collection arrangements are being distributed to every household. The green waste collection service will be suspended for a shorter period this year, just for the month of February.
- 2.4 Banners are being displayed on the sides of the refuse fleet focussed on Covid-19 messages with the aim of reducing rates in the borough and across Warwickshire.
- 2.5 Preparations are well underway for the introduction of garden waste charges in April 2021.

3.0 Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council

3.1 Refuse, Recycling and Street Cleansing

- a) Reviewing new covid-19 measures and guidance for continued staff and visitor safety and all key servicing operating as normal currently.

- b) Risk assessments being continually updated and issued to all Gresham Road users and visitors.
- c) Environmental enforcement provision continuing for fly tipping utilising current covid-19 safeguards.
- d) Bulky waste collections working at full capacity.
- e) Waste collection round reconfiguration exercise ongoing.
- f) Fly tipping 'In cab' data capture and sharing process has commenced is being monitored.

3.2 Promotions/Communications

- a) Christmas and New Year 20/21 waste working schedules agreed and literature to be communicated to residents shortly.

3.3 Climate Change Emergency

- a) Vehicle procurement analysis continues to be driven by climate change commitment in conjunction with WCC ULEV strategy.

4.0 Rugby Borough Council

- 4.1 Continuing to respond to the ongoing COVID-19 emergency 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.
- 4.1 Review of commercial waste income for the first period of lockdown has been completed. Forecast income known to be 40% less than budgeted forecast.
- 4.2 November 2020 lockdown - Risk Assessments and business continuity plans under continuous review. A robust RBC Covid management protocol has been created and tested with 3 recent positive cases of Covid within the operational workforce. All 3 cases are from the same 'bubble' and contained to this single team. All RBC collection services are currently being delivered in full at the time of writing.
- 4.3 Implementation of in-cab technology in all refuse and recycling collection rounds is ongoing but expected to be delivered in January 2021.
- 4.4 Green waste subscriptions now 28,000 for 2020-21. Over 4000 additional subscriptions than in 2019-20 totals, largely due to lockdown. A fourth collection round was required to deal with this additional volume for the Summer and Autumn period.

- 4.5 As of November 2020, contamination of our Dry Mixed Recycling is currently 10%. Still work to do to drive this percentage down further but contamination has been decreasing each month since April 2019.
- 4.6 Review of RBC commercial waste service efficiency and effectiveness has recommenced, and a detailed appraisal undertaken regarding its value, possible development and future delivery.
- 4.7 Efficiency and effectiveness audit planned 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 take place later in the year and we will update future meetings regarding its progress and outcomes.
- 4.8 Planning for Christmas 2020 and New Year 2021 collections has been completed awaiting approval. All households will be again notified of service changes via detailed tags placed on bins prior to Christmas and further supported by information on the Council website, social media platforms and via the Rugby app.
- 4.9 RBC continue to liaise closely and take an active role in WPP working groups.
- 4.10 RBC continue to play an active and proactive role in the regional MRF project which is currently progressing through planning and procurement stages.

5.0 Warwick District Council

- 5.1 WDC have awarded both the Street Cleansing and Grounds Maintenance contracts to IDVerde. Both contracts will start on 1st April 2021.
- 5.2 WDC are in the process of agreeing an extension on our current waste contract with Suez until August 2022.
- 5.3 Work has started on writing and procuring a joint waste contract between SDC and WDC to start in August 2022, subject to approvals.
- 5.4 WDC are continuing to just remove fly-tips and not looking for evidence or taking any enforcement action. WDC hope to restart enforcement action in the New Year.
- 5.5 With the announcement of the second lockdown we have closed our skate parks but kept all play areas open. All services are continuing, and WDC are not planning to make any changes.
- 5.6 WDC now have an apprentice in the team – Daisy Killian. She will be helping us to prepare for our new contracts and increasing our communication with residents and other stakeholders.

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. There has been a minor reduction in the quantity of general waste and recycling collected, but quantities are anticipated to have increased again due to lock down 2 and the closure of the hospitality industry again. Garden waste has seen a seasonal fall. The collection of recycling side waste has resumed but has not been publicised.
- 6.2 The number of fly tipping incidents continues to be high with 60 incidences in September compared to 21 in 2019
- 6.3 The start date for the chargeable garden waste service has been put back to 1st April 2021. Residents can sign-up to the service at a discounted rate from 11 January to 28 February 2021.
- 6.4 We have started the bi-annual review of the continued eligibility of residents receiving assisted collections.
- 6.5 Work on the tender for a new waste collection contract, in conjunction with WDC, to commence on 1 August 2022 is being undertaken.
- 6.6 Our social media posts have continued focusing on waste reduction, recycling and environmental messages.

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. Continuity of service in all areas has been maintained during the second lockdown phase.
- b) HWRCs closed on March 24th and 6 reopened on Monday 18th May with a booking system to manage social distancing. The final two sites, Stockton and Wellesbourne, opened on 26th September. Seven reuse shops were reopened for a spell in late summer and early autumn; they are all currently shut. There are systems in place have ensured that visitors and staff are able to keep 2 metres apart, all waste streams are available, and queueing has been minimal. There are currently over 11,000 appointments available per week.

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 October edition of the 'Warwickshire Recycles' e-newsletter, with a 37% open rate and 6.8% click rate. It focussed on food waste and Halloween waste. The September edition focussed on the reinstatement of waste services, detailing how to access the recycling centres and reuse shops. The Christmas edition will be out in December.
- 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 is in production for next year. Compost bins are available to purchase from the recycling centres, with a greater range of equipment available from the online shop for home delivery. Sales from both are strong.
- 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 2,223 (Warwickshire Recycles), with 955 followers on Twitter (@WarksRecycles).

7.3 Procurement and Contracts update:

- a) The following contracts have been extended:
 - Linghall Landfill Disposal
 - Asbestos collection and disposal
- b) Upcoming extensions or those currently taking place are metal collection and recycling and glass collection and recycling.
- c) The following contracts have been awarded following a competitive process:
 - Paper and card collection and recycling has been awarded to Casepak
 - Haulage of kerbside waste has been awarded to Veolia
- d) Upcoming procurements or those currently taking place are tyres, garden waste composting.

- e) 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 March 2021 meeting.

Background papers

None.

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