

Warwickshire Waste Partnership

Date: Wednesday 16 March 2022
Time: 2.00 pm
Venue: Online

Membership

Councillor Heather Timms (Chair)
Councillor Sarah Millar
Councillor Bhagwant Singh Pandher
Councillor Daren Pemberton
Councillor Andrew Wright
Councillor Margaret Bell
Councillor Kathryn Lawrence
Councillor Sue Markham
Councillor Alan Rhead
Councillor Ian Shenton

Items on the agenda: -

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(1) Apologies

(2) Disclosures of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

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Warwickshire Waste Partnership

Wednesday 8 December 2021

Minutes

Attendance

Committee Members

Warwickshire County Council

Councillor Heather Timms (Chair)

Councillor Sarah Millar

Councillor Bhagwant Singh Pandher

Councillor Andrew Wright

Ruth Dixon, Lead Commissioner: Waste Strategy and Contracts

Tamalyn Goodwin, Project Manager (Waste Strategy and Commissioning)

Isabelle Moorhouse, Democratic Services Officer

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

North Warwickshire Borough Council

Richard Dobbs, Corporate Director – Streetscape

Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council

Councillor Sue Markham

Glen McGrandle, Head of Waste and Transport

Rugby Borough Council

Councillor Kathryn Lawrence

Dan Green (Head of Environmental and Public Realm Senior Management Team)

Stratford-on-Avon District Council

Councillor Ian Shenton

Julie Lewis, Head of Environmental and Operational Services (for Stratford and Warwick District Councils)

1. General

(1) Apologies

Councillor Margaret Bell (NWBC)

Councillor John Horner (WCC)

(2) Disclosures of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None.

(3) Chair's Announcement

The Chair welcomed Councillor Sue Markham as the Portfolio Holder from Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council replacing Councillor Kyle Evans.

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

The minutes were approved as a correct record.

2. Waste Management Performance Data - Q2 2021

Andrew Pau informed the partnership that the first two quarters of the financial year had an increase in tonnage of recycling and reuse and that composting rates slightly decreased by just over 1500 tonnes. Seasonal changes had an impact on the kerbside collected green waste and green waste from household recycling centres (HWRC). Green waste charging in Stratford District and North Warwickshire Borough would have also impacted this. Recycling, composting and reuse rate decreased by just over 1%. Landfill increased by around 1000 tonnes; this meant that more money had to be spent on disposing this extra tonnage. The extra waste reduced the overall recycling and composting rate. Household waste collected increased because of Covid-19 and so landfill and energy recovery were higher too.

Andrew Pau presented the estimated performance numbers for 2021/22.

There is expected to be a reduction in the recycling/reuse rate to 49.5% and there is an average 10 kilograms increase in waste collected per household in Warwickshire.

In response to Councillor Sarah Millar, Andrew Pau stated that there was displacement of waste between offices to home working, this has seen an increase in waste collected at the kerbside and a reduction in commercial waste produced.

The Chair stated that an education or communication programme may help with this extra waste.

In response to Councillor Kathryn Lawrence, Andrew Pau confirmed that the total population data for 2021/22 is the same as the previous year as the new population figure has not been released yet, it is expected population will increase by a couple of per cent which would reduce the average tonnage per household.

Dan Green stated that consumer packaging filled up recycling bins quickly which could have led to people putting recyclable material in the residual waste bin. He queried whether any material analysis was done. The Chair concurred with this. Ruth Dixon said that a composition breakdown was planned for March 2022 and a report was planned for June 2022.

Andrew Pau stated that cardboard filled up the bins quickly but that maybe residents could leave this as side waste. In response to this point raised by Andrew Pau, Richard Dobbs stated that recycling collectors will not accept wet cardboard as it is sodden and would be rejected, black bags left on the side would also be left behind due to refuse collectors not knowing what is in them.

Ruth Dixon suggested that as people left furlough and started working again, recycling likely became less of a priority for them to spend their time on.

3. Development of the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy

Andrew Pau informed the partnership that the National Resources and Waste Strategy had gone through two rounds of consultation with the major pillars being - the deposit return scheme, extended producer responsibility and consistency in recycling services. DEFRA said that they had

over 900 responses to the second round of the consultation and it was taking longer than anticipated to go through the responses in detail. A response was expected in the first quarter of 2022. The Environment Bill had been approved and received royal assent, which was good as this was the underpinning piece of legislation that allowed the regulation and guidance to be written. DEFRA were anticipating a further consultation with local authorities and others about what the regulation would actually mean in practice. In their latest budget statement, central government allocated large sums of money (£300 million) for the implementation of weekly food waste collection by 2025.

Ruth Dixon added that the local joint municipal waste management strategy which describes everything Warwickshire councils will do to reduce waste, recycle more and manage all of the waste for the next five or so years was up for discussion and development. An officer task and finish group is being set up to start in January 2022 to update and go through data collected, think about upcoming legislation, plan services including HWRCs, consider what neighbouring authorities and other two-tier authorities were doing ahead of the strategy's development. Input from elected members and other stakeholders will be sought for the strategy and the partnership would be kept updated.

Andrew Pau added that an improved plan of the HWRC would be done separately to the strategy due to the delay with central government.

4. Waste Partner Updates

Stratford & Warwick

Julie Lewis informed the partnership that Stratford District were proposing to stop the garden waste collection service for 2 weeks. There were staff shortages due to illness and vacancies, but all services remained running normally. Work was ongoing in the mobilisation of the new joint-contract and conversations are on-going with the County Council on food waste. There were communications ongoing with fly tipping for both districts. Warwick District were addressing issues with student properties, including those not having wheeled recycling bins and needing their waste collected two to three times a week. Warwick District also held a public competition to name their new road sweepers.

Rugby

Dan Green informed the partnership that they were gearing up for Christmas and will suspend garden waste collection for a couple of weeks; residents were made aware of this with bin tags. They had staff shortages. One of the biggest current challenges was collecting from alleyways behind terraced houses as these were becoming unsafe for staff as they badly needed repairing; these alleyways are not vehicle accessible.

A litter picking campaign will start soon and an online campaign to gain interest will start soon too. Rugby Borough qualified for some levelling up funding through their IT department to look at digitalising in their waste collection information and providing better information for customer service colleagues so they could help residents who ring up. Dan Green will report back once the plan has been developed.

Nuneaton & Bedworth

Glen McGrandle informed the partnership that they had a successful recruitment drive to fill their staff vacancies for refuse collectors and they should start in early 2022. The Omicron variant was

being monitored in case it affected their resources. The garden waste collection service subscription was now live, and the placement scheme with Oakwood went well too. Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough will evaluate an enforcement contract that expires in January 2022 and this will be awarded to third party provider. Work was going well with waste crime and detection as well. Covid-19 signage was on the refuse vehicles. All Christmas and New Year campaigns media briefings had gone out to notify residents. The climate change group was ongoing to hopefully cut their carbon footprint in the future.

North Warwickshire

Richard Dobbs informed the partnership that North Warwickshire were also preparing for Christmas and they suspended their garden waste collection for a month. They were still having issues with HGV driver shortages, so a review was undertaken to align themselves better with what the market was providing. North Warwickshire were the winners of the national Best Performing Refuse Service and the Most Improved Transport Fleet Maintenance. They were also looking at powering their vehicles on hydrotreated vegetable oil (HVO).

The Chair and Dan Green noted that Coventry's refuse collectors were due to go on strike over pay conditions.

Warwickshire

Ruth Dixon informed the partnership that they were making sure that they were fully staffed for Christmas as well as having working provisions in place for safe working with Covid-19. There will be two editions of the newsletter around Christmas this year due to the amount of information in them. Ruth committed to circulating the links for the newsletters and these are laid out below:

- Christmas e-newsletter - <https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/waste-at-christmas?e=5cef3a8ca6>
- Christmas food e-newsletter - <https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/how-to-reduce-food-waste-this-christmas?e=8fea7374fa>
- Sign up for e-newsletters - <https://warwickshire.us5.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=a24b439ef7022ae0d86f9ca6e&id=2db1abf0f2>

Residents were still signing up for 'Slim Your Bin' and Warwickshire County officers visited 12 schools or did virtual assemblies, those who signed up got new leaflets or emails to go out to parents. Home composting bin sales were going well, and they sold double the amount of green Johannas in 2021 than 2020, possibly because of green waste charging. Green Johannas were sold equally across the county. Contract award letters for the road sweeper and gully contract were sent out and it was scheduled to start in January 2022.

5. Customer satisfaction at the HWRCs

Ruth Dixon stated that the on-site HWRC satisfaction survey lasted from November until the first weekend of December 2021 with 1319 people being spoken to face to face at HWRCs across the county. There was over a 95% satisfaction rate for the HWRCs. The lowest score was for the signage and the team will carry out a review of this. The full report from the contractor who carried out the survey will have full details on every response, so they could look at all comments. 96-97% were happy with the HWRCs, the team will look for any negative comments about the HWRCs to improve them. Most participants visited the HWRCs monthly, booked a visit slot the day before visiting, and booked their slot online with EventBrite; residents who did not book through the web or app booked through the Customer Service Centre. Any problems people found with booking

would be investigated as most people supported the booking system remaining, but some had suggestions for improvements. 20% of people did not support the continuation of the booking system. An online recycling centre survey was live online for all residents, the survey asks residents who recently visited a HWRC similar questions to the ones asked in person. As people can be more forward when anonymous, the survey may have more negative comments. Residents who have not used the HWRCs can also complete the survey. This survey will end 9th January 2022 and members of the partnership should circulate it to their residents to get the biggest response. The data from this survey would be analysed fully in January 2022 and the report and infographic will be circulated with full results presented at the next meeting. Ruth Dixon committed to circulating the link to the HWRC customer satisfaction survey and this is provided below: <https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/insights-service/hwrc21/>

Ruth Dixon stated that all the HWRCs will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

In response to Councillor Ian Shenton. Ruth Dixon agreed to share initial survey slides and results with the partnership, but members should be aware that these are not fully analysed yet and may be subject to change.

In response to Councillor Millar's query about what the possible improvements with the booking system might be, Ruth Dixon explained this will not be known until the data is fully analysed but suggested an example could be using an alternative to EventBrite as residents needed to enter their address every time they booked.

6. Action on Climate change - waste collection

Andrew Pau stated that most Warwickshire authorities had declared a climate emergency and meetings were ongoing.

Andrew explained that, using the Zero Waste Scotland model, a table had been put together showing the carbon impact as a waste disposal authority and this was shown to the group at the last meeting. Overall, the table showed the importance of waste management as a service area in terms of contributing to carbon and the need to focus on reducing carbon in this service area.

Each collection authority provided information on the amount of diesel they used for waste collection which was converted using the Scotland model. This showed an impact of 4000 tonnes of carbon in the service area. Andrew Pau reiterated that the Scotland model had limitations but was freely available.

In response to the Chair, Andrew Pau stated that HWRCs were not included because work was still being done on this with carbon emissions and burning fossil fuels. Carbon emissions from HWRC were in scope one and in the future, they would be presented separately. This report was a mixture of scope one (authorities carrying out own work) and scope three emissions (mixture of things ongoing on the side).

In response to Glen McCrandle, Andrew Pau stated that there was no known 'league' table showing carbon emissions from other waste authorities; but, the LGA produced a table and have a waste collection model that took diesel emissions into account and this was being used to support climate change work.

In response to Councillor Shenton, Andrew Pau agreed to share the slides with the partnership.

7. Agenda item suggestions for next meeting

- Progress on the review of the update to the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (including a review of targets)
- Full detail of the face to face and online HWRC surveys

8. Dates of future meetings

16th March 2022

15th June 2022

The meeting rose at 15:09

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Chair

Warwickshire Waste Partnership

Waste Management Performance Data

Recommendations

- (1) The Partnership is asked to note the provisional data for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Quarter 2021/22.

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.

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Provisional Waste Management Data 2021/22

1. Provisional performance Q1 + Q2 + Q3 2021/22 (household waste)

	Q1 + Q2 + Q3 2020/21	Q1 + Q2 + Q3 2021/22	Change
Recycling/Reuse rate	33,096 tonnes	32,477 tonnes	x 619 tonnes down
	23.9%	23.6%	x 0.3% down
Composting rate	42,795 tonnes	39,778 tonnes	x 3,017 tonnes down
	30.9%	28.9%	x 2.0% down
Recycling, Composting and Reuse rate	75,891 tonnes	72,255 tonnes	x 3,636 tonnes down
	54.8%	52.5%	x 2.3% down
Landfill rate	12,819 tonnes	13,917 tonnes	x 1,098 tonnes up
	9.3%	10.1%	x 0.8% up
Energy from waste	49,845 tonnes	51,539 tonnes	☺ 1,694 tonnes up
	36.0%	37.4%	☺ 1.4% up
Total Household waste	138,555 tonnes	137,711 tonnes	☺ 844 tonnes down
			☺ 0.6% down

2. Estimated performance for year 2021/22 (household waste)

	North Warwickshire			Nuneaton and Bedworth			Rugby			Stratford			Warwick			HWRC			Warwickshire		
HH	28,300	28,580	28,790	57,170	57,870	58,390	47,120	48,990	48,990	59,750	61,220	62,340	64,720	65,395	66,550	N/A	N/A	N/A	257,060	261,490	265,070
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22 est	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22 est	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22 est	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22 est	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22 est	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22 est	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22 est
Recycling rate	5,324 tonnes 19.5%	5,414 tonnes 18.3%	5,274 tonnes 18.0%	8,408 tonnes 18.1%	10,144 tonnes 19.2%	9,962 tonnes 19.2%	9,695 tonnes 24.4%	9,400 tonnes 21.7%	8,354 tonnes 19.7%	12,866 tonnes 22.3%	14,861 tonnes 23.9%	14,225 tonnes 24.3%	10,579 tonnes 20.0%	12,822 tonnes 22.0%	12,577 tonnes 22.1%	11,289 tonnes 36.7%	8,565 tonnes 39.3%	10,619 tonnes 37.7%	58,254 tonnes 22.8%	61,206 tonnes 22.8%	61,011 tonnes 22.8%
Composting rate	7,748 tonnes 28.4%	7,843 tonnes 26.6%	7,219 tonnes 24.6%	9,233 tonnes 19.9%	10,032 tonnes 19.0%	9,859 tonnes 19.0%	8,294 tonnes 20.9%	10,067 tonnes 23.3%	9,724 tonnes 22.9%	22,048 tonnes 38.2%	22,146 tonnes 35.5%	19,211 tonnes 32.8%	17,830 tonnes 33.8%	19,020 tonnes 32.6%	18,535 tonnes 32.5%	7,111 tonnes 23.1%	2,495 tonnes 11.4%	4,125 tonnes 14.7%	72,124 tonnes 28.3%	71,603 tonnes 26.7%	68,673 tonnes 25.7%
Recycling, Composting and Reuse Rate	13,072 tonnes 47.9%	13,257 tonnes 44.9%	12,493 tonnes 42.6%	17,641 tonnes 38.0%	20,176 tonnes 38.2%	19,821 tonnes 38.2%	17,989 tonnes 45.3%	19,467 tonnes 45.0%	18,078 tonnes 42.6%	34,914 tonnes 60.5%	37,007 tonnes 59.4%	33,436 tonnes 57.2%	28,409 tonnes 53.8%	31,842 tonnes 54.6%	31,112 tonnes 54.6%	18,400 tonnes 59.9%	11,060 tonnes 50.7%	14,744 tonnes 52.4%	130,378 tonnes 51.1%	132,809 tonnes 49.5%	129,684 tonnes 48.5%
Residual	14,198 tonnes 52.1%	16,262 tonnes 55.1%	16,811 tonnes 57.4%	28,832 tonnes 62.0%	32,654 tonnes 61.8%	32,096 tonnes 61.8%	21,761 tonnes 54.7%	23,821 tonnes 55.0%	24,405 tonnes 57.4%	22,773 tonnes 39.5%	25,301 tonnes 40.6%	25,052 tonnes 42.8%	24,387 tonnes 46.2%	26,506 tonnes 45.4%	25,848 tonnes 45.4%	12,342 tonnes 40.1%	10,743 tonnes 49.3%	13,405 tonnes 47.6%	124,846 tonnes 48.9%	135,287 tonnes 50.5%	137,617 tonnes 51.5%
Total	27,270 tonnes	29,519 tonnes	29,304 tonnes	46,473 tonnes	52,830 tonnes	51,917 tonnes	39,750 tonnes	43,288 tonnes	42,483 tonnes	57,687 tonnes	62,308 tonnes	58,488 tonnes	52,796 tonnes	58,348 tonnes	56,960 tonnes	30,742 tonnes	21,803 tonnes	28,149 tonnes	255,224 tonnes	268,096 tonnes	267,301 tonnes
Kg of residual per HH	502 Kg	569 Kg	584 Kg	504 Kg	564 Kg	550 Kg	462 Kg	486 Kg	498 Kg	381 Kg	413 Kg	402 Kg	377 Kg	405 Kg	388 Kg	N/A	N/A	N/A	486 Kg	517 Kg	519 Kg
Kg of all waste per HH	964 Kg	1,033 Kg	1,018 Kg	813 Kg	913 Kg	889 Kg	844 Kg	884 Kg	867 Kg	965 Kg	1,018 Kg	938 Kg	816 Kg	892 Kg	856 Kg	N/A	N/A	N/A	993 Kg	1,025 Kg	1,008 Kg

3. HWRC Q1 + Q2 + Q3 2021-22

HWRC Performance Q1, Q2, Q3 2021-22	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
Recycling %	55.8	54.3	55.2	60.0	54.2	52.3	61.1	54.8	54.8	54.9

Warwickshire Waste Partnership

6 March 2022

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 December 2022.

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 Christmas and New Year collections and the post-holiday catch-up were delivered with no significant problems.
- 2.2 The four-week garden waste service break commenced the last week of January 2022.
- 2.3 Garden Waste sign up for next year (April 2021 to March 2022) has commenced and has already shown to be as popular as last year's successful service.
- 2.4 NWBC have struggled to find a MRF to process DMR. Since May this has been delivered to a new site, but contamination has been reported at very high levels. Officers are working on solutions to remedy this.
- 2.5 Refuse & Recycling collections are continuing to experience a strain on staffing due to Covid-19. The HGV driver shortage has put further strain on all services, including cesspool and septic tank emptying.
- 2.6 NWBC continue to take a full and active role in the Sub-Regional MRF
- 2.7 NWBC are continuing to work towards the introduction of in-cab technology.
- 2.8 NWBC are notifying customers of the forthcoming M.E.L waste survey and are looking forward to the results.

3.0 Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council

3.1 COVID-19 Response

- a) Review being undertaken with H&S Officers and operations staff and unions, to assess all current covid-19 measures and safeguards at NBBC depot
- b) Risk assessments being continually updated and issued to all Gresham Road users and visitors.

3.2 Refuse, Recycling and Street Cleansing

- a) Waste management have now added a new Jet wash vehicle to tackle graffiti and chewing gum staining issues and 2 x new RCV's as part of our replacement programme
- b) Waste and Transport are looking to recruit 4 x new HGV driver via its waste management operatives to support waste management operations and driver issues in the future.
- c) Refuse and recycling collection route re-profiling mapping to be completed mid-March 2022.
- d) Tool-box talks / training booked for asbestos and Sharps management awareness following an increase in material being found on highway land and in fly tips
- e) Garden waste administration services now being undertaken by NBBC in house corporate admin and graphics team. Good uptake for the forthcoming season
- f) Transfer station waste management working to full capacity with tonnage increase. However, currently no stockpiling issues.
- g) Working with Coventry City Council on strike action support to ensure residents, schools and commercial premises in NBBC receive regular recycling collections
- h) Meeting arranged to review and hopefully increase commitment to Oak Wood secondary school for additional placements for students within waste management roles and continue to be supported by job coaches.

3.3 Enforcement

- a) Environmental enforcement contract has been awarded to District Enforcement, and we are currently undertaking the mobilisation phase of the contract
- b) Environmental enforcement for fly tipping and duty of care waste offences now being undertaken in house.

- c) Quotes received for covert camera system purchase to target fly tipping hotspots.

3.4 Promotions/Communications

- a) New Truck signage being used to target fly tipping enforcement with promotional material
- b) Promotion of 22/23 garden waste services ongoing to encourage resident sign up of customers.
- c) Preparation started for Christmas and New Year 2022 / 2023 with waste collection and disposal arrangements being discussed and media messages drafted.
- d) Preparations continue for communications plan to promote refuse and recycling collection changes as part of the round reconfiguration exercise.

3.5 Climate Change Emergency

- a) Climate change officer group set up to analyse NBBC carbon emissions and generate proposals to meet reduction targets.
- b) New electric vehicle utilised to support District and NBBC officers on environmental enforcement duties.

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.
- 4.2 Green waste subscriptions for 2021/22 are open. In excess of 28,000 households subscribed to the service in 2020-21.
- 4.3 RBC have seen disruption to Garden Waste collections – these have been due to staff shortages, sickness and self-isolation, in particular for drivers. Some rounds have been suspended, some have received late collections and others have been unaffected. We hope that the situation is now improving.
- 4.4 Work is continuing to improve education and information regarding recycling and to consider potential changes required because of the resources and waste strategy.
- 4.5 RBC continue to play an active and proactive role in the sub regional MRF/ Sherbourne Recycling project

- 4.6 RBC continue to support numerous volunteer litter groups, capitalising on the community spirit witnessed during the pandemic. Plans are developing to link this to the [Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations](#)¹.
- 4.8 RBC will shortly be assessing opportunities for more sustainable vehicles across the fleet, moving forward.

5.0 Warwick District Council

5.1 Household Waste:

- a) Cabinet have agreed to introduce charges for garden waste collections from 1st August 2022.
- b) The main focus is on mobilisation of Biffa contract and introduction of 123+ service.
- c) New food caddies and recycling bins are due to be delivered to Warwick District households throughout June and July 2022.

5.2 Street Cleaning Waste:

- a) Working towards digitisation of completed works with Street Cleaning and Grounds Maintenance Contractors.
- b) Working with Street Cleansing and Grounds Maintenance contractor gearing up for the Commonwealth Games
- c) Restructure is imminent to merge two teams of WDC and SDC.

6.0 Stratford-on-Avon District Council

- 6.1 All collected dry recyclables continue to be taken to Lower House Farm to be bulked up for onward transportation.
- 6.2 The number of fly tipping incidents have continued to fall. SDC actioned 134 incidences in the last 3 months compared to 151 for the same period last year.
- 6.3 The number of bulky waste requests have started to decrease compared with last year. There were 411 bulky waste requests in December and January compared to 433 for the same period last year
- 6.3 The number of subscriptions for the 2022/23 chargeable garden waste service. For 2021/22 there were over 49,000 subscriptions.

¹ <https://www.rugby.gov.uk/news/article/1724/residents-invited-to-get-litter-picking-for-platinum-jubilee>

- 6.4 Work is progressing on the mobilisation for the new joint SDC/WDC Waste Collection Contract which commences on 1st August 2022. Food waste caddies in SDC are anticipated to be delivered from April.
- 6.5 The new SDC street cleansing contract has been awarded to Biffa Waste Services Ltd with a service commencement date of 1st August 2022.
- 6.6 Work is taking place to restructure the Environmental and Operational Services teams at SDC and WDC ahead of the new contract commencement.
- 6.7 Duty of care checks have been carried out at businesses in Henley-in Arden.
- 6.5 SDC are continuing without daily recycling messages on social media platforms, these are advising residents how to save space in the grey bin in advance of going to 3 weekly waste collections.

7.0 Warwickshire County Council

7.1 Covid 19 and driver issues

- a) The Partnership has worked together throughout the Covid-19 pandemic to ensure the continuation of waste services across the County. Continuity of service was maintained during the Christmas period, with some planned suspension of green waste services. The Coventry City Council affected recycling collections and other services in NBBC, partners offered support. All services are currently at full operation except bulky waste collections in NBBC.
- b) All the HWRCs are open and continue to operate with a 'live' booking system which ensures that visitors and staff are able to maintain space from one another and prevents queueing. All waste streams are available, There are currently over 18,000 appointments available per week. Trailer appointments have been added for Hunters Lane on a Wednesday. Reuse shops are open at all sites bar Shipston and Stockton.
- c) Staff are encouraged to take regular Lateral Flow Testing (LTF) with home testing kits provided.

7.2 Communication activities update:

- a) 8800 subscribers received the recent editions of the 'Warwickshire Recycles' e-newsletter.

Edition	Open rate	Click Rate	Topics
Christmas	47.3%	16.7%	Gifting, wrapping, recycling, Slim Your Bin
Christmas food	38.1%	5.0%	Food waste facts, planning, home habits, composting
Christmas tree recycling	40.0%	8.1%	Composting, charity scheme, HWRC, kerbside

Edition	Open rate	Click Rate	Topics
Food waste and climate change	46.6%	8.0%	Food and carbon facts, planning, home habits, handy apps, composting

- b) Slim Your Bin has recruited 1,278 'bin dieters' onto its 4-week training programme. Shakespeare Hospice were delighted to receive the charity donation from the scheme of £650; a press release is planned. The recent focus on Acts of Kindness was popular.
- c) Schools' waste reduction, composting and recycling activities have resumed this academic year. So far, 23 schools have been involved, engaging with 6305 pupils and their families. We are surveying schools this month to find out which schools are active with Eco-Schools.
- d) In-person home composting workshops will resume this spring. The first tranche that have been organised are:
- Kenilworth Library, Tuesday 29th March 2022 at 10.30am
 - Rugby Library, Thursday 31st March 2022 at 10.30am
 - Stratford Council Offices, Tuesday 5th April 2022 at 10.30am
 - Atherstone Council Offices, Wednesday 6th April at 1.30pm
 - Warwick Library, Wednesday 4th May 2022 at 10.15am

The YouTube Home Composting Workshop launched last year has been viewed 1372 times and feedback has been very positive. Subsidised cold compost bins are available to purchase from the recycling centres and online. Subsidised hot compost bins, Green Johannas, are available online for home delivery. Sales of composting equipment so far this year is strong, with sales this year expected to equal the high sales of last year.

- e) All waste reduction behaviour change activity is promoted with regular posts on our social media accounts. Facebook followers have increased to 2,452 (Warwickshire Recycles), with 995 followers on Twitter (@WarksRecycles) Articles about Christmas waste reduction were shared widely and the best ten posts stimulated a total reach of over 92,000. Successful techniques from our Christmas campaign will be applied to our ongoing social media activity.
- f) MEL are carrying out a waste composition survey the first 3 weeks of March 2022. Results will be presented at the next meeting in June.

7.3 Procurement and Contracts update:

- a) There has been one recently awarded contract this was the reprocessing of Road Sweeper and Gully Waste, which was awarded to Suez. Recently extended contracts included the abandoned vehicle contract, the leachate disposal contract and the contract for metal recycling from HWRCs.
- b) Upcoming extensions for consideration in the next few months are analysis of closed landfill sites, recycling of paper and card from the HWRCs and reprocessing of wood from the HWRCs.

- c) Procurements currently taking place are separately collected food waste reprocessing (tenders due back 18th March) and glass recycling from the HWRCs. Upcoming procurements include WEEE reprocessing from Designated Collection Facilities in Warwickshire, inert waste haulage, residual waste reprocessing.

8.0 Financial Implications

None.

9.0 Next steps

- 9.1 Updates on progress to be provided at the June 2022 meeting.

Background papers

None.

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