

Warwickshire Waste Partnership

Date: Wednesday 13 March 2024
Time: 2.00 pm
Venue: Committee Room 2, Shire Hall

Membership

Councillor Heather Timms (Chair)
Councillor Richard Baxter-Payne
Councillor Sarah Millar
Councillor Bhagwant Singh Pandher
Councillor Tim Sinclair
Councillor Margaret Bell
Councillor Lorraine Grocott
Councillor Sue Markham
Councillor Will Roberts
Councillor Carolyn Watson-Merret

Items on the agenda: -

1. General

(1) Apologies

(2) Disclosures of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

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7. Agenda item suggestions for next meeting

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4 September 2024.

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Warwickshire County Council
Shire Hall, Warwick

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Warwickshire Waste Partnership

Wednesday 6 December 2023

Minutes

Attendance

Warwickshire County Council

Councillor Heather Timms (Chair)

Councillor Richard Baxter-Payne

Councillor Tim Sinclair

Councillor Sarah Millar

Andrew Pau, Head of Waste and Environment

Ruth Dixon, Lead Commissioner - Waste Strategy and Contracts

Tamalyn Goodwin, Project Manager (Waste Strategy and Commissioning)

Nicole Conway, Democratic Services Officer

North Warwickshire Borough Council

Councillor Margaret Bell

Cath James, Interim Corporate Director – Streetscape

Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council

Councillor Sue Markham

Jonathan Snell, Waste Management Supervisor

Rugby Borough Council

Councillor Carolyn Watson-Merret

Stratford District Council

Julie Lewis, Head of Environmental and Operational Services

Warwick District Council

Councillor Will Roberts

Zoe Court, Contract Services Manager

Steve Partner, Head of Neighbourhood and Assets.

Others Present

Councillor Ian Shenton

Mark Barnfield, Commercial Lead, Seven Trent Green Power

1. General

(1) Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Bhagwant Singh Pandher, Councillor

Sarah Millar, and Councillor Lorraine Grocott

(2) 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 27 September 2023 were approved as a correct record.

There were no matters arising.

2. Waste Management Performance Data for Q2 2023-2024

Andrew Pau (Head of Waste and Country Parks) provided an update on the provisional performance report for Q1 and Q2 2023/24 household waste. The report compared previous year data with the current year which showed improvements in all areas, except the total household waste figure which was up by a very small amount (0.1%).

Andrew Pau continued, discussing estimated performance for the year 2023/24 in household waste, highlighting an increase in the overall recycling and composting rates for the whole of Warwickshire and a predicted recycling, composting and reuse rate of 53.1%. He emphasised the positive reduction in the residual waste and the KGs of all waste per household across Warwickshire. He highlighted that this positive shift was mainly due to the service changes in Warwick and Stratford-on-Avon districts.

Finally, Andrew Pau highlighted the HWRC Q1 and Q2 2023-24 data which showed that all sites had achieved over 50% recycling.

3. Carbon Data for Warwickshire

Andrew Pau (Head of Waste and Country Parks, WCC) introduced the Carbon Impact presentation, based on the previous years' data, and confirmed that this data would be presented annually. He confirmed that the calculations used the Zero Waste Scotland model which was freely available and advised that the model was based on several assumptions, so these numbers were more of an indication rather than definite. The model looked at the carbon impact of processing recycling or disposal of waste.

Andrew Pau discussed the historic data of Carbon Impact, with a comparison of the most current year, 22/23, with previous years. The total Carbon Impact varied over the previous years; however, the totals showed a carbon benefit.

The Carbon Impact data for 2022/23 slide broke down each individual authority and each waste area that made up the total carbon benefit for 2022/23. There was some discussion around the difference in landfill and burning of waste for energy and the carbon impact of each.

Jonathan Snell (Waste Management Supervisor, NBBC) requested that the slides be shared after the meeting, this was agreed.

Ruth Dixon (Lead Commissioner - Waste Strategy and Contracts, WCC) added that information was available on the carbon impact of transportation of waste. Part of the contract with Warwick District Council (WDC), Stratford-on-Avon District Council (SDC) and Biffa, meant that Biffa was required to report on the carbon impact of running the contract. This figure did not cover the full financial year as the contract started in August 2022. The total amount of CO₂ was 2349 tonnes and including that into the overall figure for WDC and SDC would mean that the total would still show an overall carbon benefit due to the high recycling rate and low residual waste.

In response to the Chair, who commented on the success of textile recycling at Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council, Ruth Dixon confirmed that the report would be shared with the group when it became available to identify trends. Andrew Pau stated that some materials had more carbon impact than others. Officers would use the data to target specific areas.

4. Food Waste Reprocessing Presentation

Mark Barnfield, Severn Trent Green Power (STGP), provided a presentation on food waste recycling and explained the renewables and waste recycling section of the overall Severn Trent business. He provided details of anaerobic digestion facilities, with 10 in the UK and another two facilities acquired, which meant STGP was the largest food waste reprocessing provider for local authorities in the UK. He explained the anaerobic digestion process and the collection of biomethane to be converted to renewable energy as well as the production of pasteurised organic fertiliser, PAS110 digestate which was used on local farms.

Mark Barnfield outlined the environmental benefits of production of renewable energy. Biomethane gas could be added to the grid or be used to contribute to renewable electricity. He also outlined other benefits such as increased recycling rates, carbon benefits, other potential innovations and potential CO₂ capture for the food and drink market.

Mark Barnfield outlined the associated financial benefits, such as lower disposal costs, whole system cost impact and reduction in total food waste. He provided details of the new contract which commenced 1st February 2024 for Stratford and Warwick districts, and which included the securing of future capacity for North Warwickshire, Nuneaton & Bedworth, and Rugby boroughs if required.

Further value-added benefits for Warwickshire County Council were outlined, including employability skills development sessions to schools and colleges, apprenticeships, support of local charities and local community projects, support of local environmental projects, and volunteering days for community and environmental conservation in Warwickshire.

In response to Councillor Will Roberts, Mark Barnfield advised that efforts were made to capture plastics at the beginning of the process before entering the tank, but a backup screen was in place

to capture anything that may have slipped through. The packaging that had been collected was sent for energy recovery.

Zoe Court (Contract Services Manager, WDC) asked if resources were available to be used for comms on the Severn Trent Green Power website, Mark Barnfield advised that content was available on the website that could be used as well as marketing support. Discussions continued around stickers on bins as the simplest and most effective way to promote and encourage recycling.

Councillor Sue Markham commented that a visit to the plant would be worthwhile.

5. Update on the Development of the Resources and Waste Strategy for England

Ruth Dixon (Lead Commissioner - Waste Strategy and Contracts, WCC) provided a presentation, stating that simpler recycling was one of the three pillars in the Government's waste reforms. She summarised the following points:

- Dry recycling – a core set of items to be recycled by April 2026.
- Food Waste – to be collected weekly by April 2026. However, it would be up to each authority to determine if this was to be collected with green waste which would mean a weekly collection and no charge for green bins.
- Plastic Film – this was to be collected by April 2027 in the dry mixed recycling.

Ruth Dixon highlighted that trade waste services, collections from schools, and other municipal buildings (for example churches, meeting spaces, prisons) would need to include separate collections for food waste and dry mixed recycling by April 2025. There was demand for good kerbside services for businesses and schools which local authorities may be able to offer.

Ruth Dixon added that the Government had decided to allow local authorities to make the decision on how much to charge for green waste collection, rather than stipulate how much to charge or put a cap on the cost of the service. However, one uncertainty was a government proposal that general waste should be collected every fortnight or sooner. A consultation had been carried out and Warwick District Council, Stratford-on-Avon District Council and Warwickshire County Council had put in individual comments to say that residual waste collection frequency should be a local decision as financial benefits and environmental benefits would depend on local factors such as rurality and housing stock. No timeframe had been advised on when the matter would be resolved; however, details would be shared with the Partnership once available.

Ruth Dixon advised that Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) work was ongoing. Details regarding the EPR payments for October 2025 were likely to be made available towards the end of 2024. It was anticipated that the Deposit Return Scheme (DRS) would also commence in October 2025 across the UK; however, specific details had not yet been announced.

6. Waste Partners Update

Stratford-on-Avon District Council:

Julie Lewis (Head of Environmental and Operational Services, SDC) said that only a small number of missed collections had been reported which was a positive performance. Sherbourne Recycling

was going well, with no negative feedback. Preparations had started for communications around Christmas and Christmas trees. Garden Waste permits have exceeded sales from last year and food waste tonnage had remained high, with good participation rates.

In response to Councillor Sinclair, Julie Lewis advised that there were no additional collections for sanitary requests. These fell under the extra bin policy with 51% of requests made for medical reasons for which there had been no issues or complaints. She was aware of a request to look at medical waste and had been investigating this. Work would continue with a review, to see how to refine what was already being done.

Councillor Sinclair stated that the Coffee Pod Recycling Scheme looked very good, and he would be interested to learn how that had gone and the uptake of the recycling scheme.

Julie Lewis added that there were no additional plans to include a separate collection for textiles as this was part of the normal collection. She also expanded on and discussed sharing good practices with other authorities in both the food waste collection and 3 weekly refuse collection.

Warwick District Council:

Zoe Court (Contract Services Manager, WDC) advised that waste collection had gone well with some issues unique to the Warwick District area. A new position, Waste Education Enforcement Officer, had been filled, and they would be leading on comms for food waste. She continued with identifying some issues with fly tipping, and the new Waste Education Enforcement Officer had been out addressing some of these and some improvements were already being noted.

Councillor Roberts added that he was really pleased with the progress the new officer had made and genuine results had been noted.

In response to the Chair, Zoe Court advised that there was a continued focus on educating about waste and recycling in Leamington Spa. There had been a recent increase in fly tipping of rubbish at public litter bins, and it was hoped that the focus education would lead to an improvement.

Councillor Sinclair questioned if the fly-tipping was linked to new collection arrangements.

Zoe Court advised that it was most common to see household waste items fly tipped in Leamington Spa centre. This problem had first been observed in August 2022. However, similar problems had not occurred in Warwick or Kenilworth.

Julie Lewis added that in Stratford District the increase in fly tipping had only been in recent months and had been more larger items and commercial waste which people could not fit into bins or take to a recycling centre.

Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council:

Jonathan Snell (Waste Management Supervisor, NBBC) advised that the refuse and recycling round reconfiguration started in September 2023. This had gone well, and rounds were currently finishing a lot earlier than planned however this would change as new developments came online and the system reached full capacity. A 'Keep in Touch' trailer event had been held at local markets which provided an effective means of engagement. Following the fatal accident earlier this year in Coventry, additional training had been completed for all crews and drivers and further training would be completed in January 2024. Recycling waste into Sherbourne had an issue at

the start with contamination, but reporting is now normal with no further reported issues. A new Assistant Director for Environment and Enforcement would be appointed in January 2024 and would attend the next meeting.

North Warwickshire Borough Council:

Cath James (Interim Corporate Director – Streetscape, NWBC) discussed the pilot scheme of direct delivery and double handling with Sherbourne and analysing the carbon footprint. Communications about Christmas collections had been sent to residents as well as the postponement of green waste collection till the new year. She described an incident of a compactor fire in the back of a refuse truck due to a battery. As a result, extra communications would be sent out to residents about safe disposal of batteries. There was a focus on health and safety for refuse collection. She provided details of the contract with Biffa, including independent external monitoring arrangements where a report would be sent right away with education opportunities for all crews. She mentioned that the Council was interested in food waste and enhancing recycling options in the future.

Rugby Borough Council:

Councillor Watson-Merret commented on Sherbourne and the interest in recycling after a visit to the plant but was waiting on Comms to be released by Sherbourne. She was encouraged to see good annual statistics; however, there were areas to improve on. Developments and new builds were adding more pressure to refuse and recycling. Rural fly tipping had caused problems but not as much as had been anticipated. She advised that refuse collection crews and drivers had expressed some reluctance to use the onboard system as they had been advised by Unions that it was not safe to use. More assistance and training would be needed around utilising the system safely. She provided details of food waste collections and funding, and how these would be managed going forward.

Warwickshire County Council:

Ruth Dixon (Lead Commissioner - Waste Strategy and Contracts, WCC) shared a presentation on Behaviour Change campaigns and discussed the different campaigns running over the autumn and winter, including a composting workshop, and understanding electronic recycling. A Christmas promotion was ongoing. This was aimed at reducing waste at Christmas, and included newsletters about food reduction, Christmas tree recycling, and general packaging and wrapping recycling. She provided details of community events. The offer was made from the Waste Team at Warwickshire County Council to support colleagues from all district and borough councils who would like to run face to face events in town centres. She provided details of school visits and assemblies and the different categories of education offered, including discussions with staff and kitchen helpers about food waste and reduction. Interested schools could sign up at Warwickshire Waste Education.

Andrew Pau (Head of Waste and Country Parks, WCC) discussed customer satisfaction surveys around household waste and recycling centres which commenced in December 2023 ([Warwickshire County Council Recycling Centre Survey - Warwickshire County Council - Citizen Space](#)). The survey was online and would close in January 2024. Face to face interactions were planned to follow the online surveys in 2024.

Andrew Pau provided details of the Government's guidance for charges around household DIY waste at recycling centres. This would be investigated with the possibility to revise figures and details. The Government had requested that this be implemented by 1 January 2024 and efforts had been made to have communications out by that date.

Andrew Pau mentioned waste composition analysis which was proposed to be carried out in the spring. He offered further support to councils with kerbside collection of food waste and the implementation of this with government help.

In response to Councillor Sinclair, Andrew Pau replied to say that both users and non-users of the facilities had been invited to take part in the online survey with face-to-face interactions happening at recycling facilities with those that use it.

In response to Councillor Baxter-Payne, Andrew Pau stated that there may be an increase in DIY tonnage including plasterboard and more recycling. This could lead to increased costs. However, plasterboard recycling arrangements were working well. Better incentives could reduce fly tipping of plasterboard and other commercial waste.

Councillor Baxter-Payne highlighted that recycled plasterboard could be used as soil fertiliser. Andrew Pau stated that different ways of recycling were always being investigated. The current plasterboard contract included recycling of the plasterboard. He also gave an example of mattress recycling and stated it was a balance between ensuring everything was recycled but at a beneficial cost.

7. Update on Climate Change

The Chair commented on the Sustainable Futures Strategy which had been approved by WCC Cabinet on 9 November 2023. A lot of hard work had gone into this. The key was the delivery plan and the action plan, and these were the areas to focus on. The Chair reported that a Funding Officer had been employed to identify external funding opportunities.

In response to Councillor Watson-Meritt, the Chair commented to say that the Sustainable Futures Strategy had been launched to the public through social media campaigns. It was available to view on the Warwickshire County Council website under climate change.

8. Agenda item suggestions for next meeting

No additional items were proposed for the next meeting. There would be an opportunity to review the agenda should any new items be raised.

9. Dates of future meetings

Members noted the future meeting dates.

The meeting rose at 3:46pm.

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Warwickshire Waste Partnership

Waste Management Performance Data

Recommendations

- (1) The Partnership is asked to note the provisional data for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Quarters 2023/24.

1.0 Data Overview

- 1.1 This report contains a mixture of data taken from Waste Data Flow¹ and from Warwickshire County Council in-house records (WMDS) 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 Environment Agency (EA) and Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) through the Waste Data Flow System. Figures between in-house and Waste Data Flow sources will differ as a result.
- 1.3 Data for the most recent quarter is produced using in-house records prior to entry on the Waste Data Flow system. Earlier data is taken from data approved by the EA and DEFRA through the Waste Data Flow system. The Rugby Borough Council data includes recycling data for April to September 2023, and October to December 2022.

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¹ Waste Data Flow is a national web-based system used for municipal waste data reporting by UK local authorities to government

Provisional Waste Management Data 2023/24

1. Provisional performance Q1 + Q2 + Q3 2023/24 (household waste)

	Q1 + Q2 + Q3 2022/23	Q1 + Q2 + Q3 2023/24	Change
Recycling/Reuse rate	41,021 Tonnes	41,094 tonnes	☺ 73 tonnes up
	22.4%	21.8%	✗ 0.6 % down
Composting rate	47,774 tonnes	58,678 tonnes	☺ 10,904 tonnes up
	26.1%	31.2%	☺ 5.1 % up
Recycling, Composting and Reuse rate	88,795 tonnes	99,772 tonnes	☺ 10,977 tonnes up
	48.5%	53.0%	☺ 4.5 % up
Landfill rate	19,680 tonnes	17,232 tonnes	☺ 2,448 tonnes down
	10.7%	9.1%	☺ 1.6 % down
Energy from waste	74,767 tonnes	71,365 tonnes	☺ 3,402 tonnes down
	40.8%	37.9%	☺ 2.9 % down
Residual	94,447 tonnes	88,597 tonnes	☺ 5,850 tonnes down
	51.5%	47.0%	☺ 4.5 % down
Total Household waste	183,242 tonnes	188,369 tonnes	✗ 5,127 tonnes up 2.8% up

(Data taken from WDF for 2022-23; and WDF for Q1+Q2 2023-24 + WMDS for Q3 2023-24)

2. Estimated performance for year 2023/24 (household waste)

HH	North Warwickshire			Nuneaton and Bedworth			Rugby			Stratford			Warwick			HWRC			Warwickshire		
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 est	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 est	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 est	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 est	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 est	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 est	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 est
	28,790	29,210	29,490	58,390	58,980	60,000	48,990	49,520	50,240	62,340	63,680	65,290	66,550	67,500	68,340	N/A	N/A	N/A	265,060	268,890	273,360
Recycling rate	4,028 tonnes 14.3%	4,743 tonnes 19.4%	5,424 tonnes 21.4%	8,781 tonnes 17.3%	8,451 tonnes 18.1%	7,051 tonnes 15.7%	9,107 tonnes 21.6%	9,016 tonnes 23.7%	10,069 tonnes 26.7%	13,513 tonnes 23.3%	12,538 tonnes 24.0%	12,357 tonnes 22.7%	11,779 tonnes 21.2%	11,249 tonnes 21.3%	11,702 tonnes 23.0%	10,960 tonnes 40.8%	9,946 tonnes 39.6%	9,641 tonnes 34.2%	58,168 tonnes 22.3%	55,943 tonnes 23.4%	56,244 tonnes 23.3%
Composting rate	6,176 tonnes 22.0%	4,752 tonnes 19.4%	6,434 tonnes 25.3%	10,412 tonnes 20.5%	8,042 tonnes 17.3%	8,295 tonnes 18.5%	9,090 tonnes 21.6%	7,385 tonnes 19.4%	9,089 tonnes 24.1%	18,692 tonnes 32.2%	18,794 tonnes 36.0%	22,580 tonnes 41.5%	18,228 tonnes 32.8%	16,887 tonnes 32.0%	18,453 tonnes 36.3%	3,976 tonnes 14.8%	4,180 tonnes 16.7%	6,056 tonnes 21.5%	66,574 tonnes 25.5%	60,040 tonnes 25.1%	70,907 tonnes 29.4%
Recycling, Composting and Reuse Rate	10,204 tonnes 36.3%	9,495 tonnes 38.8%	11,858 tonnes 46.7%	19,193 tonnes 37.8%	16,493 tonnes 35.4%	15,346 tonnes 34.3%	18,197 tonnes 43.2%	16,401 tonnes 43.2%	19,158 tonnes 50.9%	32,205 tonnes 55.5%	31,332 tonnes 60.0%	34,937 tonnes 64.2%	30,007 tonnes 54.0%	28,136 tonnes 53.4%	30,155 tonnes 59.3%	14,936 tonnes 55.6%	14,126 tonnes 56.3%	15,697 tonnes 55.7%	124,742 tonnes 47.7%	115,983 tonnes 48.5%	127,151 tonnes 52.7%
Residual	17,883 tonnes 63.7%	15,005 tonnes 61.2%	13,527 tonnes 53.3%	31,551 tonnes 62.2%	30,101 tonnes 64.6%	29,442 tonnes 65.7%	23,890 tonnes 56.8%	21,608 tonnes 56.8%	18,511 tonnes 49.1%	25,834 tonnes 44.5%	20,864 tonnes 40.0%	19,466 tonnes 35.8%	25,515 tonnes 46.0%	24,598 tonnes 46.6%	20,718 tonnes 40.7%	11,937 tonnes 44.4%	10,966 tonnes 43.7%	12,501 tonnes 44.3%	136,610 tonnes 52.3%	123,142 tonnes 51.5%	114,165 tonnes 47.3%
Total	28,087 tonnes	24,500 tonnes	25,385 tonnes	50,744 tonnes	46,594 tonnes	44,788 tonnes	42,087 tonnes	38,009 tonnes	37,669 tonnes	58,039 tonnes	52,196 tonnes	54,403 tonnes	55,522 tonnes	52,734 tonnes	50,873 tonnes	26,873 tonnes	25,092 tonnes	28,198 tonnes	261,352 tonnes	239,125 tonnes	241,316 tonnes
Kg of residual per HH	621 Kg	514 Kg	459 Kg	540 Kg	510 Kg	491 Kg	488 Kg	436 Kg	368 Kg	414 Kg	328 Kg	298 Kg	383 Kg	364 Kg	303 Kg	N/A	N/A	N/A	515 Kg	458 Kg	418 Kg
Kg of all waste per HH	976 Kg	839 Kg	861 Kg	869 Kg	790 Kg	746 Kg	859 Kg	768 Kg	750 Kg	931 Kg	820 Kg	833 Kg	834 Kg	781 Kg	744 Kg	N/A	N/A	N/A	986 Kg	889 Kg	883 Kg

(Data Taken from WDF for previous years and combination of WDF and WDMS for 23-24)

3. HWRC Q1 + Q2 + Q3 2023-24

HWRC Performance Q1+ Q2+Q3 2023-24	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 %	51.9	55.8	51.4	53.4	51.8	52.1	61.0	51.9	50.0	52.9

(Data Taken from WDF and WDMS)

Item X

Warwickshire Waste Partnership

13 March 2024

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 2023.

1.0 Introduction

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

2.0 North Warwickshire Borough Council

- 2.1 NWBC along with the other District and Borough councils in Warwickshire, have recently received a letter from DEFRA setting out their proposals for an up-front contribution towards food waste collections from 2026. NWBC is currently reviewing the new Simpler Recycling Policy and will see a paper tabled in the coming months on costs and options for introducing food waste collections in the borough.
- 2.2 Initial work has identified that it is unlikely that the proposed contribution will cover the full costs of implementing the service. This has been queried with DEFRA.
- 2.3 NWBC are in the process of loading the parameters within Web Aspx optimisation tool for food waste collections. Once this work has been completed, NWBC will be in a position to evaluate each option, identifying the best possible solution for North Warwickshire.
- 2.4 NWBC have recently started to promote the garden waste service for 2024/5. NWBC are using social media, community groups and emails to encourage new customers to try our excellent service and remind existing customers to renew their garden waste service.
- 2.5 Following a visit to Sherbourne Recycling, NWBC have agreed to work together to improve the quality of our materials collected. Sherbourne Recycling will supply NBBC with data on the quality of the loads from each day they are collected, this in turn will enable us to target specific areas/locations where contamination levels are higher. This approach should help NWBC to develop

targeted communications an support for residents to drive a reduction in our contamination levels and improve the recyclable quality of the loads collected.

3.0 Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council

3.1 Refuse, Recycling and Street Cleansing

- a) Staff training completed in January 2024 for H&S, equality and diversity, manual handling etc and was well received by all.
- b) Work has commenced to look at the Simpler Recycling requirements for food waste collections etc and NBBC officers will work with neighbouring authorities and industry professionals to establish what is required to comply with the new legislation.
- c) New Assistant Director for Environment and Enforcement, Alastair Blunkett, has been appointed and has started with the authority.

3.2 Enforcement

- a) NBBC continue to work with our partner District Enforcement, issuing littering, fly tipping FPN's.

3.3 Promotions/Communications

- a) Following an incident at Sherbourne MRF, communications were circulated to warn residents of the dangers of putting vapes in recycling bins.
- b) Recycling and enforcement road shows to be held in parts of the borough to support recent recycling material changes and advise residents of what can and cannot now be recycled.
- c) Because of an increase in disposable nappies being detected in recycling material, supporting communications were used to advice residents that these should be put in the black bins.
- d) Christmas and New year 24/25 waste and recycling now being looked at to establish least disruptive approach for residents.

4.0 Rugby Borough Council

4.1 Launch of the Rugby Recycles band logo:

- Professionally designed official recycling leaflet developed.
- All crews now have the logo on their PPE.
- Good quality reusable water bottles given to all crews and office staff to reduce the use of single use plastic bottles.
- 7 talks delivered to various community groups/schools.
- Rugby Recycles Facebook page has a reach of about 5000 per month.

- 4.2 New guidance released for volunteer litter pickers.
- 4.3 Charity Christmas tree recycling promotion resulted in about 250 trees recycled.
- 4.4 Introductory discussions with ERP about collecting WEEE and batteries kerbside.
- 4.5 Blog posts published on topics such as Christmas waste, plastic-free shopping, batteries, vapes, and where waste goes.
- 4.6 Fly Tipping still on the increase.
- 4.7 3 more different types of vehicles ordered for distribution across the RBC Fleet.
- 4.8 Investigating Food Waste Collection (Vehicles Etc).

5.0 Warwick District Council

- 5.1 Waste Education & Enforcement Team are now established, working with media team on a comms plan, FPNs are now being issued for fly tipping, magnetic signs on 'problem' litter bins where household waste is being dumped in/around.
- 5.2 Garden waste permit sales going well, almost 15,000 sold so far.
- 5.3 Segregated litter bins to enable recycling is to be introduced in the Summer.
- 5.4 123+ advert in the council tax booklet to remind all householders on the service/what can be recycled.
- 5.5 Recycling talks being given to community groups by Waste Education & Enforcement Officer along with WCC Waste officer.

6.0 Stratford-on-Avon District Council

- 6.1 Stratford-on-Avon District achieved the 5th highest household recycling rate (60.0%) in England in 2022/23.
- 6.2 In December, there were 14 missed collections per 100,000 across Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick District.
- 6.3 Coffee pod collections, in partnership with Podback Ltd, are going very well with 3.7% of households across Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick District registered to date.

- 6.4 Garden waste subscriptions for 2024/25 have now opened and there were over 15,000 permits sold in January.
- 6.4 Fly-tipping incidents have increased significantly with 60 fly-tips removed in January, main DIY and builders' waste.

7.0 Warwickshire County Council

7.1 Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs)

- a) All the HWRCs are open and continue to operate with a 'live' booking system which reduces queueing. Booking will help to manage visits over the busy Easter period and into the warmer months. The system has helped with planned site closures due to the delivery of new cabins at Shipston and Cherry Orchard.
- b) A change to legislation means that there are new limits on the quantity of DIY-derived rubble, soil or plasterboard can be brought to a recycling centre per 4 week rolling cycle. There is a limit of 6 x 25kg bags (or one piece of plasterboard) no more than 4 times per 4 weeks.
- c) The Age UK Coventry & Warwickshire Reuse shops continue to have success with footfall, donations and sales. The shops are looking for more donations, and we have promoted them as part of our New Year Resolutions campaign.
- d) Food waste transfer continues at Princes Drive and Burton Farm prior to transfer to the Severn Trent Green Power anaerobic digestion facility at Coleshill. The new contract started in February.
- e) Warwickshire County Council are currently unable to accept upholstered seating at Shipston, Stockton and Wellesbourne. We have published prices for trade waste upholstered seating.

7.2 Communication activities update:

- a) 8300 subscribers received the Christmas editions of the 'Warwickshire Recycles' e-newsletter.

Edition	Open rate	Click Rate
How to recycle a real Christmas tree	41.3%	2.2%
Recycling and waste reduction at Christmas	40.8%	5.6%

- b) Slim Your Bin has recruited 1,412 'bin dieters' onto its 4-week training programme. On a monthly basis 466 households are engaging with the platform, reporting their recycling and committing to reduce food waste. Currently WDC has the most slimmers, but there is still time for other districts

and boroughs to gain points and be in with a chance of donating £650 to the charity of their choice.

- c) In 2023, 49 school visits were made and that equated to 9512 primary school children and their families receiving information on reducing waste, composting or recycling.
This term, 30 schools will be visited, engaging with 5533 pupils and their families. There are still spaces for assemblies for after easter.
- d) In 2023, we held 18 home composting events with 350 in attendance. We spoke at 11 community events and talked to 480 adults about reducing waste and recycling more.

We have a series of spring home composting workshops coming up:

5th March	Stratford
8th March	Bedworth
20th March	Rugby
17th April	Atherstone
18th April	Kenilworth
8th May	Bedworth
15th May	Rugby
22nd May	Stratford
22nd May	Alcester
5th June	Atherstone

- e) All waste reduction behaviour change activity is promoted with regular posts on our social media accounts. We have 1025 followers on Twitter (@WarksRecycles) and 2680 Facebook followers (Warwickshire Recycles). Articles about reducing food waste, Christmas waste minimisation, reuse, home composting workshops, refill, Slim Your Bin and battery/electricals disposal were shared widely. An article about toasting bread straight from the freezer got a lot of interest.

7.3 Procurement and Contracts update:

- a) Procurements recently awarded include asbestos disposal to Environmental Contracts Limited.
- b) Procurements currently taking place or taking place shortly include abandoned vehicles, wood waste reprocessing, food waste haulage, reuse shops operation and card/paper reprocessing.

8.0 Financial Implications

- 8.1 None.

9.0 Next steps

9.1 Updates on progress to be provided at the June 2024 meeting.

Background papers

None.

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