

Warwickshire Waste Partnership

Date: Wednesday 5 June 2024
Time: 2.00 pm

Membership

Councillor Heather Timms (Chair)
Councillor Margaret Bell
Councillor Richard Baxter-Payne
Councillor Lorraine Grocott
Councillor Sarah Millar
Councillor Bhagwant Singh Pandher
Councillor Jill Sheppard
Councillor Tim Sinclair
Councillor Will Roberts

Items on the agenda: -

1. General

(1) Apologies

(2) Disclosures of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

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Warwickshire Waste Partnership

Wednesday 13 March 2024

Minutes

Attendance

Warwickshire County Council

Councillor Heather Timms (Chair)

Councillor Richard Baxter-Payne

Councillor Tim Sinclair

Andrew Pau, Head of Waste and Country Parks

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 (NWBC)

Councillor Margaret Bell

Rob Bellamy, Interim Head of Streetscape

Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council (NBBC)

Councillor Sue Markham

Jonathan Snell, Waste Management Supervisor

Alastair Blunkett, Assistant Director for Environment and Enforcement

Rugby Borough Council (RBC)

Councillor Carolyn Watson-Merret

Stratford District Council (SDC)

Councillor Lorraine Grincott

Angela Lloyd – Streetscene Lead Contracts Officer

Warwick District Council (WDC)

Councillor Will Roberts

Zoe Court, Contract Services Manager

Steve Partner, Head of Neighbourhood and Assets.

Others Present

Sherbourne Recycling Centre:

- Richard Dobbs, Managing Director
- Anthony Hornsby, Education, Communications and Social Values Officer

1. General

(1) Apologies

Apologies were received from Cath James (NWBC) And Councillor Bhagwant Singh Pandher (WCC)

Anton Cuscito and Claire Preston from Rugby Borough Council sent apologies due to technical difficulties.

(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 6 December 2023 were approved as a correct record. There were no matters arising.

2. Waste Management Performance Data (up to Q3) 2023-24 and national statistics for 2022/23

Andrew Pau (Head of Waste and Country Parks) shared a presentation of the waste management performance data.

Andrew Pau discussed the provisional performance data, covering quarters 1 to 3 from the current financial year compared to the previous year. Overall tonnage of reuse and recycled waste remained the same with a very slight percentage decline (0.6%). There was an increase in the composting rate of 5.1% which equates to an increase of around 11,000 tonnes compared to the previous year. The increase is most likely due to the fact that the previous year was dry, so green waste was lower than usual and also the extra food waste arising from the new collection service in Stratford and Warwick, which is counted in this category. Landfill and Energy from Waste were both down which is positive in terms of performance. In addition, the overall residual waste declined by 4.5% which indicated that more recycling and composting had taken place. The total household waste increased by 2.8%, however, this was explained by the extra tonnage in the composting category.

Andrew Pau discussed the estimated household waste performance for the year 2023/24 (which includes actual data from quarter 1 to quarter 3, along with quarter 4 data from the previous year), along with the actual data from the previous three years. The performance table includes a breakdown of each Borough and District, the HWRC data and overall totals for Warwickshire. The data for the whole of Warwickshire show an estimated increase in reuse recycling and composting

from 48.5% to 52.7% and a steady decrease of total kilograms of residual waste per household to 418 kg for the year 2023/24.

In the final part of the report, Andrew Pau discussed the performance of each Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) for quarters 1 to 3 in 2023/24. Overall, the recycling percentage remained steady, however, this section lacked comparison data for the previous year, and this would be included on the next report.

Andrew presented benchmarking data for 2022/23, the data compared Warwickshire County Council against 29 other waste disposal authorities. The County ranked 11th in the country for recycling, reuse, and composting rate and ranked 9th in the country for tonnage of residual waste per household. These figures were positive as it represented an improvement year on year.

Andrew Pau shared a table for the benchmarking of waste collection authorities annually. The data was interesting and showed some positive movement in terms of positionings. Stratford Upon Avon District Council was fifth best in the Country, with all Boroughs and Districts showing improvement.

Action: The benchmarking tables will be provided with the minutes of the meeting.

Councillor Markham commented on Warwick and Stratford being higher on the list than other Boroughs and Districts and asked if this was because those councils had moved to the 123+ system. In response, those councils confirmed that this was the case and was followed by a discussion between members as to the large jump in placings between 21/22 to 22/23.

3. Sherbourne Recycling

The item was introduced by Richard Dobbs from Sherbourne Recycling along with Anthony Hornsby. A presentation was shared on Sherbourne Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) in Coventry. The presentation detailed the history of the plant from the feasibility study that commenced in 2016, through to accepting the first recycling loads in August 2023. The facility was developed in partnership with eight local authorities including all of the Warwickshire waste collection authorities. The commissioning stage is due to end after final testing, in April 2024.

Richard Dobbs outlined:

- The vision and sustainability of the facility including expansion, investment, future adaptability.
- Capability of the MRF (approx. 50 tonnes per hour).
- The UK outlets for all material streams.
- The artificial intelligence (AI) used at each stage.
- The technology within the facility including advanced robotics and optical sorters these are key to the functioning of the plant.
- The mini MRF used for sampling and investigating potential new materials.

Councillor Margaret Bell raised a question regarding when the facility would be able to make accurate predictions on returns, so that District and Borough Councils could build that into their budgets. Richard Dobbs acknowledged the delay and advised that the current timeline was about six months behind. He continued to explain the process of producing and selling the product and

the delays in payment. He mentioned that as the facility matured, this would be smoothed out and figures would be visible in the next financial year, along with other benefits coming through such as onboarding of commercial contracts.

Councillor Tim Sinclair asked if there was any insight into the particular materials that residents should or should not recycle and commented that some communications around this would be helpful. Richard Dobbs advised that they were working with partners on communications. The delay in communications was so that observations could be made about what material was coming into the plant but, now that had occurred, communications would be launched in the new financial year.

Zoe Court, Contract Services Manager (Warwick District Council) agreed that communications would be appreciated, to ensure that the right message was being sent out at the right time, to the right people.

After a general discussion, it was agreed that communications needed to be organised and disseminated quickly. In the meantime, if Borough and District Councils wanted to run a communication campaign, information and tools could be sourced from the company.

Councillor Sue Markham commented on gas canisters, advising that additional information needed to be circulated about them. Although the bottles stated that they were recyclable, they were not suitable for putting into the kerbside household waste bins. An explanation about fire and explosion risk of canisters and fire protection of the plant would be helpful.

A discussion took place around visiting the Sherbourne Recycling centre with an offer from Richard Dobbs to host a future meeting at the site, including a tour. Further discussions were held around education and visits by schools, colleges, and other groups.

4. Update on the development of the Resources and Waste Strategy for England

This item was presented by Ruth Dixon who updated the group with the following points.

- Food Waste: Each of the waste collection authorities had received a letter from DEFRA, regarding funding for food waste collections that needed to be in place by March 2025.

Ruth invited the Councils to share updates with the partnership.

Alastair Blunkett, Assistant Director for Environment and Enforcement Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council (NBBC) stated that they had received information on capital funding, but nothing on revenue funding and felt DEFRA had underestimated the amount required, so had written to them. The council was not asking for more than needed but was short, for example there was not enough to fund the required kitchen caddies to implement. There was also no element for communication / promotion of the service or delivery of containers. Alistair advised that they were working with WRAP to understand what would need to be organised to move this work forward.

Zoe Court, Contract Services Manager, Warwick District Council (WDC) commented that they had already implemented the food waste collection and confirmed that the funding provided did not cover their actual costs. WDC had completed and submitted forms and paperwork to claim the

spent money back. As the council had already gone through the process of delivering caddies, Zoe offered to discuss with others who were about to embark on the project.

Councillor Carolyn Watson-Merret, (RBC) confirmed that they also had not been offered enough funding to cover costs. The Council had contacted the local MP to discuss the issue and to put their concerns in writing.

Andrew Pau advised that the Severn Trent Green Power (STGP) contract for processing separately collected food waste was open to all boroughs and districts in the county with Stratford District and Warwick District already using the facility.

Andrew thanked Alastair Blunkett (NWBC) who had organised joint meetings with NBBC, NWBC and RBC to work together on this. He was encouraged that Boroughs and District Councils had been offered capital funding, however, he was disappointed that there was no clarity on revenue funding. Central government had stipulated that the scheme should be up and running by 1 April 2026. Andrew Pau addressed Councillor Bell's previous comment about the availability of food waste caddies and agreed that there would be pressure to have enough of these supplied to all authorities, however, Warwickshire County Council was well positioned as an authority to get this done as opposed to other authorities as the processing facility is already in place. WCC was happy to support waste collection authorities where possible.

In response to Councillor Carolyn Watson-Merret (RBC), Andrew Pau advised that collection of food waste from areas across the County to STGP AD Facility was being worked on. Bulk and transport haulage had been set up for SDC and WDC and they were eager to work with other District and Borough Councils to make this work. Some would be able to manage direct delivery to the facility whilst others would be able to make use of bulking and haulage. Andrew continued, advising that capital funding would not be able to build facilities to store and transport waste, but the County Council wanted to work with each authority to come up with the best solution for each.

Ruth Dixon continued the update with the following points from DEFRA.

- Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) scheme – new administrator steering group with three senior officer appointments.
- Ruth encouraged the group to sign up for the DEFRA newsletter by visiting the web address <https://tinyurl.com/2zhyh4fn> as well as signing up for monthly forums.
- Extended producer responsibility payments – this was still on schedule to be announced in November 2024.
- Ban on disposable vapes – draft legislation which could be commented on until 25 March 2024. A stakeholder engagement session would be held on 19 March 2024.
- Digital Waste Tracking – Scheduled to commence by April 2025. This would have an impact on all authorities transporting waste around the county and country and on the relevant digital paperwork that would need to be in place.
- DIY waste changes to Household Waste and Recycling Centres (HWRC), commenced in January 2024 and gave households a more generous quota of DIY waste that they could bring into a HWRC.
- Litter and fly-tipping statutory guidance – A consultation would be held in the near future but will only be for a four-week period. Authorities would need to be ready to engage quickly.

5. Waste Partners Update

Warwickshire County Council

Ruth Dixon updated the partnership on the Household Waste and Recycling Centres customer satisfaction online survey which was conducted from 20 December 2023 to 4 February 2024. A draft report was received and was being reviewed. A higher response rate was noted than previous years with around 1500 responses. Overall satisfaction was 83% which was the same percentage as the previous survey, two years ago. Overall support for the booking system was 58%, an increase from 46% in the previous survey. Further work would take place on the review of the draft report as well as looking at the data for the HWRC's and what information to action. An additional question had been added to the survey in relation to the reuse shops. Tenders were due out in May 2024 as new contract(s) would be needed for all reuse by 5 November 2024.

In response to a question from Councillor Tim Sinclair, Ruth Dixon advised that two press releases had been sent out with regards to the survey, alongside communications to all councillors on different committees and partnerships and social media coverage over three different platforms. There were links to the survey on the County Council website and was included on emails to anyone who had booked appointments. Ruth Dixon felt this may have naturally caused more users of the facilities to respond, however, the only way to increase coverage to non-users would have incurred higher costs which had not been in the budget.

Councillor Sinclair added that it would be useful to know what proportion of the community used the recycling centres compared to the data presented on the online survey. A discussion followed and it was agreed that this was not a statistic currently collected. Andrew Pau commented that this survey was online only.

Ruth Dixon continued with the update, covering the following points.

- eNewsletters – regular eNewsletters were sent out to subscribers and data reports showed that this was being read by 50% of those subscribed, which was comparable by industry standards.
- School visits – the teams plan included ongoing visits to schools, where they discussed composting, recycling, and reducing plastic waste. The goal set was to visit 50 unique schools in the financial year, engaging with nearly 10,000 primary school aged students and their families.
- Home composting - a series of home composting events had been planned for spring. Last year 18 events were held, engaging with 350 individuals. Currently, 12 events had been booked, with more to be confirmed. Additionally, the County Council offered discounts on cold and hot composters, with the offer to update local authority websites with the information.
- Social Media – the services presence on Facebook and X (formerly Twitter) enjoyed a strong following. Notably, one post received 10,000 views due to a slight controversy.

North Warwickshire Borough Council

Rob Bellamy, Interim Head of Streetscape commented that NWBC was working on the DEFRA food waste solutions and was hoping to have a rough idea which way to head by the end of April 2024. Garden waste was being promoted with a bigger uptake in 2024. Rob also commented on the Sherbourne MRF and discussed his recent visit. He informed the partnership that Sherbourne could advise local authorities on contamination figures which could be used to target specific areas.

Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council

Alastair Blunkett, Assistant Director for Environment and Enforcement advised that there was not a lot to add to the update except that the team were working hard on a food waste solution. Some communications around vaping and nappies had been circulated with residents and Sherbourne was being asked for more information to target these areas.

Rugby District Council

Councillor Carolyn Watson-Merret advised that the education officer had engaged schools and children with a challenge to name the Council's recycling vehicles. The mayor had been involved and advertorials were being sent out. Councillor Watson-Merret agreed with Alastair from NBBC regarding the targeting of nappies and would contact Sherbourne MRF on a later date to discuss.

Warwick District Council

Zoe Court, Contract Services Manager, updated the group, advising on taking part in Keep Britain Tidy, 'The Great British Spring Clean'. WDC was in the process of advising residents about the reduced rate on bulk collections for smaller items. The new enforcement team was actively issuing fixed fines when necessary and was campaigning on residential fly tipping.

Stratford District Council

Angela Lloyd – Streetscene Lead Contracts Officer had nothing further to add to the written report apart from advising that the coffee pod collection services was going very well, and garden waste subscriptions were also proceeding as expected.

6. Action on Climate change

The Chair, Councillor Heather Timms updated the partnership on the following areas within the Climate Change remit.

- The Sustainable Futures Strategy framework was adopted by Warwickshire County Council in November 2024. £2M was brought into the county for tree planting under various banners and accelerated the shared target of planting a tree for every resident.
- Biodiversity Net Gain, over 100 hectares of wildflower and grassland, had been secured, including some on council property as well as five large private estates that were involved and registered.
- The HVO (hydrogenated vegetable oil) trial had started in Warwickshire with three vehicles in action.
- The Energy Strategy had been adopted and had been looking at ways to support the Estates Team with decarbonisation and examining renewable energies.
- Eco-Schools - fifty school across Warwickshire had signed up for the scheme, aimed at education and school engagement. A delivery officer was now in place with the appointment of Holly Reid. The Council needed to look at how to integrate what was already being done at a Borough and District level as well as with Ruth Dixon in the Waste Management team and Holly Reid in the Education team.
- Warwickshire County Council had been awarded additional funding for EV charging which would accelerate the charging infrastructure installation and the team was looking for sites suitable for installation. There was better contractor support behind the installations which increased construction. Harbury Rural EV charging project would be able to move forward.

- The Council was constantly seeking external funding to move towards NetZero by 2030 while working with Boroughs and District Councils as well as the wider community.

7. Agenda item suggestions for next meeting

Councillor Carolyn Watson-Merret (RBC) commented on film recycling at Sherbourne Recycling and wanted to get education on this for residents. Ruth Dixon advised that it was essential to get the right message out to residents in a clear, concise method as the information going forward would be contradictory to what was on some of the packaging that could be recycled at the kerbside.

Ruth Dixon mentioned the elections taking place in May 2024 in the north of the County. This may lead to new members attending the Warwickshire Waste Partnership and depending on this, a more detailed update to the partnership might be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

8. Dates of future meetings

Next meeting 5 June 2024 in person. Location and time to be confirmed.

The meeting rose at 15:52

Warwickshire Waste Partnership

5 June 2024

Waste Management Performance Data 2023 - 2024

Recommendations

- (1) The Partnership is asked to note the provisional data for the year 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 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 data from all authorities is approved by the Environment Agency (EA) and Department of Environment Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) through the Waste Data Flow System .

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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 2023/24 (household waste)

	2022/23	2023/24	Change
Recycling/Reuse rate	55,943 tonnes	57,687 tonnes	☺ 1,744 tonnes up
	23.4%	23.6%	☺ 0.2% up
Composting rate	60,040 tonnes	72,395 tonnes	☺ 12,355 tonnes up
	25.1%	29.6%	☺ 4.5% up
Recycling, Composting and Reuse rate	115,983 tonnes	130,046 tonnes	☺ 14,063 tonnes up
	48.5%	53.2%	☺ 4.7% up
Landfill rate	23,180 tonnes	14,012 tonnes	☺ 9,168 tonnes down
	9.7%	5.7%	☺ 4.0% down
Energy from waste	99,962 tonnes	100,343 tonnes	✘ 381 tonnes up
	41.8%	41.1%	☺ 0.7% down
Total Household waste	239,125 tonnes	244,401 tonnes	✘ 5,276 tonnes up
			✘ 2.2% up

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

HH	North Warwickshire			Nuneaton and Bedworth			Rugby			Stratford			Warwick			HWRC			Warwickshire		
	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
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
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Recycling rate	4,028 tonnes 14.3%	4,743 tonnes 19.4%	5,231 tonnes 20.1%	8,781 tonnes 17.3%	8,451 tonnes 18.1%	7,873 tonnes 16.9%	9,107 tonnes 21.6%	9,016 tonnes 23.7%	10,106 tonnes 26.7%	13,513 tonnes 23.3%	12,538 tonnes 24.0%	12,601 tonnes 23.1%	11,779 tonnes 21.2%	11,249 tonnes 21.3%	11,064 tonnes 22.1%	10,960 tonnes 40.8%	9,946 tonnes 39.6%	10,812 tonnes 37.0%	58,168 tonnes 22.3%	55,943 tonnes 23.4%	57,687 tonnes 23.6%
Composting rate	6,176 tonnes 22.0%	4,752 tonnes 19.4%	6,918 tonnes 26.6%	10,412 tonnes 20.5%	8,042 tonnes 17.3%	7,997 tonnes 17.2%	9,090 tonnes 21.6%	7,385 tonnes 19.4%	9,295 tonnes 24.5%	18,692 tonnes 32.2%	18,794 tonnes 36.0%	23,711 tonnes 43.4%	18,228 tonnes 32.8%	16,887 tonnes 32.0%	18,790 tonnes 37.6%	3,976 tonnes 14.8%	4,180 tonnes 16.7%	5,648 tonnes 19.3%	66,574 tonnes 25.5%	60,040 tonnes 25.1%	72,359 tonnes 29.6%
Recycling, Composting and Reuse Rate	10,204 tonnes 36.3%	9,495 tonnes 38.8%	12,149 tonnes 46.7%	19,193 tonnes 37.8%	16,493 tonnes 35.4%	15,870 tonnes 34.1%	18,197 tonnes 43.2%	16,401 tonnes 43.2%	19,401 tonnes 51.2%	32,205 tonnes 55.5%	31,332 tonnes 60.0%	36,312 tonnes 66.4%	30,007 tonnes 54.0%	28,136 tonnes 53.4%	29,854 tonnes 59.8%	14,936 tonnes 55.6%	14,126 tonnes 56.3%	16,460 tonnes 56.3%	124,742 tonnes 47.7%	115,983 tonnes 48.5%	130,046 tonnes 53.2%
Residual	17,883 tonnes 63.7%	15,005 tonnes 61.2%	13,881 tonnes 53.3%	31,551 tonnes 62.2%	30,101 tonnes 64.6%	30,725 tonnes 65.9%	23,890 tonnes 56.8%	21,608 tonnes 56.8%	18,515 tonnes 48.8%	25,834 tonnes 44.5%	20,864 tonnes 40.0%	18,351 tonnes 33.6%	25,515 tonnes 46.0%	24,598 tonnes 46.6%	20,108 tonnes 40.2%	11,937 tonnes 44.4%	10,966 tonnes 43.7%	12,775 tonnes 43.7%	136,610 tonnes 52.3%	123,142 tonnes 51.5%	114,355 tonnes 46.8%
Total	28,087 tonnes	24,500 tonnes	26,030 tonnes	50,744 tonnes	46,594 tonnes	46,595 tonnes	42,087 tonnes	38,009 tonnes	37,916 tonnes	58,039 tonnes	52,196 tonnes	54,663 tonnes	55,522 tonnes	52,734 tonnes	49,962 tonnes	26,873 tonnes	25,092 tonnes	29,235 tonnes	261,352 tonnes	239,125 tonnes	244,401 tonnes
Kg of residual per HH	621 Kg	514 Kg	471 Kg	540 Kg	510 Kg	512 Kg	488 Kg	436 Kg	369 Kg	414 Kg	328 Kg	281 Kg	383 Kg	364 Kg	294 Kg	N/A	N/A	N/A	515 Kg	458 Kg	418 Kg
Kg of all waste per HH	976 Kg	839 Kg	883 Kg	869 Kg	790 Kg	777 Kg	859 Kg	768 Kg	755 Kg	931 Kg	820 Kg	837 Kg	834 Kg	781 Kg	731 Kg	N/A	N/A	N/A	986 Kg	889 Kg	894 Kg

3. HWRC Performance 2023/24

HWRC Performance	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
2022-23	58.4	56.5	58.9	51.1	56.2	56.8	57.2	52.1	60.2	56.5
2023-24	55.8	55.5	55.6	57.9	56.3	56.0	59.6	50.6	56.3	56.3

Item 6

Warwickshire Waste Partnership**5 June 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 March 2024.

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 have now received a response from DEFRA regarding the funding for food waste collections. It is NWBCs intention to make a further funding challenge once the results from the KAT modelling tool are received.
- 2.2 NWBC continue to promote the garden waste service for 2024/5. Currently on target with over 15,000 permits sold to date.
- 2.3 NWBC have experienced several fires in our residual waste vehicle, the most recent fire was caused by a lithium battery from a toy remote control car. This is the 4th fire in as many months. Our communications team have done a great job in running a campaign on the fire risks, from putting batteries or items that contain batteries into any wheelie bin.

3.0 Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council

- 3.1 Work is taking place with WRAP to understand the operational impact of a weekly collection of food waste with additional modelling on alternative collection methods, such as 4 days week and the 123+ model. The Council is continuing to appeal to DEFRA for additional capital funding, the amount provided so far falling short of the costs the Council will incur. A joint project officer with Rugby Borough Council is being employed to help support both Councils with the introduction of this new burden.

3.2 A sticker is being used on oversized cardboard to advise residents on why it couldn't be collected, only additional material that can be placed in an empty 240 litre bin is being accepted to prevent crews having to manually place recycling into the rear of the vehicle.

3.3 The Council's trade waste service provider has now moved from Coventry City Council to Tom Whites at the request of the Council.

4.0 Rugby Borough Council

4.1 Working with NBBC, a Project Manager has been recruited to plan and implement food waste collections for both authorities.

4.2 Investigating different software packages for the on-site garage which will include digitalising vehicle checks and defects.

5.0 Warwick District Council

5.1 Waste Enforcement team have been busy since April:

- 22 fly tipping letters sent.
- 9 Section 34/47 (commercial fly tipping) sent.
- FPN's issued (one paid so far).
- CPNW sent for accumulated waste.
- Both officers now attended KBT Enforcement Training.

5.2 Partnering up with Action 21 to increase Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) recycling in the district and working on a communication campaign to increase small WEEE collected at kerbside this Summer.

5.3 Working with Action 21 on the annual 'end of uni student move out'.

5.4 Signage to reduce household waste being dumped in/around litter bins is working well.

5.5 Dedicated 'flytipping' team being added to Street Cleansing Contract from June 2024 (initially for a period of 12 months).

5.6 Kerbside Coffee pod recycling is going well across SDC/WDC:

- Registrations
- Total today: 5,543 registered households (4.3% of households)
- March 24: 243 new registrations
- Collections
- Total collected (plastic/aluminium): 15.845 tonnes (5.867kg/9.978 tonnes)
- Equivalent pods collected: 1,038,659 (apologies, I think I had the wrong number in your March Update)

- Comments/observations: You have now collected over 1million pods (equivalent).

5.7 The district recycling rate for year end is around 61%.

5.8 Sold c36500 garden waste permits.

5.9 Useful comms meeting with MRF Partners this week, arranging some joint comms with messages about being recycled in the UK, and we want recycling 'Empty, Clean, Whole, Dry'.

6.0 Stratford-on-Avon District Council

6.1 In April, there were 14 missed collections per 100,000 across Stratford-on-Avon District and Warwick District.

6.2 Coffee pod collections, in partnership with Podback Ltd, are continuing to go very well with 4.3% of households across Stratford-on-Avon District and Warwick District registered to date and over 1 million pods (equivalent) collected.

6.3 Nearly 44,000 garden waste subscription permits have been sold in Stratford-on-Avon District (compared to 41,832 at the same time last year).

6.4 Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO) fuel will be used in lieu of diesel fuel for all the Stratford frontline vehicles (implementation date tbc).

6.4 Fly-tipping incidents have fallen with 38 fly-tips removed in April, mainly household waste albeit an increase in commercial 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 summer period.
- b) A change to legislation means that there are new limits on the quantity of DIY-derived rubble, soil or plasterboard that 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. So far we have not seen this result in a big increase of this material.
- c) The Age UK Coventry & Warwickshire Reuse shops continue to have success with footfall, donations and sales. The shops are looking for more donations.

We will be going out to tender this month for the running of the reuse shops, to start in November.

- d) Food waste transfer continues at Princes Drive and Burton Farm prior to transfer to the Severn Trent Green Power anaerobic digestion facility. The new contract started in February and some members have visited the site in Coleshill.
- 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) Slim Your Bin has recruited 1,422 'bin dieters' onto its 4-week training programme. On a monthly basis 582 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.
- b) In 2023/24, 68 school visits were made (51 unique locations) and that equated to about 11,000 primary school children and their families receiving information on reducing waste, composting or recycling. This term, 15 schools will be visited, engaging with 2800 pupils and their families. There are still spaces for assemblies next academic year.
- c) In 2024 so far, we have held 10 home composting events with 110 householders in attendance. We have spoken at 3 community events so far this year and have many more booked for the summer. We aim to talk to 500 adults about reducing waste and recycling more this financial year. 2500 people have viewed our online home composting workshop.
- d) All waste reduction behaviour change activity is promoted with regular posts on our social media accounts. We have 1035 followers on Twitter (@WarksRecycles) and 2757 Facebook followers (Warwickshire Recycles). Articles about reducing food waste, Easter waste minimisation, reuse, home composting workshops, refill, Slim Your Bin and battery/electricals disposal were shared widely. Facebook have emailed us to say that we good engagement.

7.3 Procurement and Contracts update:

- a) Procurements recently awarded include abandoned vehicles and wood waste reprocessing.
- b) Procurements currently taking place or taking place shortly include 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 September 2024 meeting.

Background papers

None.

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