

Warwickshire Waste Partnership

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Waste Partners Report

Recommendation(s)

1. The Waste Partnership is asked to acknowledge the updates on the various waste activities taking place in each area since the last partnership meeting in September 2019.

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 Fully commingled recycling collections commenced on Monday 4th November 2019. Reaction to the change has been positive. Residents were encouraged to re-use their container inserts for alternative uses such as potato planters, garden trugs and storage. Approximately 3,000 container inserts were collected back in.
- 2.2 Christmas and New Year collection day changes were communicated using a bin tag to every property, social media posts, website content, specific collection dates listed on collection calendars and posters and leaflets available in leisure centres and libraries around the Borough. Similar to previous years, there were no bin collections between Christmas Day and New Year's Day (inclusive) with the exception of Saturday 28th December when Wednesday's bins were collected.
- 2.3 The annual winter garden and food waste suspension has been extended from four weeks to six weeks to make savings. Every household will have at least one garden and food waste collection after Christmas and before the suspension starts on 20th January. This is to encourage residents to recycle their unusable festive food waste.
- 2.4 The bulky waste collection service, in partnership with Emmaus Coventry and Warwickshire, has been running for a year and is continuing to operate smoothly. A further re-allocation of bulky waste collection days has taken place to address demand in Coleshill and Water Orton.
- 2.5 A communications campaign focusing on reducing contamination in recycling bins is being planned for early 2020. The campaign will focus on reducing the

number of plastic bags, and other non-recyclable items, found in red-lidded bins.

3.0 Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council

3.1 Refuse, Recycling and Street Cleansing

- a) Currently reconfiguring general HH and recycling rounds; ongoing. Green rounds to be reconfigured when the scheme has been in place for a sufficient amount of time to allow for accurate forecasting.
- b) A further 2 x refuse collection vehicles to be purchased 19/20 to update the fleet further. JCB Waste Master purchased – delivery expected November. Waste management are working with procurement to tender and place orders.
- c) A vehicle livery supply and fitment system has now been agreed. The system to be used to ensure key internal messages are communicated to residents on waste collection vehicles etc. A private commercial advertising option is being considered.
- d) Riverbank clearance training is taking place early in November 2019 for 6 waste management operatives to enable obstructive items to be cut and cleared from waterways in a prompt and safe manner.
- e) A street cleansing review to be undertaken to ascertain resource efficiency and improved routing and scheduling requirements – This will be ready to go at the start of December, just waiting for the final round of recruitment to be completed.
- f) A recently appointed Waste Management Technical Officer is working on the review and the instillation of a robust cleansing standard monitoring mechanism. The model is built and ready to go, using the same guidelines and principles as NI 195 and LEQS.
- g) NBBC are working with WCC highways on weed spraying issues that have arisen.
- h) 21,100 addresses now subscribed to green bin collection scheme. Closing subscriptions to current period from Weds 13th November, opening subscriptions for the 20/21 period on Monday 18th November.
- i) In-cab technology in final stages of design. Bulky Waste system implemented, clinical currently being trialled.

3.2 Promotions/Communications

- a) Community litter pick events on going throughout the year with waste management working closely with local communities with equipment supply, waste collection and health and safety advice. Community centres have been provided with litter picking kits.
- b) Christmas/New year collection change communications being designed currently, alongside green bin collection scheme promotion. Utilising bin hangers alongside posters and social media methods to inform residents.

3.3 Enforcement

- a) Littering Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) case files have been submitted to legal for processing. Several cases have been listed into court via the single justice system (SJS) with 9 successful prosecutions carried out since April. Offenders witnessed littering within Nuneaton and Bedworth will be prosecuted.
- b) Funding for CCTV cameras to tackle illegal waste deposits within NBBC has been confirmed, awaiting delivery of cameras to install in hot-spot areas once RIPA requirements addressed.
- c) 2 FPN's issued for fly tipping.

4.0 Rugby Borough Council

- 4.1 Fleet procurement progressing with Purchasing organisation appointed and all submissions now evaluated. Now ready to award.
- 4.2 Climate emergency declared since last meeting with committee created and 1st meeting to determine scope and scale of requirements undertaken.
- 4.3 Forecast recycling rate for 2018-19 forecast to be 48.1%, an increase of 3.5% on previous year all due to increases to dry stream. Note; would have been 55% if pre-subscription green waste tonnage was maintained.
- 4.4 Green waste subscriptions now 23,217, equates to c48% of all eligible properties.
- 4.5 Following public consultation exercise regarding 'kerbside only' collections, RBC has decided not to implement any of the suggested changes included in the consultation.
- 4.6 Commercial waste officer to be appointed. (recruitment currently live) with Trade waste collection review commencing once officer is in place.
- 4.7 Wider efficiency review of current waste and recycling collection rounds proposed for December 2019.

- 4.8 Recruitment process underway (5 x Loader 2 x Street cleansing operatives) for frontline services to reduce dependency on Agency staff.
- 4.9 RBC officers attended the November HSE LAWS meeting. Details and conference notes available on request.

5.0 Warwick District Council

- 5.1 The tender process has started for our new waste collection, street cleansing and grounds maintenance contracts which will start April 2021. Sustainability is featured quite heavily throughout the tenders with bidders being asked to submit carbon reduction plans and costs for Electric Vehicles.
- 5.2 Bring sites are not included in the new waste contract so we will be looking to remove these from April 2021 (at the latest) due to ongoing issues with fly-tipping, commercial use, mis-use, contamination, etc.
- 5.3 Continuing to work with RBC on enforcement. So far, this financial year - 7 fixed penalty notices issued for littering and 3 Community Protection Warnings issued for accumulations of waste on properties.
- 5.4 The normal Christmas communications plan for collection changes was carried out including information tags on all refuse bins, direct mail to properties without bins, social media, etc. Collections before Christmas Day were brought forward. Collections after Christmas Day were pushed back by a day in most cases. No suspension of services over Christmas – all services were provided as normal.
- 5.5 SUEZ are currently experiencing issues with textiles and cardboard recycling. Many textile reprocessors are no longer accepting kerbside collected material. SUEZ still have an agreement with 1 company, but they have put tight restrictions on the quality of textiles that they will accept. The price of cardboard has dramatically reduced, and SUEZ may well find themselves in a situation soon where they are having to pay to get the material recycled.

6.0 Stratford-on-Avon District Council

- 6.1 Fly tipping enforcement continues to take place where there is evidence left. SDC have good success where fly tippers have been caught on CCTV.
- 6.2 There has been a continued focus on contamination with letters being sent to occupiers of properties where contaminated bins have been presented for collection.
- 6.3 SDC is continuing to work with WRAP on collection modelling for the next contract.

- 6.4 Public and stakeholder consultation has been carried out on the proposed introduction of a chargeable garden waste service.
- 6.5 SDC has joined the Refill Revolution. A promotional event was held to highlight the Stratford Refill Scheme designed to reduce the use of single use plastic bottles. Free tap water is available at Elizabeth House.
- 6.6 SDC contributed to the #OurDay tweetathon with numerous waste and cleansing related tweets.

7.0 Warwickshire County Council

7.1 Waste electrical reuse and recycling and open container trial

WCC were successful in bidding for funding to improve the infrastructure at Cherry Orchard in Kenilworth for waste electrical reuse and recycling. New containers and new PAT testing equipment will be installed in the new year. Staff will be trained and there will be a push on ensuring that all waste electricals are segregated for reuse and recycling. There will be a communications campaign starting in January to let Kenilworth residents know that there will be a requirement to separate all reusable and recyclable materials at the site and that only open bags and boxes will be accepted. For an initial trial period of 6 weeks starting in February, there will be an extra sorting area, extra staff and extra signage to maximise reuse and recycling, with a focus on waste electricals but all recycling will be targeted. The communications campaign will be under the banner 'Kenilworth Reuses / Recycles electricals' and site users will be encouraged to help the environment by separating their waste.

7.2 Communication activities update:

- a) 9,650 subscribers received the October edition of the 'Warwickshire Recycles' e-newsletter, with a 27% open rate and 2% click rate. It featured: reducing food waste; smart shopping; focus on food waste recycling; home composting; Slim Your Bin. The bumper Christmas edition will be out in December.
- b) Slim Your Bin has recruited more than 1080 'bin dieters' onto its 4-week training programme. We will be asking elected members from all local authorities to help to promote the scheme, along with our finalists from the Recycling Champion of the Year contest.
- c) We are promoting opportunities to volunteer in waste minimisation, including: master composter; recycling champion; reuse shop volunteer; Repair Café volunteer; litter pick organiser.
- d) Home composting promotion is being planned for the spring. Events will be organised across Warwickshire. The autumn series of workshops were held in each collection area. We have sold more composting equipment this year than in previous years, with over 350 items sold so far this year.

- e) Our busiest ever term of school engagement has seen us visit 14 schools for talks on recycling or composting and engage with over 2250 children. We have contributed to community events promoting food waste reduction, composting and recycling.
- f) The countywide food waste recycling behaviour change campaign – In to Win, continues across the county. At least 5760 households are now signed up.
- g) All waste reduction behaviour change activity is promoted with regular posts on our social media accounts, with 1273 followers on Facebook (Warwickshire Recycles) and 833 followers on Twitter (@WarksRecycles).

7.3 Procurement and Contracts update:

- a) The following contracts have been extended: leachate processing and tyre processing.
- b) The mobile plant for the HWRCs have been delivered by JCB Limited.
- c) Upcoming procurements taking place are caddy liners concession, clinical disposal, wood reprocessing, monitoring of closed landfill, metal recycling, recyclables reprocessing, glass recycling and CCTV for the HWRCs.

8.0 Financial Implications

8.1 None.

9.0 Next steps

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

Background papers

None.

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