

# Warwickshire Waste Partnership

15 June 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 March 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 The four-week garden waste service break was completed without incident.
- 2.2 Garden waste subscriptions are very promising with numbers to date, exceeding those of the comparable period last year.
- 2.3 NWBC have been utilising an MRF operated by Westbrook Waste for DMR processing. These working arrangements are scheduled to last until the completion of the Sub-Regional MRF next year.
- 2.4 NWBC continue to take a full and active role in the Sub-Regional MRF
- 2.5 NWBC are still experiencing absences due to Covid-19. The HGV driver shortage has put further strain on all services, including trade waste, cesspool and septic tank emptying.
- 2.6 The waste services team are continuing to work tirelessly to reduce levels of contamination experienced in our DMR.
- 2.7 NWBC are introducing in-cab technology to all front-line waste scheduled domestic waste collections in the coming months.
- 2.8 NWBC were awarded Best Performer for Refuse Services and Most Improved Performer in Transport Operations and Vehicle Maintenance at the annual APSE Performance Networks Award.
- 2.9 NWBC are looking forward to the results of the Waste Composition Survey.

- 2.10 NWBC have managed to operate normally throughout the recent fuel crisis and have increased diesel stock levels and deliveries to provide emergency supplies to our neighbouring authorities where required.

### **3.0 Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council**

- 3.1 Verbal update to be provided at the meeting.

### **4.0 Rugby Borough Council**

- 4.1 Verbal update to be provided at the meeting.

### **5.0 Warwick District Council**

- 5.1 Chargeable Garden waste service introduced on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022. Cost of subscription is £20 for 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. A yearly subscription (cost to be agreed) will then be introduced from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to fall in line with the Stratford District Council Garden waste service.
- 5.2 Food caddies and wheeled bin distribution due to commence in Warwick District from beginning of June.
- 5.3 Residents have now received an introductory bin hanger or postcard to inform them about the new 123 service. A detailed instruction leaflet and collection calendar will be delivered with the food caddies throughout June/July.
- 5.4 123 communications are now underway. Plans to put together an instruction video on how to use the new service. FAQs on website being constantly updated. Lots of social media.
- 5.5 New mobile phone app due to be launched in August – residents will be able to report missed collections, check their collection days/dates, get information on what can/can't be recycled, etc.
- 5.6 Roll out of new refuse and recycling scheme to flats in preparation for start of 123 service. Refuse collections to move to fortnightly and recycling bins installed wherever possible.
- 5.7 Another key area of work is the Commonwealth Games – working closely with our Street Cleansing and Grounds Maintenance contractor (idverde) to prepare for the Games.

### **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 following the fire at the Pure MRF. This will change on 1<sup>st</sup> August.

- 6.2 The number of bulky waste requests has fallen significantly compared with last year. There were 450 bulky waste requests in March and April 2022 compared to 607 requests for the same period last year.
- 6.3 The second year of the chargeable garden waste service is underway. SDC has sold over 44,000 subscriptions for 2022/23 so far.
- 6.4 Mobilisation of the new joint SDC/WDC waste collection contract is progressing well. Food waste caddies, information leaflets and collection calendars for the 123+ service are being delivered. SDC will be the lead authority for the new contract.
- 6.5 Mobilisation of the new SDC Street Cleansing Contract is also progressing well, with 10 x Electric Vehicle charging points being installed at the Avenue Farm Depot.
- 6.6 SDC are providing daily recycling messages on social media platforms for both SDC and WDC.

## 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 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 21,500 appointments available per week. Daily trailer appointments have been added for Hunters Lane, Judkins and Princes Drive. Reuse shops are open at all sites bar Shipston and Stockton.
- b) A dry mixed recycling skip is available at Hunters Lane for Rugby residents to deposit the recycling that would otherwise have gone onto their blue-lid bins.
- c) We are seeking to recruit a Class C LGV driver, full time or part time, all driving is within the region. The application is available on WM jobs and window closes on 20<sup>th</sup> June. <https://www.wmjobs.co.uk/job/126380/lgv-driver-class-c/>

### 7.2 Communication activities update:

- a) 8700 subscribers received the recent edition of the 'Warwickshire Recycles' e-newsletter.

Edition	Open rate	Click Rate	Topics
Home Composting	48.6%	4.7%	Subsidised bins, no mow May, composting workshops, tips and tricks

- b) Slim Your Bin has recruited 1,283 'bin dieters' onto its 4-week training programme. On a monthly basis 170 households are reporting their recycling and 110 are reducing their food waste. Users can now see how much carbon they have saved through their actions.

- c) Schools' waste reduction, composting and recycling activities have resumed this academic year. So far, 25 schools have been involved, engaging with 6732 pupils and their families. In our recent survey, we found that 3 schools out of the 91 that responded are active with Eco-Schools.
- d) In-person home composting workshops resumed this spring. They were held at

Venue	Date	Number Attended
Atherstone - Borough Council Offices	06/04/2022	5
Kenilworth Library	29/03/2022	9
Nuneaton Library	06/02/2022	6
Rugby Library	31/03/2022	8
Stratford District Council Offices	05/05/2022	11
Warwick Library	04/05/2022	15

The YouTube Home Composting Workshop launched last year has been viewed 1616 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 better the high sales of last year.

- e) All waste reduction behaviour change activity is promoted with regular posts on our social media accounts. We have reached the momentous occasion where we have 1001 followers on Twitter (@WarksRecycles). We also have 2489 Facebook followers (Warwickshire Recycles). Articles about reducing food waste, reducing junk mail, recycling and home composting were shared widely.

### 7.3 Procurement and Contracts update:

- a) There has been one recently awarded contract this was the reprocessing of Separately Collected Food Waste, which was awarded to Northwick Power Limited. The food waste will be processed at a site in Chipping Camden.
- b) Procurements currently taking place are WEEE reprocessing from Designated Collection Facilities in Warwickshire. Upcoming procurements include inert waste haulage, waste composition, analysis of gas and water from waste management sites, metal recycling and residual waste reprocessing.

## 8.0 Financial Implications

- 8.1 None.

## 9.0 Next steps

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

## Background papers

None.

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