

## 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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