

Warwickshire Waste Partnership

25 Sept 2019

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 June 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 Frith Resource Management has now completed their TEEP¹ assessment and as a result the Council is moving to fully commingled recycling collections from 1st November 2019. Communication to residents has already begun with more planned in the run up to the service change. The move is expected to provide significant cost savings once all split bodied vehicles have been replaced and will hopefully also increase the amount of material collected for recycling.
- 2.2 Working with Rugby Borough Council to finalise the tender specification for separate bookable textile recycling collections. The tender is split into two lots, one for NWBC, one for RBC.
- 2.3 The Extra Garden Waste Service has moved into its second year. The majority of first year customers (87%) renewed for a second year and 78% of those now pay by annual Direct Debit.
- 2.4 Moving the online collection calendar renewal month from October to December to serve as an extra reminder to residents to look at their calendar for Christmas and New Year information.
- 2.5 Bulky waste collections by Emmaus are running smoothly. The council has recently re-allocated some areas of the Borough to different collection days to address increased demand.
- 2.6 Preparing for the Ovo Energy Tour of Britain cycle race which passes through the Borough on 13th September. Bin tags are being deployed along the route

¹ TEEP

to promote the tour, road closures and what to do if bin collection falls on race day.

3.0 Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council

3.1 Refuse, Recycling and Street Cleansing

- a) Currently working with Coventry City Council to reconfigure general HH and recycling rounds is 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 and a waste master JCB to be purchased 19/20 to update the fleet further. 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 being considered for some 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.
- f) A recently appointed Waste Management Technical Officer will be tasked to assist with the implementation of the above review and the instillation of a robust cleansing standard monitoring mechanism.
- g) NBBC are working with WCC highways on weed spraying issues that have arisen.
- h) 20,700 addresses now subscribed to green bin collection scheme
- i) In-cab technology in final stages of design. Waste operational trial to be undertaken with bulky, clinical waste collections and bin deliveries.

3.2 Promotions/Communications

- a) NBBC liaising with WRAP and Alupro to incorporate a 'Metal Matters' campaign to increase the amount of metal material in recycling bins. The campaign seeks to target underperforming areas of the borough with information and communication to try to change waste handling habits.

- b) 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.

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) and offenders witnessed littering within Nuneaton and Bedworth will be prosecuted.
- b) Funding for CCTV camera's to tackle illegal waste deposits within NBBC has been confirmed and waste management are discussing options with providers.
- c) Fly tipping, in conjunction with 3GS; to be targeted at key 'hot spot' areas and offenders prosecuted for this offence.

4.0 Rugby Borough Council

- 4.1 Fleet procurement progressing with Purchasing organisation appointed and quotes now being received from manufacturers
- 4.2 Closer working relationship with Highways England established with cleansing/litter picking being carried out on A45 from late August to mid-September. (Details available on request)
- 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've been 55% if pre-subscription green waste tonnage was maintained.
- 4.4 Green waste subscriptions now 22,977, equates to c47% of all eligible properties.
- 4.5 Looking to implement the kerbside only (no alley collections) service to all eligible properties in Sept 2019 following public consultation exercise.
- 4.6 Trade waste collection review commencing in September 2019.
- 4.7 Dedicated commercial waste officer to be appointed.
- 4.8 Wider efficiency review of current waste and recycling collection rounds proposed for September 2019 to ensure, currently auditing all collection rounds to identify gaps in information and to ensure accuracy.
- 4.9 Recruitment process underway for frontline services to reduce dependency on Agency staff.

- 4.10 Shop bought disposable coffee cups now acceptable for inclusion in our DMR collections allowing for a positive comms and messaging campaign to highlight this.
- 4.11 Planning commencing for Recycling Week 2019 which takes place 23-29 September.
- 4.12 Rugby now being represented again at WWP sub groups.

5.0 Warwick District Council

- 5.1 Work continues on procuring the new contracts for waste collection, street cleansing and grounds maintenance which are due to start April 2021. Warwick District Council is aiming to go out to tender mid-Oct 2019.
- 5.2 WRAP, and their consultants Ricardo, have been carrying out some modelling of different collection options including the separate collection of food waste, collection of additional recyclable materials e.g. cartons, etc. to help inform our new waste collection contract. The final report is due to be submitted by mid-Sep and some of the results will then be presented to Executive.
- 5.3 Reviewing the provision of bring sites and whether we continue to provide this service.
- 5.4 Continue to work with RBC on enforcement. So far this financial year - 3 fixed penalty notices issued for fly-tipping and 2 Community Protection Warnings issued for accumulations of waste on properties.
- 5.5 Planning for the return of students to Warwick District and distributing information about their waste collection services. Departure of students before summer went well. The University paid for an additional waste collection over the weekend once the students had left which worked well.

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 A participation survey has taken place in two areas on sacks and boxes for general waste and recycling.
- 6.4 SDC has been working with Keep Britain Tidy as a partner in a research project with DEFRA. Keep Britain Tidy have been commissioned to research into litter composition including dropped versus binned litter and the brand types.

6.5 SDC is working with WRAP on collection modelling for the next contract.

7.0 Warwickshire County Council

7.1 Communication activities update:

- a) 9,800 subscribers received the July edition of the 'Warwickshire Recycles' e-newsletter, featuring: reducing food waste; reducing single use plastic; focus on metal recycling; textile recycling; home composting; repair cafe. The next edition will be out in September.
- b) Slim Your Bin has recruited more than 1000 '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 autumn. Events will be organised across Warwickshire and we expect to sell more composting equipment this year than in previous years.
- e) A busy half term of school engagement is planned, with 8 schools scheduled for talks on recycling or composting in September and October. We have contributed to community events over the summer 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 6020 households are now signed up.
- g) All waste reduction behaviour change activity is promoted with regular posts on our social media accounts, with 1270 followers on Facebook (Warwickshire Recycles) and 830 followers on Twitter (@WarksRecycles).

7.2 Procurement and Contracts update:

- a) The following extensions are being considered: glass recycling, leachate processing, tyre reprocessing
- b) The following contracts have been extended: plasterboard recycling, textile recycling, re-use shops and HWRC operation (Stockton and Wellesbourne).
- c) The tenders for mobile plant at the HWRCs were awarded to Watling JCB Limited. The 4 vehicles are expected to be on site in early autumn.
- d) Upcoming procurements in the next few months include caddy liners concession, clinical disposal, wood reprocessing, monitoring of closed landfill, metal recycling and CCTV for the HWRCs.

- e) Market testing has taken place for clinical waste and wood reprocessing.
- f) Body Worn Video Cameras are rolled out at all WCC operated HWRCs.

8.0 Financial Implications

8.1 None.

9.0 Next steps

9.1 Updates on progress to be provided at the December meeting.

Background papers

None.

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