

Joint Waste Management Board Partnership General Update

In addition to the recent work on holistic savings / charging for garden waste and development of a new recycling credit methodology, the following updates have also occurred in the last 2 months;

Legal dispute

The ongoing legal dispute with Biffa has yet to reach a suitable resolution. Following a final meeting with Biffa where lengthy discussions were held on meets the needs of both parties to avoid going to legal mediation / court, the councils issued a formal proposal to Biffa. This was both misunderstood and rejected. The councils have since provided clarification and a final compromise offer. If Biffa reject this proposal, legal mediation is likely to occur, despite both parties not wishing to undertake an official legal court battle.

Noise policy

Unfortunately, the dedicated Health and Safety meeting to discuss the creation of a noise policy was very poorly attended, with attendees from SoTCC, CCDC and L+TJWS only. Following this, requests for information have been made but not responded to and focus has moved on to recycling credits etc. This project will be resumed when it can be given full attention.

Fly-tipping data

Historic fly tipping data from April 2015 to September 2017, per quarter, has been collated and submitted to JWMB as part of the usual data spreadsheet standing agenda item. This data has independently been collated from WasteDataFlow directly. The data will be updated every quarter, as it also done with the recycling data.

Strategy post 2020

No development has occurred on the beginnings of strategy creation, as larger issues, such as recycling credits and charging for garden waste collections, has taken precedence in recent discussions at SWOG level. Once these issues have provided a direction of where we are going long term, we will be able to develop a strategic direction to enhance our performance alongside these existing decisions.

TOG

The Transport Officers Group are meeting in January at the Hako headquarters in Crick for a morning session comprising the usual group meeting for knowledge sharing between councils, and additionally including a tour of the Hako facility, a demonstration of new sweepers, and a presentation on recent developments within the company.