



Title: Joint Contract authority performance – Q2 2019/20

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Introduction

It has been agreed that the Joint Committee will see performance updates on a quarterly basis. These reports will provide a summary of the latest position on both recycling performance and operational performance under the Joint Collection contract. Ultimately, they will also serve as the basis for ongoing corporate reporting in each of the four partner authorities. A draft report template, in the form of a performance dashboard, was approved by the Corporate Partnering Board in June 2018.

The Annexes to this paper show the latest available performance data for each of the four Joint Contract authorities. There is one performance dashboard for each authority.

Recycling performance – Q2 2018/19

The first section of each dashboard reports on recycling performance. Performance is reported monthly, up to and including September 2019. Data are sourced from the SEP waste data system; September is the latest month for which data are available.

The report shows both tonnages collected and tonnages disposed of by type of material. The recycling rate is based on the latter as a percentage of total waste and recycling.

Surrey-wide performance

Surrey-wide performance is provided here for context.

Across Surrey as a whole, there has been a decreasing trend in tonnages collected of dry mixed recycling (DMR), with a year-on-year decrease of around 1%. Of these tonnages an increasing proportion are considered to be non-recyclable, due to difficulties with finding markets for the material. Garden waste tonnages have increased over the same period, by around 3%. Food waste recycling tonnages have increased by around 2%. Tonnages of residual household waste have seen a fairly small year-on-year decrease, of around 0.5%.

Joint Contract authorities – general trends

Year-on-year comparisons of WEEE and textiles tonnages generally show reasonably large changes across most authorities. This is partly explained by disposal patterns for these materials, which will depend on how much material has been collected rather than following a regular daily pattern as they do for other

materials. We are investigating how much of the variance can be explained by these patterns, and how much is due to other factors, such as crew behaviour.

With the exception of Mole Valley, fly-tipping tonnages have increased noticeably in most authorities. This can partly be explained by the fact that the figures now include tonnages collected from green spaces (e.g. parks). It is also evident that fly-tipping was previously being under-reported, which will have resulted in the increase being artificially inflated. Again, further work is being carried out to establish how these factors may have impacted on the reported tonnages.

Elmbridge

There has been a year-on-year decrease in DMR tonnages of around 2%. Garden waste however has increased by over 11%. Food and residual waste tonnages have seen only small changes over the same period. The recycling rate has remained fairly stable since the beginning of 2019/20.

Mole Valley

DMR tonnages have seen little change year-on-year. Bins for comingled waste are now being tagged more effectively when they contain contaminated materials, and we expect to see this having an impact in future months. Garden waste tonnages are up, by around 13%. Food waste tonnages have also increased year-on-year, by just over 2%. The recycling rate is showing a slight upward trend since the beginning of 2019/20.

Surrey Heath

Garden waste tonnages have increased significantly year-on-year, by around 32%. This is largely due to additional customers being able to sign up for this service, as the previous Biffa Waste Club was capped due to vehicle capacity. Food waste tonnages have also increased over the same period, by over 5%. Residual waste tonnages are down by around 5%. The recycling rate is showing a slight upward trend since the beginning of 2019/20.

Woking

DMR tonnages have decreased by over 3% year-on-year. This can partly be explained by the fact that more bins are now being locked-out by crews as contaminated. Work is also underway to improve collections from flats, although we are aware that there are issues with some collections from communal properties. Garden waste tonnages are also down, by around 4%. Food waste and residual waste tonnages have remained fairly stable over the period. The recycling rate is showing a slight downward trend since the beginning of 2019/20.

SEP Joint Strategy performance – Q1 2019/20

Quarterly performance against the council specific measures in the SEP Joint Strategy has been shown on each dashboard for completeness. This is up to and including Q1 2019/20, and is based on data sourced from Waste Data Flow.

Recommendation

The Joint Committee are asked to discuss and comment on this report and the Annexes.

Next steps

The next performance report will be presented at the June Partnering Board and Joint Committee meetings. This will report on performance up to and including Q4 2019/20.