



Joint Contract authority performance – Q3 2021/22

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Introduction

This report provides a summary for the Joint Contract Partnering Board of the latest quarterly position on recycling performance for the Joint Collection authorities. This is based on data sourced from the SEP waste data system. 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 – Q3 2021/22

The first section of each dashboard reports on recycling performance. Performance is reported monthly, up to and including December 2021, the latest month for which data are available.

The report shows tonnages collected by type of material. The recycling rate is based on these as a percentage of total waste and recycling. All comparisons are based on performance for the 12 months to December 2021 compared with that for the 12 months to December 2020.

It should be noted that although the first table in each dashboard shows the tonnages collected, the table below the charts then shows the disposal tonnages, which are used as the basis for calculating recycling rates. Disposal tonnages allow for material which is collected as recycling, but which cannot be recycled, and which are then accounted for as residual waste. Disposal tonnages are therefore generally lower than collected tonnages for recycling, but higher than collected tonnages for residual waste. The exception to this is tonnages defined as “other recycling”, where disposal tonnages include recyclable material extracted at the disposal stage from material collected as leaf fall and road sweepings.

Surrey-wide performance

Surrey-wide performance is provided here for context.

Across Surrey as a whole, tonnages remain higher than pre pandemic levels however there has been a decrease of 2.4% across all waste streams.

In the year to December 2021 DMR and food waste tonnages decreased by approximately 1.7% and 0.6% respectively. Conversely residual waste tonnages have increased by 0.2%. Overall garden waste tonnages, excluding those collected at the CRCs, have decreased by 5.2% in the 12 months to December 2021 compared with the same period for the previous year. This is largely due to the service suspension within the joint contract areas as all other authorities have seen in the period.

Joint Contract authorities – general trends

In Q3 2021/22, the joint contract areas have continued to have issues with collections due to the HGV driver shortage. This has led to the suspension of the garden waste service across the whole joint contract area. The other collection authorities in the county do not appear to

have been impacted as severely. As reported in the previous report this continues to impact the recycling rate of each of the joint contract areas.

Year-on-year comparisons of WEEE and textiles tonnages often tend to show reasonably large changes. This is largely due to there being variable disposal patterns for these materials, with containers at depots being collected as required rather than by way of daily tipping as is the case for other materials.

There is no clear pattern for fly-tipping tonnages, with two of the four authorities seeing a decrease in tonnages from the previous year.

Elmbridge

In the year to December 2021, DMR tonnages were unchanged compared with the previous year. Food waste tonnages have also decreased, by around 2.2% year-on-year. Residual waste tonnages have decreased by 1.2% year-on-year. With continued disruption to the service the garden waste tonnage is down 26.8%.

The quarterly recycling rate for Elmbridge is estimated as 48.2%. The 12-month rolling rate to December 2021 is 52.3%.

Mole Valley

DMR tonnages and food tonnages were down by 0.9% and 2.8% respectively in the year to December 2021 compared with the previous 12-month period. The residual waste tonnage has also decreased, by 1.8% year-on-year. Garden waste tonnage is down by 23.6% year-on-year largely caused by the service disruption.

The quarterly recycling rate for Mole Valley is estimated as 51.8%. The 12-month rolling rate to December 2021 is 54.5%.

Surrey Heath

In the year to December 2021, DMR tonnages were down by 5.6% year-on-year. This represents a significant decrease compared to the Surrey average, we are reviewing the different waste streams to get an understanding of the factors which have led to it not following the trends seen elsewhere. Food waste tonnage has also decreased by 0.4%. Garden waste tonnages have decreased by 24.3%, due to the continued suspension in the collection service. Additionally, residual waste tonnages were also up year-on-year however, by around 3.1%.

The quarterly recycling rate for Surrey Heath is estimated as 57.9%. The 12-month rolling rate to December 2021 is 59.2%.

Woking

DMR and food tonnages in the year to December 2021 both decreased by 0.5% year-on-year. Garden waste tonnages have seen a year-on-year decrease, of around 26.5%. This is largely due to the suspension of the garden waste service. Residual waste tonnages have seen little to no change.

The quarterly recycling rate for Woking is estimated as 51.2%. The 12-month rolling rate to December 2021 is 52.4%.

SEP Joint Strategy performance – Q2 2021/22

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 Q2 2021/22 and is based on data sourced from Waste Data Flow.

Recommendation

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

Next steps

The next performance report will be presented in early 9th June 2022 Partnering Board meeting. It is expected that this will report on performance up to and including Q4 2020/21, for both recycling performance and operational performance; in both cases, this will be dependent on whether data are received by the deadline, from Surrey County Council's waste contractor, SUEZ, and from Amey respectively.