

Joint Contract Authority Performance – Quarter 1 2022/23 29 September 2022

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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.

Recycling performance 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 – Q1 2022/23

The first section of each dashboard reports on recycling performance. Performance is reported monthly, up to and including June 2022, 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 June 2022 compared with that for the 12 months to June 2021.

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 still remain higher than pre pandemic levels however there has been a decrease of 6.2% across all waste streams.

In the year to June 2022 DMR, food waste and residual waste tonnages decreased by approximately 7.6%, 7.3% and 2.7% respectively. This could indicate a continuation of the trend towards pre pandemic levels reported in the previous quarter. Overall garden waste tonnages, excluding those collected at the CRCs, have decreased by 12.4% in the 12 months to June 2022 compared with the same period for the previous year. This is in part due to the reduced service within the joint contract areas in the last financial year as most other authorities have seen an increase in this period.

Joint Contract authorities – general trends

In Q1 2022/23, the joint contract areas have all seen decreases in the four main material types (DMR, food, residual, and garden). Generally, these reductions are in line with the rest of Surrey and as stated above could be a signal that waste levels are returning to normal. However, garden waste tonnages were significantly lower in the Joint Contract area than in

the rest of the county. 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 three of the four authorities seeing a decrease in tonnages from the previous year.

Elmbridge

In the year to June 2022, DMR tonnages saw a decrease of 6.8%. Food waste tonnages have also decreased, by around 9.5% year-on-year. Residual waste tonnages have decreased by 4.3% year-on-year. The disruption to the garden waste service seen last year has meant the garden waste tonnages are 39.2%.

Fly-tipping volumes have decreased by 23.6% from 159 tonnes to 122 tonnes. This is a noticeable improvement on pre pandemic levels (262 tonnes for the year to June 2020).

The quarterly recycling rate for Elmbridge is estimated as 55.2%. The 12-month rolling rate to June 2022 is 51.0%.

Mole Valley

DMR tonnages and food tonnages were down by 7.6% and 7.5% respectively in the year to June 2022 when compared to the previous 12-month period. The residual waste tonnage has also decreased, by 5.1% year-on-year. Garden waste tonnage is down by 38.9% year-on-year largely caused by the service disruption seen in 2021/22.

There were about 26 tonnes of fly-tipping collected in the 12-month period to June 2022, up from 6 tonnes from the same period in the previous year. Comparing to pre-pandemic levels, the tonnage recorded was 7 tonnes for the 12-month period to June 2020.

The quarterly recycling rate for Mole Valley is estimated as 55.1%. The 12-month rolling rate to June 2022 is 53.3%.

Surrey Heath

In the year to June 2022, DMR tonnages were down by 6.5% year-on-year. Food waste tonnage has also decreased by 4.7%. Garden waste tonnages have decreased by 28.8%, due to the reduced garden waste service in the latest financial year. Additionally, residual waste tonnages were also down year-on-year however, by around 2.5%.

Fly-tipping volumes have decreased by 68.4% from 197 tonnes to 62 tonnes. There are no known factors that could explain this decrease. The results show a sustained improvement when compared to pre-pandemic levels, as 225 tonnes were collected in the 12-months to June 2020.

The quarterly recycling rate for Surrey Heath is estimated as 61.2%. The 12-month rolling rate to June 2022 is 58.1%.

Woking

DMR and food tonnages in the year to June 2022 both decreased respectively by 5.6% and 7.9% year-on-year. Garden waste tonnages have seen a year-on-year decrease, of around 37.6%. This is because of the reduced garden waste service experienced in 2021/22. Residual waste tonnages have also seen a reduction of 2.8%.

Fly-tipping volumes have decreased by 35.7% from 216 tonnes to 139 tonnes. Comparing to pre-pandemic levels, the tonnage for the 12-months to June 2020 was 227 tonnes. This service is not run by Amey.

The quarterly recycling rate for Woking is estimated as 55.8%. The 12-month rolling rate to June 2022 is 50.9%.

SEP Joint Strategy performance – Q4 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 Q4 2021/22 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 in the 1st December 2022 Partnering Committee meeting. It is expected that this will report on performance up to and including Q2 2022/23, for recycling performance, this will be dependent on whether data are received by the deadline, from Surrey County Council's waste contractor, SUEZ.

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