



Joint Contract authority performance

Q2 2022/23



Introduction

This report provides a summary for the Joint Contract Partnering Board of the latest quarterly position on recycling performance under the Joint Collection contract.

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 – Q2 2022/23

The first section of each dashboard reports on recycling performance. Performance is reported monthly, up to and including September 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. Comparisons are based on performance for the 12 months to September 2022 compared with that for the 12 months to September 2021. It also now includes a comparison to the current performance period (up to September 2022) and the 12 months to September 2019, to reflect the pre-pandemic waste levels.

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 in September 2022 are lower than pre pandemic levels, a 13.3% decrease compared to September 2019 across all waste streams. Comparing to last year there has been a decrease of 15.6% across all waste streams.

In the year to September 2022 DMR and food waste tonnages decreased by approximately 9.8% and 8.7% respectively. Compared to September 2019, DMR tonnages decreased by 2.2% whilst food waste 2.9% higher.

Residual waste decreased by 11.7% in September 2022, however, was 9.6% lower compared to the same 12-month period up to September 2019.

Overall garden waste tonnages, excluding those collected at the CRCs, have decreased by 22.9% in the 12 months to September 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. Compared to September 2019 it is 24.4% lower.

Joint Contract authorities – general trends

In Q2 2022/23, the joint contract areas have seen decreases in the four main material types (DMR, food, residual, and garden), these reductions are in line with the rest of Surrey.

The data also now compares to pre-pandemic tonnage (12 months up to September 2019).

The disruption to garden waste services in the last year is still impacting the rolling annual totals being reported, and this is reflected in the commentary for each authority area. However, it is worth noting that when looking at September tonnages in isolation we can see that these have recovered to seasonally normal levels in all areas now that the service is fully operational.

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 September 2022, DMR tonnages saw a decrease of 9.6% year-on-year. However, it is still 6.3% higher than the 12-months to September 2019.

Food waste tonnages have also decreased, by 11.6% year-on-year. Comparing to pre-pandemic levels (Sept 2019), September 2022 tonnages were 2.1% lower.

Residual waste tonnages have decreased by 6.1% year-on-year. Comparing to pre-pandemic levels (Sept 2019), September 2022 tonnages were 3.2% higher.

The disruption to the garden waste service seen last year has meant the garden waste tonnages decreased by 34.0%. Comparing to pre-pandemic levels (Sept 2019), September 2022 tonnages were 30.1% lower.

Fly-tipping volumes have decreased by 22.2% from 168 tonnes to 130 tonnes. This is a noticeable improvement on pre pandemic levels (276 tonnes for the year to September 2019).

The quarterly recycling rate for Elmbridge is estimated as 52.2%. The 12-month rolling rate to June 2022 is 49.2%.

Mole Valley

DMR tonnages and food tonnages were down by 9.0% in the year to September 2022 when compared to the previous 12-month period. Compared to year to September 2019, DMR was down by 1.0%.

Food waste tonnages also decreased, by 8.6% year-on-year. Comparing to pre-pandemic levels (Sept 2019), tonnages were 2.6% higher.

The residual waste tonnage has also decreased, by 5.0% year-on-year. Comparing to pre-pandemic levels (Sept 2019), tonnages were 4.9% higher.

Garden waste tonnage is down by 20.9% year-on-year largely caused by the service disruption seen in 2021/22. It was down by 24.6% compared to the year to September 2019.

There were about 50 tonnes of fly-tipping collected in the 12-month period to September 2022, up from 6 tonnes from the same period in the previous year. Comparing to pre-pandemic levels, the tonnage recorded was 12 tonnes for the 12-month period to September 2019.

The quarterly recycling rate for Mole Valley is estimated as 56.9%. The 12-month rolling rate to September 2022 is 54.0%.

Surrey Heath

In the year to June 2022, DMR tonnages were down by 7.0% year-on-year and is at similar levels to pre-pandemic tonnages.

Food waste tonnage has also decreased by 7.7%. Comparing to pre-pandemic levels (Sept 2019), tonnages were 4.3% higher.

Residual waste tonnages were down year-on-year by 4.9%. Comparing to pre-pandemic levels (Sept 2019), tonnages were 7.7% higher.

Garden waste tonnages have decreased by 21.1%, due to the reduced garden waste service in the latest financial year. Comparing to pre-pandemic levels (Sept 2019), tonnages were 3.8% lower.

Fly-tipping volumes have decreased by 76.0% from 163 tonnes to 39 tonnes. There are no known factors that could explain this decrease. The results show a sustained improvement when compared to pre-pandemic levels, as 218 tonnes were collected in the 12-months to September 2019.

The quarterly recycling rate for Surrey Heath is estimated as 56.2%. The 12-month rolling rate to June 2022 is 60.9%.

Woking

DMR tonnages in the year to June 2022 decreased respectively by 4.8% year-on-year and is at similar levels to pre-pandemic tonnages.

Food waste tonnage has also decreased by 8.6%. Comparing to pre-pandemic levels (Sept 2019), tonnages were 1.4% lower.

Residual waste tonnages have also seen a reduction of 4.5%. Comparing to pre-pandemic levels (Sept 2019), tonnages were 9% higher.

Garden waste tonnages have seen a year-on-year decrease, of around 24.8%. This is because of the reduced garden waste service experienced in 2021/22. Comparing to pre-pandemic levels (Sept 2019), tonnages were 23.2% lower.

Fly-tipping volumes have decreased by 24.3% from 186 tonnes to 141 tonnes. Comparing to pre-pandemic levels, the tonnage for the 12-months to September 2019 was 241 tonnes. This service is not run by Amey.

The quarterly recycling rate for Woking is estimated as 52.0%. The 12-month rolling rate to June 2022 is 49.9%.

SEP Joint Strategy performance – Q1 2022/23

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 2022/23 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 the 9th March 2022 Partnering Committee meeting. It is expected that this will report on performance up to and including Q3 2022/23, for both recycling performance; in both cases, this will be dependent on whether data are received by the deadline, from Surrey County Council's waste contractor, SUEZ.

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