

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT

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DIRECTOR: MARTIN EDEN
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WASTE

The Council's alternate weekly collection service has settled, with the service now also offering the removal of Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment plus textiles as part of the recycling week collections. Tonnage details are not yet available from our contractor Biffa.

Tonnages of residual waste from the burgundy bins is continuing to reduce, since the introduction of the alternate weekly collection service, from October 2016 to February 2017, some 10,907 tonnes have been sent for treatment for energy from waste, as opposed to the same period 2015/16, where 12,267 tonnes were sent for treatment. This constitutes a 12% reduction.

Kerbside recycling tonnages for the period from the introduction of the alternate weekly service, have seen 5,352 tonnes presented by residents in their grey recycling bin, against a tonnage of 5,591 tonnes for the same period 2015/16. This constitutes a 4% reduction in the recycling tonnage presented. Contamination of the grey kerbside recycling bin is continuing to be monitored, with any contamination being addressed with householders.

The garden waste subscription service has commenced and at the time of writing, there are over 10,400 households that have signed up to the service, with over 8,000 taking advantage of the discounted service offer of £20. Tonnages for the garden waste collection service are seeing a better quality of material being presented, with minimal contamination in the garden waste recycling bins.

YOUR CALL

For the current financial year, we have seen some 126 Your Call community clean up events held, with 2,457 volunteers attending, of which 1,334 had not attended a Your Call clean-up event previously. Comparison with the same period for 2015/16 saw 113 events held, with 2,898 volunteers attending, of which 1,596 had not attended a Your Call clean-up event previously.