

Environment & Development Services Performance Action Plans 2019/20 Quarter 2

Appendix D

There are 5 actions for Environment and Development Services

Theme: People



PE5.1
Household
Waste
collected per
Head of
Population

115.1kgs

**Target
<110kgs**

Target vs performance:

Q1 target 130kgs v 109kgs performance.

Q2 target 110kgs v 115.1kgs performance.

Year to date target 240kgs v 224.1kgs performance

Trend (compared to last quarter/year):

Quarter 2 performance 2018/19 104kgs v 115.1kgs quarter 2 2019/20

Background:

The outturn for quarter two does appear to be a blip and there is no obvious cause for this, the overall performance is still on target for the year to date, quarter one was better than the expected performance and this may be some seasonal re balancing of tonnages.

Given all of the available trend data it is unheard of for Q2 tonnages to be higher than Q1; therefore it is assumed this is an extreme event. If this trend continues then further analysis will be required to identify issues.

Key actions underway:

At this point there is little action that can be taken, the Council will continue to monitor if this is a seasonal blip quarter three should return to an expected outcome.

Opportunities/risks:

Consideration to be given on running a waste reduction campaign if quarter three continues the trend.



Theme: People

Target vs performance:

Q2 target 52%

Q2 Performance : 49.4%

Year to date target 53% v 49.6% performance

PE5.2 %
Household
Waste
Recycled or
composted

49.4%

**Target
>52%**

Trend (compared to last quarter/year):

Quarter 2 performance 2018/19 47% v 49.4% quarter 2 2019/20

Background:

The current recycling and composting schemes have been in place since 2013 and 1996 respectively, whilst at the commencement of both schemes recycling and composting increased significantly, performance on both have stabilised but are not improving. Previous years outturns have been around 48%. The general trend nationally has been for tonnages to slightly decline. Local issues around the dry recyclable collection contract have led to no introduction of additional materials for recycling. There is a slight improvement in performance compared with the same quarter last year; however this might be a seasonal adjustment.

Overall the Council is continuing to collect high quality materials and tonnages have remained stable, this is bucking the national trend where tonnages and quality on kerbside schemes is declining.

Key actions underway:

Continue to work through the Derbyshire Waste Partnership on promoting recycling and composting. Continue to work with current contractor on ensuring compliance from residents on presenting acceptable materials.

Opportunities/risks:

Long-term project to ensure the Council secures an acceptable recycling collection contract. Further explore joint working with other collection authorities and the waste disposal authority.

Theme: Place



PL1.4 Relevant
documents
adopted

Target vs performance:

Q2 Target: Examination of Local Green Spaces Document

Q2 Performance: Objective delayed.

Trend (compared to last quarter/year):

Q1 target met.

Background:

Quarter 2 target was to have commenced a Regulation 18 public consultation for the draft Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocations Development Plan Document (GTSADP). The Scoping consultation for the Sustainability Appraisal for the document has been completed. There is political sensitivity regarding the

Not Achieved

production of this document, particularly in the light of a recent appeal decision.

Key actions underway:

There are two key pieces of evidence to enable the production of the GTSADP. The first is a call for sites, to establish whether there are any potential sites within the District to allocate for a traveller site. The Call for Sites began on 3 October (delayed at Members' request so that it was not at the same time as the Scoping consultation referred to above) and will run until 12 December. The second is an update to the Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment (GTAA). This piece of work is currently being commissioned by the County Council on behalf of participating local authorities, however Members have requested that the decision on whether to participate in the GTAA be taken by them, following consideration of the proposed methodology. The methodology will be taken to Environmental and Development Services Committee once the proposed methodology has been discussed with the consultants appointed to undertake the GTAA.

Opportunities/risks:

At present the Council has met its identified need for traveler pitches to 2024 and arguably for the very short-term has a five-year supply, thereby reducing the risk of successful challenge at appeal should a future application for a traveller site be refused. Whilst this is only the current position, there would be a risk to the Council pursuing the production of a Plan without the latest evidence to support it and as such a dovetailing with the outcome of the revised GTAA (and the call for sites) will be necessary. Should the Council decide not to participate in the GTAA then the risk factors would alter again and a decision would need to be taken as to how traveller need for the District would be identified, and then how this would be met – either through a GTSADP or the revised Local Plan.



Theme: Place.

Target vs performance:

Q2 Target	<344 reported incidents
Q2 Performance	378 reported incidents

Trend (compared to previous years):

PL3.1		
Downward	Q1&2 2016/17	348 reported incidents
trend in fly-	Q1&2 2017/18	361 reported incidents
tipping	Q1&2 2018/19	340 reported incidents
incidents	Q1&2 2019/20	378 reported incidents

Background:

There have been long term reductions in fly tipping incidents both nationally and

locally since 2000, however this trend has reversed in very recent years.

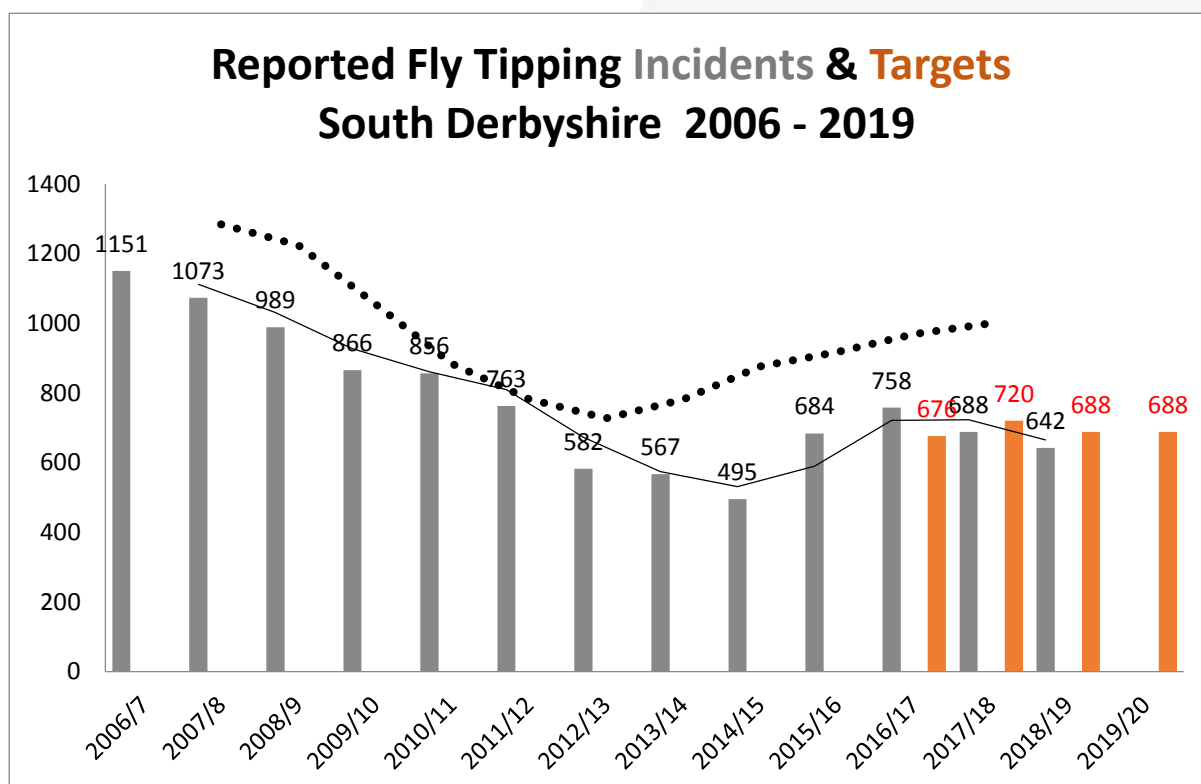
Table 1 illustrates the trends in fly tip incidents over the past 13 years. The solid line shows the trend in South Derbyshire, the dotted line shows the national trend. Between 2016 and 2019 fly tipping incidents nationally have increased, but in South Derbyshire they reduced by 15%.

378

Target
<344

Q1&2 performance for 2019/20 is 10% above the target.

Based on these figures the relevant services intend to continue to deliver the enhanced services which have been developed over the past two years and which are summarised below.



Key actions since April 2017 have included:

- Setting a target of removing all fly tips within 24 hours.
- Community engagement and raising community awareness through organising litter picking events and supporting community-led litter picks.
- Letter from the Chief Executive to all local businesses raising awareness about waste and how to do their bit.
- Direct awareness raising about duty of care responsibilities during interactions with businesses across the District.
- Vigorous enforcement activity including;
 - 48 interviews under caution
 - 20 £400 Fixed Penalty Notices
 - 126 £75 Fixed Penalty Notices
 - 2 vehicle seizures

- 11 successful prosecutions

- Promoting positive behaviour messages through press and social media at every opportunity.
- Using a Public Spaces Protection Order to protect a high vulnerability location at Staker Lane.
- Increasing collaboration with West Midlands councils in relation to waste from organised crime.
- The Council has been an early adopter of new fly tipping laws and has robustly used them. Based on latest published national statistics (2017/18), anyone who fly tips in South Derbyshire is five times more likely to receive a fixed penalty than the average for the East Midlands, four times more likely to be prosecuted and fifteen times more likely to have their vehicle seized.

Since the last Action Plan in July 2019, the following further actions have been taken:

- The Senior Community Safety Enforcement Officer has recently provided refresher training in evidence gathering to members of the Clean Team who attend fly tips. This will ensure that staff employed to remove fly tipped material are fully aware of how to spot potentially important evidence.
- Following Committee approval to create a new Community Safety Enforcement Officer post, a new officer was appointed in June 2019. The additional capacity that this new post has created is enabling more proactive education and engagement work within communities and has created additional capacity for enforcement work within the Community Safety Enforcement team.
- High volumes of fly tipping incidents have been identified at two locations which have directly led to the exceedence of the target. These incidents have been linked to two or three named suspects. Intensive investigations are being pursued in relation to these individuals.

Key actions underway:

1. The Council is currently consulting on the proposal to gate off access to part of a Lane incurring multiple flytips using as Public Spaces Protection Order.
2. The investigations into the recent high volumes of incidents associated with two or three suspects will continue.
3. Officers are investigating the costs and practicalities of the deployment of emerging surveillance and prevention products.

Opportunities/risks:

Opportunities	Risks
Use of innovative approaches or new technology for fly tip prevention or detection.	Equipment costs and extensive staff time required for surveillance equipment deployment and review of evidence collected.
Enhanced use of social media for identification of perpetrators.	Increasingly waste offences are linked with organised crime groups. Failure to tackle incidents will encourage organised crime perpetrators.
Currently there is no organisation or body which co-ordinates the collection and dissemination of intelligence and best practice.	
Potential use of Criminal Behaviour Orders following conviction to ban offenders from South Derbyshire	



PL6.2
Monitoring of
street scene
services

**Not
Achieved**

Theme: People

Target vs performance:

Q2 target: Undertake Local Environment Quality Survey (LEQS).
Q2 Performance: not undertaken performance.

Year to date target N/A v N/A performance

Trend (compared to last quarter/year):

N/A

Background:

This is the first year the Council has committed to a Local Environmental Quality Survey. Initial thoughts were that the survey could be done in Q2, however, following discussion with Keep Britain Tidy the survey date has been agreed as 13th January. This survey will set the baseline for future surveys.

Key actions underway:

Date of survey agreed.

Opportunities/risks:

N/A