

Environment & Development Services Performance Action Plans 2019/20 Quarter 1

Appendix D

There are three actions for Environment and Development Services

Theme - People

Action – PE5.2 Minimise waste sent to landfill

Target vs performance:

Quarter 1 Target	>54kg
Quarter 1 Performance	>52kg* estimated

Trend (compared to last quarter/year):

*Estimated data, verified data not available until September, dry recycling tonnage is increasing. However, residual tonnages have also increased whilst compost tonnages have decreased. It is anticipated that due to the failure to meet this target in Quarter 1 that the year-end target will be at risk.

Background:

The weather conditions have led to a reduction in the amount of green waste sent for composting during the quarter; however the amount of dry recyclables has seen a slight increase in tonnages.

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.

Key actions underway:

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

Opportunities/risks: Initial planning for the introduction of the next recycling



PE5.2 % of collected waste recycled and composted.

52%*

Target >54%

collection contract has commenced, as approved by Environmental and Development Services Committee. Operational Services will further explore joint working with other collection authorities and the waste disposal authority.



Theme - Place

Action - PL3.1 Deliver a programme of proactive interventions to reduce environmental crime and anti-social behaviour

Target vs performance:

Quarter 1 Target	<172 reported incidents
Quarter 1 Performance	174 reported incidents

PL3.1 Downward
Trend in fly-tipping
incidents

Trend (compared to last year):

Quarter 1 2016/17	139 reported incidents
Quarter 1 2017/18	175 reported incidents
Quarter 1 2018/19	186 reported incidents
Quarter 1 2019/20	174 reported incidents

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Background

There have been long-term reductions in fly tipping incidents both nationally and locally since 2000; however this trend has reversed in recent years.

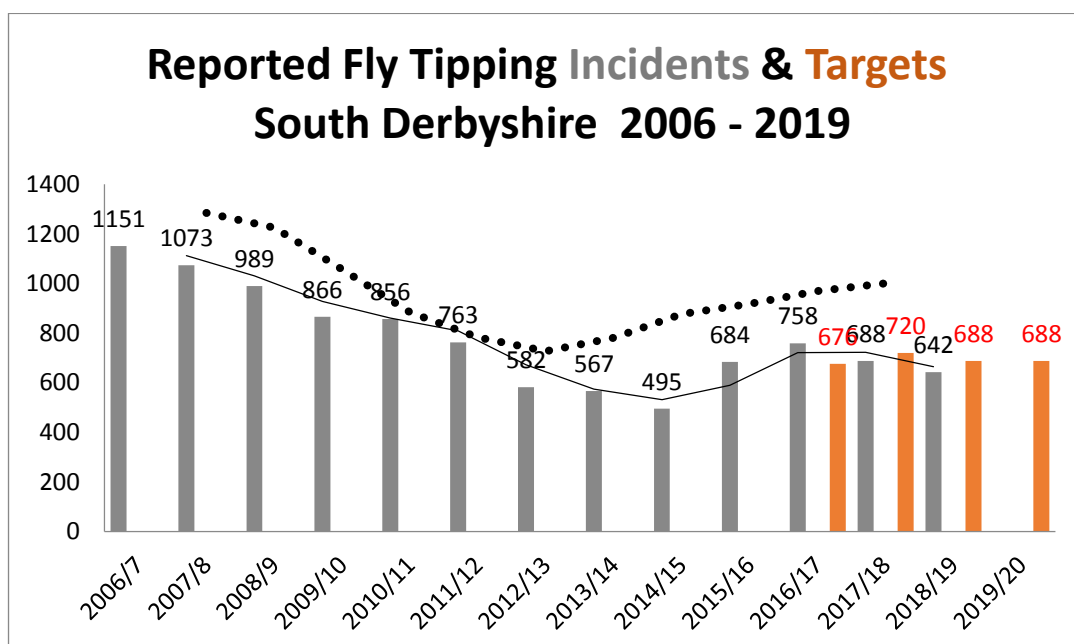
Target <172

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.

Over the last two years fly tipping incidents nationally have increased, but in South Derbyshire they have reduced by 15%.

Quarter 1 performance for 2019/20 was marginally above the target, but was a lower figure than in either of the previous two years.

Based on these figures the relevant services intend to continue to deliver the enhanced services which have been developed over the past 2 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.
- Raising awareness 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
 - Two vehicle seizures
 - 11 successful prosecutions
- Promotion of positive behaviour messages through press and social media at every opportunity.
- Use of 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.

Key actions underway

1. The Senior Community Safety Enforcement Officer will provide 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.
2. 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 will enable more proactive education and engagement work within our communities and will provide additional capacity for enforcement work within the Community Safety Enforcement team.
3. The five most frequently targeted fly tip locations in the district have been identified. Options for location specific interventions are being considered for each of these.

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	



PR2.1 Delivery of Vision and Strategy.

Target

Q1A. Review way forward on receipt of National Forest Business Improvement District (BID) feasibility study.

Q1B. Promote town centre investor opportunities.

Theme - Progress

Action - Drive forward Swadlincote Town Centre Vision and Strategy.

Target vs performance:

(Part of) Milestone for Quarter 1:

Target: Q1. Review way forward on receipt of National Forest Business Improvement District (BID) feasibility study.

Performance: Not achieved - Completion of the feasibility work and receipt of the study from the consultants delayed, with a knock-on effect on reviewing the way forward.

Trend (compared to last quarter/year):

Not applicable – project milestone.

Background:

The feasibility work is being undertaken by a partnership led by the National Forest Company and including the six District Councils which lie within the Forest. The National Forest Company has overseen the appointment and management of the consultant undertaking the work. They have met with the consultant and agreed a revised deadline for the completion of the work.

Key actions underway:

Remaining activity to complete the Action will be carried forward into Q2.

Opportunities/risks:

Not applicable – the outstanding activity will be completed in Q2.