

SOUTH YORKSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Venue: Microsoft Teams

Date: Monday 7 March 2022

Time: 9.00 a.m.

A G E N D A

- 1. Introduction and Apologies**
- 2. Declarations of Interest**
- 3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising (Pages 2 - 3)**
- 4. South Yorkshire Municipal Waste Strategy (Pages 4 - 21)**
 - SYWP Highlight Report
 - R&WS (Defra/Government/timeline) update
 - New SYMWS - Partnership / Direction / Content
 - Net Zero Carbon – Council's commitment/timeline
- 5. IAA3/MoU (Verbal Report)**
- 6. Any Other Business**
- 7. Date and Time of the Next Meeting**

Monday 6 June 2022 at 9.00am in Rotherham Town Hall.

South Yorkshire Waste Partnership Board**Thursday 9 September 2021**

Present: Councillor Houlbrook (Chair), Councillor Beck and Councillor Howard (acting as substitute for Councillor Lamb), Councillor Sophie Wilson (acting as substitute for Councillor Paul Wood) with Lisbeth Baxter, Paul Castle, Tom Smith, Lee Garrett, Gill Charters and Rhonda Fleetwood.

105. TO DETERMINE IF THE FOLLOWING MATTERS ARE TO BE CONSIDERED UNDER THE CATEGORIES SUGGESTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

Agreed.

106. TO DETERMINE ANY ITEM WHICH THE CHAIRMAN IS OF THE OPINION SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY

There were no urgent items to consider.

107. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Lamb, Councillor Wood, Matthew Gladstone, Dan Swaine, Kellie Hopkins, Nigel Naisbitt and Paul Hutchinson.

108. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

109. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 14 JUNE 2021

The Minutes were approved as a correct record of the meeting.

Action – RF to correct the date of the minutes provided from 15.3.21 to 14.6.21.

110. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

111. SOUTH YORKSHIRE MUNICIPAL WASTE STRATEGY - SYMWS HIGHLIGHT REPORT

The Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham Joint Waste Manager submitted a report which provided an update relating to the copy attached.

Cllr Beck asked for clarification of definition of what BDR HWRC's means.

BB advised is a joint contract between Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham and run by FCC.

Cllr Houlbrook asked all to note report in item 4. All agreed.

The Chair invited BB to comment.

BB there are a few areas of interest, but many of the KSP's have been put on hold due to awaiting the outcome of the consultations. It is important to note the SYMWS was adopted in 2017 and was due to end 2021. It was proposed the review should be deferred until the results of the consultations are produced, as this will impact on services. All agreed.

Resolved: That the information provided be noted.

KSP's 1 – 5

BB advised most of the KSP's have been halted due to the Covid impacts to services, waste tonnage is still above that anticipated so this has financial impacts. As the KSP's are in report nothing further to report at this time.

Decarbonisation

BB advised all councils are looking at how to minimise carbon impacts of their services generally and a piece of work looking at options for the waste services specifically is underway. Training in carbon literacy for staff should be prioritised.

Cllr Houlbrook advised that in DMBC they have carried out in house training for a number of officers. He emphasised the importance of the environment agenda. Each council has their own environmental strategies and carbon will be a large part of annual reporting with a much greater focus on reducing carbon. It is important that South Yorkshire move this forward, several councils have declared a climate change emergency, nice to know what other councils are doing around climate change and waste strategy.

112 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no other matters of business to discuss.

113. DATE, TIME AND VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on 20 December 2021 at 9.30am at Rotherham Town Hall.

South Yorkshire Municipal Waste Partnership Highlight Report April 2021 – February 2022

Executive Summary

The Environment Bill received Royal Assent on the 9 November 2021 and became the Environment Act (the Act), work on implementing the Act's policies is well underway. Legally binding environmental targets are being developed, responses to consultations on the deposit return schemes for drinks containers, extended producer responsibility for packaging and consistent recycling collections are under consideration with the results expected early in 2022.

A draft Environmental Principles Policy Statement has been published which will put protecting the environment at the heart of future policy across all areas of government.

The Office for Environmental Protection was set up in an interim, non-statutory form in July 2021, providing independent oversight of the Government's environmental progress and accelerating the foundation of the full body.

The Resource and Waste Strategy for England (RWSE) published in 2018 sets out how the move towards a more circular economy will be achieved in England.¹ This will ensure that material resources are preserved by minimising waste and promoting resource efficiency.

Much of the detail that will allow the outcomes of the RWSE to be delivered were subject to further consultation in 2021. Due to the potential impacts on all stakeholders, there was a high level of responses to the consultation and Defra have yet to publish the outcomes of the consultation.

South Yorkshire Municipal Waste Strategy strategic review.

The BDR joint waste team have begun to plan for the South Yorkshire Municipal Waste Strategy strategic review. The aim is to ensure alignment with the emerging Resource and Waste Strategy for England. Outcomes and outputs that will potentially be impacted by this are shown in this highlight report in red writing. Workstreams that are continuing until the strategic review has been completed are shown below: -

- Development of the Commercial waste services across the Partnership, particularly at the HWRC's (Strategic Priority 3 & 5)
- To have an independent review of the partnership undertaken by Local Partnerships to enable the South Yorkshire Councils to move forward together (Strategic Priorities 2 and 5)

¹ [Resources and waste strategy for England - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/resources-and-waste-strategy-for-england)

- Assessment of the impact of Brexit on the South Yorkshire Waste Management services (Strategic priority 5)
- Development of future service provision including HWRC post 2022. (Strategic Priorities 2 & 5). Management of recycling market risk (Strategic Priority 5)
- Oversight of the recycling targets across the four councils (Strategic Priority 1)

South Yorkshire Waste Planning Policies

Waste Planning policies for Barnsley MBC, Doncaster MBC and Rotherham MBC are currently contained within the Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham Joint Waste Plan (Adopted 2012). Waste Policies for Sheffield CC are within the Core Strategy (adopted 2009). Waste policies in both these plans are in need of a review to take account of amendments in national legislation and changes within the waste market itself.

As these plans require updating within similar timeframes, agreement has been made between the 4 authorities to investigate producing a new Joint Waste Plan, which would cover the entire South Yorkshire area.

Producing a joint Plan has a variety of benefits as waste management is already a cross-boundary matter that requires careful coordination and cooperation between local authorities across the region. Government guidance also states that local authorities should work jointly to collect and share data and information, taking account of waste arisings across neighbouring planning authority areas and the government's latest capacity forecasts in their plans. A joint Plan would also allow any capacity gaps identified to be dealt with across the area.

Key Period: September 2021 – January 2022

Key - The activities are RAG rated as indicated in the table below

Green	On track
Amber	In progress
Red	Behind schedule
Blue	Discovery Stage
Grey	Stop until further details on Resource and Waste Strategy are available

Strategic Priority 1 – The vision is to encourage and inspire children and adults across South Yorkshire to make less waste by reducing, reusing, and recycling more. Interim Priority Lead Lisbeth Baxter.

1.1 Work-stream Status

Table 1

Work-stream	Owner	End Date	Previous meeting rating	Current meeting rating
Increase recycling by 10kg per household by 2021	Steering Group	March 2021	Green	Green
Reduce household waste by 2kg per household each year – year on year until 2021	Steering Group	December 2021	Green	Amber
Deliver a targeted reduce, re-use recycle campaign to at least 100,000 households across South Yorkshire each year.	Community Education and Liaison Officer (CELO)	December 2021	Green	Green
Make available waste education resources for all Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3 children in South Yorkshire by October 2018	Community Education and Liaison Officer (CELO) – Commercial Waste Departments in each council	October 2018	Green	Green
All of our actions, practices, policies, and communications will be reviewed and written to uphold the principles of the waste hierarchy by December 2019	To be assigned by Lisbeth Baxter	December 2019	Halted for review	Halted for review

The policy workstream has been halted until after the strategic review of the strategy. It should also be noted that the emerging Resource and Waste Strategy is likely to move away from weight based to potentially carbon-based targets and place more emphasis on waste minimisation, resource efficiency and good quality data.

1.2 Performance trends

Performance from waste dataflow

Table 2 – annual performance

Item	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Dry recycling kilograms per household ²	244.	251	253.	267
Garden waste kilograms per household ¹	150	149	152	134
Residual waste kilograms per household ¹	522	503	504	538
Landfilled kilograms per household ¹	29	25	19	13.5
Total Waste per household	400	387	422	398

The information in the table above will be updated on an annual basis at year-end post June following the submission and verification of waste data flow information.

The annual figures for recycling performance will not be available until the September Joint Waste Board meeting.

During the pandemic resources have been stretched due to both increased tonnages and staff isolation. It has been necessary to cease some services from time to time.

² Information extracted from waste dataflow www.wastedataflow.org

1.3 Joint / Individual Working Arrangements**Table 3**

	Barnsley	Doncaster	Rotherham	Sheffield
Residual	BDR PFI MBT/AD Renewi Ends 2040 (can be extended to 2045)			Sheffield's ERF Veolia PPP Ends 2038
HWRC	FCC joint contract with BDR Ends October 2023			Subcontracted to Veolia UK until 2021
Garden Waste	Freeland Horticulture Ends extended until 2023	Freeland Horticulture Ends 2023 (potential to extend to 2025)	Biowise Limited T/A Wastewise Awarded 2020 ends 2023 with the potential to extend by 2 x 12 months	Veolia PPP Ends 2036 Disposal subcontracted to Freeland Horticulture
Paper and Card	Kerbside - Palm Recycling Extended to 2022	Dealt with through SUEZ Contract. Ends 2026	Veolia ES, Beighton to recycle Paper and Cardboard. Ends 2024 (potential to extend to 2026)	Veolia PPP Ends 2036
Mixed Dry Recycling	GRUK Recycling Ends 2022	Dealt with through SUEZ Contract. Ends 2026	HW Martin ES, to Recycle Glass Bottles, Steel and aluminium tins and cans + plastic Bottles, Pots Tubs and trays and Textiles. Ends 2024 (potential to extend to 2026)	Veolia PPP Ends 2036
Commercial Waste	BDR PFI MBT/AD Renewi Ends 2040	BDR PFI MBT/AD Renewi Ends 2040	In-house collection. Disposal BDR PFI MBT/AD Renewi Ends 2040	Veolia PPP Ends 2036

1.4 Key Activities completed during this period

1.4.1 Increase recycling by 10kg per household by 2021

Barnsley

In quarter 3 we have seen tonnages for blue bin drop to pre covid levels. Brown bin tonnages have also reduced but are still up by approximately 9% on 2019 figures, contamination is at 3.2% for this quarter.

Doncaster

Doncaster collect paper, card, tins and cans, foil, aerosols, and plastic bottles in a 240-litre blue bin with glass collected in a 55-litre green box. Additional materials (Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment (WEEE)) are also collected if placed next to the blue bin.

Throughout the pandemic, there has been an increase in kerbside tonnages for residual & recycling, during Q3 21/22 the increase is approximately 6% and 4% respectively.

Green waste collections commenced on Tuesday 2nd March 2021 as planned, however due to staff isolations and a national shortage of drivers, the service was temporarily suspended again on 26th July 2021 and resumed on 6th September on a reduced frequency as a monthly collection

Rotherham

Paper and card recycling has reduced by 6.6% when compared with the same period last year and 3.5% down compared with the same period in 2019/20. The glass, cans and plastics recycling has reduced by 3% compared with last year but is still an increase of 18.5% over the same period in 19/20. Contamination continued to rise early in the year but has since steadied and has started to reduce. Current contamination rates are 13.03% in the paper and card bin and 19.68% in the glass, cans and plastics bin.

Garden waste subscription nearly hit 50k and year to date (April-Jan) we have already collected more garden waste than in both 2020/21 and 2019/20, by 8.25% and 10.91% respectively.

Sheffield

The Pandemic had a significant impact on recycling figures particularly mixed dry recycling collections (glass, cans, and plastic bottles) in 2020/21. That waste stream was up by 26% when compared to 2019/20. In 2021/22 (up to quarter 3) the performance has dipped slightly, with the amount of glass, cans and plastic bottles collected for recycling failing by 8.7% (still 17% up on pre Covid-19 levels). Paper

and card increased by 3% up in 2020/21 when compared to 2019/20, however this has fallen by 2% for the year to date in 2021/22 (up to quarter 3).

1.4.2 Reduce household residual waste by 2kg per household each year – year on year until 2021

The pandemic has impacted on the ability to meet this target. It can be seen from table 4 below that although some progress was made towards the target from 2018/19 to 2019/20 in all cases residual waste increased in 2020/21.

Table 4
Residual waste Kilograms per household

	Barnsley	Doncaster	Rotherham	Sheffield
Residual 2017/8	471.553	553.642	544.672	516.857
Residual 2018/19	481.102	529.619	519.239	490.585
Residual 2019/20	477.388	531.006	484.753	509.490
Residual 2020/21	525.944	569.204	510.311	538.863

Barnsley

Residual waste tonnages have reduced over the last quarter and are now similar tonnages to 2019.

Doncaster

Due to the pandemic, there haven't been as many campaigns this year, although the focus of any communications is around increasing participation and improving quality. Collection crews have continued to tag bins that are contaminated, although contamination has remained below the threshold of under 10%, more recently contamination has started to increase.

Residual waste collected is still higher than usual since the start of lockdown measures was introduced on 23rd March 2020 and although throughout the pandemic the restrictions have been altered, the re-introduction of working from home (December 2021) may result in these tonnages remaining higher than predicted. This target may be unachievable this year

Rotherham

Residual waste is 4% down compared with last year, but still 9.47% up vs 2019/20. This was due to the impact of COVID-19 with more people being at home, generating more waste which ends up in the black bins

Sheffield

Residual waste tonnages were up by 8.1% in 2020/21 when compared to 2019/20. This was due to the impact of COVID-19 with more people being at home, generating more waste which ends up in the black bins. The year-to-date figures to December 2021 (up to quarter 3), shows a 3.4% reduction in residual waste based on the same period in 2020/21.

1.4.3 Deliver a targeted reduce, re-use recycle campaign to at least 100,000 households across South Yorkshire each year.

1.4.3.1 Household Waste and Recycling Communications Campaign

Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham Councils are working with Hubbub a social enterprise owned by Hubbub Foundation to develop a waste communications, education and minimisation campaign. – Insight gathering sessions with the Council's and residents have been undertaken. Pilot interventions have been selected for all areas. The Barnsley intervention began in January. The Doncaster intervention is set to launch in the forthcoming weeks. Rotherham Council are in the approval process for the pilot in their region.

1.4.4 Provide resources for Key Stage 3 children in South Yorkshire by October 2018

During the pandemic the CELO and the communications team worked on a series of school resources tailored to specific Key Stages (age groups) that focus on the 3Rs, climate change, the facility and, in the case of secondary aged pupils, the circular economy and UN sustainability goals

At the request of the Councils the team have continued to share composting messages through their social media in addition to topics such as the safe disposal of PPE, batteries, plastic swaps, and food waste.

The BDR online website has been updated and the focus changed from the construction and early functioning of the facility. The new content provides residents with a much clearer picture of what they can do to help slow climate change, reduce waste, improve the environment, and be involved in local campaigns. There is also a revised section for teachers to download resources to use in school, this will eventually house any recorded sessions.

In person School visits have been re-instated along with site visits for limited numbers.

1.4.4.1 Waste reduction website

Renewi continue to provide regular weekly, monthly and periodic social media posts and campaigns through their Waste Less South Yorkshire website and social media platforms.

#FoodWasteFriday. Focuses on reducing food waste. 214,851 impressions.

#ReuseRevolution. 87,870 impressions.

#RubbishMythBusting. 28,075 impressions.

#Love Your Clothes. 189,786 impressions.

Thinking about clothes and moving away from fast fashion garments has potential to reduce carbon emissions. It is estimated that the global fashion industry is responsible for 8-10% of global carbon emissions. There are helpful hints and tips about how individuals can reduce their impact on the wasteless-sy.co.uk website.

1.4.5 All of our actions, practices, policies, and communications will be reviewed and written to uphold the principles of the waste hierarchy by December 2019.

This has been put on hold until further detail on the Resource and Waste Strategy is available.

1.5 Key Activities planned for next period (up to – March 2022)

Barnsley

Work continues on measuring the carbon output of the borough's waste, this is still in its early stages of development and once completed it is hoped that it will become a useful tool which can be factored into future decisions.

Pots, tubs and trays were introduced to the domestic plastic collections on 7th December; this will increase the variety of plastics residents can recycle at the kerbside. Previously residents could only recycle plastic bottles.

Fleet continue to work on the vehicle replacement strategy. The process of replacing smaller fleet vehicles has commenced with an intention to replace RCV's as the technology develops. Decisions are still to be made on which technology will be used. There is an ongoing piece of work into ensuring the infrastructure (e.g. charging points in key locations) is in-place which will ensure a successful roll-out of this strategy.

The commercial waste officers are investigating the feasibility of expanding the pilot recycling offer of:

- Residual waste

- Paper and Card
- Glass Metals and Plastic – including pots, tubs and trays to all council buildings

Doncaster

Doncaster are continuing to work with their contractors to ensure the robust delivery of their services during the current pandemic along with this they are investigating:

- Work is being undertaken with Refurnish/SUEZ to establish how successful the re-use bulky collections are
- Plans to promote the Commercial Waste & Recycling Service and enable the authority to be more competitive with the pricing structure

Rotherham

As well as ensuring a robust service provision during the current pandemic RMBCs focus areas this year are:

- Planning a recycling service for commercial operations including schools
- Increasing the quality of recycling collected at the kerbside and participation in the service. RMBC waste officers are working with housing colleagues to investigate the best solution for reducing contamination of communal bins at flatted properties
- Introducing a bin reminder service for the residents, this is being looked at with IT to ensure a good fit with the current systems.
- Round efficiencies by procuring route optimisation software, this is being looked at within the procurement of a new in cab and office system
- Trialling an electric residual collection vehicle in March

Sheffield

A citywide collection calendar will be distributed in May 2022. This will include some targeted information by area to reflect different service performance and challenges.

A review of the HWRC provision in Sheffield is being undertaken and a working group will explore options around creating a supersite within the city to determine feasibility and affordability, including potential for a reuse shop.

2. Strategic Priority 2 – Our vision is to work hard to deliver and maintain a dependable and reliable service Priority Lead Gillian Charters, Head of Waste, Sheffield City Council

2.1 Work-stream Status

Table 5

Work-stream	Owner	End Date	Previous meeting rating	Current meeting rating
Implement, publish, and promote South Yorkshire Waste Customer Charter	Gill Gilles	December 2018	Halted for review	Halted for review
Have a plan for how South Yorkshire can deliver a standardised service including materials, containers, and collection frequency.	Gillian Charters	December 2019	Halted for review	Halted for review
Produce and make available a commercial waste guide for businesses across South Yorkshire by March 2019	To be assigned by Steering Group (currently with CELO)	March 2019	Halted for review	Halted for review
Look at the possibility of a shared waste asset and resource plan by April 2019 to maintain a reliable and user-friendly service for residents	Gill Charters	April 2019	Halted for review	Halted for review

2.2 Key Activities Completed This Period

This work stream has been halted as the emerging Resource and Waste Strategy for England is likely to impact on household and commercial waste collections and may influence the infrastructure required to deliver the outcomes.

2.3 Key Activities planned for next period (up to – March 2022)

Local Partnerships have completed various scenarios for a standardised service across the region taking into account the recent release of “Our waste, our resource: a strategy for England” and the South Yorkshire Councils aspirations.

Carbon modelling work has been completed and the information has been cascaded to Steering Committee. Once comments have been provided to Local Partnerships the findings will be presented to the South Yorkshire Councils.

3. Strategic Priority 3 – Our vision is that all four councils will work together more closely to deliver value for money services Priority Lead, Paul Castle, Service Director, Environment & Transport, Barnsley Council

3.1 Work-stream Status

Work-stream	Owner	End Date	Previous meeting rating	Current meeting rating
Develop and annually review a knowledge bank capturing local and national best practice by December 2018	Beth Baxter	December 2018 (subject to annual review)	Amber	Amber
Deliver and implement a joint commercial plan which will save the Councils £2 million	Paul Castle	December 2021	Halted for review	Halted for review
Develop a joint calendar of events annually to ensure coverage of emerging best practice and developments in the sector with the least cost	Paul Castle	March 2021	Halted for review	Halted for review
Support an additional 300 Small Medium Enterprises SMEs across South Yorkshire to access appropriate and cost-effective waste services by December 2021,	To be assigned by Paul Castle	December 2021	Halted for review	Halted for review

3.2 Key Activities Completed This Period

Officers are sharing knowledge on commercial services and have linked with Harrogate Council to learn lessons from their successful roll out of their recycling service to commercial customers.

3.3 Key Activities planned for next period (up to – March 2022)

A knowledge session will be delivered to new and long standing members of the South Yorkshire Partnership board, to augment their understanding of the scope of the Inter Authority Agreement between Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham and the Memorandum of Understanding between Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield.

A plan for the strategic review of the South Yorkshire Waste Strategy has been considered at the last board and meetings are to be diarised with Members to

progress this work once the outcomes of the Resource and Waste Strategy consultations are published.

3.4 Key Decisions/Support required:

The RWSE consultation responses were expected in autumn 2021 however these may be delayed until circa April 2022. The overall direction of the SYMWS and its links to the RWSE are to be reviewed as part of the recovery plan for waste services in the region. This is particularly important now the Circular Economy Package has been transposed.

4. Strategic Priority 4 – Our vision is to continue exploring how waste technology can be used to improve recycling and waste services. Priority Lead, Tom Smith Assistant Director, Regeneration and Environment, Rotherham Council

4.1 Work stream Status

Work-stream	Owner	End Date	Previous meeting rating	Current meeting rating
Real time collection information to be available to customers online	Tom Smith	December 2021	Blue	Blue
On-going installation of GPS tracking, state of the art camera systems in-cab technology in 100% of all new and replacement collection vehicles	Tom Smith	December 2021	Green	Green
Invest in resources to drive improved use of new and existing technology for both staff and customers e.g., more online support	Tom Smith	December 2021	Blue	Blue

4.2 Key Activities Completed This Period

The global pandemic has resulted in more people working from home including waste management officers. Work to improve the digital offering to customers from waste management is ongoing.

Waste management teams across the region have been holding Microsoft teams meetings to progress projects where possible.

All councils are now entering a hybrid working approach with the lifting of restrictions and staff are encouraged to work in the office for part of the working week.

4.3 Key Activities planned for next period (up to – March 2022)

The government are consulting on practical implementation of digital waste tracking including:

- what waste will be tracked
- what information should be recorded
- when this information should be recorded
- different ways to record the information
- what the enforcement consequences might be if the information isn't recorded as required
- how we should charge for the operation and maintenance of the waste tracking service

Further investigation into how digitalisation can improve the customer experience and track waste from cradle to grave will be necessary.

4.4 Key Decisions/Support required:

No decisions required at this moment in time

5. Strategic Priority 5 – Our vision is to be proactive to influence decision making on waste at a European, national, and local level and to drive investment in infrastructure within South Yorkshire. Beth Baxter BDR Manager

5.1 Work stream Status

Work-stream	Owner	End Date	Previous meeting rating	Current meeting rating
Lobby central government on emerging waste policies and legislation	Beth Baxter	December 2021	Amber	Green
Seek to secure £5 million of external funding and investment for South Yorkshire by 2021 for use in infrastructure projects e.g., Household Waste Recycling Centres	Beth Baxter	December 2021	Grey	Halted for review
Provide resources for continuing professional development for industry recognised bodies	Beth Baxter	December 2021	Amber	Amber

5.1.1 Lobby central government on emerging waste policies and legislation

5.1.1.1 Environment Bill

At the State Opening of Parliament on 19 December 2019 the Queen said environmental measures on several fronts – including a ban on plastic exports – were to be enshrined into law as part of a proposed environment bill. Since then, the bill has been subjected to several debates and has now become an Act. Progress of the Bill is now not expected until Spring 2022 by which time the results of the consultation on the Resource and Waste Strategy may be known. Further consultation on the proposals will be undertaken and the drafting of secondary legislation that will provide more detail and guidance is expected to be published by the end of 2022.

5.1.1.2 Brexit

The UK transition period ended on the 31 December 2020 impacts of the exit on the supply chain are likely to have been masked by impacts of the pandemic. All areas of the economy seem to have been impacted on by EU workers returning to their own countries. There is a shortage of HGV drivers which has impacted on service provision across all councils and delays in some supply chains

5.1.1.3 Climate and Biodiversity Emergency

The South Yorkshire Councils have all declared climate emergencies and are working together with other organisations in the region to establish carbon reduction targets.

The waste minimisation and resource efficiency activities in the SYMWS will contribute to achieving these targets.

5.1.1.4 Closed Consultations

There were five major consultations over a five-month period and the outcomes of those consultations could result in significant changes to the way waste services are delivered and paid for in the future. The consultations were:

- Waste prevention Program
- Extended Producer Responsibility
- Deposit Return Scheme
- Consistency of Collections
- Draft Policy Statement on Environmental Principles

It is expected that following on from the review of the consultation responses further consultations will take place.

Landfill tax review- call for evidence - Treasury

This call for evidence sought views on the key design features of Landfill Tax, including the rate that applies to different materials and the circumstances in which exemptions and discounts can be claimed. The call for evidence is focused on how Landfill Tax can continue to support the government's ambitious environmental objectives, including achieving zero avoidable waste by 2050.

This consultation ran from
1pm on 30 November 2021 to 11:45pm on 22 February 2022

Consultation on proposals to ban commonly littered single use plastic items in England - Treasury

Treasury consulted on new policy proposals to ban single-use plastic items which they think may not be addressed sufficiently by their existing policies or policy proposals.

This consultation ran from
1pm on 20 November 2021 to 11:45pm on 12 February 2022

Call for evidence on commonly littered and problematic plastic items - Treasury

Treasury consulted on proposals to ban single-use plastic plates, cutlery, balloon sticks, and expanded and extruded polystyrene cups and food and beverage containers in England. They also launched a call for evidence, to help gather evidence on other problematic plastic items to help inform future policy making.

Items of interest were wet wipes, tobacco filters, sachets, and other single-use plastic cups. These items frequently escape waste management systems and enter the terrestrial and/or marine environment.

This consultation ran from
1pm on 20 November 2021 to 11:45pm on 12 February 2022

5.2 Key Activities Completed This Period

Participation in webinars and workshops in preparation for Government response to the R&WS consultations.

5.3 Key Activities planned for next period (up to – March 2022)

Formulation of responses to the following consultations

Introduction of mandatory digital waste tracking

The Environment Act 2021 established powers across the UK for DEFRA to make regulations to establish a digital waste tracking system and require those who produce, handle, dispose of or make products from waste, to enter information onto it.

This consultation³ opened on the 21 of January 2022 and focuses on the practical aspects of introducing a digital waste tracking service to ensure that what is delivered will meet the needs of all those who will either be required to enter information onto it or who will draw information from it, including businesses across all sectors, government, regulators, academia, and the general public. The consultation will close on the 15 April 2022.

Reform of waste carrier, broker and dealer legislation

In 2018, the Resources and Waste Strategy set out the Government's commitment to improve the transport, management, and description of waste by reforming regulations for duty of care, carrier/broker/dealers, hazardous waste and international waste shipments.

Defra have since worked with the regulators to build upon the proposals from the waste industry to reform the CBD regime which are part of a wide-ranging ongoing review of the waste legislation framework across a number of regimes.

The consultation on the changes opened on the 21 January 2022 and closes on the 15 April 2022

The Office for Environmental Protection (OEP)

The Office for Environmental Protection (OEP) is a new public body, established by the Environment Act 2021. They are independent, with functions to advise ministers and government departments and to hold them and other public authorities to account against their environmental responsibilities and the law.

They are seeking views on two documents:

1. Their draft strategy which explains how they will work in our first period of operation to make the most difference they can. They expect to review it in around 18 months' time.
2. Their draft enforcement policy, which explains more specifically how they will approach our enforcement role.

The consultation on the changes opened on the 25 January 2022 and closes on the 22 March 2022

5.4 Key Decisions/Support required

The key identified project risks are as follows:

- Insufficient budgets are allocated to allow the work towards the changes required to comply with changes in law to be undertaken

³ [Introduction of mandatory digital waste tracking - Defra - Citizen Space](#)

- Partners withdraw
- External funding is not available
- Staff resources are not allocated, or a skills gap exists; and

Staff resources are a key risk for the future as the proposed changes will involve contract negotiations, operational changes and there will be a need for consultation and engagement activities.