

BDR WASTE PFI CONTRACT

BDR MANAGER REPORT (July 2026) AGM

1 Governance

1.1 Annual General Meeting

- 1.1.1 As the report is being presented to the Joint Waste Board Annual General Meeting, there are updates on the current year so far, as well as additional information relating to the previous contract year of 25/26.

1.2 Strategic Meetings Held

- 1.1.2 **Joint Waste Board** – The Joint Waste Board meets in person three times per year (every 4 months). There have been some occasions where it has been necessary to send deputies and there have been some changes to members of the Board following local elections or other internal Council changes.
- 1.1.3 **Steering Committee** – The Steering Committee, attended by Assistant Directors / Heads of Service, meets every 8 weeks. There have been some occasions where it has been necessary for Department Heads to attend in place of the AD's.
- 1.1.4 **Joint Waste Team** – The Joint Waste Team, attended by Council Officers, meets every 8 weeks.

1.3 BDR Team

- 1.1.5 The BDR Team continues to work flexibly across the BDR Partnership and the PFI Waste Treatment facility at Bolton Road, and some home working.
- 1.1.6 **The BDR Team comprises:**
- 1.1.6.1 **BDR Manager – Paul Hutchinson** (extended absence as of September 2025).PH outlined all the actions and tools at the Steering Committee meeting on 12.8.25 to enable the BDR Team to pick up the reins in his extended absence.
- 1.1.6.2 Including arrangements for the BDR Legal and Financial Advisors to be available to function as mentors, support, gatekeepers, and critical friends for the BDR Team on matters contractual for the team.
- 1.1.6.2.1 RMBC's Waste Manager is to function as mentor for the team on matters administrative within the RMBC system (Budgets, HR, Governance structure, and Rules).
- 1.1.6.2.2 Waste Managers from BMBC and CoDC to function as mentors for the team on matters of BDR Partnership and Council/Site interface.
- 1.1.6.3 **Senior Contract Officer – Carl Hewlett** (stepping up as BDR Manager in the interim)
- 1.1.6.4 **Technical Officer / Admin– Rhonda Fletcher**

1.4 External Support

- 1.1.7 The BDR Team continues to receive external legal, financial, and technical advice from specialists who have been advising the BDR Team on PFI matters and partnership working.
 - 1.1.7.1.1 Neil Tindall Legal Services (Legal)
 - 1.1.7.1.2 Roamine Advisory Limited - Craig Pember (Finance)
 - 1.1.7.1.3 Stantec UK Limited (Technical)
 - 1.1.7.1.4 IDRisk (Insurance)
- 1.1.8 The BDR Team and their external advisers continue to work on major and minor variations to the contract to improve the overall service delivery, processes, performance, and contractual interaction between BDR and the contractor.
- 1.1.9 Advisors are / will be assisting with negotiation / due diligence on:
 - 1.1.9.1 Ongoing contractual and financial due diligence following on from the sale of Renewi UK Services (the contractor) to BIFFA Ltd
 - 1.1.9.2 Contract Parent Company Guarantee change request - rejected.
 - 1.1.9.3 Ferrybridge offtake contract Parent Company Guarantee change request – Awaiting Detail from Biffa.
 - 1.1.9.4 Deliverable Matrix Variation – ongoing.
 - 1.1.9.5 Dispute Resolution Panel agreement.
 - 1.1.9.6 Landfill diversion Incentive (annually).
 - 1.1.9.7 Change in Law implications for the contract (and cost mitigation) arising from the Environment Act 2021 (R&WS, EPR, DRS & Simpler Recycling, etc)
 - 1.1.9.7.1 Biffa indicated they wish to discuss potential implications to contract resulting from this.
 - 1.1.9.8 Joint Insurance Cost Report (Bi-annually – Version 5 Received Jan 25 - Rejected)
 - 1.1.9.8.1 Biffa indicated may wish to take to dispute.
 - 1.1.9.9 Annual Insurance Placement (24/2/25 for 2026) and waiver request for some aspects of Insurance requirements
 - 1.1.9.10 Change request to remove the old Fire suppression system.
 - 1.1.9.11 Qualified Change in Law (QCIL) claim for Environmental Permit changes and installation. of Best Available Technologies (BAT's)
 - 1.1.9.11.1 BDR Team awaiting technical and financial data from Biffa (for CiL claim) to allow due diligence and interrogation.
 - 1.1.9.12 Changes/rebuild of AD Pasteurisation Tunnels and Acid Scrubber due to errors in the original design.
 - 1.1.9.13 Review of new carbon Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) requirements on Energy from Waste (EfW) sites (Ferrybridge) and potential (2028) budgetary impact on BDR Councils. Possibly including financial burden mitigation options/initiatives
 - 1.1.9.14 Review of maintenance Plans and Lifecycle of Bolton Road and equipment.
 - 1.1.9.15 Any future amendments to managing Persistent Organic Pollutants (POP's) from EA directives.

1.1.9.16 Site condition survey and hand back obligation for Barnsley transfer station.

2 Financial

2.1 25/26 Operational Management Budget Outturn

2.1.1 Table 1 - Operational Management Budget 2025/26

25/26 Budget Approved by JWB 24.06.25				2025/26 BDR Recharge split	
	Budget	Forecast	Variance		
Management	£150,000	£162,050	£12,050	BMBC	£77,007
Administration	£33,000	£30,341	-£2,659		
Call off Legal	£80,000	£52,278	-£104,722	DMBC	£79,503
External Finance	£52,000				
External Legal	£0				
External Technical	£20,000				
Insurance Advisors	£5,000				
Call off Finance	£0				
Call off Technical	£0				
Projects	£0	£0	£0	Total	£239,640
Total	£340,000	£244,668	-£95,332		
				Small discrepancy in total v forecast due to year end accrual recharge	

- 2.1.2 Expenditure was continually monitored and recalculated to ensure the team meets all the anticipated workloads due in the 25/26 financial year due to the changes below:
- 2.1.2.1 New BDR team staff profile
 - 2.1.2.2 New Consultants' Rates. Both Legal and Financial advisors' contracts ended, and new agreements are now in place. They have been appointed through a specialist consultancy framework following the administering authorities' procurement rules, and rates reflect the market rate + inflation.
 - 2.1.2.3 Advice required for technical specialities.
 - 2.1.2.4 A circa £95,000 saving was achieved in 25/26, and this has been passed on to the Council in the form of a reduced quarterly recharge/payment for their contribution to the BDR Teams operational budget.

2.2 26/27 Operational Management Budget Forecast

- 2.2.1 For 26/27 the Interim BDR Manager will be proposing to the Joint Waste Board AGM that the budget increases from £340,000 to £380,000 (one-third paid by each Council) to be sufficient to meet the Teams' anticipated requirements for 26-27.
- 2.2.1.1 The budget was last increased in contract year 22/23 to the current £340,000.
 - 2.2.1.2 This increase is to better reflect annual pay increases for staff, temporary uplifts in pay due to covering the BDR manager position, and increases in BDR Consultants fees for the current year.

2.2.2 Some re-profiling of individual budget header amounts may be required as the year progresses, but it is hoped these costs and savings will be neutral across the budget.

2.2.3 A breakdown for the 26/27 anticipated BDR PFI Operational Management Budget presented at the Joint Waste Board Annual General Meeting on 6 July 2026 is below for scrutiny and approval. It is anticipated to be as follows:

2.2.3.1 **Table 2 - Operational Management Budget Forecast 2026/27**

26/27 Budget - To be approved by JWB 6.7.26			
	Budget	Forecast	Variance
Management	£168,000	£0	£0
Administration	£35,000	£0	£0
Call off Legal	£83,000	£0	£0
External Finance	£54,000		
External Legal	£0		
External Technical	£30,000		
External Insurance	£10,000		
Call off Finance	£0		
Call off Technical	£0		
Projects	£0	£0	£0
Total	£380,000	£0	£0

2.2.4 The BDR team proactively manages its Operational Budget, but it is anticipated that all the 26/27 budget may be utilised, and it is not anticipated that significant budgetary savings will be possible in 26/27.

2.3 25/26 Net Unitary Charge Payment

2.3.1 The BDR Manager is currently verifying the 2025/2026 unitary charge reconciliation and will liaise with Waste and Finance managers on its outcome.

2.3.2 Throughout the 2025/26 financial year, over 213,000 tonnes of contract waste from Barnsley, Doncaster, and Rotherham Councils were processed through the contract. This is an increase of 0.65% on the previous year. The forecasted amount for the year was 212,000 tonnes.

2.3.3 No additional payments are anticipated, and each Council is anticipated to receive credit on their 25/26 UC.

2.3.4 Savings to the Unitary Charge have been obtained in:

2.3.4.1 Landfill Diversion Incentive

2.3.4.2 Recycling performance Deduction

- 2.3.4.3 Royalty Payment for spare capacity use
- 2.3.4.4 Under spend on Community Education and Liaison Officer (CELO) budget

2.4 26-27 Unitary Charge Forecast

2.4.1 The PFI Unitary charge has an annual indexation mechanism that is set by the January RPIX figure. The January 2026 figure was 3.2%.

2.4.2 Waste arisings are anticipated to remain at the same levels as 2025/26 and have been forecasted at 212,000 tonnes again, and with no unexpected or unanticipated additional costs, expenditure, or income. The following Unitary Charge amount is anticipated for 2026/27.

2.4.2.1 Table 3 - 26/27 Unitary Charge Forecast.

Annual Forecast 2026-27				
Unitary Charge	Barnsley	Doncaster	Rotherham	Total
Invoice Payment to Biffa	£9,430,941.63	£11,481,038.35	£8,560,890.86	£29,472,870.84
Internal Adjustments				
Anticipated Credits	£1,969,951.78	£2,626,602.38	£1,969,951.78	£6,566,505.94
Budget Out-Turn	£7,460,989.85	£8,854,435.98	£6,590,939.07	£22,906,364.90

2.5 Energy Gainshare Payment.

2.5.1 It is calculated that there will be no Energy Gainshare Payment in 2026/27. This payment is calculated over a three-year rolling average of electricity prices, and as prices have fallen sufficiently since their peak in 21/22 & 22/23, the rolling average will no longer fall within the calculation to trigger a payment.

3 Contract Delivery

3.1 Contract Strategic Meetings

- 3.1.1 BDR Liaison Committee Meeting – Held every 6 months, the Liaison Committee meetings. between the Councils, the contractor, and the operating contractor continues to be positive, the representatives across all parties have been in post for some time, and this allows for a collective understanding of contractual positions. The last meeting was held on 20th May 2026
- 3.1.2 Previously, the May 2025 Liaison meeting was a great opportunity for the new contractor, Biffa, to introduce themselves to the wider BDR governance structure and allow them to outline their vision for the management and running of the BDR PFI waste contract.
- 3.1.3 Biffa has indicated that they are keen to dialogue with the Councils over the implications of the incoming Simpler Recycling changes (EPR, DRS etc.) and their implications on the contract. At this point we are still awaiting dates from Biffa to hold a strategy day for the Councils, and this has been pushed back till later in 2026.
- 3.1.4 Operating Contractor (OpCo) - Monthly meetings are held between the BDR team and Biffa, the operating contractor. At these meetings, the BDR team receives updated reports on plant performance and maintenance, duty of care, health and safety, any projects, contractual performance targets, and site inspection outcomes. The BDR team raises any performance issues and agrees deductions that should be applied, and the Contractor is measured against contractual performance requirements.
- 3.1.5 Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV OpCo) - Bi-monthly meetings are held between the BDR team (with its Legal and Financial external consultants) with the SPV Director(s) and Biffa contract director. At these meetings, the BDR team receives updated reports on contractual compliance, contractual variations, potential changes in law affecting the contract, insurance, and performance of the PFI financially etc. The BDR team raises any (non-operational) contractual issues at this meeting.

3.2 Contract Data

- 3.2.1 Performance reports are produced by the contractor on the 14th of each month including information up to the end of the previous month. The contractor also produces an annual performance report (received in May 2026 for the 25/26 contract year). As this meeting is held on the 6th of July 2026 (with papers needing publishing in advance), the contractor's annual report data is included in this report. Current contract year data will only be included until the 31st of May as the June monthly report will not be available before this meeting on the 6th of July 2026.

3.2.2 By undertaking continuous monitoring of the contract through site inspections, report scrutiny, performance monitoring mechanisms, and procedures within the BDR Team, and direct communication with the contractor, we are satisfied with contractual performance, service delivery, and compliance. The BDR team currently has no major concerns with Biffa's delivery and will continue to monitor them in accordance with the contract and raise any issues with the Biffa management team as soon as possible for further discussion and investigation.

3.3 Waste Treatment

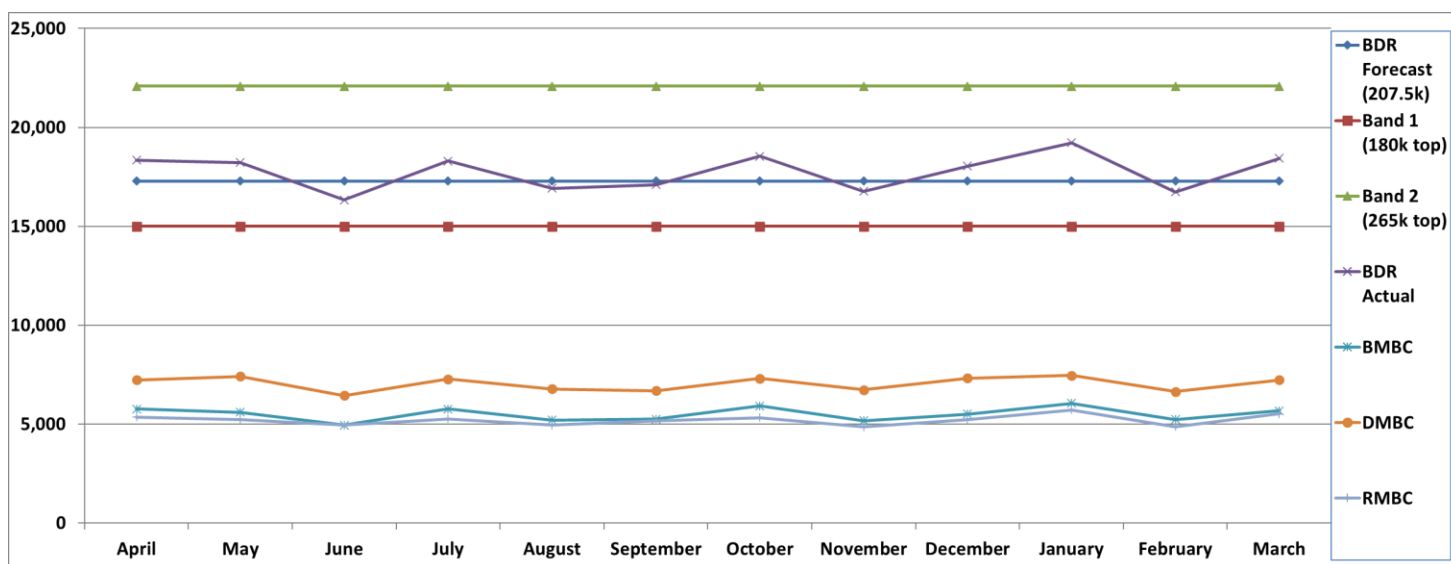
3.3.1 Bolton Road Facility, BDR waste received 25/26.

3.3.1.1 Table 4 below shows the proportion of waste delivered from April 2025 to March 2026 and the variance between the Initial forecast and the final year-end forecasted Unitary Charge amount invoiced. 24/25 saw 209,402 tonnes delivered. The 25/26 figure of 213,000 sees an increase of 0.65% on the previous year. This increase can be attributed to anticipated growth in housing stock and population.

3.3.1.2 Table 4 – 25/26 Tonnage Forecast v Actual.

	Barnsley	Doncaster	Rotherham	Total
Year End Tonnage Split	31.02%	39.64%	29.34%	100%
Tonnage billed in UC Payments	64,999	85,203	61,798	212,000
Year End Tonnage Outturn	66,100	84,474	62,513	213,087
Variance	1,101	-729	715	1,087

3.3.1.3 Figure 1- Tonnage Tracker across BDR 25/26



3.3.2 The BDR Team proactively reviews the anticipated tonnage forecast throughout the year.

and adjusted the monthly Unitary Charge payments accordingly to ensure accurate UC amounts to aid budget forecasting.

3.3.3 Waste Treatment – Bolton Road Facility – Contract Waste Received.

3.3.3.1 Table 5 – 26/27 Year-to-date contract tonnes processed.

<u>Inputs</u>		2025/26	April	May	YTD 2026/27
	Contract Waste (Limbs)	53668.30	4801.62	4369	9170.34
Barnsley	A (Household)	5026.88	400.34	370.54	770.88
	B (Commercial)	6157.08	602.48	588.08	1190.56
	C (HWRC)	1247.36	98.88	92.88	191.76
	D (Public Highways etc)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	E (Grounds Maintenance)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Doncaster	A (Household)	73622.60	6504.56	6281.56	12786.12
	B (Commercial)	2748.52	151.38	120.68	272.06
	C (HWRC)	8189.62	763.30	767.14	1530.44
	D (Public Highways etc)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	E (Grounds Maintenance)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rotherham	A (Household)	52253.26	4542.90	4242.94	8785.84
	B (Commercial)	2971.38	246.60	227.50	474.10
	C (HWRC)	7202.10	721.70	698.08	1419.78
	D (Public Highways etc)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	E (Grounds Maintenance)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

3.3.4 Waste Treatment – Bolton Road Facility - Third-party waste received.

Table 6 – 26/27 Year to date Third Party waste tonnes processed.

<u>Inputs - 3rd Party</u>	2025/26	April	May	YTD 2026/27
Biffa	10609.20	0.00	0.00	0.00

- 3.3.4.1 The amount of third-party waste being accepted is monitored and managed by the Contractor against Council delivered tonnage to ensure sufficient capacity to process and prioritise BDR contract waste. This will also allow for smoother acceptance of the contract waste from the Councils and increased reception area cleaning as part of Biffa's ongoing fly management measures.

3.4 Waste Treatment Performance

- 3.4.1 Annually, the two primary monitoring metrics for the contract are recycling performance and diversion from landfill. The contract sets targets for the facility of 17% recycling (with a default-termination trigger if below 10.5%) and 96.7% diversion of waste from landfill in the 2025/26 contract year.
- 3.4.2 In 2025/26 the facility achieved a recycling rate of 14.10%, a decrease of 0.1% from the 2024/25 rate. This recycling rate includes all material presented to the market for recycling from the BDR waste treatment contract.
- 3.4.3 In 2025/26 the facility achieved 97.47% diversion from landfill, a decrease of 0.55% from the previous year. This rate includes all the waste from the contract presented for recycling, processed through the AD facility, moisture reduction, and/or sent for energy recovery.
- 3.4.4 As CoDC now collect Pots, Tubs and Trays in their kerbside Dry mixed recycling from 1st of April 2025, this has invoked a pre-agreed variation to the contract from that date and reduced the Recycling performance target for 25/26 from 17.5% to 17%.
- 3.4.5 This is the same agreed variation that saw the target reduce from 19% to 18% when RMBC introduced plastic collection kerbside and a chargeable garden waste service, and from 18% to 17.5 % when BMBC introduced Pots, Tubs and Trays collection in their kerbside Dry mixed recycling in previous contract years.

3.4.6 **Table 7 – 25/26 Final and 26/27 Year-to-date Bolton Road Performance**

Performance	2025-26	April	May	YTD 2025/26
Recycling (%)	14.10%	12.57%	13.63%	13.10%
Diversion (%)	97.47%	80.07%	86.31%	83.19%
Moisture Loss (%)	29.18%	30.66%	30.74%	30.70%

- 3.4.6.1 Landfill diversion is calculated by the total waste diverted from landfill divided by the total waste delivered. In certain months diversion could potentially be above 100%, this is due to treatment process taking 14 days (potentially over a month-end). Therefore, in these months, more processed material may leave the site than is received. The landfill diversion target is set annually and increases year on year.
- 3.4.7 **Table 8 – 25/26 Final and 26/27 Year-to-date Bolton Road Process Outputs**

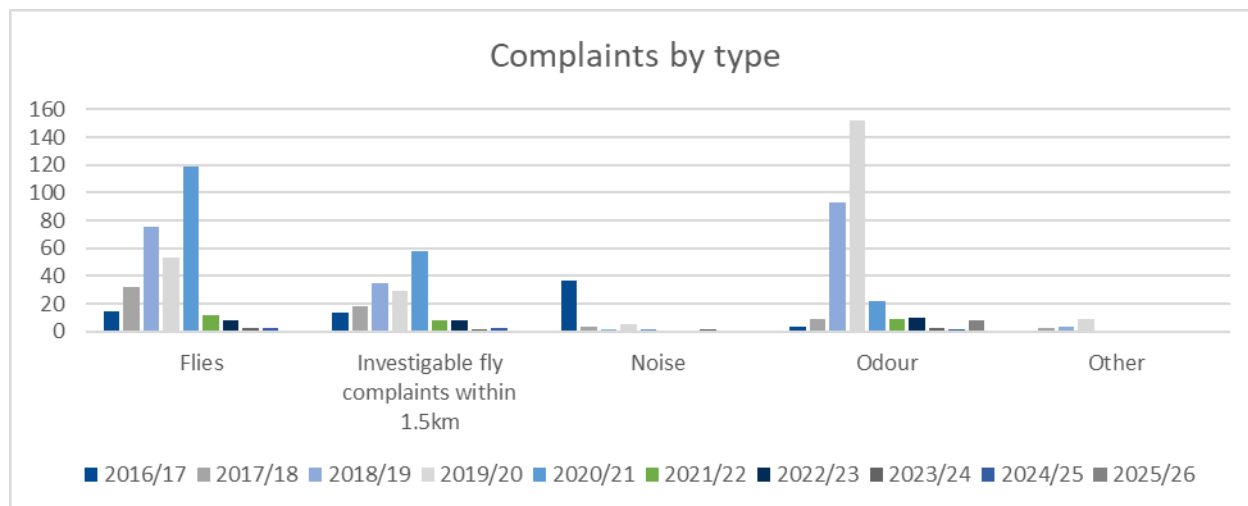
Contract Outputs	2025/26	April	May	YTD 2026/27
Landfill	1988.84	1487.44	1791.22	3278.66
Recovery (RDF + Moisture)	186226.70	13380.31	13602.68	26982.99
Ferrous	1253.55	115.42	143.42	258.84
Non-Ferrous	347.68	21.88	28.90	50.78
Fines	16645.31	1281.54	1398.52	2680.06
Glass & Stone	1312.35	127.34	78.04	205.38
Plastic	1906.81	152.98	75.46	228.44
Direct Delivered	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Recycling Sub-Total	21465.70	1699.16	1724.34	3423.50
<i>Ferrybridge Metals</i>	2242.71	153.93	142.25	296.18
AWM-Recycling	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fines CLO Uplift	3116.93	239.98	261.88	501.86
Recycling Total	26825.33	2093.06	2128.28	4221.34
<i>Outbound Total</i>	209681.24	16566.91	17118.24	33685.15

4 Complaints

4.1 25/26 Review

- 4.1.1 A total of nine complaints were received during the 2025-26 period, representing a 50% increase from the previous year. No complaints were received regarding Barnsley Transfer Station.

Table 9 – Complaints Historically



- 4.1.1 The BDR team are confident that all best practices are in place, following substantial interaction and advice from the EA and improving relationships having been built between the EA and the contractor. Statistical data has been captured to evidence low fly numbers in 25/26 being seen in and around site. This has allowed a better understanding of the sites substantial and pro-active fly management activities.

Table 10 – 25/26 Complaints received by month.

2026/27	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Flies	1 (1) *	2 (1) *											0 (0)
Noise	0 (0)	0 (0)											0 (0)
Odour	0 (0)	0 (0)											0 (0)

(#*) Classified immediately as unsubstantiated by the EA (Distance from site, wind direction, closeness to other sources, description of complaint levied (burning waste!) or Hygiene/lack of own fly management at complainant's address).

4.2 26/27 – Current Year

- 4.2.1 So far this year, Biffa has received three fly complaints:

- 4.2.1.1 One from local business residents (30/04/26), the complaint was investigated by site management, and the EA came to the site, who determined that the issue was not related to site.
- 4.2.1.2 One local resident, sample found cluster flies not BDR related (01/05/26)
- 4.2.1.3 One local business resident, investigated by Biffa and awaiting reply from EA (29/05/26)
- 4.2.2 Biffa is currently following the approved Fly Management Plan and increases/decreases fly treatments dependant on weather, temperature etc.
- 4.2.3 As part of Biffa's ongoing fly management, a reviewed and updated Fly Management Plan (with additional preventive measures) has been submitted to the EA and approved by them. In addition Biffa has adapted the application of pesticides to drive flies deeper into the plant on application (not towards exit points), fully inspected the tipping hall to seal all gaps at access and egress points, installed air curtains on the entrance and exit of the tipping Hall to prevent fly egress, and has reduced the time that vehicle entrance and exit doors take to open and close.
- 4.2.4 Biffa continues to dialogue (MD Keith Sinfield personally) with the Next in respect of previous complaints of fly issues at their large warehouse that immediately neighbours the Bolton Road site. Dialog between Biffa and Next is ongoing with Biffa receiving praise on the most recent meeting for the reduction in flies labelling it as the best it has ever been. Biffa's fly management plan improvements have been welcomed by all parties and will be monitored as the year progresses.

5 Environmental Report

5.1 25/26 Review

5.1.1 In 25/26 there were 1 x environmental incidents, 14 x Car forms and 1 x WAR form issued:

- 5.1.1.1 5 x AIR 1 submission
- 5.1.1.2 2 x Ammonia
- 5.1.1.3 1 x Electrical interruption.
- 5.1.1.4 2 x M9 Bioaerosol Results
- 5.1.1.5 4 x Biogas release
- 5.1.1.6 1 x WAR form - following a visit on the 12th of February 2026 a WAR form was issued in relation to POPs and WEEE present in the waste stream (Rotherham load).

5.1.2 In 25/26, there have been 9 x Schedule 5s submitted:

- 5.1.2.1 7 x relating to gas releases.
- 5.1.2.2 2 x permit testing – ammonia levels from AD stack.

5.1.3 Table 11 - Details of Communications with any relevant Authority in 25/26

	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
EA inspections @ BDR Bolton Road												
EA inspection @ Barnsley Transfer Station												
CAR Received BDR Bolton Road	1	1	2	2	1	2	2	2		3	1	
WAR Received BDR Bolton Road											1	
CAR Received Barnsley Transfer Station												
Schedule 5 submitted to EA		2	1	1		1	1	1		1	1	
HSE Enforcement notices BDR Bolton Road												
HSE Enforcement notices Barnsley Transfer Station												
HSE Cautions BDR Bolton Road												
HSE Cautions Barnsley Transfer Station												
New Permits, Variations, Revocations & Suspensions issued. (All Operations)												

5.2 26/27

5.2.1 In 26/27, there have been 3 x environmental incident (unsubstantiated fly complaints) and 4 x Car forms issued:

- 5.2.1.1 1 x AIR 1 submission.
- 5.2.1.2 1 x IC2 submission review
- 5.2.1.3 1 x Bioaerosol emission monitoring schedule
- 5.2.1.4 1 x Visit to local business resident following fly complaint.

5.2.2 In 26/27, there have been 1 x Schedule 5s submitted:

5.2.2.1 1 x Scada glitch

5.2.3 **Table 12 - Details of Communications with any relevant Authority in 26/27**

	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
EA inspections @ BDR Bolton Road												
EA inspection @ Barnsley Transfer Station												
CAR Received BDR Bolton Road	2	2										
WAR Received BDR Bolton Road												
CAR Received Barnsley Transfer Station												
Schedule 5 submitted to EA		1										
HSE Enforcement notices BDR Bolton Road												
HSE Enforcement notices Barnsley Transfer Station												
HSE Cautions BDR Bolton Road												
HSE Cautions Barnsley Transfer Station												
New Permits, Variations, Revocations & Suspensions issued. (All Operations)												

6 Other Updates / Issues

6.1 New Contractor – Biffa (Share Purchase of Renewi UK Services Ltd).

- 6.1.1 In respect of the purchase of Renewi UK Services Ltd by Biffa, the BDR team has liaised with the Waste Infrastructure Development Program (WIDP) transactor, Defra, external consultants, and colleagues from other authorities to assess options and contract implications.
- 6.1.2 The BDR Team has been assured by Biffa that no changes to the delivery of service will be sought. The PFI project has now fully integrated into its wider organisation and look to improve the business utilising internal Biffa assets/contracts/opportunities. All Renewi staff on site have been retained and will continue to deliver the contract as specified. At a contract level we have seen minimal changes.
- 6.1.3 At the May 2025 Liaison Committee meeting, we were joined by Mick Davis, Chief Operating Officer of Biffa's Resources & Energy Division. He introduced himself to the BDR Senior Managers and outlined why Biffa had acquired this contract (to gain knowledge and leading contractors in this waste field, to build Biffa's portfolio and gain that expertise for further expansion). Discussion also around Biffa's vision for the contract, working together and learning from each other, challenges ahead in municipal waste treatment and improving contract delivery.
 - 6.1.3.1 We are currently awaiting dates from Biffa regarding them holding a strategy day with the councils, potentially to be held later in the year.
- 6.1.4 The BDR Team and its legal, financial, and technical advisors are closely monitoring the situation and are in contact with Senior figures in Biffa, the retained personnel in both the SPV and OpCo. The Team is also liaising with other Councils with RUK's/BIFFA PFI's, WIDP, Defra and the Senior Lenders who finance the project, to take soundings, be aware of wider issues/requests and sense check the sale. So far, no significant issues, risks, or worries are circulating.
- 6.1.5 The only request arising from the sale is for the Parent Company Guarantee in the contract's various agreement documents to be changed from Renewi PLC to Biffa BidCo. After taking advice from our consultants this request has been rejected as the new proposed guarantor does not fulfil the requirements of a guarantor as set out in the contract. Renewi PLC remains the guarantor. We have received an update on this in June, and this is currently being reviewed by our legal and financial consultants and the BDR team.

6.2 Insurance

- 6.2.1 The Contractor obtained full cover of insurance for 2026. Although in general the insurance market for waste still sees difficulties in placement and higher premiums, the Contractor's previous insurance advisor Marsh Limited, stated that for the BDR PFI

they have seen an increased appetite from insurers to accept more options, which has seen a slight decrease in premiums. This is due to the BDR Site demonstrating good fire prevention by investment into control measures, equipment, and fire risk reduction.

- 6.2.2 Following the sale to Biffa, the contractor has switched to AON as their insurance broker. Following several meetings with them, they are reporting a similar position to Marsh previously and have seen an increase in appetite from the insurers also. Biffa confirmed that insurance had been placed by the deadline of the 24th of December 2025 as needed.
- 6.2.3 Insurance, cover, and availability will be scrutinised closely to ensure that under the new contractor (Biffa) it continues to be placed and that it is sufficient to cover and meet the contractual requirements.
- 6.2.4 The SPV has advised that they will be writing to obtain the same waivers to levels of insurance as they have in previous years, and we anticipate the following.
 - 6.2.4.1 A hot works condition applied to the Material (Property) Damage and Business Interruption
 - 6.2.4.2 A deductible for Material (Property) Damage, Machinery Breakdown, and Business Interruption.
 - 6.2.4.3 The Material (Property) Damage and Business Interruption policy has a Loss Limit.
 - 6.2.4.4 Deductibles for Public and Products Liability policy and individual aspects sub-limits
- 6.2.5 We have engaged with IDRisk (Insurance Specialist) to undertake a review of these requests along with the cover documents. Once received, the BDR Team will make a judgement on whether to grant the waiver or if more information is needed.

6.3 Joint Insurance Cost Report (JICR)

- 6.3.1 The position for the 25/26 to 26/27 JICR remains the same as in previous iterations, and the BDR Team has rejected any claim for payment from the contractor, citing the contract drafting and calculation. We now await a response from the Contractor if they wish to pursue their claim.
- 6.3.2 The 5th JICR was received in February 2025 (every 2 years), making an initial claim of £1.13M from the Councils for increased insurance costs. Full interrogation and due diligence of the report (for accuracy and against the Contract specification) had been undertaken by the BDR Manager with his Legal, Financial, and Insurance advisors. The conclusion of all is a rejection of the JICR. A Rejection letter was sent to the Contractor on the 25th of March 2025, confirming rejection on the grounds of:
 - 6.3.2.1 Mathematical errors
 - 6.3.2.2 Incorrect data used
 - 6.3.2.3 Incorrect (or lack of evidence) for assumptions in the report
 - 6.3.2.4 Incorrect interpretation of the contract.
 - 6.3.2.5 When the correct data is used, we calculate that the Councils are not liable to make payment.

- 6.3.3 Therefore, the position for the 5th JICR remains the same as the previous four iterations, rejecting any claim for payment from the contractor, citing the contract drafting and calculation. We now await a response from the Contractor if they wish to pursue their claim.
- 6.3.4 It should be noted that the BDR position on JICR is not unique, and many PFI's JICR's are not yet agreed. Further guidance from the Infrastructure Projects Authority (IPA) on the application of the contract about JICR has recently been issued, but although it was anticipated to give clarity, on review, this (non-binding guidance) seems watered down and lacking clarity.
- 6.3.5 We are still awaiting an official response from the SPV on our rejection letter. Although it should be noted that the time limit as stipulated in the contract to take our rejection through the Dispute process has lapsed. The Contractor has recently intimated that they may seek to take several JICR's (3 to 5) to adjudication and dispute. This could be in 2026, but they may initially pursue a "test case" with another PFI First.
- 6.3.6 The BDR team and its advisors will keep a review of the situation with IDRisk having reviewed the previous 5 JICR's already.
- 6.3.7 The sixth JICR is due in January 2027, and we anticipate an update from the Contractor prior to this being issues to agree a position going forward.

6.4 AD Pasteurisation Tunnel & Acid Scrubber

- 6.4.1 Biffa's legal action against the original contractor (JCBE), who designed and built the AD facility, has been to Adjudication in December 23 /January 24, with the adjudication being found in favour of Biffa.
- 6.4.2 JCBE has disputed the findings of the adjudication through the submission of a Notice of Dissatisfaction. Unless the parties agree on a position on liability, the case will now be heard in court.
- 6.4.3 JCBE's parent company have now been in contract with Biffa to agree a way forward on this with several meetings taking place. Recent updates indicate that this is moving forward with a planned resolution soon.
- 6.4.4 As the Acid Scrubber is integral to the AD facility and is physically positioned on top of the AD plant, Biffa feels it may not now be as simple as making the original design work. Biffa is investigating if a new positioning or a new (enhanced) system may be required. The BDR team will ensure that any cost for any enhancing of the system above what is required is not passed to the Councils.
- 6.4.5 Biffa will continue to progress the rectification of the acid scrubber on the AD facility. The base for the course of action is a report they commissioned from their consultant Otto

Simon. A design path has been chosen by Biffa, which is being worked through with a suitable contractor appointed to build and commission the equipment. Again, the BDR team, along with our legal, technical, and financial consultants, will endure due diligence of the suggested solution is undertaken to mitigate any additional cost pass through to the Council.

6.5 Permit emission amendments (Best available Technologies – BATS)

- 6.5.1 Biffa has received a draft revised permit from the EA detailing the new required emissions levels from the acid scrubber stack. Biffa has formally written to the Councils to notify us that they believe this is a Qualifying Change of Law and therefore, once the changes in the permit have been analysed, there may be a claim for any additional resource/expenditure to meet the new permit requirements.
- 6.5.2 Biffa has also been set a hard delivery date in 2026 by the EA to comply with their permit requirement, and are being closely monitored by the EA. This now looks likely to be pushed back to 2027.
- 6.5.3 The BDR Team has asked for Biffa to provide a detailed analysis of the changes and an in-depth justification for any Qualified Change in Law (QCIL) payment they feel is required from the council. Biffa have advised quotation and procurement for the solution has been undertaken and they are hoping to have further information soon (costings, solution proposed, technical specification of solution, and technical specification of existing and cost to replace as is).
- 6.5.4 Following extra monitoring carried out in December 2025, we are still awaiting an update from Biffa that will provide us with the cost model and engineering solution details for us to review. This is now expected in June/July.
- 6.5.5 Once received the BDR team will undertake due diligence of any claim, taking legal, financial, and technical advice from external experts to ascertain if the claim is correct and then if any payment is required from the Councils.
- 6.5.6 Technical consultants, Stantec, have been provided with details of the system and have provided an independent evaluation of the contractual performance baseline requirements. And they will assist with phase two – Analysis of the proposed solution by Biffa.

6.6 External Maintenance Review

- 6.6.1 The review conducted at the BDR Waste Treatment Facility examined lifecycle maintenance activities from 2019 to 2025, comparing Biffa's annual maintenance records against the original Schedule 46 – Lifecycle Works. The aim was to identify discrepancies in maintenance frequency and provide BDR Councils with a clearer understanding of the

condition of key equipment. The analysis revealed several instances of non-conformance, with some assets maintained less frequently than scheduled and others more frequently. Biffa attributed these variances to factors such as third-party maintenance, asset descriptions, improved inspection regimes, and operational decisions based on the knowledge of operating the facility over the previous 10 years.

- 6.6.2 The findings from Stantec found no significant issues to raise regarding the ongoing maintenance and lifecycle activities at the facility. The findings also suggesting opportunities for cost savings through potential reductions in maintenance frequency for certain equipment, provided these changes are justified and agreed upon. Conversely, where increased maintenance is necessary, Biffa should supply detailed explanations to ensure transparency and support future contract hand back planning.
- 6.6.3 The findings by Stantec have given the BDR team confidence that Biffa is managing maintenance and lifecycle activities well. The report also recommends improving the format and clarity of future maintenance data sharing—preferably in Excel—to facilitate easier analysis and consistent terminology. Going forward this data will be used by the BDR team annually to review the planned and actual maintenance, promoting better contract management and informed decision-making.

7 SRF Offtaker – Enfinium Ferrybridge

7.1 2025/26 and Going Forward

- 7.1.1 Ferrybridge accepted 127,028 tonnes of BDR's SRF and generated 105,699 MWhrs of electricity. Enough electricity to power approximately 39,148 homes for a year.
- 7.1.2 There have been some ongoing issues at Ferrybridge with planned and unplanned maintenance down-time, and issues with the length of queuing time for delivery of RDF from BDR (multiple hours waiting).
- 7.1.3 Where issues have arisen, Biffa have worked to minimise the knock on to the Councils deliveries using other offtakers, at their cost, third party processors and as a last resort landfilling the SRF ensuring that they remain within their contractual targets.
- 7.1.4 Biffa has continuously sought to seek solutions with Enfinium to mitigate these issues and successfully managed to shield the BDR Council's deliveries from being impacted too heavily. We have seen minor delays over busy periods such as Christmas but no diversion of waste deliveries to other sites by RCV crews over this matter.

8 Barnsley Transfer Station – Grange Lane

8.1 Dilapidation Works

- 8.1.1 All dilapidation works have now been completed for some time. BMBC Asset Management has commissioned a survey of a schedule of conditions to record a standard for Biffa to keep the site in a good and tenable condition to the end of the contract, which was being reviewed by BMBC (two years ago).
- 8.1.2 The BDR manager has been pushing BMBC asset Management (without response to numerous e-mails) to allow the survey to be reviewed and agreed by Biffa, to allow a variation to the BTS contract to be drawn up to agree on the maintenance of the facility moving forward, how the paintwork on the steel should be managed, and, more specifically, the agreed hand-back condition expected by BMBC from Biffa at contract end.
- 8.1.3 Recently, after numerous unanswered requests and with Biffa planning to undertake their own condition survey, we were contacted by the group leader for BMBC Estates late in 2025, and are currently in the process of working through the outstanding works to enable an agreement on the baseline condition survey between the contractor and BMBC as soon as possible.
- 8.1.4 This will allow all parties to agree what the condition of the site will be when it comes to handing back the site at the end of the contract period.

8.2 BTS Mattress Fire

- 8.2.1 In August, a fire involved a Sherwood's trailer loaded with mattresses external to the building. This shows that the previous actions taken were positive and do work to ensure damage is kept to a minimum. A site action plan was conducted off the back of the fire with some positive improvements in storage and housekeeping.

9 Health and Safety

9.1 25/26

9.1.1 Table 13 – 25/26 Health and Safety

Event Type	2025-04	2025-05	2025-06	2025-07	2025-08	2025-09	2025-10	2025-11	2025-12	2026-01	2026-02	2026-03
Observations	27	50	53	58	79	65	62	53	38	50	68	60
Near Miss	4	6	13	14	7	10	9	5	7	23	27	31
Damage to Vehicles, Property or Plant	2	3	4	6	2	13	4	4	3	6	4	3
Injury	1	2	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	3	0	2
Environmental	1	2	1	0	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Process Safety	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Fire/Explosion	0	0	4	0	5	3	3	2	2	8	4	3
Security	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1

9.1.2 Table 14 – 24/25 Health and Safety Data for Comparison

Event Type	2024-04	2024-05	2024-06	2024-07	2024-08	2024-09	2024-10	2024-11	2024-12
Close Call	55	118	75	98	116	63	100	79	40
Accident less than 3 days	0	0	1	3	2	2	2	1	0
Accident more than 3 days	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0
Non RIDDOR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RIDDOR dangerous occurrence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RIDDOR more than 7-day injury	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Major RIDDOR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Environmental	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0

9.1.3 As requested, the tables above show the current and previous year's data for H&S incidents. As noted in previous reports, this will not be a 1-2-1 comparison due to Biffa changing its reporting system in 24/25. Both systems were run concurrently until the beginning of 25/26. This means that several event types do not match exactly. Below are some descriptions of the new event types to help better understand how the current year's data compares to the previous years:

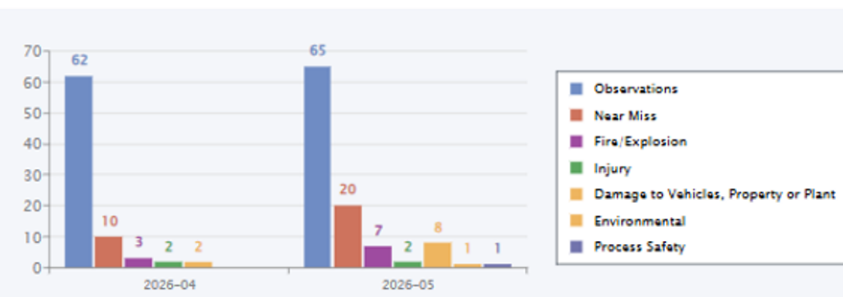
- 9.1.3.1 **Observation** – incorrect PPE, housekeeping, positive observation, weather conditions, etc.
- 9.1.3.2 **Damage to Vehicle, Property, or Plant** – vehicle collision, collision with bollard or building.
- 9.1.3.3 **Fire / Explosion** – one category containing Fire, Explosion, False alarm due to dust, steam etc.
- 9.1.3.4 **Injury** – first aid, no first aid, <3 days, >3 days, RIDDOR reportable.
- 9.1.3.5 **Process Safety** – can include missing guarding, not following correct SOP's etc.
- 9.1.4 Observations (previously Close calls) sought to be raised and can both be positive and negative. By reporting issues where improvements can be made, or where expected levels of behaviour/working have not been maintained, it will increase learning and improve safety across the site.
- 9.1.5 Once we are in the next reporting year, there will be a full year's data to compare against using the same reporting system, so a direct 1-2-1 comparison can be made.

9.2 26/27

- 9.2.1 **Table 15 – 26/27 Year-to-date Health and Safety**
H&S data supplied for April and May 2026, as the June 2026 data will not be contractually available until 14th July 2026 (after this report is issued).

Events year to date April 2026 – March 2027

Events By Type



Events By Type

Event Type	2026-04	2026-05
Observations	62	65
Near Miss	10	20
Fire/Explosion	3	7
Injury	2	2
Damage to Vehicles, Property or Plant	2	8
Environmental	0	1
Process Safety	0	1

10 Community Education Liaison Officer (CELO)

10.1 25/26 Review

10.1.1 Press Releases –

- 10.1.1.1 Swap the way you shop.
- 10.1.1.2 Easy Ways to Save at Christmas
- 10.1.1.3 Community Talks - Love Your Clothes
- 10.1.1.4 International E-waste Day Campaign
- 10.1.1.5 Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Fund
- 10.1.1.6 Site Tour Dates 25/26
- 10.1.1.7 Food Waste Action Week 2025
- 10.1.1.8 Recycle Week
- 10.1.1.9 BBQ Waste
- 10.1.1.10 Keeping batteries out of waste
- 10.1.1.11 How to get started composting at home.
- 10.1.1.12 Reducing recycling contamination
- 10.1.1.13 Reducing waste at Christmas
- 10.1.1.14 Composting during the winter months

10.1.2 **Social media** - There have been one hundred and ninety-two posts across all social media with a total of 357,372 and views for 2025/26 (until end of March). 100's of individual posts, daily, weekly, and monthly have been co-ordinated on the Less Waste South Yorkshire media channels.

10.1.3 **Food Waste Action Week** - The 2026 campaign took place between 9th to 15th March and the theme of this year's campaign was 'making your food go further' with an emphasis on food waste recycling. In February, assets including social media copy and media were made available as all the South Yorkshire Councils have transitional agreements in place, only the posts not relating to food waste recycling will be shared.

10.1.4 **Food Waste Reduction Campaign – Phase 2** Since February 2026, eight events for the campaign have taken place. 167 people were engaged at these events. 218 surveys in total have been completed. All the resources for Phase 2 of the campaign have been designed and produced, event bookings are underway, and the campaign will begin in February 2026.

10.1.5 **Recycle Week** - Took place between the 22nd to 28th September 2025, the theme last year was 'Rescue me' and focused on commonly overlooked recyclables. For the Waste Less South Yorkshire campaign, only the posts featuring items recycled by all South Yorkshire Councils were included.

10.1.6 **International Composting Awareness Week** – Took place between 4th - 10th May 2025.

- 10.1.7 **Reuse - Swap the Way you Shop** - A challenge plan and design brief has been finalised including categories for the challenge and the format it will take. This has been distributed to the councils for approval, and promotional assets are set to be drafted with the design team. A designer was appointed by the Biffa Marketing team in December for this project. Finalised designs were approved at the end of December. The terms and conditions for the competition were finalised, and a judging criterion was set. The challenge closed in March with thirty-two entries received. The winners were selected and contacted to receive their prizes. A report about the challenge was written and distributed.
- 10.1.8 **Educational Visits** – This year, eighteen educational sessions have taken place, with Four hundred and two participants, including a careers event, 3Rs workshops, and Rubbish Adventure workshops.
- 10.1.9 **Batteries, Vapes and Small WEEE Campaign**
- 10.1.9.1 Due to not being able to have fire engine livery, it was decided that the campaign will focus on waste collection vehicle livery. Copy for a page on the BDR website about vape, batteries and electrical disposal was shared with the communications working group. This is now live on the website. Bespoke livery designs were shared with the Councils, only two Councils responded and no clear preference could be determined. Work was done with Material Focus to develop a battery and vapes design which was submitted to the Councils, Barnsley and Doncaster Councils approved this for use.
- 10.1.9.2 An interim campaign plan has been submitted to the Councils to highlight the need for safe, correct disposal of batteries, vapes and small WEEE items, including scoping trials of community WEEE disposal options. Conversations took place around the permits required for storage of the material and possible combined working. Conversations have taken place with the Environment Agency, Biffa's compliance advisor, and HW Martin.
- 10.1.9.3 A discussion has been held with the Environment Agency and storage of batteries, vapes or WEEE at BDR would require the site to apply for a hazardous waste permit. This would be prohibitively expensive and as such the campaign will not proceed. Cancelling this target was discussed and agreed with CWG.
- 10.1.9.4 In the November comms working group a battery and vapes livery campaign with the fire service was discussed, the fire service has since said this was not possible. They could distribute leaflets instead. In December, the Councils asked to utilise the budget for vehicle livery instead.
- 10.1.9.5 It was agreed that the campaign will focus on waste collection vehicle livery and new livery designs were circulated to the Council's for comments.
- 10.1.10 **Right thing, Right Bin pick'n'mix campaign –**
- 10.1.10.1 A 'Sort It Out' design concept has been produced and agreed with the Councils. The Councils have been asked to provide feedback on how they wish to spend their individual budgets. Barnsley and Doncaster have given initial direction for their spend.

- 10.1.10.2 Design brief written, submitted, and approved; designer selected, and initial meeting held. Refined designs of the campaign lockup were shared with the group and have been approved. Barnsley have responded to the options email, and a discussion has been had with Doncaster about how they wish to proceed.
- 10.1.10.3 Barnsley has utilised some of the available budget for existing materials within their department for bin tags and vehicle livery.

10.1.11 **International E-Waste Day Campaign**

- 10.1.11.1 The CELOs will be responsible for distributing and delivering content in support of International E-waste Day took place on 14th October 2025. The campaign was designed to raise awareness of E-waste recycling.

10.1.12 **Biffa BDR Community Social Responsibility (CSR) – grants and volunteer hours**

- 10.1.12.1 In December, funds were made available to three of the five selected applicants, a further group received their funds in February, and the final group received their funds in March.
- 10.1.12.2 Applications have now been evaluated, and successful projects have been selected, and all applicants have been contacted with their outcome.
- 10.1.12.3 A new information sheet and application form, and an online form have been created. The fund was launched with a deadline set for applications by the 28th of September.

10.1.13 **Community Engagement**

- 10.1.13.1 Seventeen tours have taken place so far in 2025/26, involving a total of one hundred and ten people.
- 10.1.13.2 Community talks have taken place in 2025/26 about Love Your Clothes and waste and recycling in Barnsley.
- 10.1.13.3 A new webpage added to the BDR online with details of booking community talks and a booking form for both in-house and outreach presentations.

10.1.14 **Compositional Analysis**

- 10.1.14.1 The Autumn compositional was completed in September/October 2025, and results have been provided to the councils.
- 10.1.14.2 The Spring 2026 analysis was completed in March 2026, and the results have been provided to the councils.

10.1.15 **BDR Website**

- 10.1.15.1 A page about vapes, batteries and electrical disposal was added to the website in January.
- 10.1.15.2 A new community talks page has been added to the website which includes a booking form for outreach and In-house presentations.
- 10.1.15.3 Checks were made to the website in April, June, August, October, December, and February.

- 10.1.15.4 In July, changes were requested. This included changes to the homepage, the addition of the community talks page, and the deletion of previous years' CSR documents.
- 10.1.15.5 In March, changes to the Education pages on the BDR online website were requested. This includes changes to the content, layout, and structure of the pages. A booking form will be embedded into the pages to make the booking process easier.
- 10.1.15.6 Existing education resources are currently being updated to include further teaching notes, updated data, and reflect changes to collections. These will be updated on the website in April to coincide with Doncaster collection changes.
- 10.1.15.7 Work has been done to make a simplified document and website copy of what the education team can offer. This will be handed to schools and community groups when requested.

10.1.16 **CELO Budget**

- 10.1.16.1 Below shows the agreed 25/26 budget and current spend used by the CELO to deliver the projects for the councils.
 - 10.1.16.1.1 Agreed 25/26 CELO Budget: £166,881.25
 - 10.1.16.1.2 Current Spend as of end of March 2026: £129,190.18

10.2 26/27

10.2.1 **Press Releases**

- 10.2.1.1 New site tour dates for 2026/27.
- 10.2.1.2 CSR volunteer hours

10.2.2 **Social Media**

- 10.2.2.1 International Compost Awareness Week social media content was shared on Facebook and Instagram. The posts received 35,154 views. The giveaway received 419 entries.
- 10.2.2.2 Three social media posts have been created on disposing of BBQs safely, warnings on using BBQs in natural settings and disposing of gas canisters safely. Post received 9,106 views.
- 10.2.2.3 Four blogs were published about the Hot bin min giveaway and reasons to start composting.
- 10.2.2.4 Twenty-Seven posts were shared on the Waste Less South Yorkshire. They received 48,672 views on Facebook and 5,400 views on Instagram and two posts were shared on TikTok. The post about waste 'horror stories' received 1,008 views, and a post about wardrobe decluttering received 1,927 views.

10.2.3 **Prevention/Reduction Activities**

- 10.2.3.1 **Single Use Plastics** - In April, the CELO team contacted Hey Girls to establish a collaboration with Hey Girl to provide reusable period products to residents of Barnsley, Doncaster, and Rotherham by 31st March 2027, and an initial meeting took place. Information about the home packs was received, and the logistics on how the

delivery of the campaign were discussed. The campaign will begin once Hey Girls have been set up as a supplier. In May, Hey Girls were set up as a supplier on the Biffa system. The reusable items and styles were chosen, the purchase order raised, and Hey Girls began work on the webpage for this campaign.

- 10.2.3.2 Plastic Free July - which focuses on a different area of life each week by 31st July 2026. In May, giveaway bundles have been purchased to promote plastic-free products in different areas of life. The bundle categories are in the kitchen, for the kids, out and about, beauty and hygiene. Social media posts and a press release are in development.
- 10.2.4 **Food Waste Reduction Campaign – Phase 2** – Potential venues were contacted in May, and five events are scheduled for June and July. Eighty-six surveys were completed in May bringing the total completed surveys to 418. In April, some potential venues were contacted. One event took place in Lakeside, Doncaster. Fifteen surveys were completed, and over one hundred kits posted out.
- 10.2.5 **Recipe Ideas** - In May, the recipe videos were filmed with input from the CELO team. The videos were shared, and feedback is in progress. In April, Artisan Cooks were approached to produce the videos and recipes, and a meeting took place to discuss requirements and recipe ideas.
- 10.2.6 **Clothing Waste Prevention Campaign ‘Shop Stop’** - In May, a meeting was scheduled to take place in June with personal stylist Laura Fawcett, to discuss creating personal style videos for social media. In April, a campaign plan has started to be developed, and ideas for promotional images have been drafted.
- 10.2.7 **Team Repair** – 7 x sessions have been confirmed from four schools in Barnsley, and Rotherham, with a further four schools, currently arranging sessions. Team Repair has shared information in their school’s newsletter.
- 10.2.8 **Batteries, Vapes and Electronics** - Material Focus has been provided with a list of the required amendments to the vehicle livery for use in Barnsley and Doncaster and has agreed to schedule these with their design team. The timeline for the localised designs has been requested but not yet supplied.
- 10.2.9 **Community Activities** – So far this year, three tours of the BDR Waste Treatment Facility have taken place with ten participants.
- 10.2.10 **Education Workshops** – So far this year, five 3Rs sessions and two assemblies occurred with 523 participants.
- 10.2.11 **Biffa BDR Community Social Responsibility (CSR) (grants and volunteer hours)** - In April, 6.5 hours of volunteer hours took place with Kids Plant Trees.

- 10.2.12 **Community Liaison Group Newsletter** - Newsletter for Jan- April 2026 update shared with CLG and added to the BDR online website.
- 10.2.13 **Waste Compositional Analysis** - Data and reports from the Spring 2026 analysis have now been shared with the Councils.
- 10.2.14 **BDR Online Website Management** - Website checks occurred in April, and any needed changes were requested.

10.3 CELO Budget 26/27

- 10.3.1 Below shows the agreed 26/27 budget and current spend used by the CELO team to deliver the projects for the councils. This includes the £15k set aside for each Council to utilise on projects specific to their area that align with the goals of the fund.
 - 10.3.1.1 Agreed 26/27 CELO Budget: £172,468.27.
 - 10.3.1.2 Current Spend as of end of May 2026: £8,902.54.

11 Joint working and BDR support 25/26 and 26-27

11.1 Updates

- 11.1.1 The BDR team and its External Advisors have been assisting Barnsley, Doncaster, and Rotherham councils with joint and individual projects. There is additional support as required, from a legal locum, internal and external technical advisors, and financial advisors, for more complex matters. It should be noted that the increase in consultation activity from central government departments is putting pressure on resources. Once the outcome of the consultations is known, more resources will be required to implement changes to contracts and services.
- 11.1.2 Listed below are the current projects and areas where the BDR team is helping to support the individual Councils or co-ordinate joint work 25/26 and 26-27:
- 11.1.3 **BMBC**
 - 11.1.3.1 Support on Paper and Card recycling off-taker re-contracting and specification.
 - 11.1.3.2 Support on Dry Mixed Recycling off-taker re-contracting and specification.
 - 11.1.3.3 Support on Skips and Bulky Waste off-taker re-contracting and specification.
 - 11.1.3.4 Finalisation and Support for delivery of new HWRC contract
 - 11.1.3.5 Support for re-tender of Garden Waste Contract
- 11.1.4 **CoDC**
 - 11.1.4.1 Finalisation and Support for the delivery of the new HWRC contract
 - 11.1.4.2 Legal support for review of Collection Contract
- 11.1.5 **RMBC**
 - 11.1.5.1 Support for the re-tender of Garden Waste Contract

11.1.5.2 Support for delivery/take-back of new HWRC contract.

11.1.6 B.D.R

11.1.6.1 Co-ordination, collation, and submission to numerous Government/Defra consultations from around the waste sector.

11.1.6.2 Assisting with HWRC contract variation requirements

11.1.6.3 Lobbying the Government on the delays in the R&WS outcomes

11.1.6.4 Changes required due to Resource and Waste Strategy

11.1.6.5 Pre-work on Strategic Review of SYMWS as requested at JWB.

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