

LATS NEWSLETTER

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Introduction

Welcome to the January 2011 LATS newsletter from the Waste Strategy team at Defra.

We would be pleased to receive any information to include in our newsletter that would be useful to others.

Changes to WasteDataFlow

Responses from the consultation on Meeting EU Landfill Diversion Targets suggested that many local authorities find WasteDataFlow (WDF) to be a useful source of information. We are currently in the process of reviewing its data entry requirements to see how the reporting burden this places on local authorities can be reduced in response to the CLG single data list. Initial discussions with local authority representatives and the Environment Agency have taken place. Defra will be running a survey for WDF users to gain their views on the WDF website at www.wastedataflow.org. We plan to put proposals on the way forward to the WDF User Group in February. Some changes will be fairly straightforward and we hope to implement these in April 2011 in time for the 2011/12 reporting period.

Commercial and Industrial Waste Arisings Survey 2010

The final results of the survey were published on 16 December 2010 at <http://www.defra.gov.uk/evidence/statistics/environment/waste/documents/stats-release101216.pdf>. Total commercial and industrial (C&I) waste generated in England is estimated at 48 million tonnes in 2009. This is a decrease of 29% since the last national survey of business waste in 2002/3. The survey indicated an increase in C&I recycling (52% of C&I waste was recycled or reused in 2009 compared to 42% in 2002/3), and a decrease in total waste arisings of 29% during this period.

Wastedataflow Rubble Guidance

WDF will be releasing new guidance in time for Q3 2010/11 reporting setting out clear instructions on how authorities should be reporting rubble within WDF. This will also clarify the position on when Rubble is deemed Recovery or Disposal.

Data Reporting

The deadline for data reporting for quarter 2 of 2010/11 was 31 December 2010. Ten Local Authorities failed to meet the deadline but these have since been resolved.

If authorities have any problems or queries regarding data reporting then they should contact the WasteDataFlow helpdesk at helpdesk@wastedataflow.org beforehand with reasons why the deadline cannot be met.

See attached link for further information on Defra's penalty guidance. <http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/waste/localauth/lats/documents/lats-s12guide.pdf>.

Trade Prices

There have been a total of 139,410 allowances traded for the 2010/11 scheme year worth £1,651,014 of which 60,545 allowance (worth £1,099,908) were traded since April 2010.

There were 12 postings looking to sell on the Bulletin Board since April for the 2010/11 scheme year ranging from £0 to £15 since April.

We would encourage WDAs who are looking to trade allowances to use the LATS register and view the 'recent transaction' function. This function is there to provide WDA users with details of all the recent trades which have taken place and the price that have been paid per allowance. This will help WDAs to gain up to date information on the current landfill allowance market.

The Bulletin Board should also be used to view the prices which other WDAs are looking to sell or purchase allowances at.

Trading update

We are now in 2010/11 scheme year and banking and borrowing is allowed for this scheme year.

Further information on banking and borrowing can be found at: <http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/waste/localauth/lats/documents/lats-tradingguidance.pdf>.

Annual Report Amendment

Following the publication of the 2009/10 LATS report some Authority' initial allocation data in Annex 1 has been corrected which has impacted on our trading analysis. We originally stated 13 authorities exceeded their 2009/10 LATS allowances, whereas it

was actually 20 authorities that exceeded their initial 2009/10 allowances. This has now been amended in the published 2009/10 LATS annual report.

Reconciliation of BMW Landfilled

The first 2010/11 forecast of BMW to landfill for England, published in November, indicates that just under 8 million tonnes of BMW will be landfilled this target year and there are just under 10 million tonnes of allowances held. The forecast is available on the Environment Agency website:

<http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/business/topics/waste/32130.aspx>

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