



## Health and Safety Report for 2015/16 and Q1 2016/17

<b>Committee</b>	Gloucestershire Joint Waste Committee
<b>Committee Date</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> October 2016
<b>Significant Decision</b>	No
<b>Responsible Officers</b>	Roger Smith, Waste Technical Officer, Gloucestershire Joint Waste Team (01452 426895; <a href="mailto:roger.smith@gloucestershire.gov.uk">roger.smith@gloucestershire.gov.uk</a> )
<b>Main Consultees</b>	None
<b>Purpose of Report</b>	To update members on health and safety performance of partnership waste contract over the financial year FY2015/16 and first quarter of FY2016/17.
<b>Recommendations</b>	It is recommended that the Committee notes the report
<b>Resource Implications</b>	None

### 1. Background

This report details the health and safety performance for the Joint Waste Partnership Councils during FY2015/16 and first quarter FY2016/17. Data has been supplied by the waste service providers for the following waste services:

Waste Service	Client Authority	Waste Service Provider
Cheltenham Borough Council (CBC) waste collections and bulking	CBC	Ubico
Cotswold District Council (CDC) waste collections	CDC	Ubico
Tewkesbury Borough Council (TBC) waste collections	TBC	Ubico
Forest of Dean District Council (FODDC) waste collections and bulking	FODDC	Biffa
Household Recycling Centre (HRC) operation and haulage	County Council	Kier Waste Services
Landfill operation, bulking and haulage	County Council	Cory Environmental
Food waste Anaerobic Digestion (AD)	County Council	Andigestion
Food & garden waste In Vessel Composting (IVC)	County Council	MF Bennion

## 2. Health and Safety Performance

Health and Safety performance is monitored by the Joint Waste Team Officers as part of the operational monitoring of the various waste contracts.

The following terms are used in this report;

RIDDOR Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 2013  
 LTI Loss Time Incident  
 NLTI Non Loss Time Incident  
 NM Near Miss

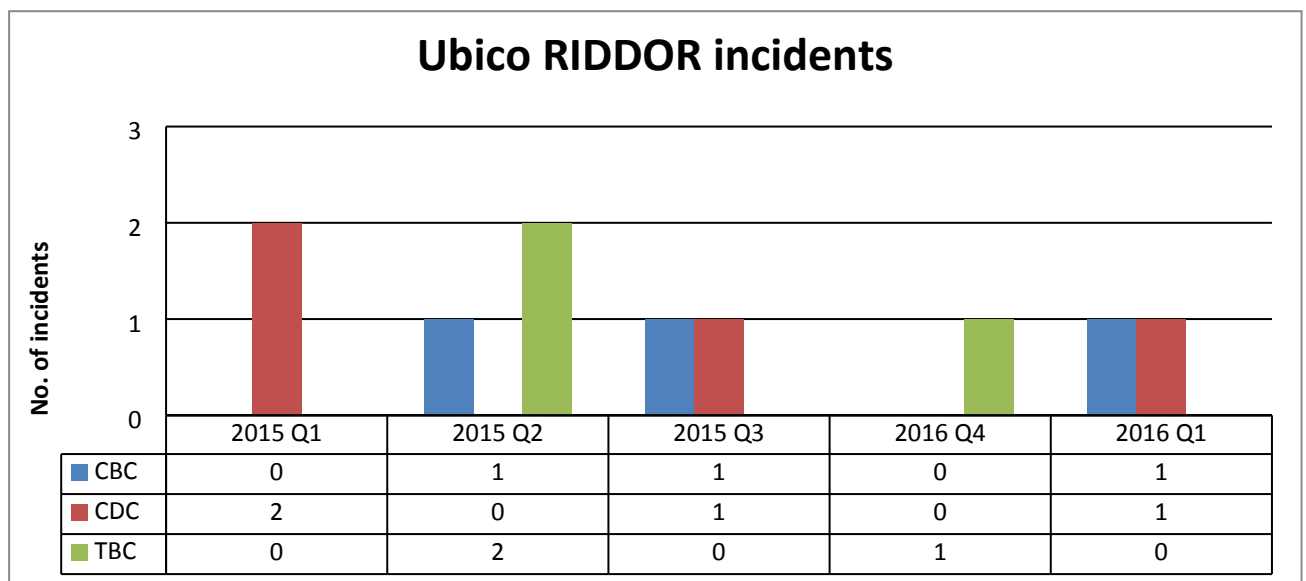
## 3. Financial Year 2015/16 and Q1 2016/17 Summary

### 3.1 Ubico Waste Collection Service summary (CBC, CDC, TBC contracts)

See Appendix 1 for graphs detailing incidents reported within Ubico for CBC, CDC and TBC waste collection services for FY2015/16 and Q1 2016/17.

#### Incident Highlights

There has been no significant change in RIDDOR reporting compared to 2015/16.



Cheltenham - There was one RIDDOR for this period where a driver/loader injured his shoulder whilst collecting bins.

Cotswold - There was one RIDDOR for this period arising from a driver/loader sustaining a trapped nerve keeping him off work for 21 days.

Tewkesbury - No RIDDOR in Q1.

#### Staff Communications

Over this period we have included topics relating to the checking of vehicle wheel nuts, vehicle and equipment security, safe manual handling, protection from the sun and testicular cancer.

Ubico management has been reinforcing with the crews the need to report all incidents and near misses, this has led to an increase in near misses reported and NLTI's as anticipated. The numbers increase when reminders are put in Team Briefing sessions.

### Training

A programme is in place for all Ubico managers and supervisors to attend the IOSH supported 4 day course on 'Waste Collection Health and Safety Management'. A further two courses are planned to run in the autumn.

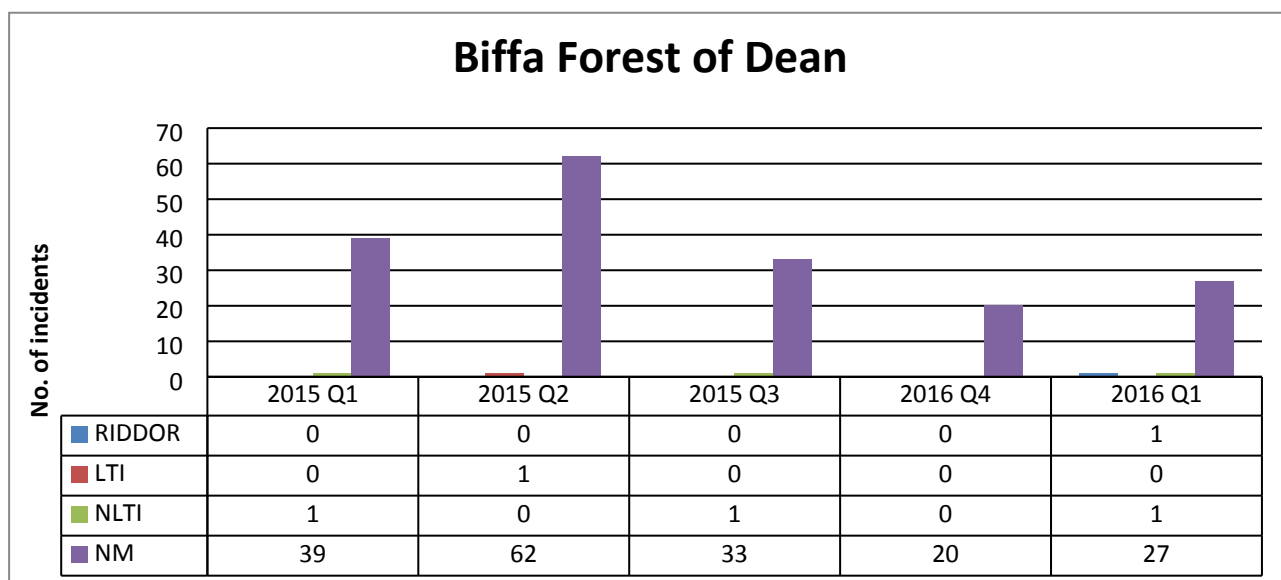
### Compliance

The Assurance Manager for Ubico is conducting reviews of each waste contract in line with the published HSE Inspectors guidelines.

## 3.2 Biffa Waste Collection Service summary (Forest of Dean DC contract)

### Incident Highlights

Forest of Dean - There was one RIDDOR related to a loader who sustained a foot injury after jumping out of a moving vehicle.



The issue of cars mounting pavements to pass collection vehicles is an ongoing concern. All such incidents are reported to the Gloucestershire Police for follow up and any actions resulting from this are fed back to the crews. A new witness statement has been developed by Biffa to aid the reporting of such incidents and the new recycling collection vehicles are installed with 360° cameras so can record any instances of reckless driving. The new vehicles have only been in operation since 1 August 2016 and footage of vehicles mounting pavements has already been shared with the Police.

Overgrown hedges and trees are also an ongoing issue for the collection crews. These are reported through to Highways for investigation and action but this can take some time due to some overgrown hedges and trees being located on private land, which we then write to the landowners to try and have cut back. The other issue that occurs following the cutting of hedges is the height to which they are cut, this is very often only to car/van height and can therefore still have an impact of the collection vehicles as they drive through an area.

Bi-monthly Safety Improvement Team meetings are also held with the contracts officer in attendance, to discuss issues and initiatives to enable input and ideas from the operational staff. These are captured for communication to all depot staff.

**3.3 Materials Recycling Facility Summary (Tewkesbury contract)**

Grundon provide monthly health and safety statistics which are discussed with the Joint Waste Team at the contract monitoring meetings.

During 2015/16 there were no RIDDOR reports.

During Q1 2016/17 there was one non lost time incident (LTI) which related to a small fire which occurred when a household battery was driven over by the JCB loading shovel. It was isolated and extinguished quickly.

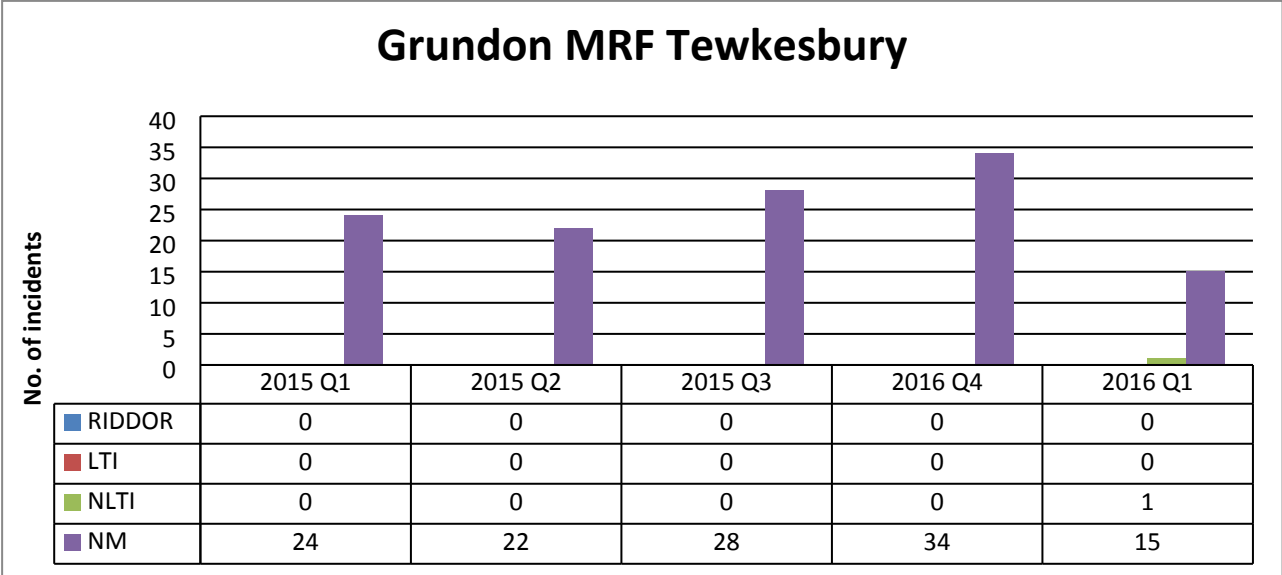
**Near Miss Reporting**

All near misses that are reported are investigated and the steps that have been taken to resolve the problems are logged to prevent incidents reoccurring.

Throughout 2015/16 there were numerous occasions where hypodermic needle contamination was reported by Grundon, a H&S concern that affected the waste sorting operation and resulted in additional processing charges being passed onto TBC. A partnership approach between the Joint Waste Team, TBC, the local housing association, Grundon, Turning Point and local Pharmacies helped to promote the issue to residents and there are now less incidents being reported at the MRF.

**Statutory Visits**

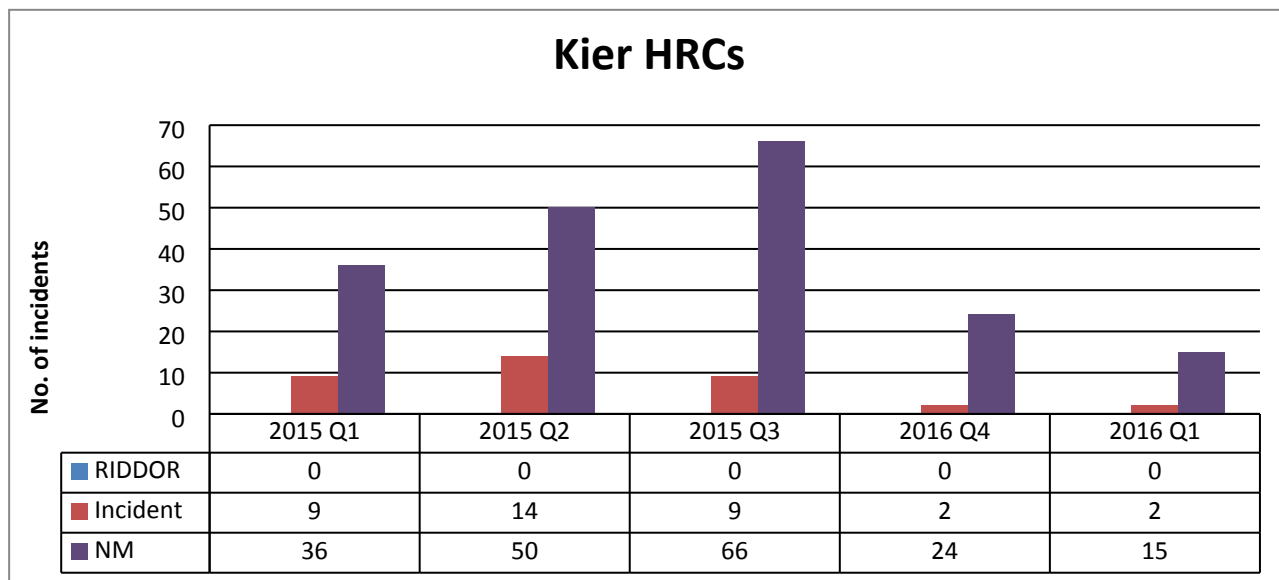
The Environment Agency carried out visits in May and June 2015 and May 2016. No issues were identified.



### 3.4 Household Recycling Centre Summary (County Council contract)

#### Q1 Incident Highlights

An agency member of staff caught his arm on a broken toilet whilst levelling out the DIY container, a gash to the upper arm required stitches.



A significant on site challenge is the management of public vehicles on site and their interaction with members of the public and with collection vehicles. During JWT site inspections extra attention is given to ensuring adequate traffic management and prevention techniques are in place and being adhered to.

There was a noticeable decline in reported incidents and near misses as Kier entered into the demobilisation phase of its contract with the County Council.

A new contract with Ubico commenced 7<sup>th</sup> August 2016.

### 3.5 Landfill and Composting Summary (County Council contract)

#### Incident Highlights

Cory continue to use their System Infringement Notice (SIN) system to highlight any breaches of site rules to contract waste collection crews using Cory's landfill, transfer or composting sites e.g. Q1 a SIN was issued to a Ubico TBC driver after an RCV reversed into the composting zone with the rear body raised when the compactor driver was not aware of the movement.

### 3.6 Anaerobic Digestion (County Council)

Andigestion has commenced a programme to attain accreditation to OHSAS 18001 H&S standard.

### **Incident Highlights**

RIDDOR reported in June after an employee slipped near the wheelie bin storage area after the floor had not been adequately cleaned. The cleaning regime was subsequently improved with degreaser and jet washing with hot water from then on.

### **3.7 In Vessel Composting (County Council contract)**

No RIDDOR, accidents or incidents reported.

### **3.8 Javelin Park**

Ground preparation work commenced at Javelin Park in August prior to full construction starting in the near future. GCC has completed its first site visit looking at various aspects of the progress so far including H&S system and facilities in place. It is envisaged that GCC inspections will be carried out once a month.

## **4 Health and Safety Joint Working**

### **Gloucestershire Waste, Safety and Health (GWASH)**

GWASH is a working group meeting quarterly comprising of all Gloucestershire Councils, Cory Environmental and the Health Safety Executive. The forum provides a platform to enable the sharing of H&S best practice in waste collection and disposal.

Discussion topic details

Chair – Kim Carpenter-Richard (Joint Waste Team).

Four meetings were held in FY2015/16 and the following topics were discussed:

6th May	Litter picking on highways
26th August	Group terms of reference
9th December	Winter contingency arrangements; Aerosol collection and bulking safety
24th February	Crew safety and interaction with the public; Street cleaning best practice

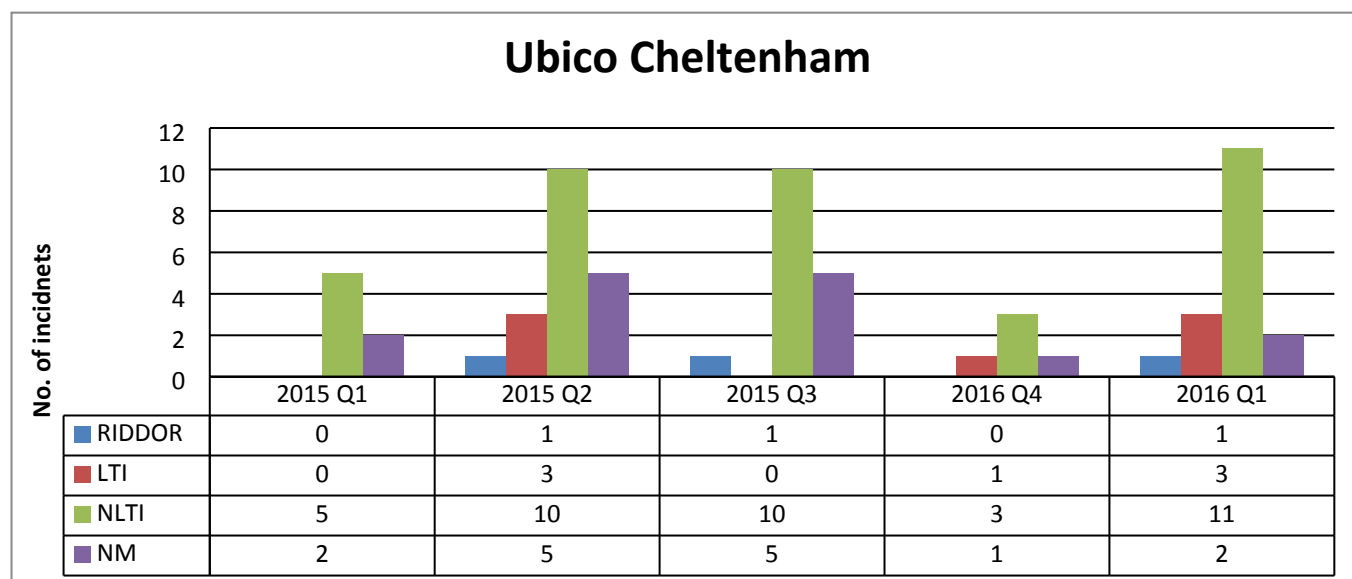
There has been one meeting held in FY2016/17.

18th May	Promoting crew safety / public vehicle interaction.
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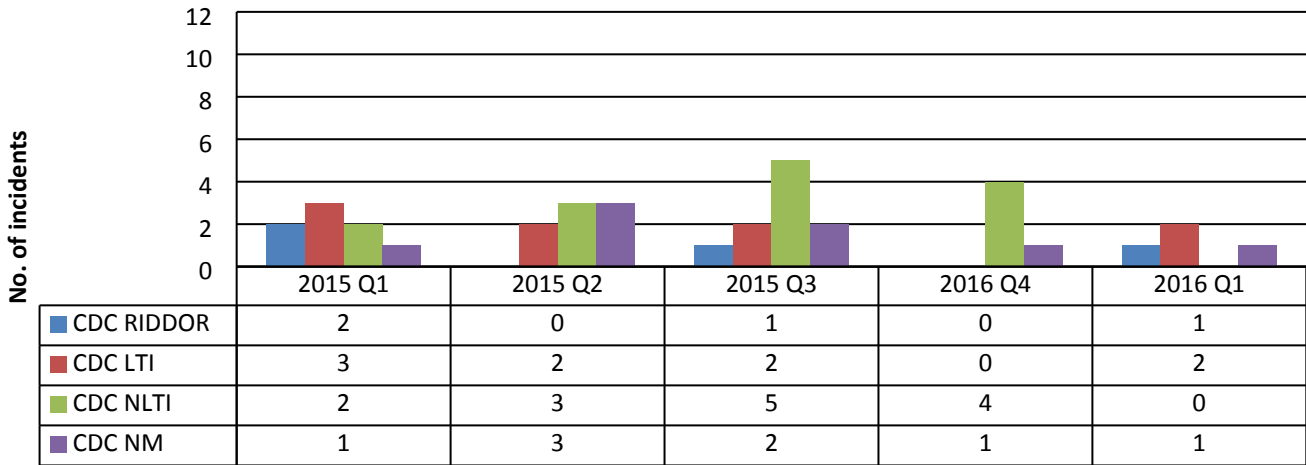
**APPENDIX 1 H&S Incidents reported per waste service provider and Ubico specific graphs**

FY2015/16																	
Service	Contractor	Q1				Q2				Q3				Q4			
		RIDDOR	LTI	NLTI	NM	RIDDOR	LTI	NLTI	NM	RIDDOR	LTI	NLTI	NM	RIDDOR	LTI	NLTI	NM
CBC	Ubico	0	2	2	2	1	3	10	5	1	0	10	5	0	1	3	1
CDC	Ubico	2	3	2	1	0	2	3	3	1	2	5	2	0	0	4	1
TBC	Ubico	0	0	0	1	2	0	2	1	0	0	7	7	1	2	6	3
TBC	Grundon	0	0	0	24	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	34
FoDDC	Biffa	0	0	1	39	0	1	0	62	0	0	1	33	0	0	0	20
HRC	Kier	0	9	36	0	14	50	0	0	9	66	0	2	24	0	0	0
Landfill	Cory	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
AD	Andigestion	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	1	0	0	0
IVC	MFBennion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

FY2016/17																	
Service	Contractor	Q1				Q2				Q3				Q4			
		RIDDOR	LTI	NLTI	NM	RIDDOR	LTI	NLTI	NM	RIDDOR	LTI	NLTI	NM	RIDDOR	LTI	NLTI	NM
CBC	Ubico	1	3	11	2												
CDC	Ubico	1	2	0	1												
TBC	Ubico	0	1	7	7												
TBC	Grundon	0	0	1	15												
FoDDC	Biffa	1	0	1	27												
HRC	Kier	0	2	0	0												
Landfill	Cory	0	0	1	0												
AD	Andigestion	1	3	1	0												
IVC	MFBennion	0	0	0	0												



## Ubico Cotswold



## Ubico Tewkesbury

