

West Sussex council renews Biffa's "successful and reliable" municipal contract

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Biffa's "successful and reliable" municipal contract with Arun District Council in West Sussex has been extended.

The council said Biffa's tender provided "significant assurance and solid proposals" concerning the delivery of the contract in all areas.

This includes the changes required under the government's Simpler Recycling legislation, which will see the introduction of weekly food waste collections for residents in England from April 2026.

Domestic waste collections in Arun will also move to fortnightly. The changes will support the council's 55% recycling target.

The announcement comes after two of Biffa's other municipal contracts were named among the top three best recyclers in England in 2023-24.

As reported in the latest local authority league table, South Oxfordshire had the highest recycling rate in England at 62.9%, with Stratford-on-Avon District Council placing third at 61%, with both topping the South East and West Midlands regions respectively.

Steve Cole, Managing Director, Biffa Municipal said: "As the UK leader in sustainable waste management, our work with local authorities drives positive change, helping people waste less and recycle more, with all the environmental and economic benefits that brings.

“Our partnership with Arun District Council is a shining example of this, and I’m delighted we can build on the progress we’ve made for many more years to come, continuing to provide the residents of Arun with the best service possible, supporting the council’s Social Value and Sustainability Strategy, as well as getting ready for the introduction of Simpler Recycling for households in 12 months’ time.”

Cllr Sue Wallsgrove, Chair, Environment Committee said: “We are delighted to continue our successful partnership with Biffa. For many years they have provided a very reliable and good quality service. We look forward to working with them to successfully roll out changes, including weekly food waste collections to our residents.

“The new contract will provide a cost-effective service and include ambitious initiatives to reduce the council’s carbon footprint as well as providing local employment opportunities, apprenticeships and social value for our communities.”