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Mike
Dear Councillor Day

Further to your letter dated the 2 July, please find below my response to your questions in regards to the Keep it to 3 campaign.

On the whole, Swansea residents have been complying with the black bag restriction but ongoing communications are being implemented to ensure that all residents comply with the restriction. Figures show that 1,300 tonnes less black bag waste was disposed of at landfill in April and May compared to the same period in 2013.

There have been no warnings issued either in writing or verbally to any residents. However, there is an ongoing education and engagement programme which has resulted in approximately 800 properties being visited with leaflets and advice letters since April 7th 2014.

The Enforcement Team is not aware of any 'specific' problem areas. As previously anticipated HMOs continue to be a challenge in regard to waste collections but intensive door knocking campaign is planned within the next couple of months to target areas with a high density of HMOs.

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There has been an increase in recorded fly tipping of black bags. The following information is as reported via Flycapture. These are reported calls where waste has been removed.

	April to 30 th June 2014	April to 30 th June 2013	April to 30 th June 2012
Black bag	April 2014 – 160 May 2014 – 163 June 2014 - 181	April 2013 – 95 May 2013 – 95 June 2013 - 117	April 2012 – 61 May 2012 – 97 June 2012 - 192
Totals	504	307	350

Please note that there has been a great deal of work carried out to improve recording of fly tipping across the authority hence the increase in numbers this year. There does not appear to be a link with this increase and the Campaign.

Latest figures show that 1,000 tonnes extra recycling was collected in April and May 2014 compared to the same period the previous year. This includes 450 tonnes more of food waste, 170 tonnes of plastic and 380 tonnes of paper, cans and glass. The increase in recycling has been put down to a prolonged door-knocking campaign in the city by council recycling officers, along with the introduction of a 3 black bag limit.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely



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