

What plans have been put in place to manage the former Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust land?

A Service Level Agreement was developed for the management of the land formerly managed by TCCT. This has been established to provide the operational continuity which includes essential land management activities, habitat conservation, public access maintenance, rights of way management, volunteer engagement and compliance with statutory environmental designations such as SSSIs, SACs and National Nature Reserves. Development of the SLA provides operational continuity while improving the baseline information, asset records and longer-term management plans needed for effective stewardship of these sites.

A team of six Rangers have been recruited (including various members of the TCCT team) to deliver practical site maintenance, conservation management and community engagement.

The development of baseline mapping, asset records, management plans and long-term maintenance programmes also forms part of the SLA.

To assist with the compliance with statutory designations third party stakeholders engagement with bodies such as Natural England, RSPB and the National Trust has taken place and is an ongoing arrangement.

What is the latest position on the delays of waste collections?

The performance of the waste rounds is monitored daily and also reported through to the Council regularly as client. Although there have been issues over the last few weeks due to higher than normal absence rates and repair works to the transfer station (slowing down unloading times) through the monitoring SWISCo has reviewed arrangements and at the time of writing all rounds are up to date and on schedule

How many permanent staff are there and agency staff and how are staff recruited?

Collections: 111 (8 agency)

Site: 29 (7 agency)

Permanent roles are recruited directly, with agency support provided through BIG ANT where temporary cover is required. The level of agency use is monitored so that the Council and SWISCo can maintain assurance on service resilience, cost control and workforce stability.

How can people dispose of or recycle vapes.

Vapes can be disposed of safely in the following ways:

- Putting them in the pink battery bag, which can be placed out for recycling on collection day.
- Taking them to the recycling centre, where a dedicated vape bin is available
- Returning to a vape shop.

The batteries within vapes can cause fires, if not disposed of correctly and should never be placed into general waste bins.

Are we considering recycling disposable nappies?

Torbay Council and SWISCo are not currently looking at introducing a disposable nappy recycling collection. There are limited recycling outlets to send the product to. In addition, the cost is prohibitive and therefore not economical to introduce. We will review the possibility of being able to recycle disposable nappies in the future.