

**PRESENT:**

Councillor G Hazelwood (Chairman) representing North Kesteven District Council

Councillor C L Strange	Lincolnshire County Council
Councillor A H Turner MBE (Executive Support Councillor for Waste)	Lincolnshire County Council
Jonathan Fitzgerald	Lincolnshire County Council
Sean Kent	Lincolnshire County Council
Ian Taylor	Lincolnshire County Council
Chris Barlow	Lincolnshire County Council
Councillor G Clare	Boston Borough Council
George Bernard	Boston Borough Council
Councillor Mrs Y Bodger	City of Lincoln Council
Steve Bird	City of Lincoln Council
Tony Gray	City of Lincoln Council
Councillor B P Burnett	East Lindsey District Council
Roy Ormsby	East Lindsey District Council
Mark Taylor	North Kesteven District Council
Councillor H R Johnson	South Holland District Council
Glen Chapman	South Holland District Council
Councillor J Smith	South Kesteven District Council
Tracey Blackwell	South Kesteven District Council
Councillor O C Bierley	West Lindsey District Council
Glynn Pilkington	West Lindsey District Council
Simon Mitchell	Environment Agency

15. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor I Parrott (West Lindsey District Council), Manfai Tang (Environment Agency), Bryn Walters (East Midlands Regional Assembly), Robin Hall (Government Office for the East Midlands), Caroline Pritchard (City of Lincoln) Richard Belfield, Lisa Foster and Matthew Michell (Lincolnshire County Council)

16. MINUTES

Sean Kent informed the Partnership that the data collection requested for the report outlining the costs to each district for the disposal of waste in order to agree a Memorandum of Understanding (minute 6 refers) was still ongoing, and the report would be brought to the next meeting of the Partnership.

RESOLVED

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That the minutes of the Partnership meeting held on 1 October 2009 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

17. TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Chairman invited the members of the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership to refresh their knowledge of the Terms of Reference, as it was the beginning of a new year for the Partnership and it was important that the Members remain focused on their objectives.

The representative of West Lindsey District Council informed the Partnership that they were unable to adhere to item 8 of the Terms of Reference, which required the representative of the District to hold executive authority to make decisions on behalf of their authority, and due to their committee structure, as they did not have an executive committee.

**RESOLVED**

That the terms of Reference be amended to take into account West Lindsey District Council's committee structure.

18. PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF MEETING DATES FOR 2010 AND 2011

The Partnership was invited to consider the proposed dates set out in the report for the meetings of the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership, Member/Officer Pre-Meeting and the Officer Working Group scheduled to be held in 2010 and 2011.

**RESOLVED**

That the following meeting dates as set out below be approved:-

<b>Officer Working Group (2.00 pm start)</b>	<b>Member/officer pre-meeting (10.00 am start)</b>	<b>Lincolnshire Waste Partnership (10.30 start)</b>	<b>Officer Working Group (2.00 pm start)</b>
6 May 2010	17 May 2010	3 June 2010	1 July 2010
26 August 2010	6 September 2010	23 September 2010	21 October 2010
11 November	22 November 2010	9 December 2010	6 January 2011
3 February 2011	14 February 2011	3 March 2011	30 March 2011
28 April 2011	9 May 2011	26 May 2011	23 June 2011
21 July 2011	29 August 2011	15 September 2011	13 October 2011
3 November 2011	14 November 2011	1 December 2011	5 January 2012
26 January 2012	6 February 2012	23 February 2012	22 March 2012

19. LANDFILL TAX AND INCINERATION OF BOTTOM ASH

The Partnership considered a report by Ian Taylor which provided a brief overview of the situation following a consultation exercise in April 2009 by HM Treasury entitled 'Modernising Landfill Tax Legislation' which included a reference to the changing of the classification of bottom ash and slag arising from waste incineration from inert to active. This had caused concerns as this reclassification would have an impact on the operating costs of the facility as a lower rate of landfill tax is paid for inert

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material. However, the Partnership was reminded that this was only a proposal in a consultation document, and that if this was agreed then there would be a phased introduction.

The possibility of re-using bottom ash from Energy from Waste Plant's was discussed, as this was already being carried out at some sites, with the waste bottom ash being used in products such as ceramic tiles. Officers reassured the Partnership that any alternatives to sending the waste ash to landfill would be considered, and they were sure that if this proposal was adopted then over the next few years entrepreneurs would come forward to make use of this by-product.

It was also highlighted that every local authority in the country would be affected by these changes, but Lincolnshire would do everything they could to minimise costs. It was also suggested that the LGA be kept aware of these concerns.

**RESOLVED**

The Partnership noted the situation as outlined in the report.

**20. GARDEN WASTE AND NATIONAL TARGETS**

Consideration was given to a report which outlined the current situation following a statement from a senior Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) official, as concerns had been raised that green waste would no longer count towards the 50% target for municipal waste as set out in the revisions to the European Waste Framework Directive. The Partnership noted the position and agreed that officers should provide updates as more information emerged into the public domain.

**RESOLVED**

That the Waste Officer Group keeps this issue under review and report to subsequent meetings as necessary when further information becomes available.

**21. LINCOLNSHIRE JOINT MUNICIPAL WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY – ACTION PLAN UPDATE**

Further to the meeting of the Partnership held on 1 October 2009, minute 11 refers, an update of the Lincolnshire Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy Action Plan was considered. The document set out district by district, the progress to date of the actions as allocated to each district. The progress made on each objective (since the production of the action plan) and the actions that were ongoing for each district were reported and the district representatives were given the opportunity to ask questions to the officers following each item. Several issues were raised during discussion of the action plan updates including:

- Tony Gray (City of Lincoln) would approach Doug Robinson (Lincolnshire County Council) in the New Year regarding the promotion of local commercial facilities for anaerobic digestion if he had not made contact by that time.
- Lincolnshire County Council reported that they had appointed Joanne Walker, who would be responsible for developing the re-use message

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- In order to achieve a uniform dry recyclable stream across the county, facilities would need to be in place to deal with a wide range of recyclables, as some districts were concerned they would have to cut down on the range of materials they collected. It was agreed that a more robust system would need to be in place.
- With regard to the Energy from Waste scheme, there was an aim to reduce the tenders for the Energy from Waste plant from 3 to 2 and to have the final contractor by August 2010. It was also noted that Lincolnshire had been recognised as leading the way in Energy from Waste.
- Officers would be looking into ways to address the LATS shortfall
- South Holland District Council requested an update on the situation of small verses large Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC) at the next meeting of the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership.
- Would Procurement Lincolnshire be able to attend the next meeting of the Partnership?
- The consultation by DEFRA would be taking place in early 2010

Following the update on the action plan, the Partnership was asked to consider how they would like information regarding the action plan to be presented in the future, as this was the first report since a methodology for monitoring progress was agreed at the Waste Officer Group.

**RESOLVED**

1. The Partnership noted the progress in the action plan
2. Progress only would be reported to future meetings of the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership
3. A representative of Procurement Lincolnshire would be invited to attend the next meeting of the Partnership to give a presentation regarding their policies on using the authority's buying power to encourage positively sustainable resource use.
4. An update would be provided to the next meeting regarding small verses large HWRC's

**22. ROUTING SOFTWARE UPDATE**

Thanks were expressed to all the district officers who had been involved in the preparation and inputting of the large amounts of data relating to the collection of residual waste by each of the Waste Collection Authorities (WCA). It was explained to the Partnership that a more detailed report on the financial impact to each WCA of using the proposed waste transfer stations could be provided at this time, as the exercise of imputing all the information was taking longer than expected. It was felt that it was important to be able to provide a complete picture for each district, and so a report would be presented to the next meeting of the Partnership, if the members were in agreement. However, if necessary a special meeting could be arranged once the data was available.

**RESOLVED**

1. That a report would be presented to the next scheduled meeting of the Partnership

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2. That a special meeting of the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership would be arranged once this information became available if the officers felt it was necessary.

Prior to the meeting concluding, it was reported that all waste collection authorities had signed, or would shortly be signing, the Joint WRAP/LGA commitment to a good waste and recycling service. It was proposed that Jonathan Fitzgerald, Lincolnshire County Council's Media Officer for Waste would take the lead with this and co-ordinate with the districts and the media.

The meeting closed at 3.34pm.