

**PRESENT:**

Councillor C L Strange (Chairman) representing Lincolnshire County Council

Councillor A H Turner MBE (Executive Support Councillor for Waste)	Lincolnshire County Council
Sean Kent	Lincolnshire County Council
Ian Taylor	Lincolnshire County Council
George Bernard	Boston Borough Council
Councillor D Hobson	Boston Borough Council
Councillor Mrs Y Bodger	City of Lincoln Council
Tony Gray	City of Lincoln Council
Councillor B P Burnett	East Lindsey District Council
Roy Ormsby	East Lindsey District Council
Councillor G Hazelwood	North Kesteven District Council
Nina Camm	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 I Parrott	West Lindsey District Council
Glynn Pilkington	West Lindsey District Council
Simon Mitchell	Environment Agency

1. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3 JUNE 2010

It was agreed that the minutes should be considered as the first item.

It was noted that in relation to minute 37, copies of the DVD were now available and were circulated to members of the Partnership.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership meeting held on 3 June 2010, be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED

That Councillor C L Strange be elected as Chairman of the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership for the ensuing year.

3. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman commented that a lot had been accomplished in the last year and the Partnership had come along way in the past 3 or 4 years. He suggested that the Partnership should carry on as it was doing, as it was trying to work together for the good of the community. It was proposed and seconded that Councillor G Hazelwood be nominated as Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED

That Councillor G Hazelwood (North Kesteven District Council) be elected as Vice Chairman of the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership for the ensuing year.

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J Brockway (West Lindsey District Council), Lisa Foster (Lincolnshire County Council), Mark Taylor (North Kesteven District Council) and Manfai Tang (Environment Agency).

5. PROPOSAL FOR COUNTY 'WASTE SUMMIT'

Consideration was given to a report which proposed that Lincolnshire hold a 'waste summit' event which would involve both members and officers. The aim of the summit would be to explore through speakers and facilitation the possibilities for achieving further efficiencies, particularly through partnership working.

It was reported that this idea had previously been to the Officers Working Group, and officers would like a steer from the members of the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership on whether they would like an event such as this to be organised.

It was noted that a similar issue had been discussed at the Lincolnshire Leaders and Chief Executive's meeting which was held on 22 July 2010, and the minutes stated that

"It was agreed that Countywide options should not be explored at this time, however it was felt that savings could be delivered through individual districts arranging their own partnering arrangements."

It was the view of the Partnership that it was not necessary at this time to hold such an event, and any issues that would have been raised could be considered at meetings of the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership. It was suggested that if there was a specific issue they wished to discuss there was always the possibility of extending a future meeting, possibly in the summer and having a workshop session in the afternoon where good practice could be shared, rather than a facilitated session. It was also suggested it may be possible to invite Councillors or officers from other authorities if it was thought it would be beneficial.

It was agreed that there was a need to increase partnership working but it was not felt that a separate meeting was needed to look into this. Representatives from

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South Holland District Council reported that they had already established cross border arrangements which were working well.

It was thought that it was for officers to establish if there was something the members were missing, and that it was the officers' role to advise members, but that the lead should be taken by members so that they can look at issues independently. It was also requested that anything which comes up at the Officer Working Group meetings should be brought to the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership as a whole.

RESOLVED

That the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership agreed that this was not the right time for an organised and facilitated 'waste summit' to take place in Lincolnshire, and any issues could be examined more closely either in the meetings themselves or that a future meeting could be extended to run into the afternoon to allow time for a workshop style session.

6. LOVE FOOD HATE WASTE CAMPAIGN – WRAP SUPPORT

The Partnership considered a report which outlined the plans for a food minimisation campaign in Lincolnshire. It was reported that the undertaking of a food minimisation campaign was included in the LWP waste strategy action plan as an action for objective 1 and objective 2. It was reported that an application was submitted to WRAP on behalf of the LWP to see if best practice advice and support was available to carry out a food minimisation campaign. WRAP's Love Food Hate Waste campaign had been running since November 2007.

It was reported that it had been thought that the run up to Christmas would provide the perfect opportunity to carry out a food minimisation campaign as experience had taught that this was a peak time of year for purchasing excess food.

It was noted that £85,250 has been made available for Lincolnshire to run its own Love Food Hate Waste campaign. However, this funding was only available between September 2010 and March 2011 and could not be carried over to the next financial year.

It was requested that in kind support was provided from the collection authorities, and what was really needed was officer time rather than additional funding. It was suggested that existing staff in short term contracts could be utilised to fulfil community engagement roles, and some funding may be required for advertising but any additional funding would be provided by the County Council.

There was general agreement that this was an initiative that should be supported by the districts, and that the most effective way of carrying out this campaign would need to be sought. It was also thought that retailers encouraged people to buy too much food through 2-4-1 offers etc. There were concerns raised about how sensitive the Energy from Waste facility would be to a reduction in food waste, however, members were reassured that it would not be adversely affected by this.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership support WRAP's proposal for financial support for a Love Food Hate Waste campaign in the run up to Christmas
- (2) That in kind support from each WCA be approved for this campaign

7. REVIEW OF WASTE POLICIES – CALL FOR EVIDENCE

Consideration was given to a report which outlined the main points of the 'Review of Waste Policies – Call for Evidence' document which was published on 29 July following the announcement by the Secretary of State for DEFRA on 15 June 2010 that a review of waste policy in England would be carried out. The document presented a set of 25 questions under a range of headings which local authorities were invited to respond to.

It was reported to the Partnership, that the apparent direction of Government policy for waste collection and disposal could have significant implications for Lincolnshire, and therefore it was vital that any response to the Call for Evidence did not just respond to the specific questions, but also focussed on the fundamental points of concern for the county such as frequency of waste collection, anaerobic digestion/food waste collection and effect on waste infrastructure

A draft response to this document had been circulated to the members of the Partnership and they were invited to provide officers with their comments on the letter which would be sent. It was agreed by all members that this was a good letter and they all supported it being sent as the formal response from the LWP. A few amendments were suggested such as including the likely cost of returning to weekly collections and more emphasis on environmental protection. It was requested by South Holland District Council that it be included that they already have a successful weekly collection with a high recycling rate.

There were also concerns from the Partnership regarding the emphasis in the document on anaerobic digestion, and about why a county such as Lincolnshire, which already has good practices should have to introduce anaerobic digestion. This would also have significant impact on the planned Energy from Waste facility.

There was full support for this letter to be sent as it had been drafted, and the districts were also encouraged to send a copy as well. It was noted that a copy of this letter would also be sent to all Lincolnshire MP's as well.

The representative from the Environment Agency informed the Partnership that he would find out to what extent they would be involved in the response, and the Environment Agency would also fully support this letter.

RESOLVED

That the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership send the letter as drafted as the formal response to the Call for Evidence.

8. PRESENTATION AND TOUR OF THE MID-UK RECYCLING FACILITY AT CAYTHORPE

The Lincolnshire Waste Partnership received a presentation from Chris Mountain, Managing Director for Mid-UK Recycling, which provided Members with detailed information about the site at Caythorpe, including what it processed, how the materials were processed and the amounts it processed.

Following the presentation, the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership was given a tour of the Mid-UK Materials Recycling Facility by the Managing Director.

RESOLVED

That the presentation be noted.

The meeting closed at 12.15pm.