

**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
Richard Belfield	Lincolnshire County Council
Ian Taylor	Lincolnshire County Council
Lisa Foster	Lincolnshire County Council
Lauren Morrell	Lincolnshire County Council
Victoria Frodsham	Lincolnshire County Council
George Bernard	Boston Borough Council
Councillor Mrs Y Bodger	City of Lincoln Council
Tony Gray	City of Lincoln Council
Roy Ormsby	East Lindsey District Council
Councillor G Hazelwood	North Kesteven District Council
Mark Taylor	North Kesteven District Council
Glen Chapman	South Holland District Council
Councillor J Smith	South Kesteven District Council
Tracey Blackwell	South Kesteven District Council
Councillor G Wiseman	West Lindsey District Council
Glynn Pilkington	West Lindsey District Council
Simon Mitchell	Environment Agency

The Chairman welcomed Andrew Swainston, a Purchasing Manager for AWS Eco Plastics to the meeting.

9. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Brockway (West Lindsey District Council), D Hobson (Boston Borough Council), B P Burnett (East Lindsey District Council), H R Johnson (South Holland District Council).

It was noted that Councillor G Wiseman (West Lindsey District Council), attended this meeting in place of Councillor J Brockway (West Lindsey District Council) for this meeting only.

10. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23 SEPTEMBER 2010

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership meeting held on 23 September 2010, be agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

11. PRESENTATION ON PLASTIC RECYCLING FROM AWS ECO PLASTICS

The Lincolnshire Waste Partnership received a presentation from Andrew Swainston, Purchasing Manager for AWS Eco Plastics, which provided the Partnership with detailed information on the following areas:

- AWS Ethos
- Introduction to AWS
- Bottle Plant Rebuild
- Overview of Line
- Bale Breaker
- Ferrous Separation
- Ballistic Separators
- Eddy Current
- Titech sorting and towers
- Bunker conveyors
- Balers
- Back end – granulator, dry wash, air fall separation
- Materials they handled

An open invitation was extended to the members of the Partnership to visit the plant at any time for a tour, if they would like to visit then they should contact Andrew Swainston and he would make the arrangements.

It was reported to the Partnership that the Plant was still in the later stages of commissioning following the fire damage it sustained in August 2009, but had reopened on 23 November 2010, and it was hoped that by March 2011, the plant would be operating at its optimum level of processing 2,000 tonnes of plastic per week. It was currently running at 1600 tonnes per week, so it was close to its target. It was the thought that the plant was recycling approximately 50% of the UK's bottles and plastic, but the target was 65%. The Partnership was informed that the Plant employed approximately 60-70 people.

Members of the Partnership sought clarification of whether it was possible to put polystyrene packaging into recycling bins as it had been mentioned that the Plant processed polystyrene, however, this referred to the type of polystyrene which was used to make tubs and trays for food packaging, and therefore polystyrene packing materials should not be placed into recycling bins.

It was reported that the bottles and plastics which were recycled by AWS Eco Plastics mainly came from waste management companies who made the kerbside collections, and also some local authorities who have their own materials recovery facilities. It was estimated that there were approximately 30-40 vehicles passing through the Plant each day.

The Partnership was informed that very little waste from the Plant actually went to landfill and it was probably less than 1% of the total material which was processed.

The Chairman expressed his thanks for the presentation and stated he was confident that Members of the Partnership would be very interested in visiting the Plant, at Hemswell Cliff.

RESOLVED

That the presentation be noted

12. LOVE FOOD HATE WASTE CAMPAIGN – UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report which provided an update on the progress of the Love Food Hate Waste campaign which had been launched in the second week of November 2010. So far, the campaign has included bus advertising, radio advertising and coverage and the launch of the cookery demonstrations which took place in the Cornhill in Lincoln, and was attended by the Chairman of the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership.

It was reported that five really successful events had been held in the past month and it was planned to hold about six further events in each district, in the run up to March 2011, when the campaign ends. It was hoped that the next major events would be held in half term, so as to reach as many families as possible.

It was noted that the 18-24 year old age range, was the group which tended to waste the most food and so needed the most assistance. It was also reported that there had been a lot of interest in this campaign from children's centres.

It was requested that the Community Engagement Officers notify the Democratic Services Officer of the dates and venues of future planned events, so that these details can be circulated to Partnership Members.

South Kesteven reported that they had been doing a lot of work in the district to support this campaign. It was hoped that by making people aware that the average household wasted approximately £750 per year on food which was thrown away, peoples' attitudes towards food would be changed.

Councillor Mrs Y Bodger from the City of Lincoln Council volunteered to act as a judge for the competition which would be held during the campaign asking residents to design a starter, main course and dessert recipes which were made out of at least one leftover.

RESOLVED

1. That the progress made to date was noted and that the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership continued to support the Love Food hate Waste campaign.
2. That Councillor Mrs Y Bodger (City of Lincoln Council) be selected as the Partnership representative to assist in judging the cookery design meal.
3. That the Democratic Services Officer responsible for the Lincolnshire waste Partnership be notified of the dates and venues of future events so that they can be circulated to the appropriate members of the Partnership
4. That the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership add their support to the Love Food Hate Waste campaign website.

13. ENERGY FROM WASTE AND WASTE TRANSFER STATION UPDATE

The Assistant Director for Development (Environment, Planning and Transport) provided the Partnership with an update on the progress with the Energy from Waste (EfW) contract and the provision of Waste Transfer Stations at various locations around the County to support the EfW facility.

Energy from Waste Contract

It was reported that the Executive had approved the selection of WRG as the preferred bidder, as they would bring a lot of added value to the contract as an existing provider, although this had not formed part of the scoring process.

The contract details were still being finalised and it was hoped this would be completed in the next couple of months. The contract would be signed shortly after Christmas. It was planned that work would start on site in February or March 2011, and should be operational by September 2013. The plant would start taking waste for commissioning from April 2013.

The waste transfer stations would need to be operational by April 2013, to enable them to start feeding waste to the EfW facility.

Waste Transfer Station at Grantham

This was progressing well.

Waste Transfer Station at Gainsborough

It was reported that there were some problems with this location, but they were being worked on, and high level discussions were taking place between the relevant Chief Executives, councillors and senior officers to move it forward. It was noted that there was still plenty of time to complete this. It was noted that the main problems were around direction of access to the site, operating hours and restricted covenants.

Waste Transfer Station at Sleaford

Officers were in the process of acquiring a site and would be submitting a planning application shortly

Waste Transfer Station at Boston

It was reported that there were a number of options which could be pursued, and officers were looking to get the best deal possible.

It was reported that the waste transfer station at Louth had been operating successfully for four years. It was noted that as an organisation, we have to acquire land for a waste transfer station, then acquiring an optimum location as the priority is to ensure we have a facility. It was acknowledged that these sites were likely to be in locations different to an optimum location for the waste collection authorities. The authority was very restricted by the pieces of land which were available to purchase for this purpose. It was suggested that any partners who had not been to visit the

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working site at Louth, should make it a priority to visit as it was a very good example of how a waste transfer facility site works.

It was reported that the data validation for the routes for each of the districts was being carried out at the moment. It was also important to remember that this was a partnership and all involved were trying to optimise value for money for all districts, but there would be challenges ahead, and all districts would be kept fully informed.

It was hoped that the contractors would be encouraged to use local labour and contracts for each site would be worked up individually. The Assistant Director for Development (Environment, Planning and Transport) would be endeavouring to get the best deal possible.

An update on the HWRC in Market Rasen was provided and it was reported that after six and a half years of trying to procure a site, one has now been procured and it was hoped that the site would be opened on 14 January 2011 and invites would be going out shortly. It was noted that this had been a good example of working well with districts. This site would only be opening for three days a week – Friday, Saturday and Sunday, but research had shown that these were the days when the site would be most used, and there was also the need to cut costs. It was commented that people living within the area of the HWRC were looking forward to the opening.

RESOLVED

That the current position on the Energy from Waste Contract and the associated provision of Waste Transfer Stations be noted.

14. LINCOLNSHIRE JOINT MUNICIPAL WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY ACTION PLAN UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report which outlined the changes to the Lincolnshire Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy Action Plan.

During discussion of the action plan, it was requested that action four to objective three – ‘Work in conjunction with LCC as the Waste Disposal Authority, to divert several thousand tonnes of currently landfilled compostable waste from the residual stream to a composting operator’ – be retained as an aspirational target.

It was reported that the Officer Working Group would continue to provide updates under each action. However, following the completion of National Schedule 2 and Government Waste Review, there may be a need to review the priorities for the Strategy.

It was also confirmed that this authority had no intention of providing a food waste plant and EfW was a 25 year strategic waste facility.

It was suggested that it may be beneficial to log the completed actions and that there was a need to capture the outcomes of the work of the Waste Management Strategy.

RESOLVED

1. That the progress made against the Action Plan was noted

2. That the revisions to the Action Plan be agreed

15. CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR THE LINCOLNSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP

A report was considered by the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership which aimed to determine whether in light of the anticipated level of reduction in local authority funding and the review by all Lincolnshire councils of partnership working, the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership would continue to be an effective body working in the best interests of residents of Lincolnshire, if it did not have the full support of all of its authorities officers.

There was widespread support from the districts for the Partnership to continue as it was, with all districts also supporting the continuation of the Officer Working Group, which was a supporting technical and operational group for the Partnership. However, one authority did only support quarterly meetings of the Waste Officers Group. It was commented that all authorities should be urged to support this as all authorities needed to work together, and there were a lot of important projects coming forward, such as the EfW facility, which needed the support of all district to be successful.

It was highlighted that it was difficult to find a service area with better reason for partnership working than all the work that had been accomplished by the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership, such as the development of the action plan and the Energy from Waste project.

It was commented that it was not a surprise that this Partnership had worked so well as it considered issues collectively and achieved things jointly. It was the building and maintenance of relationships which was important, and the Officer Working Group (OWG) would feed into the LWP. The Chairman commented that the OWG was integral to the LWP and expressed his thanks to all the officers involved and all their hard work.

RESOLVED

That continued support for the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership would remain from all partner authorities.

The meeting closed at 12.20pm.