



LINCOLNSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP

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SUBJECT:	DISTRICT COUNCIL COLLECTIONS AND THE FUTURE USE OF WASTE TRANSFER STATIONS AND LANDFILLS
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BACKGROUND INFORMATION – GENERAL

The Lincolnshire Waste Partnership has been regularly updated by the County Council on the progress being made toward the delivery of an Energy from Waste (EfW) facility, to meet the EU Landfill Directive targets for reducing the reliance on landfill for final disposal.

This report is a further update to identify the position of the County Council and the landfill contractor, Waste Recycling Group (WRG), on the continued availability of landfills and the use of Waste Transfer Stations, to service the EfW, once it is operational.

The contract to design, build and operate the County Councils Energy from Waste Facility (EfW) at Whisby Road, North Hykeham was awarded to WRG on the 4th April 2010.

Construction has now started and the facility is expected to be fully operational by December 2013. This will meet the targets set out under the EU Landfill Directive for the diversion of waste from landfills.

A series of meetings have been held with the Districts to understand any concerns that they have over their future final disposal locations. These meetings have been attended by the County Council's Portfolio Holder for Waste and the Head of Environmental Services, with the District Council Leaders, Portfolio Holders and Chief Executives, as appropriate. No meeting has been held with South Holland District Council.

A briefing on the expected way forward regarding the future disposal locations was also presented to the Lincolnshire CX Group on the 23 June 2011 and this was agreed as an acceptable way forward.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION – WASTE TRANSFER STATIONS

Currently Lincolnshire disposes of all its non-recycled waste into 10 landfill sites under contracts with WRG. As a consequence of this diversion from landfill, the County Council will be requesting that the Districts tip-away the waste they collect at either one or more of the six Waste Transfer Stations it is proposing to develop across the County or directly at the EfW facility.

The proposed WTS network will include the existing WTS at Louth which is already being used for disposal by ELDC and WLDC. Four new WTS are under development at Grantham, Sleaford, Boston and Gainsborough. These locations have been chosen in view of a number of criteria such as proximity to the districts major collection centres, planning certainty and favourable land acquisition.

A potential sixth WTS at Middlemarsh to accommodate waste from the coastal strip is currently subject to ongoing discussions with WRG..

The development of the WTS's is a requirement established under the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy Action Plan and has been undertaken in consultation with the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership and all Districts.

Progress on the four new County Council WTS's are as follows:

Grantham	Land has been purchased at Occupation Road, Vantage Park, Gonerby Moor and planning permission has been granted. A contractor, GF Tomlinson, has been selected (via the East Midlands Property Alliance Framework Agreement) for the design and building of the facility. Construction is expected to commence late 2011.
Sleaford	Land has been purchased at Pride Parkway, Enterprise Park and a planning application has been submitted, with a determination expected in early September 2011. If there is favourable planning then construction is expected to commence in early 2012.
Boston	Land has been identified at Nursery Road, Riverside Industrial Estate. Contracts are hoped to be exchanged shortly. A planning application is currently being prepared for expected submission in October 2011 and determination by early 2012.
Gainsborough	Land has been identified at Marshall Way, Somerby Park. WLDC have now withdrawn their objection, so it is hoped that the land can be purchased over the coming months. A planning application is therefore expected to be submitted in October, with a determination by early 2012.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION – LANDFILLS

The County Council has contracts with WRG for the disposal of waste at 8 landfill sites in the county and at a further 2 out of county sites, all of which are owned by WRG.

Due to the development of the EfW facility, the need for landfilling our waste will be considerably reduced. The County Council is holding discussions with WRG to identify the continued need for landfills, once the WTSs are operational.

It is recognised by the County Council that these operational changes will have impacts upon the collection services of each District. As such it has been liaising with and provided help to them in the form of modelling and assisting in data validation. In addition the County Council is working with WRG to have a confirmed commercial position by the end of 2011 and is hopeful that the impacts of these changes to the Districts will be minimal, if at.

It should be noted that the County also use landfills for disposing of the residual waste from the Household Waste Recycling Centres, and the impacts of the landfills becoming unavailable will also affect the County Council.

The County Council will also be evaluating the staffing and operating requirements of the WTS and would request that District Councils inform them of any proposed operational changes in collection regimes that might have an impact on this. For example such as moving to four day working or other changes that may effect the operation of any of the WTS.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Lincolnshire Waste Partnership is asked to recognise that best endeavours are taking place and that the County Council is well aware of the work and information needed for the Districts to re-plan their collection rounds, and to confirm that the end of 2011 is an acceptable date for formal confirmation of the future timetable of landfill closures.

Current Landfill Usage by Waste Arisings per District

	WLDC	ELDC	CLC	NKDC	SKDC	BBC	SHDC	HWRC (Gen)	HWRC (Inert)
Colsterworth					22,600			2,300	
Gainsborough	10,100		<100					1,000	
Kirkby-on-Bain Direct		2,600		1,100		<100		1,100	400
Kirkby-on-Bain via WTS	2,300	15,100						1,400	
Kenwick	Mothballed								
Leadenham			<100	12,600	1,100			1,200	200
Middlemarsh		7,700						1,400	800
Hykeham	4,000		19,700	6,400				3,200	1,400
Whisby	Mothballed								
Boston		<100		<100		18,000	18,400	3,200	2,000
Dogsthorpe					<100		1,000		
Immingham	1,100								
Caythorpe (Recycled)				900	1,100			400	