



**PRESENT:**

Councillor G Hazelwood representing North Kesteven District Council (Chairman)

Councillor C L Strange	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
Steve Willis	Lincolnshire County Council
Mark Humphreys	East Lindsey District Council
Councillor M Brookes	Boston Borough Council
George Bernard	Boston Borough Council
Councillor F Smith	City of Lincoln Council
Steve Bird	City of Lincoln Council
Mark Taylor	North Kesteven District Council
Councillor R Gambba-Jones	South Holland District Council
Councillor J Smith	South Kesteven District Council
Councillor I Parrott	West Lindsey District Council
Glynn Pilkington	West Lindsey District Council
David Hutchinson	Environment Agency

The Chairman welcomed Steve Willis to the meeting who had recently been appointed to the post of Assistant Director – Environment, Planning and Customer Service.

It was also noted that Mark Taylor was now the officer representative for both North Kesteven and South Kesteven District Councils.

27. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor S Newton (ELDC), Glen Chapman (SHDC) and Richard Wills (LCC).

28. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23 FEBRUARY 2012

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership meeting held on 23 February 2012, be agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

29. PROVISION OF HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRES

Consideration was given to a query raised by Councillor Gambba-Jones from South Holland District Council regarding whether there was any scope for the Partnership to look at the opening times for the Household Waste Recycling Centres. This was due to a number of queries from residents in South Holland who were in full time employment and were now unable a HWRC during the working week, due to the opening hours and so needed to make a dedicated trip at a weekend. There were concerns that this could lead to fly tipping, queuing and it could also have an impact on the county's carbon footprint. It was queried whether any other members had experienced anything similar in their areas.

This issue was discussed and it was commented that it was just a matter of people needing to adjust to the new opening hours. However, members had received comments from dissatisfied residents who had been prevented from climbing the steps next to containers to dispose of their waste at the site in Bourne. This had made it more difficult as customers had to wait for a member of staff to assist them which had led to longer queues.

The Partnership was advised that the County Council was aware of the problems at the HWRC at Bourne and were in negotiations with Health and Safety representatives in order to get the issues resolved. Officers were also aware of the problems at Spalding, and the situation was being carefully monitored and all sites were covered by CCTV.

Councillor Strange advised the Partnership that he hoped to go to the Spalding site the following Monday, and would arrive before the site opened in order to get a better understanding of the situation. He would also be visiting each site in turn to see first hand what was going on. It was felt that a period of readjustment was needed for residents to get used to the new opening hours. However, if there were major problems or a danger to customers, then this would be dealt with immediately, but there had been no official complaints (from Police, highways etc.).

It was also commented that there had been a lot of consultation prior to the opening hours being agreed, the opening hours which were implemented were the preferred days and times identified through the consultation which involved staff and customers of the HWRC's.

The Partnership was reminded that the County Council had been required to save a third from its environmental management budget, but it had still managed to keep all of its HWRC's open, and it was not a lot to ask for people to readjust the way they used the sites.

It was suggested that Members and officers gather information from residents over the next three months and report back at the next meeting, to see whether any similar issues arose.

**RESOLVED**

That the comments be noted and the Partnership continue to monitor the situation.

30. ENERGY FROM WASTE FACILITY AND WASTE TRANSFER STATIONS UPDATE

The Partnership received a verbal report from the Head of Environmental Management which provided Members with an update on progress made towards the delivery of the Energy from Waste Facility and the Waste Transfer Stations in the past three months.

It was reported that the Energy from Waste (EfW) facility was on target cost and on programme, and it was still on target to start hot commissioning on 6 July 2013 and to be operational from 23 December 2013.

The following was reported in relation to progress with the new Waste Transfer Stations:

Grantham: The Waste Transfer Station had been completed and it was expected that it would be operational by the end of the following week. Waste was not needed to be sent to the WTS's until June 2013 so there should not be an impact for districts on their rounds at this time.

Sleaford: This site would be open before June 2013. Construction had started the previous week, and it should be ready for operation by September 2012. However, use of this Waste Transfer Station would not commence until the landfill site at Leadenham closed.

Boston: This was the next site to be built in the rolling programme. The new cell which had been built at the landfill site would last until May/June of 2013 which would coincide with the completion of the construction of this site. The construction work would be carried out by G F Tomlinson, who were experienced in this type of build as they had built the sites at Grantham and Sleaford.

Gainsborough: Construction work would start when the WTS at Boston came on line.

RESOLVED

That the update be noted.

The meeting closed at 10.35am.

Following the closure of the meeting, the members of the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership visited the Energy from Waste site.