



PRESENT:

Councillor C L Strange representing Lincolnshire County Council (Chairman)

Sean Kent	Lincolnshire County Council
Ian Taylor	Lincolnshire County Council
Steve Willis	Lincolnshire County Council
Councillor A H Turner MBE	Lincolnshire County Council
Carl Miller	Lincolnshire County Council
Mark Humphreys	East Lindsey District Council
Councillor T Bridges	East Lindsey District Council
Councillor M Brookes	Boston Borough Council
Councillor F Smith	City of Lincoln Council
Steve Bird	City of Lincoln Council
Councillor R Wright	North Kesteven District Council
Councillor B Adams	South Kesteven District Council
Mark Taylor	North Kesteven and South Kesteven District Council
Councillor R Gambba-Jones	South Holland District Council
Glen Chapman	South Holland District Council
Councillor I Parrott	West Lindsey District Council
Glyn Pilkington	West Lindsey District Council
Rachel North	West Lindsey District Council
James Finch	Environment Agency

19. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J Smith (SKDC) and also George Bernard (BB), Caroline Pritchard (CoLC) and Simon Mitchel (EA).

It was brought to the attention of the Partnership, that this would be the last meeting attended by Glyn Pilkington from West Lindsey District Council as he was moving on to a different area of the authority. The Chairman thanked him, on behalf of the Partnership, for all of his hard work with the Partnership over the last few years.

20. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6 DECEMBER 2012

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership meeting held on 6 December 2012, be agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

It was noted that in relation to minute 17, a report would be brought to the next meeting.

21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**RESOLVED**

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership would take place on Thursday, 13 June 2013, at 10.30am.

22. MY WASTE MOBILE PHONE APP

The Lincolnshire Waste Partnership was advised that following its previous meeting, where a proposal was put forward to introduce a mobile phone app which would inform residents about waste and recycling services, the Officer Working Group had begun exploring this in more detail to get an idea of what sort of information would be required. However, it had emerged that those authorities who were in the process of replacing their fleet were being offered a similar app as a part of the 'Bartec' vehicle management system at no extra cost. It was possible that this system may also provide residents with access to a wider range of service information than just waste and recycling services.

The view of the officer working group was that promoting two different apps did not demonstrate joined up working, and the members of the Partnership were asked for their views on what was felt to be the most appropriate action in this situation, and were presented with three options in the report for consideration.

The members of the Partnership were provided with the opportunity to share their views and some of the points raised during discussion included the following:

- West Lindsey was one of the authorities that would not be getting the Bartec system, and initially preferred the option of exploring the implementation of the county app in limited areas. However, their priority at the moment was saving money. This was something they would like to pursue, but not urgently;
- It was queried whether it would be possible to buy into the Bartec app for the districts who were not replacing their fleet, but it was thought that this app came as part of the support package for the vehicles;
- It was commented that an advert had been seen which promoted the Bartec app as a standalone system, and it would be worth exploring whether this would be a viable option;
- It was noted that one of the features of the Bartec app, would be a facility for residents to report incidents of fly tipping, this was of particular interest to East Lindsey District as the district had seen a recent rise in fly tipping;
- It was thought that all districts should try and use one system;

It was suggested that the officers should get together again to explore whether further work in relation to the Bartec system was needed.

RESOLVED

That the Officer Working Group met to discuss whether more work needed to be carried out in relation to the Bartec systems, and bring a report back to the next meeting of the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership.

23. ENERGY FROM WASTE/HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRE/WASTE TRANSFER STATION/HAULAGE CONTRACT

Consideration was given to an update by Sean Kent, Head of Environmental Management, which provided the Partnership with an update on progress of the Energy from Waste facility, the Household Waste Recycling Centres, the Waste Transfer Stations and the Haulage Contract.

A progress meeting had been held the previous day regarding the Energy from Waste facility, where it was reported that the site was approximately one month behind schedule, but there was confidence that this time could be recovered and it was still planned to start commissioning in July 2013. Extra resources were being brought in to mitigate the delay.

The Waste Transfer Stations at Sleaford and Grantham were now complete and the sites at Boston and Gainsborough were progressing and would be operational by the middle of April 2013. The recruitment process for the staff who would be running the waste transfer stations would be starting after Easter, as it had been agreed that the County Council would manage the sites.

It was also reported that the haulage contract had recently been awarded, and it would be a three year contract to transport waste into the Waste Transfer Stations.

In terms of the Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC), a year had elapsed since the changes to opening hours had been implemented, and after considering evidence from the Spalding HWRC it had been agreed that it would move to 7 day opening over the summer due to previous issues with traffic. The site would be open 8am to 4pm, 7 days a week from 1 April to 31 October, it would then revert back to 4 days per week from 1 November to 31 March. It was noted that fly tipping outside HWRC had gone down considerably in the past year, and that the County Council was committed to combating fly tipping within the county through its Fly Tip Team.

Members of the Partnership were provided with the opportunity to ask questions to the officers present in relation to the information which had been provided, and some of the points raised during discussion included the following:

- Schools in the Hykeham area would be asked to take part in a competition to name the Energy from Waste facility, and the school that came up with the winning name would receive a prize of £1000, and it was planned that a prize would also be presented to the child who came up with the name;
- It was noted that the local community had been wonderful and had worked with the county council. The Communications team had also played a big role in keeping the community and press involved with the development of this project;
- Officers were working with East Lindsey District Council to try and resolve the Mablethorpe situation, and it was hoped that a Saturday supplementary service would soon be operating in Mablethorpe;
- The planning application for permission to collect commercial and industrial waste would be submitted to the Planning and Regulation Committee the following week, as a top up to the residential waste that would be collected as part of the contract;

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- Agreement had been given to fit solar panels to the top of all the Waste Transfer Stations over the next few months, which would contribute towards the County Council becoming energy neutral. The only facility that would not have solar panels at this time would be the WTS at Boston, as there was not a sub-station nearby. However, as the infrastructure developed, it was hoped that solar panels would be installed;
- The routes for the vehicles would be included within the contracts to ensure that they did not take short cuts through villages;
- It was being discovered that people were coming from other authorities to fly tip in Lincolnshire, and it was hoped that councillors and the public would inform district councils as they would prosecute if there was robust evidence;
- If there was fly tipping on private land, the County Council did not have authority to take action, but they did have a role in supporting the land owner;
- The CCTV at all 13 HWRC's had been upgraded so that the cameras were facing out of the gates and they were all high resolution;
- Tourism was the driver of the economy in East Lindsey, so having a clean and tidy district was important;
- Would there be any way to let the public know how much energy was being generated by the solar panels which would be fitted to the WTS's? It was thought important that the public knew the benefits of schemes such as this;

RESOLVED

That the updates be noted.

24. ACCESS TO LANDFILL

The Lincolnshire Waste Partnership received an update from Steve Willis, Assistant Director Environment, Planning and Customer Service in relation to various issues which the authority had been made of regarding access to landfill sites. Officers had become aware that the condition of access roads to landfill sites were causing some concerns to districts. A response had been requested from the operators, but officers had not been completely satisfied with the response. Feedback was requested from each of the districts on their experiences with accessing landfills, and the following was reported:

- A slight improvement had been noticed in Gainsborough, but it was possible that this was due to the improvement in the weather. There were still pot holes between the weigh bridge and the tip face;
- The big problem with North Hykeham was that only one vehicle at a time was allowed on the site, which caused a delay;
- New vehicles were being used for the first time at Slippery Gowt, and it was unclear if there had been any improvement at the site. The specification for the vehicles was for concrete to concrete, and so if there was any damage caused to vehicles from travelling on unsuitable surfaces, this would invalidate the guarantee;
- South Holland District Council reported a slight improvement in the site they used;
- Boston reported that their new fleet vehicles were of a slightly lower specification than their old fleet and so there were concerns they could be more easily damaged by poor surfaces;
- There had been much improvement at Leadenham;

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- There were still problems at Hykeham with the surfaces;
- Inappropriate materials were being used to fill holes in roads at the Colsterworth site;
- At Kirkby on Bain the access road to the new cell was not very good quality;
- The City of Lincoln thought the condition of access at Hykeham was likely to be due to the weather. However, there was a problem of silt from the weighbridge getting underneath the vehicles which was then transferred to the roads;

The Assistant Director Environment, Planning and Customer Services stated that he would contact FCC after the meeting and arrange to carry out an inspection of the sites. It was acknowledged that Boston was a priority, but the issues with the other sites would all be dealt with.

RESOLVED

1. That the update be noted;
2. That the Assistant Director Environment, Planning and Customer Services contact FCC to arrange for an inspection of the landfill sites to be carried out;

25. JOINT PROCUREMENT OF REFUSE SERVICE VEHICLES

Consideration was given to a report which set out the work which had been carried out by Procurement Lincolnshire for the collaborative procurement of refuse collection vehicles and associated fleet management and maintenance services. Procurement Lincolnshire worked closely with Waste Officers within each partner authority in order to standardise vehicle specifications.

It was reported that the district councils spent approximately £4.5million per year each on these vehicles and associated services. The contract to supply refuse collection vehicles to all authorities within Lincolnshire and North Yorkshire was awarded to British vehicle manufacturer Dennis Eagle. The total savings made through this contract equated to approximately £1.85 million, or approximately £16,500 per refuse vehicle.

The second phase of the project was for fleet management and maintenance services, and this was awarded at the end of December 2012 to two suppliers, May Gurney Fleet and Passenger Services Ltd for ELDC, NKDC and SHDC, and R&A Scott Auto Services Ltd for WLDC who were a local supplier. The combined phases of the project would produce total savings for the four authorities of around £2.2million over the seven year initial term of the maintenance contract.

It was reported that the next project for Procurement Lincolnshire would be looking at the contract for tyres.

The Chairman congratulated all the partnership members that had been involved in this project as well as Procurement Lincolnshire and commented that this was one of the best things that the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership had been involved in, and it had got authorities working together.

RESOLVED

That the update be noted.

26. RECYCLING STRAPLINES

The Lincolnshire Waste Partnership received a report from the Officer Working Group which followed on from the request at the previous meeting of the Partnership for the District Council Recycling Officers to hold a one-off meeting to share best practice and to generate suggestions for generic strapline to be used on all promotional materials throughout the County for all future campaigns. The report outlined a number of suggestions and the Members of the Partnership were asked for their views on them. Some of the points raised during discussion of the report included the following:

- It was important that the strapline was connected to the local area;
- An alternative strapline of 'Recycle for our Lincolnshire' was suggested;
- It was queried whether it was more important to finalise a communications plan before the strapline was decided;
- The advantage of having a strapline was that it would be an overarching tool and give the districts a common purpose;
- It was thought important for all residents to have something which would unite them;
- The decision regarding the strapline was an important one as once it was agreed it would be signed up to by all districts;
- It was suggested it could be useful if the Communications Teams at each of the districts were included in this and asked for their input;
- It was suggested that this could also be opened up as a competition to all schools in the county, although it was noted that it would be better if this was not linked to the naming of the energy from waste plant;
- It was important to note that there was a difference between the recycling of materials such as paper/plastic/glass which were collected at HWRC and the recovery of energy from waste diverted from landfill to the Energy from Waste Plant;

RESOLVED

That this be referred back to the Officer Working Group for them to take back to their individual districts and Communications Teams, and a further report brought back to a future meeting.

27. PARTNER UPDATES

Members of the Partnership were provided with the opportunity to update the rest of the Partners on any developments within their individual districts which may be of interest and the following was reported:

Boston Borough Council – a report would be brought back to the next meeting of the Partnership in relation to the re-use of white goods discussed at the previous meeting;

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North Kesteven District Council – the first residents had signed up to the green waste scheme;

South Holland District Council – their recycling wheel had been launched with provided residents with information regarding what could be put into the green bags; It was commented that this was an exceptional idea, and it was wondered whether there was scope for it to be used in other districts. It was agreed that a report would be brought to a future meeting along with a sample of the recycling wheel;

City of Lincoln Council – there was a proposal to start charging for green waste collections, but this still had to go through the council. However, there had not really been an adverse reaction yet. The CoLC was about to launch a large amount of publicity regarding the issue of cross contamination. A lot of work had also been carried out with the university and its students;

East Lindsey District Council – officers were looking forward to the delivery of the 17 new refuse vehicles, and these would include the Bartec technology. Efficiencies were also likely from the route remodelling work which had been carried out. It was possible that green waste collections may need to be looked at again;

Lincolnshire County Council – officers were currently in discussions with FCC regarding the introduction of an asbestos disposal point at one or two of the HWRC's in the county, possibly the Boston and Whisby sites. The decision following the review by the courts regarding co-mingled collections would be made the following week. If this review was lost there would be significant implications for all authorities.

The Partnership was advised that, as part of the Lincolnshire Resilience Forum (LRF) there was a draft plan for the recovery phase following an emergency situation, and there would be a training exercise run later in the year, which would either be a role playing or desktop exercise. It was reported that draft copies of this plan had been sent to all relevant officers at the districts and members were urged to ensure that officers were aware of this and responded. The scenarios were being developed in relation to an east coast flooding event. It was very important that all districts had a response in place for the recovery phase.

It was suggested that a sub-group be set up to examine how a review of the waste strategy could be delivered. The following were put forward as willing to be part of this sub-group:

- Mark Taylor (NKDC)
- Ady Selby (WLDC)
- Councillor I Parrott (WLDC)
- Sean Kent (LCC)

West Lindsey District Council – it was reported that the authority had won an award for the Best Performance in Waste Services.

The Chairman commented that he was pleased with the progress that the members of the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership had made in the past few years, and the most recent quartile of recycling figures had shown that Lincolnshire was recycling 55% of

its waste, and this was the target which had to be reached by 2015. There was a lot for Members to be proud of.

RESOLVED

That the updates be noted.

The meeting closed at 11.50 a.m.