



LINCOLNSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP

A MEETING OF THE LINCOLNSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP
WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, 9 JUNE 2016 AT 10.30 AM
IN COMMITTEE ROOM FIVE, COUNTY OFFICES, NEWLAND, LINCOLN LN1
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AGENDA

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**PRESENT: COUNCILLOR R A SHORE (LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL)
(CHAIRMAN)**

Steve Willis	(Lincolnshire County Council)
Sean Kent	(Lincolnshire County Council)
Councillor Mrs Sandra Harrison	(East Lindsey District Council)
Victoria Burgess	(East Lindsey District Council)
Councillor Fay Smith	(City of Lincoln Council)
Steve Bird	(City of Lincoln Council)
Councillor Richard Wright	(North Kesteven District Council)
Mark Taylor	(North Kesteven District Council)
Glen Chapman	(South Holland District Council)
Councillor Nick Craft	(South Kesteven District Council)
Ian Yates	(South Kesteven District Council)
Councillor David Cotton (Vice-Chairman)	(West Lindsey District Council)
Ady Selby	(West Lindsey District Council)
Keith Morgan	(Environment Agency)
Ian Taylor	(Lincolnshire County Council)
Councillor A H Turner MBE JP	(Lincolnshire County Council)
Simon Cotton (Communications)	(Lincolnshire County Council)
Rachel Wilson	(Lincolnshire County Council)

64 PARTNERSHIP MANAGEMENT ISSUES

64a Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Brookes (Boston Borough Council) and R Gambba-Jones (South Holland District Council).

Apologies were also received from George Bernard (Boston Borough Council) and Emily Spicer (South Holland District Council).

64b Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest at this point in the meeting.

64c Minutes of the meeting held on 19 November 2015

It was requested that the Partner Update for South Holland District Council (Minutes 61f) be amended to read as follows: "A working party was considering the benefits of a

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proposal for crews to work 4 days per week instead of five on a rota basis, but collections would still be carried out five days per week. This would require slightly earlier starts"

It was commented that at the last meeting, it had been reported that there would be a seminar on fly tipping in the Spring and it was queried whether there were any more details on this. The Partnership was advised that there were still plans to run this session, but it was likely to be late Spring and details would be circulated in due course.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 19 November 2015 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record subject to the above amendment.

65 STRATEGIC ISSUES

65a Future of the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership

i) LARAC Presentation

The Partnership received a short presentation by LARAC (Local Authority Recycling Advisory Committee) from Lincolnshire County Council's Group Manager Environmental Services which provided further detail in the following areas:

- MRF Code of Practice
- What is the effect for LA's?
- Tackling the problem
- Do residents really care?
- So what can we do
- Consistency in collections
- Conclusions

Some of the comments raised during discussion of this presentation were as follows:

- There was a need for focus on the MRF Code of Practice to promote reassurance of quality;
- Costs were rising and contamination was a key issue, and all partners had fewer resources;
- One of the key points from the presentation was consistency in collections. It was noted that plastics were the biggest problem;
- LARAC was engaging more with industry and retailers to tackle this problem.

ii) Members Vision for the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership

The Chairman asked the Partnership to consider what the vision for the LWP should be. Across the country there was a need to change for what was best, as well as responding to the market.

Some of the points raised during discussion included the following:

- There was a need to work towards unanimity of recycling.

- There would be a need to decide whether co-mingled recycling was what the county wished to proceed with.
- It was commented that if bottles were put into the recycling with 'caps on' this helped to reduce water contamination.
- It was suggested that there was a need to look again at working to reduce waste at source by working with retailers. It was noted that recyclables were a commodity for local authorities, but there would be a saving if there was not as much need to collect it. It was acknowledged that there would always be some level of packaging required.
- It was suggested that things it was known could be recycled easily should be collected, and consider whether things which were difficult to recycle were worth collecting.
- Lids on bottles could be mixing plastic types.
- Going forward, the Partnership were not decision makers. The decisions would be made by the Leaders and Chief Executives, and would be based on budget. It was suggested there may be a need for an arms-length trading vehicle as residents did not care who collected their bins. There was just a need to dispose of it efficiently.
- Recyclables were a world-wide market, and demand would respond to this market rather than political need.
- If there was a need for a separate body with its own board, members would need to take this back to their own authorities.
- The role of the LWP at this time was to try and influence.
- There was a possibility that food waste could be included in recycling targets, and that recycling targets could be increased. It was suggested that there would be a need to plan ahead and be ready for any changes, rather than just reacting to them.

iii) Ambitions of the LWP (10 year strategy)

The Partnership discussed the future ambitions of the LWP and some of the points noted included the following:

- There was a need to consider whether there should be a move towards Lincolnshire having its own MRF. Was this the best place to be in the future, would this become redundant?
- The present thinking was to move towards a comprehensive kerbside recycling collections.
- Concerns were raised regarding what would happen to material rejected at the kerbside, and whether it would be left on the street.
- If the Partnership wanted change to happen, it would have to make it happen. There would always be resistance no matter what was done. There was a need for leadership and resilience to tackle issues.
- Fly tipping was a national problem.
- It was reported that in the majority of cases, fly tipping was commercial materials. It was also noted that there was no clear evidence that closing HWRC's increased the incidence of fly-tipping.

v) Fly Tipping Enforcement

Some of the points raised during discussion included the following:

- It was queried whether the LWP should look at forming some sort of autonomous decision making body for the county, but this would not stop districts from making their own decisions.
- One member raised concerns regarding a spate of fly-tipping incidents in his area in recent weeks. However, he commented that WLDC were doing a good job but it was a costly service, and had concerns that the service may be removed. It was thought that there was a need to proceed with more prosecutions, and there was also a need to encourage people to report any instances of fly-tipping. It was felt that offering a 'reward' would get more of a response from the public.
- The Chairman reported that he had recently received information relating to Leadenham HWRC including a list of fly-tipping incidents. It was noted that all were in range of four HWRC's. It was noted that fly-tipping was not about HWRC's but criminal behaviour.
- It was difficult to say that the work by NKDC was leading to a reduction in fly-tipping, but if there was no threat, there would be no down-side to fly-tipping. But pursuing prosecutions did require a lot of resources. However, it was noted that the district did now have a lot of experience in this area.
- Districts were only able to recover costs which directly related to the prosecutions, and so did not get all the costs back.
- Prosecutions were starting to attract attention in courts now, and publicity was changing to become more robust. The member for NKDC reported that he now received more positive comments on this than anything else, as people liked to see justice done.
- There have been instances of 'professional fly-tipping' where officers have searched for evidence but there was none left behind. There was a need for innovative solutions, and WLDC had been working with landowners to put additional barriers up.
- WLDC reported that they had been carrying out a lot of enforcement in the south west ward, and had prosecuted one large incident of fly-tipping but had only managed to recover a fine of £200, and not the costs, as the individual was claiming benefits.
- One member reported that there was a lot of non-commercial fly-tipping in his area due to the presence of the River Witham. A lot of rubbish was collected by volunteer groups.
- It was reported that under the Environmental Protection Act 2014 there were more powers available and there were arrangements which could be made for repeat offenders which could include custodial sentences.
- In Lincoln there was a lot of domestic fly tipping, but officers were not finding as much evidence as before. A lot of the waste was believed to be left by land lords.
- It was suggested whether a free collection of large items could be offered in order to prevent them from being fly-tipped.

iv) Recyclables

Some suggested wording for the County News article about recycling which had been agreed by the Officer Working Group was circulated and the following comments were made:

- It was reported that the last time the Partnership met, a chart had been distributed by the City of Lincoln Council which showed what materials each authority accepted. Subsequently, the disposal contract was examined and it target materials, acceptable materials and non-acceptable materials were identified. It was discovered that there was quite a lot of commonality. The Officer Working Group would continue to work on this to take it forward.
- It was commented that this was excellent, but some of the wording was confusing.
- It was noted that this wording was to be included in an article for County News on what can and cannot be recycled.
- It was suggested whether more clarification was required in relation to the 'caps on' and 'caps off' debate, and also whether Tetrapaks should be included.
- In relation to Tetrapaks, it was noted that they were classed as a contaminant, but all districts collected them. It was reported that the contract did allow for them, and would be included with cardboard. They contained four different recyclable materials. It was clarified that 'Tetrapak' was actually a brand name.
- There were targeted materials as well as materials that would be expected to be put through the system.
- It was thought that people may assume that tetrapaks were cardboard.
- It was suggested that glass be included in the list of recyclable items as all districts except East Lindsey collected it. However, it was requested that a note should be included that there were bring sites in east Lindsey for glass disposal.
- It was not thought that textiles were included in the contract.

RESOLVED

That the points raised during the discussion be noted.

65b Waste Budget Proposals

The Lincolnshire Waste Partnership received a presentation from Lincolnshire County Council's Chief Operating Officer in relation to the waste budget proposals which provided more details information in relation to the following areas:

- Provisional Local Government Grant Settlement
- Proposed Waste Management Savings
- Waste Management – Challenging the Service Further

The Partnership was provided with the opportunity to discuss this in more detail and ask questions to the officers present, and some of the points raised during discussion included the following:

- Waste Management had been recognised as a high priority area, but even high priority areas had been asked to make contributions to the required savings.
- The service area had become more strategic in the last 4/5 years with the building of Waste Transfer Stations (WTS's) and Household Waste Recycling Centres

(HWRC's). The authority would like to offer supplementary services but there was no longer funding available for it.

- Concerns had been raised with members regarding the knock on effects of Whisby HWRC closing such as increased traffic into Lincoln to use Great Northern Terrace HWRC instead.
- It was commented that there was a large growth agenda around Skellingthorpe and Hykeham and the Chairman would like to see additional provision in the Teal Park area, when the need arose.
- It was reported that approximately 0.5% was allowed in the budget for growth in the waste stream.
- As the authority had been increasing the savings which had been made, the cost pressures had also been increasing.
- It was clarified that the stopping of the Saturday Supplementary Services in Long Sutton referred to all supplementary services throughout South Holland. It was commented that it was not thought that there would be a lot of negative feedback, as the more vociferous objectors had realised the position that the local authorities were in.
- It was commented that part of a member's role was to explain to parish councils why services would be changing or stopping, and ensure that they understood the reasons behind it.
- There were discussions to be held regarding joint working and the WTS at Louth. If there was a decision to have a single haulage contract, East Lindsey requested that they were included in the discussions. It was noted that the current contract was fixed until 2018, and so nothing could change until then, but officers would be happy to discuss any options.

RESOLVED

That the points raised during discussion be noted.

66 OPERATIONAL ISSUES

66a 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;

East Lindsey District Council – A Transformation programme had been released with the budget with savings for the next four years. It was reported that the cost of collecting bulky waste was to be increased, as well as green waste. There was also the potential for commercial waste collections in East Lindsey. The impact of grass in the recycling was also being examined.

South Kesteven District Council – There had been a successful fly-tipping prosecution due to CCTV evidence which had been linked to a shop. The district would soon go live with the introduction of direct debits for green bin payments.

West Lindsey District Council – The authority would be supporting communities for the DCLG initiative of 'Clean for the Queen'.

South Holland District Council – Green waste collections would commence in April. The authority would also be supporting communities in the 'Clean for the Queen' project.

City of Lincoln Council – The initiative for on street enforcement was progressing well, and a paper would be brought to a future meeting.

RESOLVED

That the updates presented be noted.

66b Waste Collaboration Project Update

The Partnership received a presentation from North Kesteven District Council's Head of Environment and Public Protection in relation to the Waste Collaboration Project which provided further information in relation to the following areas:

- Three main areas considered
- Route Review
- Management Structures
- Support Services Costs
- Next Steps

It was reported that the most significant elements of the project so far were the route review, management structure and support services. This was originally a three phase project, and the next phase would be to explore these elements in more detail, and phase three would be look at implementation.

RESOLVED

That the presentation be noted.

66c Energy from Waste Update

The Partnership received an update on the Energy from Waste (EfW) facility at North Hykeham where it was reported that it continued to work very efficiently and effectively. There would be a planned outage in March 2016 to repair a small leak near the grate. It was planned that the facility would shut down on the Friday evening and be operational again by the Monday.

It was reported that there was a need to ensure that lids of wheelie bins were replaced if they were damaged to reduce the amount of moisture collected in them, which could have an effect on the operation of the EfW. It was suggested whether advice to residents on keeping bin lids closed should also be included in the article on recycling for County News, and it was agreed that this could be helpful. Although it was acknowledged that recent adverse weather conditions were capable of opening bin lids.

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It was reported that in relation to replacing bin lids, authorities were having difficulties in obtaining just the lids from suppliers, but several partners reported that they had suitable stocks of pins.

It was commented whether something could be included in the publicity about where the waste goes, as one member reported that people within his area still thought that waste went to landfill rather than the EfW.

RESOLVED

That the update be noted.

66d Officer Working Group Update

It was reported that there were two items to update the Partnership on from the Officer Working Group, as follows:

- Joint Statement on Road Traffic Accident's – this had been circulated and comments back had been requested from districts. It was requested that officers chase this up at their own authorities.
- EfW gate fees – this information had now been shared with districts.

It was noted that the City Of Lincoln would be sending their comments through shortly, as their legal services had come back with a number of objections.

RESOLVED

That the update be noted.

The meeting closed at 12.10 pm

Agenda Item 1g

Provisional Dates for the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership 2016-2017

Officer Working Group (1.00 pm start)	Member/officer pre-meeting (3.00 pm start)	Lincolnshire Waste Partnership (10.30 start)	Officer Working Group (1.00 pm start)
7 April 2016	26 May 2016	9 June 2016	2 June 2016
4 August 2016	1 September 2016	15 September 2016	29 September 2016
27 October 2016	8 November 2016	24 November 2016	22 December 2016
2 February 2017	14 February 2017	2 March 2017	30 March 2017
11 May 2017	23 May 2017	8 June 2017	6 July 2017
10 August 2017	22 August 2017	7 September 2017	5 October 2017
26 October 2017	7 November 2017	23 November 2017	21 December 2017

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