

# Agenda Item 10



**LINCOLNSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP**

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<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>WASTE PERFORMANCE REPORT</b>
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## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Lincolnshire Waste Officer Group agreed that it would be of benefit to the Partnership if outline performance on selected aspects of the waste service was to be routinely reported to Committee.

It was therefore decided that the following represented the key areas of performance and that Partnership members would receive an update report once every six months.

The indicators relate to the overall performance of the Partnership as a collective body as follows:

Graph 1: The Percentage of Household Waste that is sent for Composting, Recycling or Reuse (NI192)

Graph 2: LWP Total Reuse, Recycling or Composting (NI192) by combined WCA /WDA performance

Graph 3: LWP Total Residual Waste Tonnage by Method of Final Disposal

All graphs show tonnages calculated as a rolling 12 month total and have been prepared using data that is already used for reporting both nationally and locally, and also show performance against the national indicator NI 192.

## **DISCUSSIONS**

Graph 1: this shows the percentage overall re-use/recycling and composting performance against the current 55% target, split into the composting and re-use/recycling elements.

Both aspects of this show a downward performance trend with the gap between achievement and target clearly getting wider.

The composting element may indicate reduced tonnages as a result of charges being introduced for kerbside collections, but may also reflect the seasonal and weather dependent nature of this part of the service. Usage can change quite markedly dependent upon the type of summer weather being experienced in Lincolnshire.

The declining recycling performance clearly reflects the higher levels of contamination being found in the kerbside mixed dry recyclables causing more material to be diverted away from recycling.

This aspect is also shown clearly in graph 3 where the level of rejects has increased significantly since the introduction of the Material Reclamation Facility Code of Practice and the mandatory sampling regime it requires to be applied to all recyclable material going into a MRF.

Graph 2: this shows the percentage overall recycling and composting performance against the current 55% target, split between the combined WCA performance and that of the County Councils Household Waste Recycling Centres.

Both of these show a declining performance, with the WCA element reflecting the higher levels of contamination in the recycle, whilst the more dramatic drop in the HWRC performance reflects major problems in the wood trade where the opportunities for recycling have all but disappeared meaning a significant element of this stream is now sent for energy recovery.

Graph 3: this clearly shows the upward trend in waste arisings in the county, partly from improved economic circumstances but in all likelihood mostly related to housing growth. This also shows the dramatic change in the method of final disposal with a major move away from landfill toward the Energy from Waste plant at Hykeham.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Lincolnshire Waste Partnership is requested to note the performance information contained in the graphs and the trends it may highlight.