

Agenda Item 7



LINCOLNSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP

9 MARCH 2023

SUBJECT: Partners Update	
REPORT BY: Lincolnshire Waste Partnership	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

To provide an opportunity for members of the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership to share any information that may be of interest with the other Partners.

All partner authorities have provided an update which are listed below.

DISCUSSIONS

Lincolnshire County Council

In terms of operational issues, the disruption to the Energy from Waste facility due to unplanned outages in 2022 have been resolved and an outcome is that we have sourced a separate disposal outlet where we can dispose of residual material in an emergency. This will help to reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill where we have future disruption. In relation to our Household Waste Recycling Centres, service contracts have just been awarded and it is hoped that the new contracts will enable improvement in performance at our 11 sites to help with recycling performance and also reduce costs.

The roll out of the separate paper and card collection project continues to be a success in providing cleaner recycled material. The project has just finished in East Lindsey and plans are now being drawn up for the next phase which should be in South Kesteven later this year.

In relation to overall waste performance, the amount of waste per head of the population continues to fall, which is good news as waste minimisation is the highest priority on the waste hierarchy. One contributing factor is less garden waste being produced due to the particularly hot summer, however the reduction in recycled material has caused a decrease in the recycling rate. This demonstrates the issue with reporting recycling rates and a wider context is needed to understand the complexity. Following the government's recent announcement that food waste will have to be collected separately from March 2025, plans are now being developed to improve our Waste Transfer Station infrastructure to accept separate food waste. We are also engaging with commercial operators who could provide the final disposal locations for food waste through an Anaerobic Digestion process. This is a particularly challenging deadline for the collection and disposal of food waste and will

require us to work closely with district council partners to ensure that they can purchase suitable collection vehicles.

West Lindsey

Refreshed Enforcement Policies specifically aimed at a more pro-active approach to enviro-crime are currently in a period of consultation with Members.

The Council are investing in some additional wireless and mobile CCTV cameras to develop its approach to tackle fly-tipping. It is intended to trial this technology for a 12 month period, with a review occurring after 9 months to inform a more permanent and embedded future approach.

Some 14 months after opening, the final part of the build is nearing completion. It is a roof structure covering the road sweepings bay with the Environment Agency considered essential to ensure compliance.

Garden waste subscription appear slower than in previous year.

South Kesteven

Two successful prosecutions have taken place since the last LWP meeting, the first for abandoning a vehicle, with a fine of £220 and costs awarded. The second, related to the Householder Duty of Care, which requires occupiers of domestic property to take all reasonable measures to ensure that they only transfer waste to an authorised person. This reduces the chance of waste ending up in the hands of those who would fly-tip it. Fly-tipped waste was traced back to the householder and they were unable to identify who took their waste. The householder failed to pay the fixed penalty notice which was initially issued as an alternative to prosecution. They were fined £200, legal costs were awarded to the Council along with £250 to the Canal Society for clean up costs.

1. Officers from the Council's Neighbourhoods Team took part in Operation Clean Sweep in Grantham in October, a joint initiative as part of the Lincolnshire Environmental Crime Partnership, with partners from the Environment Agency, Lincolnshire Police, HMRC and the DVSA aimed at disrupting and intervening against waste crime. 24 vehicles were stopped on the A1 at Great Gonerby and checked to ensure no illegal waste activity was taking place. Actions included:
 - Four Fixed Penalty Notices of up to £300 each issued to unlicensed waste carriers by SKDC
 - Four prohibition notices issued by Police and DVSA
 - 1 further enforcement action to be taken
 - Ten waste sites were visited to check compliance with regulations, with one found to be storing thousands of tyres illegally
 - Vehicles illegally carrying hazardous waste, scrap metal, waste white goods, green waste and end-of-life vehicles were also stopped
2. The Council supported National Recycling Week, 17-23 October with general publicity and a stall at Bourne market in partnership with Lincolnshire County Council.
3. 3. We continue to share joint communications messages and social media to support the "Right thing, Right bin" campaign and a consistent message across the county.

North Kesteven

Quality of Recycling

Continued and consistent application by the collection crews of the twin stream project's 'Right Thing, Right Bin' standard through monitoring is ongoing and is essential to ensure that contamination is recorded and managed consistently.

Engagement and Enforcement

Processes agreed between environmental health and waste teams to take joint action on repeated contamination has been enacted twice since being established. Whilst the action was not significant with only one case progressing to the point of issuing a Community Protection Order before

resolution, both provide early evidence that the process is achieving the overall objective to reduce and resolve issues of contamination.

Respiratory Illnesses

A watching brief is being maintained and NKDC continues to apply the processes for standing down colleagues who test positive for COVID-19.

Dennis Eagle eCollect live demonstration

Following hosting a regional Dennis Eagle eCollect all electric refuse collection vehicle demonstration in June, it returned in September 2022 to complete a live demonstration. The results were as follows:

27/9 – collecting paper & card 1 tip returned with 34% charge having driven 55 miles

29/9 – collecting garden waste 1 tip returned with 25% charge having driven 70 miles

30/9 – collecting paper & card 1 tip returned with 53% charge having driven 40 miles

General comments from the driver/crew:

- Vehicle regulated at top speed of 36mph
- Instant power/torque
- Quietness of vehicle in general was “eerie”
- Bin lifters were slow but perception could be skewed by the absence of hydraulic noise during operation
- Mobile charging facility issues experienced

Boston

In late summer, a Pride in Boston event was held to undertake a deep clean in the town centre, utilising equipment from partners and engaging with residents and councillors. High traffic areas were swept, steamed, bins cleaned, and graffiti removed.

Paper and Card collections have been embedded in the District now, having been in Boston since the trial in 2019. Data continues to show that this has aided an improvement in the recycling now presented by residents and we support other Districts with lessons learnt as the roll out continues across Lincolnshire.

East Lindsey

Paper and Card collections commenced towards the latter part of 2022 and are now rolled out across ELDC. Early data is showing that this is having a positive impact on the quality of the recycling being collected and ongoing engagement should see these numbers improve further.

A Pride in East Lindsey team was launched in December, the team will be working to address some of the more difficult cleansing tasks in the District. The team will be specifically aimed at improving some of the hot spot areas across the district and can tackle tasks such as

- Pavement cleansing
- Grounds maintenance, such as weed removal and minor hedge curring
- Graffiti clearing
- Litter picking
- Fly tip removal

The Council will be introducing commercial refuse and recycling collections across the district in 2023/4, following the same collection regime as delivered to households. After taking the vehicle maintenance unit in house last year, there has now been agreement commence commercial work, as well as the maintenance of ELDC vehicles and work progresses on this.

South Holland

The continued success and growth of the SHDC garden waste scheme means that the number of people subscribed to the service has doubled in the last two years as we have expanded our offer to enable up to 4 15,000 subscriptions. We continue our work to achieve this and consider further growth requirements beyond this.

Our Pride in South Holland team has been operational for a number of years and have supported the creation of a Pride team in ELDC and BBC in their town centre deep clean recently. The team continues to work its way across the district address the hard to tackle areas and making its mark on improving hot spots, based on intelligence from councillors and residents. Next month will see us take delivery of 6 new Dennis Eagle RCV's to replace some of our older fleet as we continue our rolling fleet upgrade.

OPTIONS

That the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership:

1. Note the updates provided
2. Identify any issues to be added to the Forward Plan for future discussion.