



LINCOLNSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP

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SUBJECT :	Lincolnshire Waste Partnership Health & Safety Group / Officer Working Group Briefing
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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This briefing provides a summary position on operational workings of both the LWP Health and Safety and Officer Working Groups.

DISCUSSIONS

Lincolnshire (Health and Safety) Waste and Refuse Forum (Health & Safety Group)

The Terms of Reference for the Lincolnshire (Health and Safety) Waste and Refuse Forum is to be a peer review group for the Lincolnshire authorities to consider matters of health and safety in the waste and refuse industry. The role of the group is to:

- Assist Members effectively discharge statutory duties
 - Make representation to the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) and Waste Industry Safety and Health (WISH) Forum.
 - Review, comment and actively participate in the development of industry guidance
- Membership of this group is the Health and Safety lead and waste operational lead from each of the partner authorities. Members will consider health and safety in the waste industry in order to facilitate the full, satisfactory, competent and consistent discharge of the Employer's legal duties and ensure optimum service delivery, in the best interests of the Employers and their Service Users. The main purpose of the forum will be facilitating the exchange, dissemination and sharing of information and ideas including;
- Statutory requirements (current and proposed)
 - Methods of working
 - Current best practice
 - Member's work experience
 - Relevant legal issues
 - Competencies

The most significant examples of recent work coming from the group have been:

- Review the constantly changing WISH guidance operating throughout the Covid pandemic – the group agreed and delivered upon a Lincolnshire agreed risk assessment to ensure consistency across all operations
- Evaluate other WISH guidance to ensure consistent application across partners – example being WISH24 “Working on Highways” and a consistent approach to guidance for community litter picks.
- Understand, evaluate and give guidance as to the implications of paper and card coming out of the MDR waste stream, in particular to the potential for hearing protection.
- Share learning from accidents, incidents and near misses
- Provide operational leads with the health and safety perspective on colleague welfare, seasonal preparedness especially hot weather and its impacts
- Promote and embed all WISH guidance through consistent application and monitoring
- Identify training opportunities where an effective county solution can be delivered.

Lincolnshire is lucky to have one health and safety officer who is actively involved at a national level. Also, the Lincolnshire group has been identified as a national exemplar for its structure and delivery.

Lincolnshire Waste Partnership Officer Working Group (LWPOWG)

The Terms of Reference for the LWPOWG is to be responsible for information sharing and advice on all operationally focused matters relating to waste management across Lincolnshire. The group is made up of operational leads from each partner. The leads have a wealth of experience in delivering day to day waste collection and disposal.

The group is self-managed in terms of secretariat function and the chairmanship of the group should rotate on an annual basis however, over the last few years due to other operational demands placed on officers, the chairmanship has remained within a smaller group.

In a similar way to the health and safety group, the LWPOWG continue to use this wealth of experience to be of great assistance to the Strategic Waste Officer Group (SWOG) especially when operational factors can influence decisions of a more strategic nature. Examples of the work over the last 12 months the LWPOWG have delivered are:

- Provide an operational learning platform for lessons coming out of the paper and card collections
- Tackling contamination in communal MDR bins
- Operational implications of the Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) guidance
- Collate, maintain and review an operational risk register, therefore allowing for consistent mitigation measures and sharing best practice in relation to items on the risk register – e.g. Cat C driver retention/recruitment
- Ensure the county communications strategy is meaningful and effectively “health checked” before it goes to print
- Compare performance statistics on areas such as missed bins
- Share learning from accidents / incidents / near misses
- Produce operational procedures on areas such as monitoring
- Critical friend inspections across the partnership.

OPTIONS

The work of both the LWP Health and Safety and Officer Working Groups should be noted and supported.

RECOMMENDATIONS

To note the content within this briefing paper.

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