

Agenda Item 6



LINCOLNSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP

21 September 2023

SUBJECT:	Partners Update
REPORT BY:	LINCOLNSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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

Some partner authorities have provided a written update, which are listed below.

DISCUSSIONS

City of Lincoln

The City Council continues to make sound progress with waste service renewal arrangements, having concluded EOI stage interviews now. Consequently the project remains on programme for reletting. Operationally, performance remains sound, with increased challenges to contamination presentation taking up increasing amounts of time. A review of contamination in communal bins is also underway. Both initiatives are expected to lead to a gradual incremental reduction in contamination levels.

West Lindsey

Following local elections in May, a new administration has been formed at West Lindsey. This has resulted in a new Member representative at Lincolnshire Waste Partnership, Cllr Stephen Bunney, who is also Chairman of the Council. In operational areas, six of our newest freighters have been fitted with solar panels, in the first six weeks of operation this has resulted in a saving of 233 litres of fuel and half a ton of CO2. In addition, due to changing working practices the number of Supervisors vans is reducing from five to three, two of these will be fully electric. Finally, Members are currently considering the charge and number of collections for the subscription-based garden waste service for next year, a decision is expected in September.

North Kesteven

Seasonal Working Hours

A report combining minor amendments to the Waste Collection and Enforcement Policy resulting from the biannual review and changes to start times required to implement a seasonal working pattern was approved by NKDC Executive Board on 30th March 2023. We have adopted earlier start times over warmer and lighter months from May until end September and revert back to standard working hours (7.30am-3.30pm) between the months of October until end April to deliver the following:

Benefits

- Limits the risk of crews working at peak heat during hotter months in general and during Met Office issued heat health warnings. – minimises the risk of crews suffering from impacts of working in heat such as dehydration, dizziness, irritability etc; all affecting ability to concentrate and crew health, wellbeing and safety.
- No short notice changes to crew and officer start times – all will routinely start earlier during hotter months. Limits impromptu disruption to life patterns and removes likelihood of crews refusing to comply with ad-hoc requests to start earlier.
- No short notice requests for residents to put bins out earlier – removes likelihood that some residents may not see comms requesting bins to be put out earlier.
- Mitigates short notice suspension of services as a direct result of heat health warnings – removes the need to redirect resources to complete critical services earlier.
- Reverting to 'normal' working hours during darker months – ensures daylight hours are maximised for crew safety.

Outcomes

- Compliance with Health and Safety Executive guidance and legal duty to protect employees from work related risk.
- Crew welfare put at the forefront of operations and their needs responded to.
- Action taken in response to Climate Emergency Strategy and Action Plan.
- Action taken to ensure continuity of service.
- Waste Policy amended to reflect seasonal working patterns.
- Residents informed and engaged

Seasonal working hours commenced on 1st May 2023.

Electric Vehicles

The viability of electric vehicles at the depot continues to be evaluated through gathering data on cost and performance of the electric van used by an Environment Officer and the 3.5T and 4.02T electric caged tippers used for the collection of dog and litter bins. A running measure of diesel mile (emissions) reduction is also being captured.

Twin Stream delivery in North Kesteven

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

Verbal updates:

- Lincolnshire County Council
- South Kesteven
- Boston
- East Lindsey
- South Holland

OPTIONS

That the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership:

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

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