

Agenda Item 4



LINCOLNSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP

28 March 2024

SUBJECT:	Partner Updates
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 Council is letting a new contract for waste and cleansing services combined, to start September 2026. The contract specification has been drafted and the standard questions stages have been completed. A short list of potential contractors have been invited to bid. Evaluations are expected in June/July, with an award later in the summer. This will allow maximum time for vehicle procurement, and negotiations to take place around any contractual service changes that might be required by the time of the official contract start date (e.g. food waste collections).

We are preparing for the annual green waste service renewals, and with prices held at last year's levels we hope for a repeat of last year's extremely high levels of take-up (service year starts 1st July).

We have implemented a new system for charging developers for wheeled bins, and set-up a new system for charging supermarkets for the return or disposal of shopping trollies that 'escape' their premises. We hope that this will prove to be a motivation for supermarkets to control the use of their trollies, and thereby reduce fly tipping reports associated with dumped trollies.

We are extending a trial of solar compactor litter bins in the city centre, which is currently proving very popular with the public.

We continue to work closely with LCC on promotion of waste and recycling initiatives, including via use of some new social media platforms we have established to support the service and any future changes.

North Kesteven

Food Waste: Whilst we will not know the resource and cost implications of food waste implementation with any accuracy until completion of a route review (May 2024), initial workings anticipate a shortfall at this point. A request for review of funding allocation has been sent to DEFRA.

Recent and proposed NKDC Forward Plan decisions relating to waste are as follows:

Route Optimisation report at Executive Board	11 th January 2024
Environment Act update at Flourishing Scrutiny	24 th January 2024
Waste Policy changes at Executive Board	25 th April 2024
Waste Policy changes at Council	9 th May 2024
Route Review	April/May 2024
Food Waste Implementation at Executive Board	27 th June 2024
Food Waste Implementation at full Council	11 th July 2024

Indicative dates for key milestones are currently:

Order vehicles (minimum 12 month lead)	July 2024
Recruitment – additional crews	May 2025
Optimum food waste collections go-live	Sept/Oct 2025

All the above are subject to change depending on decisions taken and other factors.

Commercial waste: A comprehensive feasibility study is being developed for member and officer consultation to ensure that all considerations are taken into account and evaluated in the course of designing an NKDC commercial waste service.

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.

Engagement and Enforcement: We recently benefitted from some great publicity as a result of our actions on fly tippers: [Remember the SCRAP code to help prevent fly-tipping | North Kesteven District Council \(n-kesteven.gov.uk\)](#). Fires from electricals and batteries disposed in kerbside-collected waste has been an increasing issue. As a result of the most recent local incident, we worked with the LWP Comms Group and shared messages, including newspapers and social media: [Fire in waste truck prompts batteries and electricals warning – Lincolnshire County Council](#). Dealing with such incidents are taken very seriously and we have a protocol which crews are aware of and in this instance, was followed to the letter. No one was injured and equipment undamaged.

Vehicle Procurement: Recent articles in Dennis Eagle's 'Eagle Eye' ([Dennis Eagle - Eagle Eye - 2023 - Issue 2 by TerbergEnvironmental - Issuu](#)) and Local Authority Plant & Vehicles ([LAPV \(pagesuite-professional.co.uk\)](#)) publications covered the Lincolnshire vehicle procurement framework.

Verbal updates:

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

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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