



**LINCOLNSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP
21 SEPTEMBER 2023**

PRESENT:

COUNCILLOR D MCNALLY (LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL) (CHAIRMAN)

District Councillor Callum Butler (Boston Borough Council), District Councillor Martin Foster (East Lindsey District Council), Councillor Jack Tyrrell (South Holland District Council), District Councillor Rhys Baker (South Kesteven District Council), Steve Bird (City of Lincoln Council), Victoria Burgess (East Lindsey District Council, Boston Borough Council and South Holland District Council), David Steels (North Kesteven District Council) and Adrian Ash (South Kesteven District Council)

Officers in attendance:-

Matthew Michell (Waste Strategy Manager), Charlotte Paine (South Holland District Council), Mike Reed (Head of Waste) Rachel Stamp (Waste Partnership and Projects Manager), Rachel Wilson (Democratic Services Officer), and Jess Wosser-Yates (Democratic Services Officer).

1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED

That Councillor D McNally be elected as Chairman of the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership for the year 2023-2024

2 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED

That Councillor R A Wright be elected as Vice-Chairman of the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership for the year 2023-2024.

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Smith, S Bunney, B Bushell and R A Wright.

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4 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No interests were declared at this point in proceedings.

5 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9 MARCH 2023

RESOVLED

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 9 March 2023 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

6 PARTNERS UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report which gave opportunity for members of the Partnership to share information that may be of interest. The following matters were highlighted by partners:

- Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) was looking to tender new haulage vehicles and were planning to introduce separate food waste collection. Additionally, the development of an anaerobic digestion plant was anticipated in Lincolnshire, however it was unclear whether food waste would be processed there.
- Boston Borough Council (BBC) continued to focus on a draft town centre strategy which prioritised town centre cleanliness and waste presentation. The local member had observed issues with fly-tipping of black bags, and a route review had been completed to accommodate waste collection in new housing developments.
- A new administration was formed at West Lindsey District Council (WLDC) following local elections in May. Additionally, six freighters had been fitted with solar panels and the number of supervisor vans had reduced from five to three, two of which would be electric.
- East Lindsey District Council (ELDC) was experiencing some issues with residents mixing waste, and separate food waste collections were being considered by the Senior Officer Group.
- City of Lincoln Council continued work regarding waste and street cleansing.
- North Kesteven District Council's (NKDC) Executive Board had approved a report which combined minor amendments to the Waste Collection and Enforcement Policy; this led to the implementation of a seasonal working pattern which involved the adoption of earlier start times during summer. This was understood to have a range of benefits.
- South Holland District Council (SHDC) were introducing a new collection route from 2 October meaning 95% of residents would have a new collection day. The success of the twin-stream rollout continued.
- Government announcements regarding Net Zero on 20th September had created some uncertainty for partners.

RESOLVED

That the updates be noted.

7 PERFORMANCE UPDATE & DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT

Consideration was given to a report and presentation by Matthew Michell, Waste Strategy Manager - Lincolnshire County Council, which provided an update on the performance of the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership (LWP) against Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) which measured progress against the vision and objectives outlined in the LWPs Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy.

Members were guided through the report and presentation and the following matters were highlighted:

- The performance data had indicated that the Covid-19 pandemic had changed public behaviour around waste.
- Warmer summers resulted in less green waste being collected and composted, and a decrease of 8,000 tons had been observed across all waste streams in 2022-2023. It was subsequently highlighted that waste minimisation was the priority of the waste hierarchy.
- The twin-stream rollout and the 'Right Thing, Right Bin' campaign had significantly reduced the prevalence of non-recyclable materials in recycling collections.
- The Strategic Officer Working Group (SOWG) continued to work to implement LWP objectives and ensure alignment with relevant national policies.
- Members raised concerns that waste was being contaminated with electrical items, most notably single-use vapes and e-cigarettes. The Waste Partnership and Projects Manager assured that officers were working with the LCC Communications team and the wider partnership on raising awareness around the disposal of vapes, and that public information campaigns would continue as part of the education and engagement programme.

RESOLVED

That the information provided in the Annual Review be noted.

8 JOINT MUNICIPAL WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY UPDATE

Consideration was given to a verbal report and presentation from Charlotte Paine, Head of Environmental & Operational Services – South Holland District Council, which updated the partnership on the Joint Municipal Waste Strategy (JMWMS) Action Plan and the progress of the Strategic Officer Working Group (SOWG).

At the previous meeting of the partnership, members reviewed objectives and proposed key actions. It was noted that the JMWMS focused on policy requirements, infrastructure, performance, and behavioural change of residents. There was a wide range of objectives included in the JMWMS Action Plan 2023/24 which was summarised to members of the partnership.

Moving forward, the SOWG would collate the action plan with greater detail and continue to consider requirements to deliver the plan, as well as collecting data to better understand residents' behaviour.

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RESOLVED

That the verbal report be noted.

9 ENVIRONMENT ACT UPDATE

Consideration was given to a verbal update from Adrian Ash, Interim Assistant Director of Operations - South Kesteven District Council, which updated the partnership on government progress on the implementation of the Environment Act 2021.

The Act would facilitate legislation regarding extended producer responsibility, the deposit return scheme, and consistency in household recycling. Following the launch of the strategy, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) undertook consultation and received extended feedback regarding extended producer responsibility and the deposit return scheme. Limited responses were received for consistency in household recycling, and councils were resultantly awaiting further information.

Limited government clarity regarding the Act prevented local authorities from planning new services, and delays added to the challenge of achieving expected benefits from reforms. Additionally, DEFRA had written to inform councils that the extended producer responsibility payments would be deferred from 2024 to 2025.

Additionally, the delivery of the deposit return scheme for cans and plastic bottles would be introduced from October 2024, and legislation regarding consistency in household recycling would be introduced following the rollout of the extended producer responsibility scheme, although recent government Net Zero announcements could impact this.

DEFRA had confirmed that reforms would be called 'Simpler Recycling'.

RESOLVED

That the update be noted.

10 LINCOLNSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP FORWARD PLAN 2023

Members were asked to raise any matters for consideration at future meetings of the partnership, and it was agreed that the meeting due to be held on October 4 2023 be cancelled.

It was noted that the partnership requested for meetings to be held remotely moving forward so long as this was compliant with the constitution and legal requirements.

RESOLVED

That the Forward Plan be noted.

The meeting closed at 3.10 pm