

## LINCOLNSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP

### TERMS OF REFERENCE

Updated March 2017

1. The main roles of the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership shall be to:
  - a. To focus all Stakeholders on the delivery of the objectives set out in an agreed Joint Municipal Waste Strategy.
  - b. Monitor performance against the objectives set out in the agreed waste strategy
  - c. To provide a mechanism through which to assess the impacts of change on all stakeholders in the control and management of waste, be that residents, business, or other third parties, are fully considered before individual decisions are taken.
  - d. To ensure close communication between partners, and consistent messages to Stakeholders.
  - e. To agree a Lincolnshire position in respect of national waste management issues, and to lobby in support of this position when required.
  - f. To provide a framework for sharing and learning
  - g. To establish a culture with values in support of the agreed waste strategy.
  - h. By way of a clear voting structure, make clear the majority view of the Partnership, so that all partners can determine their own authority's actions in that context.
2. The Lincolnshire Waste Partnership shall be comprised of one member and one officer from each Council outlined below; but each Local Authority shall have only one vote.
  - a. Boston Borough Council
  - b. City of Lincoln Council
  - c. East Lindsey District Council
  - d. Lincolnshire County Council
  - e. North Kesteven District Council
  - f. South Holland District Council
  - g. South Kesteven District Council
  - h. West Lindsey District Council
3. The Council member from each authority may represent that council, regardless of its structure, but they must be authorised to represent the views of that authority as a whole, such that the group may take it that any view they express individually shall represent the position of the authority, unless caveated appropriately for the record.
4. Substitutes for councillors are permitted. Where a Councillor cannot attend, a councillor substitute must be provided in order to have voting rights. An authority may make their views known through their attending officer, but they will not be able to cast a vote on behalf of an absent councillor.
5. A representative from the Environment Agency shall be invited to attend the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership meeting as observer, and to provide technical guidance.
6. Members of the partnership shall be required to:

- Attend meetings prepared and briefed
  - Act in support of clause 1 of the ToR
  - Act in a supportive manner to colleagues of the partnership
  - Challenge constructively
  - Declare any concerns on issues, stating how they would wish to see them resolved
  - Respect confidences
7. Membership of the partnership is open to any neighbouring authority where, by majority vote, the partnership feel it would be of benefit.
  8. The quorum for the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership shall be five elected members.
  9. A Chairman and Vice Chairman shall be elected on an annual basis, rotated between a Lincolnshire County Council Member and a District Council Member. Where there is no opposition, the Chairman's and Vice Chairman's terms of office may be extended so that they serve for a second continuous year in their respective posts.
  10. The Vice-Chairman will succeed the Chairman when the term of office expires.
  11. The Lincolnshire Waste Partnership can set up working parties to look at and report back on particular issues. The working parties will, where appropriate, include individuals drawn from outside the Partnership.
  12. Lincolnshire County Council will provide Secretariat support for the Partnership, and minutes will be distributed not later than three weeks after each meeting.
  13. The Partnership shall meet on a quarterly basis, with additional meetings being held as necessary. All meetings for the year ahead shall be diaried at the start of the Municipal Year.
  14. The Annual General Meeting of the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership will be the first scheduled meeting after the AGM of Lincolnshire County Council. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming year will be elected at this meeting.
  15. The Partnership will be supported by the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership Officer Working Group which will meet not less frequently than four weeks before and four weeks after a meeting of the Partnership, and these meetings will be diaried for the year ahead.
  16. The Lincolnshire Waste Partnership will biannually review its governance and the Terms of Reference in the spirit of robust self-assessment and identify where/if changes are appropriate in order to permit the partnership to better meet its main roles.
  17. Provisions of the Local Government Access to Information Act 1985 shall be applied to meetings of the Partnership and consequently, meetings shall be open to the public and press, except when matters relating to confidential and exempt information, as defined in the Act, are likely to be disclosed.

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