

Agenda Item 4



LINCOLNSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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

All partner authorities have provided an update which are listed below.

DISCUSSION

BOSTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

The twin stream recycling collection is now embedded in Boston. We continue to see very little contamination in the paper and card collection and much reduced levels of contamination in the MDR. Further engagement has been required, and will continue to be required to provide ongoing support for our residents particularly with materials to be included in the MDR bin.

On 27th January Cllr Evans lead a further meeting with Cllr McNally and Mike Reed, and a number of Boston Borough Councillors, to continue the improved communication between the two organisations in relation to the HWRC. Thank you to both for taking the time and listening to the councillors' concerns., and looking forward to continuing to identify ways of making the HWRC more accessible to our residents.

The Borough has seen a welcome reduction in fly tip numbers since September 2020. 350 fly tips were collected in September 2020 reducing each month to 177 in December 2020. It is hoped that this trend continues.

CITY OF LINCOLN COUNCIL

Update to follow

EAST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL

On 16th February the Executive Board approved the roll out of the twin stream recycling service across East Lindsey. Following a TEEP assessment the roll out will also enable residents in East Lindsey to place glass in their mixed recycling bins. Following the initial plan, this would see the roll out begin in September 2022.

At the same meeting the Executive Board also approved the establishment of a 'Pride in East Lindsey' team. This is a highly visible dedicated team which will provide a higher level of cleansing in local hotspot areas. This follows the same principle as the 'Pride in South Holland' initiative.

NORTH KESTEVEN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Lincolnshire Waste Strategy: Twin Stream project delivery in North Kesteven

Results continue to improve on each collection to date:

	Week commencing	Presentation rate	Contaminated
PAPER AND CARD	27/9/21	95.90%	756
	25/10/21	96.70%	413
	22/11/21	97.30%	236
	20/12/21	96.10%	148
	17/1/22	96%	111
	14/2/22	95.10%	105
MDR	11/10/21	97.20%	10605
	8/11/21	97.30%	4509
	6/12/21	96%	3284
	3/1/22	96.10%	2289
	31/1/22	96.50%	1800

Additional communications have been issued ahead of Christmas collections to emphasis the 'no side-waste' policy. This resulted in excellent support from residents with next to no side-waste presented above that which is normally expected and no paper and card fly tipping although it is understood there was some increase in cardboard disposal at local HWRCs. Project focus is now on maintaining the results using existing resources when LCC colleagues move to support WLDC full-time through a 'business as usual' approach, and tackling persistent offenders through continued engagement, enforcement and good communications.

Environment Act 2021

Attendance at a recent Association for Public Service Excellence seminar revealed that UK Government analysis of consultation responses connected with the waste elements of the new Act are still being considered and outcomes likely to be published soon. Further detailed consultations are likely in 2022 around some of the key deliverables such as kerbside food waste collections, deposit return schemes and their impacts and increased support for the Circular Economy.

Alternative Fuels

NKDC have been supporting a Midlands Energy Hub project to provide guidance on the design, specification and deployment of replacing fossil fuels, including a 'whole depot' approach, charging infrastructure and the process for securing additional power from the grid where necessary. The estimated publication date is May.

COVID-19

Waste and Street Scene colleagues continue to operate in an environment free of COVID-19 outbreaks due to a robust approach to testing, exclusion from the workforce if COVID-19 positive or living with someone who is positive, and resilience measures such as thorough cleaning, ventilation and face coverings. Approaches have been reviewed weekly and the measures in place continue to be implemented so to keep welfare as a priority whilst maintaining delivery of frontline services. A recent colleague survey has shown continued support for the approaches taken.

Storms

There has been good feedback from residents to our approach of laying down bins on Friday 18th and Monday 21st February due to the storms. Additionally, as Friday was an amber warning, focus was on delivering kerbside collections as safe as possible and therefore additional crews were redeployed in the morning so as to finish before the height of the weather issues.

Fly-tipping

NKDC have laid summons' for a number of cases and await court dates and outcomes which will be shared widely if (when) successful.

Garden Waste

The cost of collections has changed from £35 a year to £40 a year in 2022/23. The annual price of emptying additional bins has reduced from £35 to £8. The cost of new first and extra brown bins has changed from £17 to £35. The fee is reviewed annually with the aim of providing a cost-effective solution for customers whilst achieving cost recovery over a rolling five year period, reflecting the costs associated with provision of the collection service.

SOUTH HOLLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

SHDC Environmental Services has been undergoing a project and consultation exercise regarding new working arrangements for the waste team over the past year. These have now been implemented and introduces a new driver training programme to assist with HGV driver shortage. In addition to this, we undertook a large recruitment exercise to fill all vacant posts, which was successfully completed earlier this month.

We are currently working on a project to increase our garden waste subscription to another 5,000 subscribers, hopefully this will be in place for the late spring/early summer.

Our fly-tipping numbers are starting to reduce, however, they still remain higher than seen pre pandemic. We continue to see our highest proportion of fly tips classed as 'transit van load'.

We continue to experience increased bulky collections which is having an impact on our ability to dispose of certain materials, we are working closely with LCC colleagues to find solutions for this as we help to relieve pressures on HWRCs, wherever possible.

SOUTH KESTIVEN DISTRICT COUNCIL

- Changes to the collection days for 14,000 garden waste customers was successfully implemented towards the end of 2021. This followed a review in response to uneven growth across the garden waste

rounds. The changes support efficiencies in mileage and also give greater operational resilience by zoning collections so that more than one freighter works in a similar area to be able to provide cover when any issues arise.

- Subject to Member decision making as part of the budget, food waste collections for the trial area are proposed to be paused until any national food waste collection service is rolled out nationally. Whilst SKDC has been supportive of the service, significant further investment is needed to continue into 2022/23. The evidence and lessons learned will be invaluable in planning to meet the requirements from any future national roll out of food waste collections, depending on the Government's response to DEFRA's waste collection consultation which is still awaited.
- Despite the continued impact of Covid-19 self-isolation alongside normal staffing challenges, all waste collection services continue to operate as normal.

WEST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL

The new central depot near Caenby Corner is now fully operational with no major issues. The annual subscription for the garden waste collection service has increased to £39, demand has been strong so far and in line with previous years. Work is ongoing to roll out purple lidded bin service from April, we have taken the learning from the experiences at Boston and North Kesteven.

LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Work has started on looking at the implications of the Environment Act and in particular the disposal of food waste, even though specific detail on timescale and funding is still to be released by government. In particular, discussions are ongoing with neighbouring authorities to look at shared opportunities for disposal which will probably be through Anaerobic Digestion, however other technologies cannot be discounted. Market engagement has started in an effort to discover what appetite there is to accept and dispose of the county's food waste. Also, modelling is taking place to establish how much food waste could be provided by each district which will enable us to evaluate if our existing Waste Transfer Stations can be used as drop off locations for the district councils.

In terms of existing infrastructure development, the construction work has commenced on our newest Household Waste Recycling Centre at Tattershall. There were early delays due to environmental requirements of the planning decision, but these are now satisfied and many of the risks mitigated. The site should be complete in the summer when the existing site at Kirby on Bain closes.

The roll out of separate paper and card collections is progressing well and has shown some real improvements in Boston and North Kesteven, with an excellent quality of paper and card being produced. Another positive impact of the project is the better quality mixed dry recyclable material which is being presented in those districts. Attention is now focused on the remaining districts with West Lindsey to be receiving their purple lidded bins in April. The Performance and Improvement Team are working well with district council colleagues with some real partnership working being demonstrated. This team is also producing educational material which will be rolled out to all schools and some of the team will be carrying out visits to talk to children directly to help create some real behaviour change.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership:

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

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