

Agenda Item 6



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

There are still concerns being raised from residents who have been turned away from the HWRC at Boston due to skips being at capacity. We are pleased that our county colleagues at looking at ways to improve the turnaround of skips at the site and conducting a traffic survey which will hopefully provide a solution for our residents.

The reduction in fly tip numbers is continuing, although these have not returned to pre-pandemic levels. We have been successful with four recent court cases, where our surveillance cameras have caught fly-tippers, and the court has supported the council and issued fines of up to £1100.

We are making plans for the introduction of a 'Pride in Boston' team, supporting existing initiatives within the Borough for targeted cleansing and maintenance of hot spot areas

CITY OF LINCOLN COUNCIL

Attention remains focused on three fronts in terms of waste/recycling. The reletting of our major contracts in 2026, the outcomes from the Environment Act (and preparedness for the impacts that will have on services) and the smooth running of services under lingering covid impacts.

On the former we have now got an agreed way forward, with one member of operational staff transferring to undertake the bulk of the work on that shortly. The service manager level post will be notified to SWOG when appointed. The timetable remains very challenging, as this is a fundamental review of waste/recycling, street cleaning and all green/open space work.

Covid continues to have an erratic effect on services, with collection capacity reduced at times. Weekend catch-up is being used on occasion when required. No collections have been cancelled.

EAST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL

The project team is in place to roll out the twin stream recycling service across East Lindsey. This will be the biggest roll out so far with 75,000 properties on the scheme. Communication and engagement activity will begin in the coming days, and bins are due to be delivered at the end of August with first collections starting in the third week of September.

We are currently procuring a vehicle and equipment for the ‘Pride in East Lindsey’ team, with the aim to have the team recruited to by the end of summer.

Our Vehicle Maintenance Unit has had a successful first year. We are continuing to build on our commercial plans with approvals to begin MOT testing.

NORTH KESTEVEN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Lincolnshire Waste Strategy: Twin Stream project delivery in North Kesteven

As LCC engagement colleagues moved to WLDC in the next stage of the countywide twin stream project rollout, focus since the last update has been on maintaining and improving the excellent results to date and the continuing support from residents:

	Week Commencing	Presentation Rate	Contaminated
PAPER AND CARD	14/3/22	97.4%	127
	12/4/22	97%	149
	9/5/22	97.7%	178
	6/6/22	97.1%	180
MDR	28/2/22	96.3%	1516
	28/3/22	95.9%	1898
	29/4/22	96.7%	2031
	23/5/22	96.9%	1606
	20/6/22	96.8%	1190

Environmental Crime

Work continues in supporting the work of the Lincolnshire Environmental Crime Partnership. We have promoted a number of recent local successes resulting in a combined total of £11,598.87 in fines, court costs and surcharges handed to five people over the last four months – plus a driving ban to one of them – after they were caught fly-tipping in North Kesteven: [Help prevent fly-tipping this summer | North Kesteven District Council \(n-kesteven.gov.uk\)](https://www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/help-prevent-fly-tipping-this-summer). A number of media outlets

subsequently promoted the work and the need to check that waste carriers and scrap metal dealers are appropriately licensed and registered.

Fleet – alternative fuels

In June, NKDC hosted an event by Dennis Eagle (who are world leaders in the design and manufacture of refuse collection vehicles) at our Metheringham waste depot. Waste colleagues from Lincolnshire, North Lincolnshire and Yorkshire were invited to view Dennis Eagle's electric eCollect vehicle (pictured, next to one of the newest vehicles in our fleet) and the new, improved Elite+ cab.



Visitors were taken on test rides and enjoyed technical presentations. The team were thanked for all their work as brilliant hosts.

Business continuity

Much work has taken place recently on local plans to reflect changing approaches to the pandemic via a new Communicable Respiratory Disease (including Covid 19) risk assessment and action plan, to keep colleagues and customers safe. Similarly there has been work on updating asset safety plans to reflect new legislation on buildings and fire safety, and risks as a result of any potential labour unrest.

SOUTH HOLLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

SHDC Environmental Services continue to deliver our expansion project to increase our garden waste subscription to another 5,000 subscribers across the district, with a third truck operational since May 2022.

We continue to monitor our fly-tipping numbers, which are still reducing compared to 2021, however, they remain higher than seen pre pandemic. Our highest proportion of fly tips are classed as 'small van' and 'transit van load'.

Similarly, we have seen increased bulky collections which can have 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 KESTEVEN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Levels of flytipping in the district remain above pre Covid19 pandemic levels. A number of fixed penalty notices have been issued to offenders and three successful prosecutions have taken place this year. These have resulted in a 6 month prison sentence (suspended for 1 year) and a total of 280 hours community service, along with recovery of clean-up costs for the impacted private land owners.

Demand for the Council's garden waste collection service remains high, with growth seen in demand from both new customers and existing purchasing additional bins.

The Council's dedicated Big Clean Team is now operating to a new schedule. This highly visible team continue to work to maintain a higher streets standard across the district. This includes graffiti and flytipping removal, mechanical sweeping, weed removal and pressure washing of street furniture.

WEST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Purple-lidded bins project continues with positive results to date. On the last fortnightly cycle of purple bins, 97.6% of properties presented their bins. Of these, just 0.4% were contaminated and rejected and only 183 households presented side waste. For blue bins in the last cycle, 99.2% of bins were presented of which 7.3% were rejected, this is down for 13.2% in the previous cycle. Results continue to improve, and we are working towards purple bin collections becoming business as usual.

Garden waste subscription take up is in line with previous years, despite the increase in the level of subscription to £39 per year for eighteen collections.

The Leader of the Council alongside the Chief Executive and members of the Waste Management Team recently had a tour of the Anaerobic Digestion Plant at Hemswell Cliff.

LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Work continues to understand the disposal 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. Discussions are ongoing with neighbouring authorities and with parties who have expressed an interest in processing the material to determine the best methodology and possible routes to market once the details of the legislation have been finalised. We continue to work to model potential volumes of food waste that could be provided by each district which will enable us to evaluate the requirements of our existing Waste Transfer Stations as well as any other potential requirements.

In terms of existing infrastructure development, the team have worked hard to ensure that our newest Household Waste Recycling Centre at Tattershall, which has been built to replace the existing site at Kirkby on Bain, opens at the beginning of July. This site will be managed and operated in-house.

The roll out of the twin stream recycling initiative continues. Separate paper and card collections are now in place in Boston, North Kesteven and West Lindsey with the quality of paper and card being produced still reported as outstanding by the Council's contractors. Another positive impact of the project is the better quality mixed dry recyclable material which is being presented in those districts. The next authority to adopt the initiative is East Lindsey District Council where residents will receive their purple lidded bins beginning in August with full implementation on the scheme taking place through the Autumn. The Performance and Improvement Team continue to work well with district council colleagues with some real partnership working being demonstrated. This team have also launched the schools educational programme which will be offered to all primary schools including on-line access to the programme as well as face to face delivery in schools.

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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