

The **WARWICKSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP**
met at the Shire Hall, Warwick on **3 October**
2006.

Present:

North Warwickshire Borough Council

Councillor Peter Fowler

Officers

Richard Dobbs

Bernard Woodhall

Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council

Councillor Geoff. Ashford

Officers

Peter Benham

Rugby Borough Council

Councillor Carolyn Robbins

Officers

David Johnson

A. D. Smith

Stratford-on-Avon District Council

Councillor Simon Jackson

Officer

Robert Weeks

Warwick District Council

Councillor Margaret Begg (Vice Chair)

Officer

Jackie Webb

Warwickshire County Council

Councillor Ken Browne

Councillor Jose Compton

Councillor Eithne Goode

Councillor Martin Heatley (Chair)

Councillor Ray Sweet

Officers

Roy Burton

Glenn Fleet

Jean Hardwick

Jonathan Horsfield
Jo Ingle
Jacky Lawrence
Ian Marriott
Katey Stoneman
Martin Stott
Kalen Wood

Also Present : David Longden, Aston University.

1. Apologies

None.

2. Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

None.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 25 July 2006

(a) Minutes

Resolved:-

That the minutes of the Partnership meeting held on 25 July 2006, copies having been circulated, be approved and be signed by the Chair.

(b) Matters Arising

None

4. Climate Change Strategy

Jacky Lawrence presented the County Council's Climate Change Strategy "Thinking global, acting local"(presentation material attached) and highlighted–

- The Strategy had been launched on 3 July 2006
- 5 key areas
 - Resource Efficiency
 - Energy
 - Transport
 - Adaptation
 - Communication & Education

She invited Members of the Partnership to participate in the development of the Warwickshire Climate Change Action Plan by indicating on the draft Action Plan table (copies available at the meeting and attached) any projects, which they were already participating in, or would like to participate in either as the lead organisation or as a support organisation.

The Chair thanked Jacky Lawrence for her presentation.

5. Multi (Small-scale) - Incinerator Strategy – Presentation by David Longden of Aston University

David Longden presented his research findings that set out a Small-scale Energy from Waste Strategy (EfW) for Warwickshire (presentation material attached) the aim of which was to –

1. develop a strategic decision making approach to planning energy generation from biomass and waste at county level.
2. test and evaluate this approach on two county areas.
3. evaluate the benefits of using large or small-scale plant.

Partners and contributors to the research were –

- o Warwickshire and Cornwall County Councils
- o Central Networks, Western Power Distribution

With the aid of a geographical information (GIS) system and a multi criteria analysis technique (MCA) the advantages of a large-scale combustion approach to EfW and of a local-scale approach to EfW were explained.

The conclusions of the Aston Project were as follows –

(1) The local distributed EfW options :

- had the best overall scores, followed by the medium options -
 - had the lowest transport costs, followed by the medium options
 - provided greater flexibility in managing changing residual waste availability
 - easier to use CHP or steam only role

(2) The large-scale centralised option:

- had superior net costs per tonne of waste throughput
- had superior CO₂ emission displacement if electricity generation only was considered.

In reply to questions Roy Burton said that Cornwall had evaluated using 5 small incinerators instead of the one planned, but that 5 incinerators would cost another £7m. per annum and that they had a far higher impact on the environment than one incinerator. He also said that the consultant's report detailing this information was on Cornwall's website.

In reply to questions David Longden said that -

- the type of waste used in the research project was residual waste after the recyclables had been taken out with no pre treatment and coarse shredding of the residual material.
- Community ownership was well developed in Denmark and could be used to lower costs and ensure the locality received the benefit –by encouraging local people to buy into the plant on the basis that it would use local waste for local benefit.
- His view was that, environmentally, large-scale combustion plants were inferior to small-scale plants, which cut down on air pollution.
- He would not recommend PFI to fund the capital costs because as a funding route it placed unnecessary restrictions on the nature and size of the plant.
- He understood that the evaluation of small scale plants done in Cornwall had been undertaken using the WISARD tool (life cycle analysis programme) that did not include the new smaller scale technologies. The tool also focussed on electricity and did not include a value for heat or combined heat and power. In summer 2006 Defra launched the 'WRATE' tool which allowed for these factors.

Following discussion the Chair -

(1) thanked David Longden for his presentation.

(2) advised Members that copies of the research findings could be obtained from Jonathan Horsfield.

6. DEFRA Funded Waste Analysis Project

Members considered the report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy on behalf of the Officer Group, which detailed the proposed methodology of a countywide waste composition analysis funded by the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) through their Direct Consultancy Support programme.

Following which Members –

- (1) noted the contents of the report and the proposals in the event of queries from members of the public;

(2) asked that a press statement be agreed to advertise the availability of funding as set out in paragraph 1.2 of the report.

7. Waste Management Statistics for 2005/06

Roy Burton presented the report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy on behalf of the Officers Group, which detailed the quantities of waste arising in each District area and handled by each Council during 2005/06. The report also highlighted trends and some of the main differences between Councils.

In reply to a question Roy Burton advised that a report on recycling of plastics would be presented to Cabinet on 12 October 2006 which related to the County Council's own recycling centres rather those of the district/borough councils.

Members noted the report.

8. Waste Management Targets for Local Area Agreements (LAA)

Roy Burton presented the report of the Strategic Director of Environment and Economy, which discussed Local Area Agreements and proposed targets for Waste Management.

The Partnership endorsed the proposed targets detailed in paragraph 4.1 of the report.

9. DEFRA – Invitation to Submit Proposals for Pooling of Recycling Targets

The Partnership noted the invitation from Defra to submit proposals for pooling arrangements relating to statutory performance standards for recycling and composting of household waste for 2007/08 following which it was –

Agreed that the Officers investigate the proposals and report their findings to a future next meeting of the Partnership.

10. Warwickshire Waste Partnership Conference – 3rd November 2006 09:30 – 3:30 p.m. – Eliot Park Innovation Centre, Barling Way, Nuneaton. (Draft programme attached)

The Partnership noted the draft programme for the Warwickshire Waste Partnership Conference on 3rd November 2006 and asked that –

(1) District and borough council representatives ensure that the appropriate members are notified of the Conference;

- (2) Glen Fleet send an invitation to the Conference to all three County Council Group Leaders.

11. Any other business.

The following items of other business were raised –

(1) Fly-Tipping

Roy Burton reported that Ian Withers, Environment Agency, would be attending the next meeting to give a presentation on fly tipping.

(2) West Midlands Regional Assembly Conference 2006

Martin Stott reported that he would be speaking at the West Midlands Regional Assembly Conference in Lichfield on Climate Change on 10 October 2006.

(3) Nuclear Waste Sites

Councillor Simon Jackson said he had been contacted by the Stratford Herald that a recommendation would be made to Government by the end of the month on, possibly, three nuclear waste sites in the Stratford area – Wellesbourne Airfield, Gaydon and Kineton. He asked about the availability of any other information on this issue.

Martin Stott reported on an article that also had appeared in the Birmingham Post about on this issue. There was, however, no evidence to suggest that the reports were evidence of new proposals but he would keep the situation under review.

(4) In Vessel-Composting

In reply to a question from Councillor Carolyn Robbins Roy Burton reported that the consultant's report on this issue would not be completed until after Christmas but that he would not expect anything to be put in place before mid-2009.

12. Future Meeting dates (2:00 p.m. Shire Hall) –

Future meetings dates were agreed as follows -

Tuesday 4 December 2006 (**now to be held at 10:00 a.m. as requested by the Chair after the meeting**).

Tuesday 27 February 2007

Tuesday 12 June 2007

Tuesday 25 September 1007

Tuesday 27 November 2007

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Chair of Partnership

The meeting closed at 3.20 p.m