

The **WARWICKSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP**  
met at the Shire Hall, Warwick on **30<sup>th</sup> September 2008**

Present:

**North Warwickshire Borough Council**

Officer

Bernard Woodall

**Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council**

Councillor Des O'Brien

Officer

Peter Benham

**Rugby Borough Council**

Councillor Heather Timms (Vice Chair)

Officer

Sean Lawson

**Stratford-on-Avon District Council**

Councillor Simon Jackson

Officer

Chris Dobson

**Warwick District Council**

Councillor Michael Kinson

Officer

Graham Folkskinner

Jackie Webb

**Warwickshire County Council**

Councillor Ken Browne

Councillor Jose Compton

Councillor Eithne Goode

Councillor Martin Heatley (Chair)

Councillor Ray Sweet

**Officers**

Roy Burton

Ben Cahill

Paul Galland

Tamalyn Goodwin

Glenn Fleet

Ian Marriott

David Whitehouse  
Kalen Wood  
John Wright

## 1. **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jeff Clarke and Peter Fowler

## 2. **Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests**

None.

## 3. **Minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2008**

### (a) **Minutes**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the Partnership meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2008 be approved and be signed by the Chair subject to the following amendment

**Minute 10 Progress with Residual Waste Treatment Projects.**  
3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph 1<sup>st</sup> line delete the words "and green".

### (b) **Matters Arising**

#### **Recycling of Trade Waste**

Members asked why the presentation on the recycling of trade waste requested at the last meeting of the partnership was not being made to this meeting and were informed that discussions were on going with the District/Borough Councils on the rolling out of trade waste recycling. E-mails had been sent to the District/Borough Council Officers requesting confirmation that they agreed with the proposals for trade waste recycling and responses were awaited. A report would be made to the next meeting of the Partnership.

## 4. **Summary of progress against targets in Warwickshire's Municipal Waste Management Strategy**

The Strategic Director for Environment and Economy submitted a report on the progress made by the Warwickshire Waste Partnership towards reaching the targets agreed in Warwickshire's Municipal Waste Management Strategy. Good progress had been made against the seven key target areas in the strategy.

During the discussion the following points were noted

- Investigations were ongoing on the use of alternative fuels for vehicles transporting waste from household waste recycling centres.

- The Midlands Recycling Consortium was no longer active

**Resolved** that:-

1. The draft report be approved
2. The report be made available on the Warwickshire Waste Partnership web pages.

## **5. Waste Management Statistics for 2007/08**

The Strategic Director for Environment and Economy submitted a report on details the quantities of waste arising in each District area and handled by each Council during 2007/8. It also highlighted trends and some of the main differences between Councils. The effects on performance of the introduction of Warwick District's new service in 2008/9 were also detailed.

The appendices to the report detailed

- The amount of household waste arising in each district area and the quantities recycled, composted and incinerated
- The categories of waste recycled and details the sources of the green waste which was composted.
- Information on the quantities of municipal waste handled and other performance data.
- Figures for the Warwick District area for first quarter of 2008/9 with those for 2007/8.

During the discussion the following points were noted

- The overall recycling and composting rate was 35.49%.
- Total household waste reduced by 4.01% from 2006/7 to 2007/8.
- In comparison with other shire disposal authorities Warwickshire was 30<sup>th</sup> out of 34 Shire County Councils in terms of recycling and composting but it was considered that this position would improve as The District/Borough Councils moved to fortnightly collection regimes. Between 70 and 80% of the other shires had at least one district council which had implemented a fortnightly collection.
- The target for the amount of biodegradable municipal waste diverted away from landfill for 2009/10 had almost been achieved by 2007/08
- The latest LPSA2 Monitoring figures would be available in a fortnight and would be circulated to all members of the Partnership
- The recycling rate achieved by Warwick District in the first quarter increased from 15.37% to 24.96%, the composting rate increased from 18.51% to 35.04% and the combined rate increased from 33.88% to 60.00%.
- The figures for the composting of green waste did not take account of the amount of material composted at home as it was not possible to quantify how much material was home composted.

**Resolved** that the report be noted.

## **6. Update on Home Composting in Warwickshire**

The Strategic Director for Environment and Economy submitted a report on progress made with the Home Composting Scheme. The report detailed the number of composting bins which had been sold and the campaign that was due to take place during the autumn.

The report also detailed market research which had been undertaken on the numbers of households which were undertaking composting. Research by Wrap had estimated that 29% of households were composting whilst a survey carried out by the County Council had suggested 78.5% of residents home composted. Both figures were felt to be high. Both surveys had demonstrated a high level of satisfaction with compost bins and that residents would recommend their use to others.

Following a suggestion from members, officers undertook to raise with Wrap, whether composting on allotments could be included in the figures in future.

**Resolved** that the report be noted.

## **7. Joint Waste Committee**

Ian Marriott reported on progress made on the drafting of the heads of terms for the Joint Waste Committee. He reported that:

- legal officers from all the partner councils had commented on the draft heads of terms and they had been revised and recirculated
- agreement had been reached on the objectives
- the intention was to move quickly towards adoption by the Cabinets of each Council and it was anticipated that this would happen before the end of the year
- a business plan had been drafted for the current year and as the new governance arrangements would be adopted before the start of the next financial year there would be a need to agree a business plan and budget for the forthcoming year.

**Resolved** that the report be noted.

## **8. Agenda of the Warwickshire Waste Partnership Conference 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2008**

It was noted that 76 people had indicated they would be attending the conference. Reminders would be sent out encourage others to attend. The meeting was informed of the prospective programme for the conference.

**Resolved** that the report be noted.

**9. Any Other Business**

1) Project Transform.

The meeting was informed of the timetable for the approval and submission of the outline business plan for Project Transform a waste to heat incinerator project jointly being developed by Warwickshire, Coventry and Solihull Councils. The business plan would need to be submitted by the end of October in order to qualify for PFI credits. It was anticipated that confirmation of whether or not the bid had been successful would be known by February 2009. .

**10. Future Meeting Dates (2:00 p.m. Shire Hall) –**

Future meeting dates were noted as follows-

Tuesday 9 December 2008

Tuesday 31 March 2009

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Chair of Partnership

The meeting closed at 2.55 p.m.