

The **WARWICKSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP**  
met at the Shire Hall, Warwick on **31<sup>st</sup> March 2009**

Present:

**North Warwickshire Borough Council**

Councillor Peter Fowler  
Officer Richard Dobbs

**Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council**

Councillor Jeff Clarke

**Rugby Borough Council**

Councillor Heather Timms (Vice Chair – in the Chair)  
Officer Sean Lawson

**Stratford-on-Avon District Council**

Officer Robert Weeks

**Warwick District Council**

Councillor Michael Kinson  
Officer Rob Hoof

**Warwickshire County Council**

Councillor Jose Compton  
Councillor Eithne Goode  
Councillor Martin Heatley  
Councillor Ray Sweet

**Officers**

Suzanne Burrell  
Roy Burton  
Nathan Deveraux  
Glenn Fleet  
Paul Galland  
Tamalyn Goodwin  
David Whitehouse  
John Wright

**1. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ken Browne and Simon Jackson and from Peter Benham and Ian Marriott

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

Councillor Jeff Clarke declared personal interest in agenda item 4 “Recycling of Trade Waste” as members of the Regulatory Committee which would be considering an application for Judkins Quarry in the near future.

## **3. Minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2008**

### **(a) Minutes**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the Partnership meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2008 be approved and be signed by the Chair subject to the following amendment

#### **Minute 5 School Recycling**

6th line replace “managed” with “has supported”.

## **4. Presentation by WRAP on the Love Food Hate Waste Campaign**

The Partnership received a presentation from Emma Marsh Local communications adviser WRAP. The presentation covered

- The survey carried out was the largest of it's kind
- 6.7 million tonnes of food is thrown out each year which is a third of all food bought and is worth £10.2b a year.
- The waste costs up to £610 per household per year
- It costs local authorities £1b a year to collect and dispose of wasted food
- Food waste is responsible for 18 million tonnes of carbon dioxide
- A quarter of food waste is whole, unopened and untouched
- At least 490,00 tonnes of food waste is still in date when thrown away and 50% of that has been unopened
- The reasons for food being thrown away included failure to understand use by and best before dates, failure to store food as recommended and higher than recommended fridge temperatures
- No one age group threw away more food waste than any other
- 84% of households believed that they threw away no or hardly any food
- WRAP aimed to reduce consumer food waste being sent to landfill by 250k tonnes by March 2011
- The advertising campaigns currently being run to raise public awareness
- Work being done with partner organisations such as local authorities
- The Courtauld commitment under which major food retailers agreed to work together to reduce the amount of food thrown away by householders
- Details of the awareness campaign which was about to get underway in Warwickshire

Members asked a range of questions about the content of the presentations relating to

- Amounts of waste generated by different households, age groups and income groups
- Public confusion regarding sell by, display until, best before and use by dates.
- The need to educate children on food use
- The effects on producers and retailers if the amount of food waste was reduced
- Composting of food waste

The Chair thanked Emma Marsh for the presentation.

#### **5. Presentation by John Daly of Coventry City Council on Project Transform**

Members were informed that John Daly was unable to attend the meeting and therefore consideration of the presentation would be deferred until the next meeting of the Partnership.

#### **6. Order Of Business**

The Chair stated that he would be taking the presentation by Dr Susan Juned of Advantage West Midlands as the next item of business.

#### **7. Presentation by Dr Susan Juned of Advantage West Midlands on Zero Waste**

The Partnership received a presentation from Dr Susan Juned of Advantage West Midlands. The presentation covered the work being undertaken by Advantage West Midlands on the promotion of zero waste. The presentation covered the following topics:-

- Building zero waste into the Regional Spatial Strategy and the Regional Economic Strategy
- AWM and WMRA had commissioned an infrastructure capacity study to join up current data, the study was completed in March 2008. It had shown that insufficient infrastructure was not planned or in place and therefore needed to be developed quickly to increase recycling options and help keep business waste costs down and reduce carbon emissions. There was a forecast infrastructure capacity gap of 3.7 million tonnes by 2021
- The Composition of MSW & C&I wastes currently landfilled in West Midlands Region (tonnes)
- Priority Issues for the region included Regional Leadership, the Image of waste sector, Barriers to recycling for business the need to address slow Infrastructure development
- Advantage West Midlands had set aside £5.34m to assist local companies (in identifying and managing their waste and to deliver

improvements to waste management facilities in the region through the Waste Infrastructure Development Programme

- The role of the Infrastructure Advisory Group and the Raising Profile programme which had a combined funding of £630,000
- Removing barriers that businesses face when seeking to take up recycling caused by the lack of infrastructure. AWM have worked with WRAP to develop a regional offer that underpins their National Programme to ensure maximum productivity from existing infrastructure and local collection services. The aim of the project was to reduce the barriers businesses face when attempting to recycle their waste by ensuring that sustainable local services become available. AWM were investing £1.7 million
- Developing infrastructure WRAP is working with delivery vehicles, to address cross boundary development of infrastructure, including locating recycling facilities close to business waste streams such as industrial parks and prioritizing development of organic, recycling and WEEE processing facilities. This would form part of the wider regeneration programmes with an AWM Investment of £3.27 million
- The initiatives would be judged a success if 300,000 tonnes of C&I waste diverted from landfill by 2012/13, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions were reduced by 172,375 tonnes by 2012/13 and 35 jobs were created (or safeguarded ) by 2011 as a result of growth and investment in the recycling and reprocessing sector
- The Zero Waste Region project would be
  - Developing Regional Leadership
  - Mapping "Waste Carbon" and the market for recyclables/heat/energy
  - Supporting the recycling industry
  - Identifying sites and provision for closed loop type waste processing/ resource parks
  - Identifying gap funding opportunities for waste infrastructure
  - Identifying interest from major retailers to work on Zero Waste project
  - Planning approval granted for one major EFW facility in Staffordshire
  - Major infrastructure plans in the pipeline from three other Local Authorities
- Other activity included development of the Environmental Technology Cluster, Technology Development, Demonstrator Projects, Trade Missions, Business Link - Environmental Advisory Service and the provision of additional support in West Midlands to deliver specialist environmental/resource efficiency support

Following the presentation members asked a series of questions on the detail of the presentation and it was confirmed that Defra had yet to define the Zero Waste Pilots.

The Chair thanked Dr Juned for her presentation.

## **8. Presentation by Roy Burton on the Review of Vehicle Restrictions at Household Waste Recycling Centres.**

The Partnership received a presentation from Roy Burton on the Review of Vehicle Restrictions at Household Waste Recycling Centres. Members were informed that

- The policy had been in place since 1998 to restrict /deter trade waste and bulky household waste from being deposited
- The policy saved the Council £1m a year
- The policy had been reconfirmed 3 times since it was introduced
- The policy had recently been modified to allow cars with trailers of up to 1.4m, to allow vouchers to be issued for twin cab pick ups and modified large vehicles where they were the only vehicle owned by the household
- A simplified application process had been introduced
- A range of new signage was being introduced
- The aim of the review was to provide an improved service, with fewer complaints from the public with a small increase in costs
- A publicity campaign was underway to raise public awareness

Members welcomed the changes that were being introduced and asked series of questions on the detail of the presentation.

## **9. Review of Warwickshire's Municipal Waste Management Strategy - Scoping Stage**

The Partnership received a report on the commencement of a review of Warwickshire's Municipal Waste Management Strategy. The Strategy was adopted in 2005

It is estimated that the review (including consultation) could cost in the region of £60,000 – 80,000, depending on the amount of work carried out internally.

### **Resolved that**

1. A review of Warwickshire's Municipal Waste Management Strategy be approved.
2. The inclusion of the Waste Minimisation Strategy in the review of the Municipal Waste Management Strategy be approved.
3. The setting up of an officer group which will develop the scope of the review of the Municipal Waste Management Strategy and appoint consultants to assist in the review be approved
4. Additional meetings of the Warwickshire Waste Partnership be held (if required) to progress the review of the Municipal Waste Management Strategy.

## **10 Any Other Business**

The meeting considered the percentage of domestic waste being recycled

- North Warwickshire recycled approx 33% and was providing recycling for flats
- Nuneaton and Bedworth currently recycled 38%.
- Stratford was recycling over 50%. A food and garden waste service was commencing shortly which would raise the level over 60%
- Rugby were introducing a new alternate weekly service in April which it was hoped would raise recycling levels to over 50% with 60% levels being achievable
- Warwick recycled approx 54%
- The current overall recycling level figure for the County was between 40 and 43%

**11. Future Meeting date (2:00 p.m. Shire Hall)**

**Tuesday 29 September 2009**

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Chair of Partnership

The meeting closed at 3.55 p.m.