

The **WARWICKSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP**
met at the Shire Hall, Warwick on **15 June 2010**

Present:

North Warwickshire Borough Council

Councillor Tilly May
Officer Richard Dobbs

Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council

Councillor Bill Sheppard
Officer Brent Davis

Rugby Borough Council

Councillor Dr Mark Williams
Officer Sean Lawson

Stratford-on-Avon District Council

Councillor Simon Jackson
Officer Olly Scholefield

Warwick District Council

Councillor Dave Shilton
Officer Becky Davies

Warwickshire County Council

Councillor Alan Cockburn (Chair)
Councillor Penny Bould
Councillor John Whitehouse

Officers

Ruth Dixon
Glenn Fleet
Jean Hardwick
Ian Marriott
David Whitehouse

Lucy Rumble (Project Transform)

The Chair welcomed Councillor Bill Sheppard and Councillor Dr. Mark Williams to his first meeting of the Partnership.

1. Apologies

None

2. Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

Members declared personal interests as follows -

- (1) Councillor Penny Bould declared personal interests as a Member of Friends of the Earth and Warwick District Tree Warden Network
- (2) Councillor John Whitehouse declared a personal interest having made a charitable donation to Friends of the Earth.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2010

(a) Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the Partnership meeting held on 16 March 2010 be approved and be signed by the Chair.

(b) Matters Arising

(a) Recording of Councillors' names in minutes

Councillor Penny Bould said it would be nice if Members' names were recorded in the minutes so that the public could see the contribution that Members had made to the meeting.

In response Jean Hardwick explained that it was not usual to attribute comments to individual Members during discussion except, for example, where an individual member's district or borough council's view was being given. Ian Marriot added that the minutes were not a verbatim record of the meeting but a summary of the discussion and that summary might vary depending on the meeting.

It was agreed to refer this to the Head of Democratic Services for response.

(b) Minute 4 Progress made by Warwickshire Waste Partnership towards reaching targets.

i) September Workshop proposal - Glenn Fleet reminded those present of the need to respond to the email he had circulated about the proposal for a workshop session to be held in September to look at best practice and sharing experiences gained by all district and borough councils. He proposed that, if there was agreement, this workshop could be held during the Annual November conference.

The consensus was that this was an important issue and should be dealt with at a specially convened meeting.

The Nuneaton and Bedworth and Rugby Borough Council representatives confirmed their attendance and the remaining representatives were asked to respond to the email without delay.

ii) Colleges - Recycling Collection - Councillor Penny Bould asked for a response to the question she had asked at the last meeting. The district and borough council representatives confirmed that Colleges in the county used Trade Refuse Services and, therefore, were not included within the recycling collection figures for schools.

It was agreed that all Colleges in the county be contacted for information about their policies on recycling (Emily Martin).

(c) Warwickshire Joint Waste Committee

Ian Marriott updated the Partnership on the current position with regard to establishing a Joint Waste Committee and said that he would circulate a draft timetable for implementation. He reported that he would shortly be meeting with Rugby Borough Council to look at specific amendments to the draft Heads of Terms for setting up the Joint Committee and with North Warwickshire Borough Council and Warwick District Councils' new portfolio holders to brief them on the proposal.

Councillor Dave Shilton expressed concern that the waste collected by Warwick District Council when cleaning the streets counted against their recycling targets and gave a false picture.

Glenn Fleet acknowledged that this would be regarded as municipal waste but that the Princes Street recycling depot recycled this material and this was added to Warwickshire's recycling targets in overall tonnage. He said that the Princes Street recycling contract was due for renewal in 18 months time and undertook to discuss this issue further with Rob Hoof.

4. Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) Waste Management Consultation Responses

Glenn Fleet presented the report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy on behalf of the officers group outlining the response to the two consultations related to waste management.

During discussion Members asked what might be done to encourage businesses to recycle glass bottles instead of sending them to waste centres. Glenn Fleet explained that WRAP was driving the agenda with regard to business waste now and suggested that they should be asked to cover this issue in their address to the Partnerships Annual meeting in November.

The Partnership –

- (1) Noted the consultation response;
- (2) Asked for a report to the next meeting on the pilot scheme and other support proved by the Environment and Economy Directorate on business recycling;
- (3) Asked that WRAP include in its presentation to the Partnership's Annual meeting an overview of its work with businesses on re-using and recycling glass and the differential costs.

5. Development of W2R Energy from Waste PFI Project – Progress Update

The Partnership considered the report Strategic Director for Environment and Economy on behalf of the Officers Group which provided an update on the development of the proposed Energy from Waste plant (W2R) to serve northern Warwickshire, being led by Staffordshire County Council.

David Whitehouse reported that the contract was scheduled to be signed on 21 July 2010 and that the proposal was approved by Defra and the Government was still committed to the scheme.

The Partnership noted the report and welcomed the project.

6 Project to increase the number of households participating in recycling in the Boroughs of North Warwickshire and Nuneaton and Bedworth

The Partnership considered the report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy on behalf of the Officers Group which summarised the progress made on a project to increase the number of households participating in recycling in the North Warwickshire and Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council areas.

In reply to questions Ruth Dixon:

- (1) Undertook to look at the collection statistic for household waste sites particularly the Grendon site to compare collection at that site with neighbouring sites and others in the county;
- (2) Said that when the baseline information was available that would enable targeting of households who needed the most encouragement to recycle. Councillor Dave Shilton reported on the success of Warwick District Council's campaign which targeted students and houses in multiple occupancy, reminding them of their responsibilities in connection with recycling and alerting them of the fines that could be incurred.

The Partnership noted the work taking place between the partners and asked for a further update through the life of the project.

7. Warwickshire's Waste Management Statistics 2009/10 (Estimates).

The Partnership considered the report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy on behalf of the Officers Group detailing the

estimated quantities of waste handled by the Warwickshire Councils during 2009/10.

Glenn Fleet reported that overall waste performance in Warwickshire was good and in line with the Waste Partnership's Waste Strategy 2015.

In reply to a question he said that performance had exceeded the targets set out in the Strategy but that there was a need to look at this performance long term. Final figures would be available for the Partnership's September meeting and a further evaluation of the targets could be considered at that time.

Members commended the report but highlighted their concern about the amount of residual waste still going into landfill.

The Partnership noted the report.

6. Any Other Business

Project Transform

Lucy Rumble reported that an officer Panel had met the previous week and was in the process of evaluating bids. Tenders would be invited to be submitted by the end of 2011 with the facility becoming operational by 2016

The Chair reported that a meeting was being arranged with partners' Leaders and Chief Executive for further discussion about the future of this project.

It was agreed that a progress report would be included in the agenda for the Partnership's September meeting.

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

Future meeting dates were noted as follows-

21 September 2010

7 December 2010

8 March 2011

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Chair of Partnership

The meeting closed at 3.30 p.m.