

WARWICKSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP
Minutes of the meeting held at 2pm on 25 June 2013, Shire Hall, Warwick

Present:

Members

Councillors Mike Brain, Richard Chattaway, Jeff Clarke (Chair), Jenny Fradgely, Phillip Johnson, Hayden Phillips (NWBC), Dave Shilton (WDC, Vice Chair), Roma Taylor (NBBC)

Officers

Dave Abbott, WCC
Brent Davies, NBBC
Richard Dobbs, NWBC
Glenn Fleet, WCC
Graham Folkes-Skinner, WDC
Sean Lawson, RBC
Kerry Moore, WCC
Olly Scholefield, SDC
Louise Wall, WCC

Visitors

Councillor Keith Kondakor

Election of the Chair and Vice Chair

Councillor Dave Shilton, seconded by Councillor Chattaway, moved and it was resolved that Councillor Jeff Clarke take the position of Chair.

Councillor Mike Brain, seconded by Councillor Hayden Phillips, moved and it was resolved that Councillor Dave Shilton take the position of Vice Chair.

1. Apologies

Councillors Lynda Organ and Mark Williams

2. Disclosures of interests

Councillor Phillip Johnson disclosed a non-pecuniary interest as a former employee of a waste management company.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting held on 5 March 2013.

4. Progress with Waste Strategy - Update

4.1 Glenn Fleet, Waste Management Group Manager, presented the report and informed members that Warwickshire had achieved its key targets and was now moving to update strategy documents and set more challenging stretch targets.

4.2 The key proposed aspirational targets for the updated strategy were as follows:

- Aim to achieve to reduce household waste to 320kg per person, per year, by the end of the strategy period (2020)
- Aim to achieve countywide recycling and composting targets of 70% by the end of the strategy period (2020)

4.3 The updated strategy lasts until 2020 and drives the agenda for the coming years. A draft report on the new compositions has been completed. Key stakeholders have

agreed to the targets and the proposals have public support. The final sign-off of the strategy will take place at the Cabinet meetings of the partner authorities.

- 4.4 At the next meeting of the Waste Partnership it was proposed that members hold a workshop to look at the new targets and how they are going to be achieved. Lead authorities can be identified for different areas of work.
- 4.5 Members and officers discussed the report and the following points were noted:
- At HWRCs it was estimated there was up to 250k of textiles in black bags. Textiles and paper together could currently be the greatest volume in black bag and should be an area of focus.
 - The 60-64% target was more practical for partner authorities. To achieve 70% target you would need to remove all of the recyclables from the black bags. To change behaviour on that scale would be very difficult to achieve without 'forcing people' (i.e. giving people a smaller bin).
 - The Partnership needs to better target the people who are not recycling and promote the benefits.
 - It was proposed that every wheelie bin would have a sticker put on it showing which items could go in which bin. The stickers would last for years and provide people with easy reference for what can be recycled. WCC would pay for the stickers to be rolled out across the County.
 - It was suggested that instead of having two separate targets for percentage recycled and a per head weight target – there should be a single per head residual waste target. That would focus partners on reducing the total amount of waste.

4.6 Resolved

That the waste partnership noted the overview of the waste strategy update and approved the proposed way forward.

5. Waste Data Overview for Q4 2012-13

- 5.1 Glenn Fleet, Waste Management Group Manager, presented the Waste Data Overview report for the fourth quarter 2012-3 and informed members that overall, waste was down and recycling was up. Landfill input was a higher but this was due to meeting contractual arrangements. Going forward all landfill contracts are zero based, with most waste going to energy-from-waste sites.
- 5.2 Recycling was up by 6.7%, dry recycling was up by just under 11k tonnes, and total municipal waste went up by only 2k tonnes. Due to a lot of wet weather last year the composting rate went up by over 8k tonnes but this figure was expected to fall in the current year.
- 5.3 Resolved**
That the Waste Partnership noted the provisional data for the 4th quarter, January to March 2013.

6. Waste Composition Analysis

- 6.1 Kerry Moore, Waste Strategy & Commissioning Manager, presented the report and informed members that WCC had commissioned a waste composition analysis to take place during two seasonal three week periods in October/November 2012 and February/March 2013 on behalf of the Partnership. The surveys focused on the weight and composition of kerbside residual waste and kerbside organic recycling containers, as well as HWRC residual waste disposed of at Warwickshire's four largest sites (Grendon HWRC in North Warwickshire, Hunters Lane HWRC in Rugby, Princes Drive HWRC in Leamington and Burton Farm HWRC in Stratford. A key aim of the analysis was to inform the update of the waste strategy.
- 6.2 Some key findings from the analysis were that 40% of grey bin was food waste and overall 47% of what was in the grey bin had a corresponding recycling bin. It was also discovered that 98% of garden waste was going in the correct green bin but only 15% of food waste was going in the green bin.
- 6.3 Members and officers discussed the report and the following points were noted:
- The figures (particularly on food waste) could be used to inform and target educational/promotional campaigns.
 - Fly-tipping continued to be a major problem at HWRCs. Central Government was preparing a waste prevention plan that would cover furniture disposal. Locally, the Partnership could promote processing furniture through shops.

6.4 Resolved

That the Waste Partnership noted the overview of the recent waste composition analysis.

7. Waste Partners Report

7.1 North Warwickshire Borough Council Update

- NWBC were in the process of moving to fortnightly collections. New bins had been ordered and a new fleet of vehicles was being procured.

7.2 Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council Update

- NBBC had developed a smart phone app to allow people access information about collection times. When people first use the app they will be asked to sign-up to a service that would let the Council send them further information. The app is targeted at younger people who do not read posted information. If the app works well it could be easily rolled out across the rest of the County.
- NBBC were looking to rationalising the collection routes to cut time and costs.
- NBBC were also undertaking a detailed review of blocks of flats to improve collections. They are moving to alternate weekly collections for blocks of flats and also looking at tailoring equipment depending on the property. This will enable the service to get more recycling out of the residual waste stream.

7.3 Rugby Borough Council Update

- RBC had undertaken a review of their recycling container sites. There were 38 sites that produced 350 tonnes of (mostly low quality) recyclables. There was also a lot of fly-tipping on the sites. The Council had decided to remove these sites and move operation to the HWRCs. This would be completed by the end of 2013.

- RBC also noted that the additional cost of vehicles travelling to Coventry was causing challenges for their operation.

7.4 Warwick District Council Update

- By the next meeting of the Partnership WDC would have 500 properties on alternate weekly collections.
- WDC were planning an educational campaign on co-mingled recycling aimed at flats and other multiple occupancy dwellings. The service was looking into using MOSAIC to target campaign resources more accurately.
- There were also plans to include space for refuse containers in planning conditions for new houses and flats.
- A residents survey had been completed and the results would inform contract operation.

7.5 Stratford District Council Update

- SDC had secured a new kerbside collection contract with Biffa that will run until 2022. The new contract had reduced contract costs by 10%.
- SDC had removed the remaining mini-recycling centres (or bring banks) as they were underused and considered to be superfluous.
- SDC were also trying to introduce composting and food waste collections to communal flats.

7.6 Warwickshire County Council Update

- Lower House Farm recycling centre opened to the public on 12 June 2013.
- WCC undertook surveys at all 9 of the Household Waste Recycling Centres. The survey showed that most people are going to the centres to recycle, rather than dump rubbish. The survey also showed that the majority of people were not aware of the late night opening hours. A press release was published to inform people of the timings. Despite the lack of knowledge about late operation, 82% of residents were satisfied with open hours.

7.7 Resolved

That the Waste Partnership acknowledged the work being undertaken in each partner authority.

8. Dates of future meetings

8.1 The following dates were approved:

- 10 September 2013
- 03 December 2013
- 11 March 2014

9. Agenda item suggestions for next meeting

9.1 Councillor Dave Shilton asked what could be done to encourage pubs, hotels, and others in the food and drink service industry to use private waste collection services for their trade waste. Glenn Fleet responded that the various collection services could be listed on the WCC website and promoted to small businesses.

10. Any urgent items

None.

The meeting closed at 15:40

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Chair