

WARWICKSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP

Minutes of the meeting held on 16 September 2015, Shire Hall, Warwick

Present:

Warwickshire County Council

Councillors: Chris Clark
Jeff Clarke (Chair)
Jenny Fradgley
Philip Johnson

Officers: Glenn Fleet – Group Manager, Waste Management
Kerry Moore – Waste Strategy and Commissioning Manager
Mark Ryder – Head of Economic Growth
Ben Patel-Sadler – Democratic Services Officer

North Warwickshire Borough Council

Councillor Les Smith
Richard Dobbs – Assistant Director (Streetscape)

Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council

Councillor Neil Phillips
Brent Davis – Director - Assets and Street Services

Rugby Borough Council

No representatives at the meeting

Stratford-on-Avon District Council

Angela Lloyd

Warwick District Council

Gary Charlton

1. Apologies

Councillor Wallace Redford (Warwickshire County Council), Councillor Mike Brain (Stratford District Council), Councillor David Shilton (Warwickshire County Council), Councillor Keith Kondakor (Warwickshire County Council).

2. Disclosures of interests

None.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting, including matters arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 June 2015 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4. Sean Lawson (Rugby Borough Council)

The verbal update was deferred to the next meeting.

5. Waste Management Statistics for 2014/15

Glenn Fleet, Group Manager, Waste Management introduced the report and informed members that it contained positive changes. The Waste Partnership noted that the overall household recycling and composting rate had increased from 53.2% (2013/14) to 54% (2014/15). Glen Fleet explained that although total municipal waste had increased by approximately 1489 tonnes, effective partnership working between the County, Districts and Boroughs had resulted in increased amounts of waste being recycled and less waste being sent to landfill (a decrease of approximately 26,992 tonnes).

Members noted that overall there had been an increase in the amount of recycling at Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC), with more waste now being used to create energy.

Glen Fleet directed members to Appendix B of the report which detailed each authority's performance in relation to household waste. Members noted that Warwick District had recorded the lowest kg/head amount of residual waste. Nuneaton and Bedworth had seen significant improvements in their performance due to the implementation of a new public awareness scheme.

Kerry Moore, Waste Strategy and Commissioning Manager informed members that a new reporting format for waste dataflow (Q100) had been adopted by each authority across the county which would make it easier, in future, to access waste performance data, which was currently unavailable for those authorities which had already moved over to the new reporting format. An update would be brought to a future meeting.

Resolved

That the Waste Partnership note the overall performance of the partners.

6. Waste Data Overview for Q1 2015/16

Glenn Fleet, Group Manager, Waste Management introduced the report and informed the Partnership that the data contained within the report was totally provisional. Members noted that total municipal waste was up between 700-800 tonnes when compared to the same time period last year. Members were informed that this increase could be attributed to the improvement in the economic climate. With more disposable income, households were purchasing more items, with the associated packaging then requiring disposal. Recycling levels had increased and the amount of green waste had decreased. Glen Fleet explained to members that there had been an improvement in processing dry recycling.

Brent Davis, Director - Assets and Street Services (Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council) informed the Partnership that there had been approximately 1300 extra houses built in Warwickshire over the past 12 months. This contributed to the additional amount of waste being collected by refuse teams.

Resolved

That the Waste Partnership note the provisional data for the first quarter of 2015/16 – April to June 2015.

7. Waste Partners Report

Each Partner Authority informed the Partnership of the work currently being undertaken in their area.

Brent Davis, Director - Assets and Street Services (Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council) informed members that waste contamination rates in Nuneaton and Bedworth remained low. There had been a significant publicity campaign undertaken in an attempt to improve the contamination rate in the Borough which had been working well. Members noted that the authority was currently looking at ways in which more effective recycling could be carried out at blocks of flats - it was always difficult to accommodate numerous waste receptacles at these locations. The Partnership noted that weekly collections would continue to service blocks of flats.

Gary Charlton (Warwick District Council) informed members that Suez would be looking to recruit a recycling officer in an attempt to improve recycling rates in the area. An area of particular focus would be around metal recycling and educating households on how to recycle more effectively.

Kerry Moore, Waste Strategy and Commissioning Manager informed the Waste Partnership that the latest edition of the Recycle Warwickshire e-newsletter had been released. Members of the public could sign up to receive copies of these newsletters by using this [link](#). Members noted that a pilot of approximately 500 households would shortly be undertaken to see if the provision of a set of free kitchen caddy liners would have an impact on the recycling levels of food waste. The caddy liner packs will be hand delivered in a yet to be determined area of the county. The results of this pilot were likely to be available around March 2016.

Kerry Moore explained to members that Warwickshire County Council had been nominated for a LARAC award in the 'best new idea' category with regards to the re-use shops that had been established at HWRCs.

Richard Dobbs Assistant Director (Streetscape) (North Warwickshire Borough Council) informed members that the new refuse vehicles would be delivered just after Christmas 2015. Waste and recycling collection calendars had been updated online – the Borough was looking at how this information was communicated to residents (Richard Dobbs believed that a balance between leaflet and web advertising was crucial in order that the information was communicated as widely as possible).

The Borough was in talks with SITA around how risks (gate fees, shorter contracts, how recyclable materials are used/disposed of, etc) could be shared by both parties in the future in the form of a partnership arrangement. Shorter term contracts could provide increased stability. Talks were ongoing, but positive steps had been made. The Borough was also in talks with Highways England around the clearing of litter on major roads and who was responsible for dealing with it. Richard Dobbs would provide an update at a future meeting once an agreement had been reached.

The development of new housing in North Warwickshire had resulted in an increased number of bins being required. Members believed it would be important to determine who was responsible for funding the cost of these receptacles. The Borough was also currently looking at how it would be changing the way it charged for the collection of garden waste.

Members welcomed the updates which were provided by each Authority.

Resolved

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

8. Dates of future meetings

The Waste Partnership noted the dates of future meetings

9. Agenda item suggestions for next meeting

Mark Ryder, Head of Economic Growth believed that a useful theme for a future regional conference may be the area of joint working and the contracts associated with this. Mark Ryder suggested that the Partnership may wish to receive an update at each future meeting around the work being undertaken by the Strategy Group.

Glenn Fleet, Group Manager, Waste Management informed members that an annual report would be tabled at the December 2015 meeting which would analyse the waste strategy and the waste statistics from across the county. Members noted that the Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee had considered the HWRC report which the Waste Partnership had considered at their June 2015 meeting. The Communities OSC had endorsed the recommendations made by the Waste Partnership – an update report around HWRCs would be tabled at the next meeting of the Waste Partnership.

14. Any urgent items

None.

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Chair

The meeting closed at 2.45pm