

WARWICKSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP

Minutes of the meeting held on 14 September 2016 at Shire Hall in Warwick

Present:

Warwickshire County Council

Councillors: Chris Clarke
Jeff Clarke (Chair)
Jenny Fradgley
Philip Johnson
Keith Kondakor (Observing)
Wallace Redford

Officers: Ruth Dixon – Waste Compliance Manager
Phil Evans – Head of Community Services
Glenn Fleet – Group Manager, Waste Management
Tamalyn Goodwin – Waste Strategy and Commissioning Officer
Ben Patel-Sadler – Democratic Services Officer

North Warwickshire Borough Council

Councillor Les Smith
Richard Dobbs – Assistant Director (Streetscape)

Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council

Councillor Barry Longden
Brent Davis – Director - Assets and Street Services

Rugby Borough Council

Councillor Lisa Parker

Stratford-on-Avon District Council

Councillor Mike Brain
Angela Lloyd

Warwick District Council

Councillor David Shilton (Vice-Chair)
Becky Davis

1. **Apologies**

None.

2. Disclosures of interests

None.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting, including matters arising

It was noted that Councillor Chris Clark had submitted his apologies to the 15 June 2016 meeting but these had not been recorded in the minutes.

The Chair and members of the Waste Partnership wished to place on record their thanks to Kerry Moore – Waste Strategy and Commissioning Manager who would shortly be leaving the Council to take up a role at a different organisation.

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 June 2016 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4. Delivering Waste Efficiencies

John Enright – Project Director (Local Partnerships) provided a presentation to the Partnership entitled 'Delivering Waste Efficiencies'. During the presentation, the following points were noted by members:

- Top of the agenda for the vast majority of local authorities was achieving efficiency savings.
- Local Partnerships were jointly owned by HM Treasury and the LGA - comprised of public sector and commercial expertise with a focus on achieving service transformation and efficiencies. Housing, highways and waste were all covered by Local Partnerships.
- Some previous Local Partnership case studies and regional studies were shared with members and were also published widely. The aim of sharing these studies was to share examples of best practice nationally.
- Members noted that partnership working was at the forefront of all successful schemes.
- Members noted that the majority of efficiency savings were made where partnership working was most effective.
- John Enright outlined some of the procedures being used nationally to make efficiency savings which included route optimisation and round efficiencies, reducing residual bin capacity and joint procurement.

Following the conclusion of the presentation, members asked where Warwickshire stood as an authority nationally. John Enright informed the Partnership that Warwickshire's performance placed the authority in the upper quartile.

John Enright informed the Partnership that it was important for Councillors to identify the areas which were costing the authority most to operate. Efficiency savings should always look to be made in the areas of highest cost.

Members agreed that it was important for all partners to be open and transparent so that decisions could be taken to maximise efficiency savings across the county.

Members agreed that fly-tipping was a huge problem nationally – government legislation to give local authorities greater enforcement powers might have helped to alleviate the situation.

Another problem in the north of the county was unlicensed operators offering to dispose of bulky items for residents at a low cost. These operators would often then fly-tip these items to avoid paying to dispose of them at a HWRC. This then left the local authority to clear up the dumped items at great cost. Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council were now offering a service to residents to dispose of their bulky items properly, at a low cost, in an attempt to avoid unlicensed operators fly-tipping items.

Resolved:

The Waste Partnership noted the contents of the presentation and agreed to use the December 2016 meeting to hold a workshop session to discuss possible efficiency savings opportunities in Warwickshire.

5. Waste Data Overview for Q1 2016-17

Glenn Fleet – Group Manager, Waste Management introduced the report and circulated a revised set of figures for the Partnership to consider.

Members noted that the amount of dry waste had decreased. The composting rate had increased and there had been an increase in the amount of green waste.

Members noted that more waste was being transferred to energy – there had also been a decrease in the number of contaminated loads arriving at waste transfer stations.

Resolved

The Warwickshire Waste Partnership noted the provisional data for the 1st quarter of 2016-17 - April-June 2016

6. Waste Management Statistics for 2015-16

Glenn Fleet – Group Manager, Waste Management introduced the report and informed the Partnership that Stratford-on-Avon District Council had recently been named as the sixth best local authority nationally for their recycling rates.

Members noted that although the county had seen the addition of 2650 properties (new homes) in 2015/16, there had not been a significant increase in waste.

Overall, Warwickshire was performing well when compared to other authorities from across the country.

The county had seen an increase in the amount of commercial waste, although additional money was generated by charging customers to dispose of this waste.

Glenn Fleet informed the Partnership that the rate offered to small businesses to dispose of their waste had been well received and was being widely used.

Resolved

The Warwickshire Waste Partnership noted the overall performance of the partners, and the small increase in waste growth during the 2015-16 year, and the individual tonnage changes in the various types of waste.

7. Waste Partners Report

Members noted that North Warwickshire Borough Council had almost implemented mechanism which would allow them to charge housing developers for the provision of bins at new homes. The Borough Council was looking to recruit to the vacant Recycling Promotions Officer position.

Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council had implemented a scheme of placing bright yellow stickers on discovered fly-tipping sites to increase public awareness of the issue and to encourage any witnesses to come forward with information.

Rugby Borough Council were experiencing financial challenges and were operating without an Educational Officer.

Warwick District Council had introduced charges for all waste containers on 6th June 2016 – in the first two months this had helped to contribute £12,000 towards the purchase of containers and delivery of them to households. A tender process for the purchase of waste containers earlier in 2016 had helped to generate further savings.

Stratford District Council acknowledged their recycling achievements, assuring the Partnership that complacency would not be an issues – the authority would continue to work hard and achieve.

Resolved

The Warwickshire 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:

7 December 2016, 14.00pm, CR2, Shire Hall, Warwick

15 March 2017, 14.00pm, CR2, Shire Hall, Warwick

14 June 2017, 14.00pm, CR2, Shire Hall, Warwick

9. Agenda item suggestions for next meeting

None

10. Any urgent items

None.

The meeting closed at 15.35pm

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Chair