

WARWICKSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP

Minutes of the meeting held on 15 June 2016 at Shire Hall in Warwick

Present:

Warwickshire County Council

Councillors: Jeff Clarke (Chair)
Jenny Fradgley
Wallace Redford

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

North Warwickshire Borough Council

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
Gill Russell

Stratford-on-Avon District Council

Councillor Mike Brain
Chris Dobson

Warwick District Council

No attendees

1. Apologies

Councillor Philip Johnson
Councillor David Shilton
Councillor Les Smith

2. Disclosures of interests

None.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting, including matters arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 December 2015 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4. To note the appointment of Councillor Barry Longden as the representative of Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council

The Chair welcomed Councillor Barry Longden following his appointment to the Waste Partnership as the elected representative for Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council.

5. Draft Street Charter – Waste and Recycling

Glenn Fleet – Group Manager, Waste Management introduced the report, informing the Partnership that all District and Borough Councils had been engaged in advance of the report being tabled at this meeting. Members noted that the Royal National Institute of the Blind (RNIB) was seeking agreement from the Waste Partnership to sign up to the Draft Street Charter – Waste and Recycling. Members expressed a view that a particular focus should be placed on those who obstruct walkways by parking their vehicles in an inconsiderate manner.

Resolved

The Warwickshire Waste Partnership considered the draft Street Charter for Warwickshire relating to waste and recycling and agreed to sign-up to the Charter for waste and recycling matters.

6. Behaviour Change – Programme of Work for 2016/17

Kerry Moore – Waste Strategy and Commissioning Manager introduced the report, informing members that Warwickshire County Council's behaviour change work programme aimed to support many of the key objectives of the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy such as waste reduction, re-use, recycling and composting and thus would be undertaken on behalf of the Waste Partnership. Members noted that an event would be taking place on 21st June 2016 in relation to eating well in Warwickshire, specifically the 'Love Food, Hate Waste' campaign. Kerry Moore informed the Waste Partnership that a focus was being placed on educating people on how to plan meals and store food correctly to minimise waste. The Waste Partnership expressed a view that it was important to include Healthwatch Warwickshire and the Healthy Living Network in any work related to encouraging the public to eat healthily whilst reducing food wastage. Members noted that a collaboration project between Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Councils had been formed in an attempt to encourage members of the public to recycle their food waste. Members noted that prizes would be

awarded to those households who demonstrated the most effective recycling of their food waste.

Whilst District and Borough colleagues were supportive of the work being undertaken in this area, staffing cuts meant that some authorities would find it difficult to directly offer designated officer support for publicising such campaigns. Members noted that effective utilisation of social media (including e-newsletters) would ensure that members of the public would be alerted to roadshows and events taking place around the county.

Resolved

The Warwickshire Waste Partnership acknowledged the behaviour change work programme of Warwickshire County Council for 2016-17 and agreed to provide relevant staff/officer support from their authorities wherever this was possible.

7. Waste Data Overview for Q3, Q4 and End of Year Provisional Data 2015-16

Glenn Fleet – Group Manager, Waste Management introduced the report and informed the Waste Partnership that the data contained within represented the provisional data for the third and fourth quarter and the estimated provisional data for the whole year 2015/16.

Members noted that overall waste across the county had risen during the year. However in North Warwickshire, the overall amount of waste had decreased. Members noted that overall, the figures from across the county were positive – municipal waste levels were expected to rise as a trade waste service had been introduced.

The Waste Partnership noted that officers hoped to see a reduction going forwards of paper waste due to the increasing popularity of electronic marketing.

Members noted that the Council was in the process of bulk buying supplies of kitchen caddy bags which would be sold on to residents at the cost price – it was hoped that this would further encourage members of the public to recycle their food waste.

Resolved

The Warwickshire Waste Partnership noted the provisional data for the 3rd and 4th quarters and estimated provisional data for the whole year 2015-16.

8. Waste Partners Report

Richard Dobbs – Assistant Director (Streetscape) provided an update to the Waste Partnership on behalf of North Warwickshire Borough Council. Members noted the following points during the update:

- Increasing housing growth meant that North Warwickshire was currently having to supply 30 new bins per day on average.

- An increase in green waste had been noted – the improved weather meant that residents were now undertaking work in their gardens.
- Although the new waste collection vehicles were now in operation, the service was still operating under increasing pressure.

Richard Dobbs updated the Waste Partnership on the work of the Waste Strategy Group. Members noted that there was now a focus on improving food waste recycling levels – this included reminding residents that food waste could also be recycled via green bins.

Unfortunately there had been a few instances where waste collection crews had experienced harassment – on one occasion a worker had been assaulted. Members noted that a campaign was being prepared to raise awareness of these incidents.

In relation to Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council, members noted that there had been a recorded reduction in fly tipping.

Councillor Lisa Parker, Rugby Borough Council informed the Waste Partnership that the waste contamination campaign had been scaled back at the present time due to staff shortages.

Members expressed a view that conditions of house planning were key – it was important to establish what size each set of bins per household would be in order to aid recycling and reduce the amount of waste being produced by each household. Chris Dobson, Stratford-on-Avon District Council informed the Waste Partnership that some litter picking of some dual carriageway sections of highways under the access arrangement with Kier and Highways England was being planned.

Councillor Mike Brain informed the Partnership that he was concerned that a great deal of waste was being created when village and street markets took place - instead of separate bins for general waste and recycling, Councillor Brain explained that he had witnessed all waste being put into black bags for disposal via general waste. Members noted that in Rugby, recycling bins were sent to venues where larger scale events were taking place.

Kerry Moore – Waste Strategy and Commissioning Manager informed the Waste Partnership that four Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) were currently focusing on the disposal of textiles, WEEE and food waste via canvassers. The County Council was also focussing on encouraging residents to recycle their food waste. Members noted that the Judkins recycling centre was currently achieving a recycling figure of 70% - a trade service would be in operation at this site by summer 2016.

Glenn Fleet – Group Manager, Waste Management informed the Partnership that a new scheme was in operation whereby small businesses could apply for a permit which would enable them to dispose of larger amounts of recyclables – the permit cost was £40 for one year. Members noted that waste and recycling performance across the county was doing well overall.

Resolved:

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

9. Waste Composition Analysis

Glenn Fleet – Group Manager, Waste Management informed the Partnership that the latest survey focused on the weight and composition of kerbside residual waste containers, kerbside organic/green recycling containers and HWRC residual waste containers.

Members noted that if residents recycled their waste correctly, then it was likely that a recycling rate of 76% could be achieved. It was noted that food waste accounted for 35% of grey bin content – if food waste was recycled more effectively then it was likely that savings of around £1 million could be achieved - members did note that the food waste recycling figures were improving. It was important for residents to make greater use of their green bin, by using it to recycle their food waste. Members noted that it had been estimated that increased usage of reusable nappies could save the county around £500,000 in disposal costs.

Resolved:

The Warwickshire Waste Partnership noted the overview of the recent kerbside and HWRC waste composition analysis.

10. Dates of future meetings

The Waste Partnership noted the dates of future meetings:

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

11. Agenda item suggestions for next meeting

None

12. Any urgent items

None.

The meeting closed at 15.10pm

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Chair