

WARWICKSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP

Minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2017 at Shire Hall in Warwick

Present:

Warwickshire County Council

Councillors: Chris Clarke
Jeff Clarke (Chair)
Jenny Fradgley
Philip Johnson
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
Ian Marriott – Legal Services Manager
Ben Patel-Sadler – Democratic Services Officer

North Warwickshire Borough Council

Councillor Les Smith
Richard Dobbs – Assistant Director (Streetscape)

Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council

Brent Davis – Director - Assets and Street Services

Rugby Borough Council

Sean Lawson

Stratford-on-Avon District Council

Angela Lloyd

Warwick District Council

Becky Davis

1. Apologies

Councillors Lisa Parker, Dave Shilton (Vice-Chair), Barry Longden, Keith Kondakor and Mike Brain.

2. Disclosures of interests

None

3. Minutes of the previous meeting, including matters arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 September 2016 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4. Data Overview for Q3 2016/17

Glenn Fleet – Group Manager, Waste Management introduced the report and informed the Partnership that the composting rate had increased by 3053 tonnes compared to the same quarter in 2015/16. Members noted that waste growth was lower overall – Warwickshire was performing well when benchmarked against similar sized authorities at a national level.

Glenn Fleet informed the Partnership that an increasing number of small businesses were making use of the chargeable trade waste disposal service – it was thought that the uptake of this service had resulted in the total municipal waste figure for the county having risen by 1.6%.

The Partnership noted that the performance of the Judkins household recycling centre had improved significantly.

Resolved:

The Waste Partnership agreed to note the provisional data for the 3rd quarter of 2016/17 – October to December 2016.

5. Warwickshire Waste Strategy Implementation Plan

Ruth Dixon – Waste Compliance Manager introduced the report and informed the Partnership that a key aim of the strategy was to reduce residual household waste to 311kg per household, per year, by 2020. Members noted that the continued housing growth in the county was making it increasingly difficult to reduce the overall amount of waste being produced. Members noted that the non-recyclable contents of residual waste in bins had decreased.

Members noted that a key aspect of the Strategy was to increase recycling rates and to decrease the non-recyclable materials being put into the bin by households.

Members noted that Stratford-on-Avon District Council performed extremely well in terms of their recycling rates and were ranked 7th nationally in terms of their recycling performance. A conversation then took place where partners discussed how improvements could be made in their own individual areas to increase recycling rates and reduce non-recyclable rates.

Glenn Fleet – Group Manager, Waste Management informed the Partnership that to a certain extent, recycling rates could be linked to the physical make-up of each area. For example, in the largely rural south of the county, recycling rates were higher because of the larger gardens and green space areas. Because this material could be recycled/composted, this had a positive impact on the recycling rates of those local authorities. Glenn Fleet informed the Partnership that the targets for the county contained within the Waste Management Strategy were achievable. Members noted that it was not possible to set specific targets for each district and borough – because all partners had signed up to the Strategy, the targets contained in it were applicable to all districts and boroughs.

Phil Evans – Head of Community Services informed the Partnership that it was important for targets to be aspirational but achievable. The performance of each district and borough would need to be recorded, with their figures then considered within the relevant context. For example, it might not be possible for certain districts and boroughs to match the recycling rates of others simply because of the physical make up and demographics of the area. However, this would not prevent the district/borough from doing its utmost to achieve the targets set by the Strategy.

Resolved

The Warwickshire Waste Partnership agreed to note the report and also requested that specific waste collection data for each district and borough be thoroughly evaluated to establish if the targets set in the Strategy were realistic and achievable for all district and boroughs. A report would be tabled at a future meeting.

6. Joint Working Opportunities

Glenn Fleet – Group Manager, Waste Management introduced the report and drew members' attention to 2.4 of the report which outlined six of the key areas which had been identified by the groups at the December 2016 workshop where there might be opportunities to improve partnership working.

Members noted that the meeting in December had served to review the services which were provided by the Waste Partnership and how efficiency savings might be achieved in the future.

Glenn Fleet informed the Partnership that that work was ongoing to determine the feasibility of constructing and operating a MRF (Materials Recovery Facility) which would be operated by the Partnership. There was a willingness from all partners to pursue this project.

The Partnership expressed a view that it would be crucial to look at what savings would be realistic and achievable.

Resolved

The Warwickshire Waste Partnership noted the report and;

1.) Noted that the work undertaken by officers to determine the feasibility of the ideas put forward at the December 2016 workshop would be considered in a report at a future meeting and;

2.) Noted that further discussions would take place with neighbouring authorities to discuss possible future efficiency savings.

7. Waste Partners Report

Members noted the updates provided by each partner.

Phil Evans – Head of Community Services informed the Partnership that discussions between Warwickshire County Council and Rugby Borough Council were ongoing in relation to implications of the revised Green Waste arrangements being implemented by RBC.

The Partnership expressed a view that the issue of fly tipping was becoming a serious issue in the county and nationally. Members noted that the issue of fly tipping had been raised at the Safer Warwickshire Board – this would be an issue which the Partnership would have to continue to pay significant attention to.

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:

- 14th June 2017, 14.00, CR2, Shire Hall, Warwick
- 20th September 2017, 14.00, CR2, Shire Hall, Warwick
- 6th December 2017, 14.00, CR2, Shire Hall, Warwick

9. Agenda item suggestions for next meeting

None

10. Any urgent items

None

The meeting closed at 15.10pm

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Chair