

WARWICKSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP

Minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2017 at Shire Hall in Warwick

Present:

Warwickshire County Council

Councillors: Jeff Clarke (Chair)
Jenny Fradgley
Dave Parsons

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

Observers: Councillor Keith Kondakor

North Warwickshire Borough Council

Richard Dobbs – Assistant Director (Streetscape)
Councillor Les Smith

Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council

Councillor Barry Longden
Brent Davis

Rugby Borough Council

Councillor Carolyn Robbins
Shaun Barnes

Stratford-on-Avon District Council

Angela Lloyd
Craig Bourne
Tony Perks

Warwick District Council

Councillor Moira-Ann Grainger
Gary Charlton

1. Apologies

Councillor Mike Brain (Stratford District Council)
Councillor Lisa Parker (Rugby Borough Council)
Councillor Andy Wright (Warwickshire County Council)

2. Disclosures of interests

None

3. Minutes of the previous meeting, including matters arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 September 2017 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Matters Arising

With reference to Item 4 of the previous minutes (Joint Working Opportunities) members were informed that there a report is being presented at Warwickshire County Council Cabinet on 7 December 2017.

With reference to Item 5 of the previous minutes (Waste Data Overview for Q1) Glenn Fleet, Group Manager, Waste Management was able to confirm that over 10,000 tonnes of wood had been disposed of at biomass centres.

With reference to Item 10 of the previous minutes (Any Urgent Items - Lower House Farm) Phil Evans, Head of Community Services confirmed that the matter was in the hands of the Environment Agency and that Councillor Andy Wright had received an update .

4. Warwickshire Waste Strategy Implementation Plan

Glenn Fleet, Group Manager, Waste Management presented the report to the panel and highlighted the following points –

- The total amount of household waste produced in Warwickshire decreased by 1364 tonnes from 260,576 tonnes in 2015/16 to 58,831, tonnes in 2016/17.
- Despite an increase in households across the county, tonnage of waste per household has decreased
- A Waste Composition Survey in summer 2016/17 showed that there has been a reduction of 3% of recyclables in residual bins.
- Food waste has also reduced to 1.5 kilos per residual bin.

Resolved

The Warwickshire Waste Partnership notes the 2016/17 progress towards the objectives and targets in Warwickshire's Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy

5. Waste Management Statistics for 2016/17

Glenn Fleet, Group Manager, Waste Management presented the report to the panel which shows: the total tonnes of waste and recycling for the Warwickshire Waste Partnership as a whole and the waste & recycling produced by each partner authority.

The following information from Table 3 of the report (Authority Performance – Household Waste) was highlighted to the panel –

- Recycling has increased in North Warwickshire, Rugby and Stratford
- Recycling has decreased in Warwick and Nuneaton & Bedworth

It was also confirmed that the data in the report is based on the most up to date population figures that are available

Following questions from the Panel confirmation was provided that officers have all the correct documentation to ensure that any waste that is sent overseas is properly disposed of.

With regard to food waste Glenn Fleet was able to confirm that work is currently in progress with schools in NBBC to education pupils on recycling food waste – as well as all other recyclables. If the project in NBBC is successful it will be rolled out across the county – subject to resources.

Following a question from Councillor Grainger regarding an increase in on-line buying and the waste associated with this, Glenn Fleet confirmed that small traders are able to purchase a permit for £40 per year which would allow them to dispose of all recyclable material properly.

It was noted that while some larger delivery companies will take back large boxes and polystyrene after delivering items such as washing machines and TVs this isn't always the case with some national companies who will leave the packaging behind for the resident to dispose of. The panel noted that the Government is reviewing the issue of packaging.

Resolved

The Warwickshire Waste Partnership notes the overall performance of the partners, and the increase in municipal waste growth during the 2016/17 year, and the individual tonnage changes in the various types of waste.

6. Waste Management Data Overview for Quarter 2 for 2017/18

Glenn Fleet, Group Manager, Waste Management presented the report to the panel noting that in the first six months of 2017/18 total household waste reduced by 1.8%.

It was noted that there has been a reduction in the amount of material taken to Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC) which equates to a 2.2 kilo reduction from each household visit. It was noted that despite this there were an additional 11,000 visits to HWRC (Figure 8).

Following a discussion about the HWRC at Princes Drive, Leamington, some concerns were raised from members of the panel regarding the access and parking arrangements at the site. WCC Officers acknowledged that the flow through the site had slowed down but this was as a result improvements made to safety on site.

The Chair of the panel acknowledged that Princes Drive is a very constrained and pressured site and is not the most suitable for purpose; however, there is no current alternative.

Resolved

The Warwickshire Waste Partnership notes the provisional data for the 2nd quarter of 2017/18 - July to September 2017.

7. Sub Regional Fly Tipping Group

Richard Dobbs, Assistant Director (Streetscape) presented the report to the panel noting that the Waste Partnership was aware of the growing problem of fly tipping; not just locally but nationally.

The panel was informed that half of all fly tipping now occurs on private land; the report contains initiatives from the National Farmers Union (NFU)

Following a question from Councillor Kondakor it was confirmed that the police are increasingly more co-operative with local authorities in addressing the issue of tracing vehicles that fly tip. The use of Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) is not always possible if the criminals who are fly tipping also use false number plates. The panel were pleased to note the greater partnership approach between the police and local authorities.

Resolved

The Warwickshire Waste Partnership notes the contents of this report and to identify any areas which the Sub-Regional Fly-Tipping Group should focus on as part of their future work programme.

8. Waste Partners Report

Each partner authority provided a written update which was included in the report. Aside from the written responses, the following points were noted by the Waste Partnership

North Warwickshire Borough Council

There is currently a joint procurement exercise with Rugby Borough Council and Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council to let a contract for the processing of recyclable material

Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council

There is a review underway regarding current cost effectiveness of waste programme.

Officers are currently distributing Christmas collection information – the most effective way of doing this is to tie the information to the bins. This year 70% of households in NBBC will see no change to their collection day.

Rugby Borough Council

RBC is currently reviewing route optimisation as well as their recycle operations.

There has also been a review of flats across the borough and the recycling issues associated with them.

At this point in time – 23,000 households (51%) have signed up for green waste collection

Stratford-on-Avon District Council

Angela Lloyd provided an update regarding point 6.3 of the report - As a result of Biffa's DROPS campaign (driving recklessly on pavements), a dangerous driving incident, where a DPD driver was reported to the police. The driver has been prosecuted by the police for a dangerous incident which nearly hit a crew member and issued a £150 fine 4 points endorsement on his licence and £85 costs.

Warwick District Council

Officers at WDC are also informing residents of changes to Christmas collection days via the press, social media and radio adverts. The offices will be shut over the Christmas period so it is vital this information is made available as soon as possible.

In January 2018 WDC is hoping to formalise a fly tipping agreement with RBC.

Warwickshire County Council

The Slim Your Bin campaign has already exceed the targets set and will be extended for a further 12 months. WCC and SDC are working together on a food waste programme to educate residents. Approximately 3000 households will be involved.

The panel requested that WCC promote HWRC opening times over the festive period via the website.

Resolved

The Warwickshire Waste Partnership acknowledges the updates on the various waste initiatives taking place in each area since the last partnership meeting in September 2017.

9 Dates of future meetings

The panel was reminded of the Annual Warwickshire Waste Partnership Conference which is taking place on Wednesday 1 March 2018 at Shire Hall. The conference will start at 09:30.

The Waste Partnership noted the dates of future meetings:

- 21 March 2018, 2.00 pm, Shire Hall, Warwick
- 13 June 2018, 2.00 pm, Shire Hall, Warwick
- 12 September 2018, 2.00 pm, Shire Hall, Warwick
- 19 December, 2018, 2.00pm, Shire Hall, Warwick
- 20 March 2019, 2.00 pm, Shire Hall, Warwick

9. Agenda item suggestions for next meeting

None

10. Any urgent items

None

11. Glenn Fleet - Group Manager, Waste Management

The Chair and Members of the Warwickshire Waste Partnership Panel wished to be placed on record their thanks for everything Glenn has done for the partnership.

Members and Officers from WCC and all the Districts and Boroughs would like to wish Glenn a long and happy retirement.

The meeting closed at 3.28pm

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Chair