

Gloucestershire Waste Partnership

23rd September 2009
Venue: Meeting Room 2, Shire Hall



Notes of meeting

Present

Cllr Stan Waddington (SW) Jo Walker (JW) Tony Childs (TC) Andy Pritchard (AP) Ralph Young (RY) Cllr Mark Tufnell (MT) Steve Briscoe (SB) Roger Garbett (RG)	Cllr Martin Quaile (MQ) Cllr Jim Mason (JM) Chris Bosley (CB) Cllr Steve Morgan (SM) David Sutton (DS) Cllr Libby Bird (LB) Cllr Roger Whyborn (RW) Beth Boughton (BB)
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Apologies for absence

Carlos Novoth (CN) Rob Bell (RB) Karen Toole (KT)	
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1. Notes and actions of last meeting (15.07.09)

CB highlighted that the Tewkesbury scheme change will be commencing on the 12th April 2009, not 1st April as stated in the minutes.

AP reported that the Partnership Agreement was finalised and can now be viewed on the RFG website.

2. Residual Waste Project Update

JW reported that the project was on track and that Outline Solution evaluation was continuing. The next project milestone is for a key decision on the shortlist to be made by cabinet in December.

The December GWP meeting will be brought forward to enable a discussion on this to take place prior to the cabinet meeting.

3. Performance Targets 2011/12

TC gave a presentation on the effects of setting and meeting performance targets up to 2014/15. This outlined the impact of various performance scenarios on cost, carbon impact and reputation.

The debate that followed centred around the need to agree core principles upon which to base our approach to annual target setting. The following actions were agreed;

TC to include a principle for targets to reflect a step change in performance.

Joint Officer Group to progress the setting of targets for 2011/12.

4. Service Development & Performance Updates

County Council

Communications events and roadshows have exceeded 50 this summer, with several remaining on the current programme. Over the autumn and winter there will be specific focus in 3 areas; Service change support at Tewkesbury and Gloucester, delivering the regional 'Love Food Haste Waste' Campaign week in October, and undertaking the annual Christmas campaign, this year themed around electrical waste.

The current WRAP Home Composting support scheme will be wound up on 30th September. It is intended that we join the new national scheme as of January 1st. In the interim we will be contracting direct with Straights (the supplier) for supply of compost bins and accessories.

Developments at the HRC's include;

- The annual customer satisfaction survey is ongoing throughout September and October
- Asbestos facilities are not yet set up at the sites as we are awaiting approval of the air quality monitoring plans. District waste officers have offered to help expedite this with the EHO's if necessary.
- The trial for selling compost to the public at Oak Quarry will soon be underway.
- A project to identify the viability and benefits of establishing a 'reuse centre' at an HRC is about to commence. This will establish an outline business case upon which to base discussions.

Cotswold District Council

The continuing success of the new collection service was noted. The next stage of scheme development is the redesign of the collection rounds, which will commence in the New Year. A trial of 2 new recycling vehicles is also underway which will assist in increasing the efficiency of collections.

The tonnage of residual waste has recently increased slightly (not unusual when new schemes become established) and an increased programme of communications and marketing will be undertaken over the next few months.

Additionally, a vehicle stop and search checkpoint will be set up in October. This has been done before and is aimed at catching potential flytippers. For

the first time the district council will be able to apply their new powers in issuing Fixed Penalty notices to offenders.

Forest of Dean District Council

Having been through several processes of scrutiny and audit regarding their ability to introduce new collection services, the council is now able to start positioning their contracts in order to make the necessary service changes. There are several options available to them, but a favoured approach currently is to synchronise all current contracts together. Following a 3 month 'standstill' period (around January or February 2010) it is hoped that they will then be in a position to recommence the design of a new collection service.

Gloucester City Council

SM reported that their new collection service is on track to commence across all areas of the city on 1st February next year. A council decision is to be taken on 24th September to include grey card in the paper collection. Due to the expected uplift in recycling tonnages they are also gearing themselves up for extra deliveries of recycling containers.

Special arrangements for Christmas collections are being organised in order to improve the service this year.

Tewkesbury Borough Council

Progress is being made in preparation for their new recycling and food waste collections to start on 12th April. WRAP funding has been secured to provide a consultant to lead on the MRF service procurement. In addition, food waste transfer arrangements are also in development.

The contract for provision of the new vehicles has now been let and will deliver additional cost savings.

Stroud District Council

Potential opportunities for modelling future service development are opening up with Veolia. However there is still a long way to go and significant service change is some way off. In the meantime Stroud are pressing ahead with plans for community based solutions to composting and additional recycling facilities.

Cheltenham Borough Council

No service changes are planned for the foreseeable future. In order to prepare for any future service planning, efforts are currently focused on developing members understanding of the options. SW offered assistance with this if necessary.

The card collection scheme which was introduced in April now also accepts all grades of cardboard.

5. Co-ordinating future GWP and JWB meetings

The potential need to co-ordinate future GWP and JWB meetings was raised. Options include holding them back-to-back on the same day, taking account of some members need to take time off work to attend. This was to be discussed at the following JWB meeting prior to setting dates for 2010 meetings.

6. AOB

None

Future Meetings

- 8th December 2009 Quayside Conference Room 14:00 – 16:00