

GLoucestershire Waste Partnership

MINUTES of the meeting of the Gloucestershire Waste Partnership held on Tuesday 10th June, 2014 commencing at 11.00 am at the Council Chamber - Shire Hall, Gloucester.

Cheltenham Borough Council

Cllr Christopher Coleman
Pat Pratley (officer support)

Cotswold District Council

Monica Stephens (officer support)

Forest Of Dean District Council

Cllr Martin Quaile
Peter Hibberd (officer support)

Gloucester City Council

Cllr Jim Porter
Ross Cook (officer support)

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Cllr Stan Waddington
Cllr Ray Theodoulou
Jo Walker ((officer support)

Stroud District Council

Cllr Simon Pickering
Carlos Novoth
(officer support)

Tewkesbury Borough

Cllr Jim Mason
Rachel North (officer support)

Joint Waste Team

Steve Read
Scott Williams
Andy Pritchard
Rachel Capon
Marsha Llewellyn

21. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Having explained that there had been some changes in membership following the elections in May, Cllr Quaile proposed, seconded by Cllr Mason,

That the Chairman be elected for this meeting only, and that Cllr Waddington take the Chair.

On being put to the vote the proposal was CARRIED, and the Committee

Resolved

That the Chairman be elected for this meeting only, and that Cllr Waddington take the Chair.

22. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

The Committee agreed to defer this election until the next meeting.

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23. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 April 2015 were agreed as a correct record.

24. ACTIONS

Members were updated on the following actions as listed on the agenda:

- a) The position of authorities regarding participation in the Joint Waste Committee to be reported at the Annual General Meeting on 10 June 2014. *Tewkesbury BC joining procedure in hand; Stroud DC – consideration being given to advantages to joining, information required on likely joining fee/on-going costs; Gloucester City – current contract 8 years to run, position will be kept under review.*
Action: Officers to consider joining costs for Stroud and Gloucester councils and to present a proposal to the next meeting.
- b) *Completed*
- c) The Joint Waste Team to undertake a short review of the arrangements for waste collections at local supermarkets. Following the review, the Joint Waste Team to liaise with the Chairman of Gloucestershire County Council, Cllr Tony Hicks, asking him to write to leading supermarkets. *Further discussions had taken place with Cllr Hicks which had resulted in the conclusion that the request should be circulated closer to Christmas as this was when the issues had previously arisen.*
Action: Officers to prepare letter for Chairman of Joint Waste Committee to sign; circulation to take place in early December.
- d) *Completed.*
- e) The Joint Waste Team to consider options for the Gloucestershire Green Points (Cheltenham) Scheme and present at a future meeting. *Trial scheme just finished; initial results not promising – no increase in recycling rates found.*
Action: Officers to report to next meeting following full data analysis.
- f) The Joint Waste Team to undertake a short review of the councillor led campaign to introduce “free of charge” waste collections for primary schools in the Cotswold District. A report to be presented at the Joint Waste Committee meeting on 1 April 2014. In the meantime, the Joint Waste Team to issue an interim press release to avoid raising local expectations. A press release had been prepared but the full report not yet finalised and therefore not presented. A report to be sent to Cotswold DC by 9 April 2014 and, pending the outcome of member discussion at Cotswold, on to all. *A good level of interest had been received from schools in the Cotswold area but members raised concerns over the possibility of double-funding as all schools already received funds from the DfE to cover the cost of overheads such as waste disposal. The full report would be circulated to the*

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*Partnership for comments before the scheduled meeting between CDC and JWC officers and members on 24 June. **Action: All***

25. SERVICE UPDATES

An update on recent activities undertaken in each area was received. The following points were made during the discussion:

Joint Waste Team

There would be a specific campaign around the various summer sporting events to encourage the extra waste generated (particularly cans and bottles) to be recycled.

The campaign would take place during national recycle week (17-23 June) and would then run through the summer to coincide with high-profile sporting events such as Wimbledon, the World Cup and the Commonwealth Games. The Co-op Stores were supporting this campaign by allowing the use of in-store 'shelf wobblers'. An A4 flyer would also be issued as an insert in the Gloucestershire press. The wider campaign was likely to include banners in reception areas at leisure centres, posters at the HRCs and press advertising. There was also a competition taking residents to the www.recycleforgloucestershire.com website so that the effectiveness and reach of the campaign could be measured, which it was hoped may be supported by the Co-op with a prize.

Extra staff had been on site at Hempsted HRC to assist in reducing the long queues at peak times. A media campaign had also been undertaken to promote the use of the sites at quieter times during the start and end of the day.

Final figures for the take-up of real nappy vouchers and sale of compost bins in 2013/14 were 204 and 942 respectively. The target for Real Nappy vouchers was 200 so this had been slightly exceeded.

Forest of Dean

The buy-in to the garden waste service had achieved break-even point, with 16000 licences sold for 2014/15.

New information packs giving advice on the minimisation and disposal of waste for the construction industry had been placed on the Authority's website. Cotswold DC and Cheltenham BC would be producing similar advice later in the year.

The targeting of areas experiencing problems with excessive residual waste had been introduced. This involved the collection crews identifying specific properties to which a letter was then sent advising the residents on how to make better use of their recycling services. The option was offered for further education activity. During Quarter 4 of 2013/14 600 of these letters had been sent out.

Book recycling was to be introduced at larger bring sites.

Fly-tipping had increased again over the last year. Herefordshire Council were sharing their enforcement specialists on a 6 month trial with the hope of increasing the number of prosecutions which it was hoped would act as a deterrent to others.

Gloucester

Allowing the use of corn starch bags had increased the rate of food waste collections. There had been an improvement in the level of recycling from HMOs. Unfortunately although the cardboard recycling initiative in the Matson area had been successful the costs had been unsustainable and it was not possible for the scheme to continue.

Stroud

A review of future contract arrangements had commenced with the aim of obtaining the best value for money possible whilst still maintaining or (if possible) increasing the kerbside recycling opportunities.

Cotswold

Depot project - negotiations were still on-going with the landowners.

The Bring site review was about to start to identify sites which offered little benefit and potentially remove them, in conjunction with the number of materials available to be recycled at sites which were well used being increased wherever possible.

The Waste and Recycling Guide was in the process of being updated.

Cheltenham

The no-side-waste and closed-bin-lid policy continued to be effective. The Housing enforcement team was now supporting this project, and working with landlords to tackle persistent issues in multiple occupancy properties.

A trial of mixed plastic at larger sites began on 2nd June 2014. Early usage levels were encouraging.

The second phase of the bring site review had been programmed to take place later in the year.

Consideration was being given to introduce a skip at Swindon Road Recycling Centre for bulky mixed plastics such as children's toys, or garden furniture.

Tewkesbury

The new contractor was now settling in. It was likely that there would be some rationalisation of the current service. The utilisation of the MRF at Wingmoor was a major aspect of the new contract.

Actions:

- **The estimated costs of the disposal of nappies to landfill to be circulated.**
- **the Construction Industry Developers pack to be available county-wide.**
- **Report on ways to combat fly-tipping to be presented at a future meeting.**

26. RECYCLE FOR GLOUCESTERSHIRE WEBSITE

A presentation on the refreshed Recycle for Gloucestershire website was made to the meeting.

Members asked that consideration be given to reducing the use of 'partnership' and 'strategy' in the text since this website was primarily aimed at the public.

27. PROGRESS REPORT ON JOINING JOINT WASTE COMMITTEE

This matter was considered under agenda item 5 (a).

28. PERFORMANCE UPDATE

Performance tables were circulated at the meeting.

It was noted that the results in Gloucestershire mirrored the national pattern in that total waste arisings were increasing, but recycling collection totals did not increase to compensate except in areas where a service change had been introduced, thus leading to an increase in residual waste. This trend suggested that it would be difficult for authorities to meet the recycling targets for 2014/15.

Officers were asked to include figures on the actual tonnages involved in future tables and to consider how a more positive message could be communicated to encourage the required increase in recycling totals.

29. FUTURE MEETINGS

The dates of future meetings were noted.

Officers were asked to consider the practicalities of combining the two meetings (the Glos Waste Partnership and the Joint Waste Committee) as soon as possible.

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CHAIRPERSON