



Waste & Recycling Working Party

MINUTES

Held on:	11 January 2012
Time:	10.00am
Place:	Council Chamber, East Northamptonshire Council, Thrapston
Present:	<p>Councillors: Glenn Harwood (Chairman) (GH), David Bateman (DB), Roger Glithero (RG), Steven North (SN), Tony Boto (TB), Eloise Lucille (EL)</p> <p>Officers: Mike Deacon (MD) Head of Environmental Services, Charlotte Tompkins (Waste Manager), Zena Ireland (ZI) Administration Officer</p>

Action

1.0 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12 OCTOBER 2011

1.1 Councillor Glenn Harwood opened the meeting.

1.2 SN noted that the visit to the Pure Recycling Plant on 9 November was useful and interesting. MD confirmed that another visit could be arranged if there was any interest; EL, GH and TB confirmed that they would like to visit Pure.

MD/CT

1.3 GH asked CT for an update with regards to the impact of the recent windy weather conditions on the wheeled bins. CT confirmed approximately 5 compliments where crews had addressed litter created by wheeled bins blowing over.

1.4 The minutes of the meeting held on 12 October 2011 were approved as a true record by the working party.

2.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2.1 Councillor Richard Lewis sent his apologies. MD apologised for the lateness of some of the paperwork for the meeting; this was due to the Christmas break and work loads.

3.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3.1 Councillors Roger Glithero, Glenn Harwood, Tony Boto and David Bateman

declared personal interests in minute 6 (Green Waste Club) because they were members of the club.

4.0 WASTE CONTRACT UPDATE

- 4.1 CT confirmed that there had been a decline in the number of missed collections reported and the levels were within the tolerance of the contract. There were now 4 street sweepers and the cleansing was back on schedule. Overall Kier were meeting targets. The next strategic meeting was arranged for February 2012.
- 4.2 The group were provided with handouts showing the breakdown of waste collection tonnages from previous years and projections for the future. There has already been a noticeable drop in the amount of waste going to landfill and the tonnages for recycling (which include dry recycling, food waste and garden waste) have nearly doubled.
- 4.3 CT stated that the Pure Recycling Plant is designed to deal with some contamination of recyclables; any plastics that can not be recycled are turned into fuel for the cement plant at Rugby.
- 4.4 The IT Routesmart system is monitoring the collection rounds, this is enabling ENC to check the capacity of the vehicles.

5.0 NORTHAMPTONSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP (NWP) UPDATE

- 5.1 MD mentioned that the next NWP meeting is to be held on 19 January 2012. The partnership contribution levels have been reduced by £5,000. MD explained that the focus and direction of the partnership was to be reviewed and he would bring the report outcomes to this group.
- 5.2 MD reported that Vanessa Kelly (the Executive Officer for the NWP) attended a briefing on the proposed funding available for councils to re-introduce weekly waste collections. Further information on how to access the funding should be available in February 2012.

6.0 GREEN WASTE

- 6.1 CT confirmed that the current Green Waste Service ends on 31 March 2012 and Kier will take over the contract. The meeting looked at the report prepared by CT and discussed the proposed new system. SN suggested offering flexible payment methods for residents.
- 6.2 The options were -
- Fortnightly collection service
- 1 240 or 360 litre container (costs to residents £50 for 240 litre collection and £75 for a 360 litre collection).
 - 2 Compostable garden waste sacks. These could be pre-purchased and residents put out as many as they require.

One off collection service

- 3 1100 litre container (or multiples thereof) - ad hoc collections where customers call and order larger container and this is collected when full at an agreed point. Costs will be higher as this is a more labour intensive function.

6.3 **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

That the introduction of a garden waste collection service as set out in paragraph 6.2 above be agreed and that charges for the service be included in the corporate fees submitted to the Finance Working Party.

7.0 **COMPOSITION ANALYSIS REPORT**

- 7.1 CT explained the composition figures that have been gathered both pre and post the new waste wheeled bin scheme. Since the new scheme began in August 2011 we are collecting less residual (refuse) waste.

7.2	Food waste	27%	Breakdown of composition bin pre the new waste collection scheme
	Paper & cardboard	25%	
	Glass	8%	
	Green waste	10%	
	Plastic	12%	
	Cans	4%	
	Other material	14%	

- 7.3 CT confirmed educational work needs doing with residents with regards to recycling more paper and food.

8.0 **FOOD WASTE CONTAINERS**

- 8.1 CT went through the report and the meeting discussed the various options put forward as possible suggestions. EL asked about the delivery of the liners if the Council decided to provide them; CT confirmed that the crews would do this as part of their collection rounds.

- 8.2 EL suggested a merge of options two and three; residents being supplied with a small sample and ENC working with suppliers to increase the number of outlets selling the liners.

- 8.3 CT to investigate further and bring a report to this group in the future, which would include any potential costs and funding available. **CT**

9.0 **DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

- 9.1 ZI to suggest dates for the next quarterly meeting in April 2012; the below dates were emailed to the group. **ZI**
 Thursday 19 April at 10am
 Wednesday 25 April at 2pm