



Waste & Recycling Working Party

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Held on:	13 April 2010
Time:	9.30am
Place:	CHG2, East Northamptonshire Council, Thrapston
Present:	<p>Councillors: Glenn Harwood (Chairman), Marian Hollomon, Richard Lewis, Peter MacGovern and Steven North.</p> <p>Officers: Charlotte Tompkins (CT) Waste Manager, Rachel Reeds (RR) Democratic Services (Minutes)</p>

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1.0 MINUTES AND ISSUES ARISING

1.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 9 February 2010 were approved.

2.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2.1 Councillor Anna Sauntson, Mike Deacon (Head of Environmental Services) and Jane Perrin (NWP) sent their apologies.

3.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3.1 Councillor Glenn Harwood declared a personal interest because he was a member of the Green Waste Club.

4.0 NORTHAMPTONSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP (NWP)

4.1 CT reported that the NWP's doorstepping campaign would now be taking place over the next five weeks in Rushden (on 15, 16, 22, 23, 29 and 30 April, and 7 and 8 May, avoiding the date of the General Election). ENC officers would be going out with the county teams to gather general data about recycling participation. The activity would then be repeated later in the year to monitor the effect of a planned communication campaign. The working party discussed this project in depth and raised concerns about the possible negative press it might bring about. Members also asked if the results would be helpful for any

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future work around enforcement. CT commented that it would only involve a small sample and there were other more subtle ways of gathering data. CT to circulate the NWP's Q & A paper to all Members of the working party.	CT
4.2 CT to circulate the Waste Recycling Action Programme's latest update to all Members of the working party.	CT
4.3 The Chairman reported that ENC's request for a grant of £183,000 from the county's £2.8 million Waste Infrastructure Grant to pay for kitchen caddies should the new contract include a kitchen waste collection was still pending approval.	
4.4 The Waste Education Bus would be visiting some primary schools in the district. Members suggested that kitchen caddies be included. CT to investigate.	CT
4.5 It was noted that a new Communications Plan was being developed and would address how to introduce the public to new concepts. It was agreed this should be brought to the working party's next meeting.	CT/RR
4.6 The new Household Waste and Recycling Centres contract had begun on 1 April. CT noted comments from working party members on the new 'meet and greet' system to feed back to the contractor. It was reported that, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • from 21 June the Northampton Road site would have longer opening hours and accept trade waste (subject to planning permission), and reuse centres would be relocated away from the centres; • within the first year the layouts of the centres would be revised and enhanced; and • over the next few years the centres would be redeveloped to address population growth and increased recycling targets. 	CT
4.7 It was also noted that CT intended to review the commercial orange bag scheme to allow for the recycling of commercial waste.	
5.0 <u>WASTE CONTRACT PROCUREMENT UPDATE</u>	
5.1 Legal advice had been sought on further correspondence from Corys regarding concerns raised. The Working Party was given a brief update on the procurement project by the Project Lead.	
6.0 <u>MEMBER VISITS</u>	
6.1 CT canvassed opinion on acceptable days of the week for visits to waste processing facilities. Members agreed that half day visits would be appropriate.	
7.0 <u>SITE WASTE MANAGEMENT PLANS REGULATIONS 2008</u>	
7.1 The working party considered a report from the Waste Manager which advised members of the Site Waste Management Plans Regulations which came into force in April 2008, making Site Waste Management Plans compulsory for all construction projects in England costing over £300,000, with regard to its aims to increase the amount of construction waste that is recovered, reused, and	

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recycled and improve materials resource efficiency and prevent illegal waste activity by requiring that waste is disposed of appropriately and in accordance with the waste duty of care provisions. It was noted that enforcement powers were given to local authorities (this includes Waste Disposal Authorities, Waste Collection Authorities and Waste Planning Authorities) and the Environment Agency. These bodies already had a range of powers available to help tackle the illegal disposal of waste, therefore, Site Waste Management Plans would be added to existing local enforcement strategies as an additional tool for dealing with flytipping.

7.2 Members welcomed the regulations regarding reducing the impact of waste on the environment, but were concerned about excessive bureaucracy. The overlap in responsibility between Planning and Environmental Services was noted and CT reassured Members of her intention to work closely with the Development Control team.

7.3 It was

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:

That the Executive Director, Head of Environmental Services, and Waste Manager be authorised to accept Site Waste Management Plans and enforce compliance of these plans under the Site Waste Management Plans Regulations 2008.

8.0 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

8.1 It was agreed that future meeting dates would be set after the Annual Meeting.

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