

CUMBRIA STRATEGIC WASTE PARTNERSHIP

Minutes of a meeting of the CUMBRIA STRATEGIC WASTE PARTNERSHIP held on Wednesday, 14 September 2011 at 10.00 am at Cumbria Rural Enterprise Agency, Penrith

PRESENT

Mr T Knowles	(TK)	-	Cumbria County Council
Mr N Christian	(NC)		Cumbria County Council
Mr P Feehily	(PF)	-	Cumbria County Council
Mr T Markley	(TM)	-	Cumbria County Council
Mr M Gardner	(MG)	-	Carlisle City Council
Mr R Bloxham	(RB)	-	Carlisle City Council
Ms J Monk	(JM)	-	Eden District Council
Mr P Buckley	(PB)	-	Barrow Borough Council
Mr I Laird	(IL)	-	Barrow Borough Council
Mr B Sweeney	(BS)	-	Barrow Borough Council
Mr G Vincent	(GV)	-	South Lakeland District Council
Mr R Kitchen	(RK)	-	South Lakeland District Council
Mr E Davidson	(ED)	-	Allerdale Borough Council
Mr M Heaslip	(MH)	-	Allerdale Borough Council
Ms S Edwards	(SE)	-	Kinetic CS
Mr M Harrison	(MH)	-	Environment Agency
Mr J Westgarth	(JW)	-	Environment Agency

ACTION

1. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

The Partnership elected Mr Tim Knowles as Vice-Chair.

It was moved, seconded and

AGREED, that Mr T Knowles be elected as Vice-Chair of Cumbria Strategic Waste Partnership for the ensuing year.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mr M Tonkin, Mr C Doughty, Mrs C Feeney-Johnson and Mr A Holliday.

3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

All Council Members declared a personal interest in items of business relating to their local authorities.

4. CUMBRIA STRATEGIC WASTE PARTNERSHIP MINUTES

AGREED, that the minutes of the meeting of the Cumbria Strategic Waste Partnership held on 22 June 2011 be agreed as a correct record.

5. MATTERS ARISING

No issues

6. CUMBRIA STRATEGIC WASTE PARTNERSHIP OFFICER GROUP MINUTES

In respect of the garden waste framework contract, RB asked if P26 needed to be signed by everyone and P42 was understood by all. The members of the meeting were told that p26 and p42 related to technical points in the drafted document and these had been discussed with the solicitors.

There were no other issues it was agreed that the minutes of the Cumbria Strategic Waste Partnership Officer Group held on the 5th July and 10th August 2011 be noted.

7. ENHANCED PARTNERSHIP WORKING PROJECT UPDATE

The Partnership considered a report that had been prepared by Sarah Edwards, Project Manager (Kinetic CS) on behalf of the Enhanced Partnership Working (EPW) Delivery Team.

SE described the evaluation methodology and explained that the programme had been amended to allow greater Member involvement in the evaluation Officers would review the Project Elements on 22nd September prior to Members evaluation on 12th October. This would delay the programme by six weeks.

The proposal was generally welcomed and a discussion followed concerning whether some of the evaluation criteria should be weighted to reflect their relative importance.

It was noted that the quality criteria were not necessarily in step with one another e.g. an increase in enforcement action might result in a decrease in customer satisfaction.

A quality/finance weighting was suggested. It was suggested that this could be 60/40 as used in South Lakeland. It was noted that there may be differences in the approach to quality/finance weighting taken by each authority and that each authority would have to decide on their relative importance, but it was a purpose of the partnership to aim to achieve a common approach.

SE agreed to take these matters into account in the evaluation process. There will be quite a hefty volume of papers for Members to review for the 12th October meeting and will need to be distributed in good time. SE

IL reported that Barrow representation at the 12th October meeting will be 2 officers and 2 members to enable hand over to an officer and Member who would be new to the CSWP. There was some discussion as to whether there should be a limit to who attends and what level of representation was acceptable. TK noted that normal representation at the meeting is one member per authority with flexibility in officer support. Representation arrangements and what the members will be doing at the meeting will be clarified before the meeting

AGREED

Noted and agreed the six week delay in EPW Programme in order to allow greater member involvement in the evaluation of Project Elements

AGREED

Noted and agreed that Member representation will be present at the evaluation meeting on the 12th October.

8. CSWP - UPDATE

NC – presented the paper and distributed graphs illustrating trends in household waste collected and recycled over the last five years. The paper was in response to Members request for consideration being given to including Household Waste Recycling Centre data with District Council data to show the complete performance picture for each District Council. NC said that this could not be completely accurate because visitors to HWRC might travel from one District to another to deposit their waste. The data for 2010/11 shows that the relative positions of the Districts do not change when HWRC data is included, with the exception of Eden, which shows improved performance because the Flusco HWRC all recycling is carried out by the

operating contractor, while at the other HWRCs 'bring bank' recycling is carried out by the District Councils.

Waste reduction has improved by only 0.8%. and overall recycling and waste reduction has levelled off, because no significant new initiatives have been introduced in the last year.

NC reported that the County Council had purchased 8,000 tonnes of Landfill Allowance at 50p per tonne to meet its LATS obligation for 2010/11. The Council had also 'borrowed' 72 tonnes from 2011/12 to make up the balance. With the Hespin Wood MBT plant expected to open early in November 2011, the County will be able to deal with the allowance for this year although it might be tight. Commissioning of the plant is going well.

Members discussed differences between 'waste per head' and 'waste per household'. In areas with high occupancy waste per household would be relatively high. In areas with high numbers of second homes waste per household would be relatively low. IL pointed out that it is the tonnage that needs to come down. MH said that we need to understand what we want from the figures and what we are going to do with them.

RB – Asked NC and Officers to look at the data and develop a consistent approach.

NC/CSWPOG

RB – said that Shanks should be congratulated: all Carlisle rubbish is going there and when it comes out it is pelleted up. We need to show what happens when it come out of the process to remind people of what becomes of their rubbish.

Members discussed what the pellets were used for: they might be exported to Scotland or abroad because there are not enough companies nationally that can use them. Companies in Cumbria should be supported.

NC – to circulate the graphs electronically.

NC

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

PF – to confirm visit to Hespin Wood Eco Deco Plant scheduled for 4 October

PF reported progress the Systems Thinking review, in South Lakeland.

It is aimed at developing better waste management systems in SLDC through looking at a whole system and flows and how systems might be redesigned CWM, Shanks, SLDC and the County Council are working together on this project...

RK – the project is about to start, 9 applicants from CWM have been interviewed for roles in the project. High level public consultation – contact centres, roadside collections etc. Reduction in vehicle movement.

RB announced that Mike Gardner will be leaving the City Council. He is taking up a position with WRAP. He has been with the CSWP group from the beginning. The Chair wished him well with many thanks for all his contribution to CSWP.

JW – gave apologies for the Environment Agency not being at recent meetings and said that they would endeavour to attend in the future

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Dates for future meetings were agreed.

Environment Agency

The meeting ended 11.20 am