

Gloucestershire Waste Partnership

3rd June 2008

Venue: Meeting Rooms 2 & 3, Shire Hall

Notes of meeting

Present

Cllr Stan Waddington (JSW) Andy Pritchard (AP) Tony Childs (TC) Tracey Dembenski (TD) Jo Walker (JW) Cllr Mark Tufnell (MT) Cllr Libby Bird (LB) Chris Bosley (CB) Karen Toole (KT)	Katherine Webb (KW) Paul Massey (PM) Rob Bell (RB) Trevor Light (TL) Steve Morgan (SM) Steve Briscoe (SB) Martin Quaile (MQ) Victoria Wathen (VW)
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Apologies for absence

Ralph Young (RY) Carlos Novoth (CN) Roger Garbbet (RG) Graham Lewis (GL) Chris Shaw (CS) Councillor J Mason (JM)	
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1. Notes of previous meeting (12.03.2008)

Notes of previous meeting were agreed and actions completed.

AP 19th June - Visit at Tesco's Head Office, Cheshunt in Hertfordshire.

Members seminar on joint working arranged and date confirmed Monday 16th June 2008.

It was suggested that GWP should develop a branding to promote the partnership.

Action: TC will progress branding and update at next meeting.

2. Freedom of Information Protocol

Victoria Wathen gave a presentation on FoI/EiR and answered questions.

It was agreed that;

1. The draft minutes will be available to the 'recycle for Gloucestershire' website within 20 days of the meeting.

2. Any Fol/EiR requests regarding GWP activities will be handled by GCC.
3. GCC will consult partners on any requests before information is issued.

3. Action Plan Update

There was a roundtable update on current and planned actions by all partners.

Cotswolds

The collections made in Cowley and Coberley are reduced residual rubbish by 9 tonnes per week and increasing the recycling rate from 43% – 65%. In April a charge of £30.00 was introduced for the collection of garden waste and food waste containers were issued to all residents. Fortnightly residual collections will now commence on 23rd June across the District.

Gloucester City

A new Director has been appointed and will be starting in July 2008. The garden waste bins have been distributed across the City, and they expect to start depot re-development in Autumn 2008, once development is complete the re-designed service will be rolled out.

Tewkesbury

Successful negotiations have taken place with TC re incentive payments. The re -designed service as previously described is scheduled to be presented to Executive Committee on 16th July.

Cheltenham

A change of administration has taken place so there will be a period of reflection during which RB will be meet members to agree the way forward on any service changes.

- Swindon Rd site is now registered to receive WEEE items. Recycled 330 tonnes between Nov – Mar.
- Two road shows happened; Montpellier Fun Day and May Day event on global sustainability and climate change.
- 21 schools have been signed up by the community champions to collect yellow pages. Champions are also considering a plastic bag amnesty scheme.
- RB would be happy to share and discuss the community champion schemes with other districts.

Action: RB to co-ordinate an operational review of tetra pack recycling before any promotional activity is undertaken.

Stroud

KT gave an update on the very successful Stanley's trial and how Stroud is now considering the future of the service.

Forest of Dean

MQ reiterated that this year FoD were working on increasing dry recycling and how they are considering a 'champions' type project to assist in this work. They are intending to make a decision on the future design of the service in the autumn.

Gloucestershire CC

AP gave an update of the Home Composting and Real Nappies contracts in support of 'top of hierarchy' actions. National Recycling Week promotions have been ongoing throughout the week and is generating significant media interest. TC reported that negotiations with each individual district with regard to the incentives scheme are progressing well.

4. Residual Waste Project Update

The outline business case was submitted to DEFRA on 30th April 2008. The OBC can be accessed through the GCC website.

Consultations are taking place during the summer to allow GCC to establish the evaluation criteria for the project.

Phase 1 – A questionnaire available via the website.

Phase 2 – Detailed workshop sessions will be taking place.

Action: GCC 'Joint working' motion will be sent as an attachment to the minutes (TD).

Action: KT asked that KW provide more detail on how Stroud will be consulted.

5. JIB Update

An update was presented and will be attached to the minutes of the meeting.

Action: JIB Report to be added to the minutes as an attachment (TD).

6. Landfill Trading Scheme Presentation

Was deferred and will be presented at the next GWP meeting.

7. Communications Planning Update

AP gave an update on the joint planning on communications in particular the 'recycle for Gloucestershire' website will be enhanced and the site will be funded jointly by the partners at a cost of £9,000 pa.

Action: AP to circulate the hit rate scores to GWP members.

Any Other Business

- The adopted joint strategy – AP is still trying to find a date to get a joint signature by all leaders.
- Zero waste week was discussed and there was concern about the date being brought forward in September 2008. AP to consider best date for Gloucestershire.

Action: AP to get Leaders (and Chief Executives if possible) to sign JMWMS. If not, fall back will be GWP members to sign at next meeting.

Future Meetings

- 10 September 2008, Meeting Rooms 2 and 3, Shire Hall
- 3 December 2008, Meeting Rooms 2 and 3, Shire Hall