

Gloucestershire Waste Partnership

18th March 2009

Venue: Members Room, Shire Hall



Notes of meeting

Present

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| Cllr Stan Waddington (JSW) Jo Walker (JW) Andy Pritchard (AP) Tracey Gates (TG) Cllr Mark Tufnell (MT) Cllr Libby Bird (LB) Cllr Steve Morgan (SM) Cllr Paul Massey (PM) Carlos Novoth Ralph Young (RY) | Rob Bell (RB) Trevor Light (TL) Steve Briscoe (SB) Cllr Martin Quaile (MQ) Cllr Jim Mason (JM) Cllr Steve Jordan (SJ) Stephen Perkins (SP) Colin Studholme – VCS rep. |
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Apologies for absence

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| Tony Childs (TC) Roger Garbett (RG) | |
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Presentation from VCS

Colin Studholme from Gloucester Wildlife Trust gave a presentation on behalf of the Voluntary Community Sector assembly. The purpose was to propose that VCS are given a formal seat or representation on GWP.

Colin Studholme left the meeting and GWP discussed the range of options that may be available. No formal decision was reached, but actions were agreed to look into the possible options.

Action: JW to investigate options further.

1. Notes and actions of last meeting (03.12.08)

No amendments to the minutes.

Actions from meeting on 03.12.08;

1.1 Joint Officer Group to discuss/agree schedule 2 waste charging policy.

AP gave an update. LGA lobbying has resulted in DEFRA agreeing to review the legislation. No timeline has been agreed, but a consultation may be expected within the year.

1.2 Gloucestershire CC Booking System for Vans

MT and MQ expressed a view that changes were not communicated very well and some confusion amongst the public has been voiced. It was suggested that press releases should be sent to districts prior to issue.

Action: TC to circulate summary of HRC comms activities and a copy of the latest press release.

Action: MQ to feedback to JW details of specific complaints or comments.

2. JIB Update

RY provided an update on progress with the JIB Joint Working project, and outlined the early stages of the project that would put in place the governance migration strategy. JIB meets on Friday 20th March to progress the project and establish a detailed project plan for the short term.

Action: RY to report to JIB on Friday 20th March and agree future arrangements moving forward.

Action: RY to circulate the update to GWP members prior to making arrangements for GWP to participate in the governance migration.

3. Current Service Updates

Each authority provided an update on current and planned services.

Cotswolds

The new collection service is now bedded in and delivering high performance results. However high costs remain an issue and work is continuing with the contractor to modify the operations in order to minimise these costs. Currently the garden waste collection licences are being distributed for 2009/10 and uptake remains high.

Gloucester City

Proposals for a new service, which will include weekly food waste collection, are being developed. The service will include new collection banks for cardboard. No decision has yet been made by council, but it is hoped that decisions can be made which will allow the service to be introduced in the autumn.

Tewkesbury

Relocation of operations to the Cheltenham depot is underway. Proposals for a new collection service will be presented to their member's on 19th March 2009. The service will involve procurement of a new fleet and the introduction

of food waste collections on a weekly basis, alongside new kerbside collections of plastics and cardboard.

Cheltenham

Proposals for a new collection service, which would have included a charge for garden waste collection, were voted against by council in December. Officers are now reviewing their options for a future step change in service delivery, but in the meantime will press ahead with the introduction of light cardboard kerbside collections.

Stroud

The Stanleys collection trial will end in April. Cabinet have decided against proposals to roll-out the scheme due to unaffordability in the current economic climate. A focus on community based schemes to include community composting, and the introduction of mixed-plastic bring banks will provide short-term improvements before the collection of food waste is reconsidered.

Forest of Dean

A new collection scheme, to include weekly food & garden waste, and alternate weekly dry-recyclable and residual has been approved by cabinet.

Before this scheme introduction commences work is underway to establish arrangements for the contractor to deliver the new service up to 2012. Decisions concerning the procurement process for this are currently being made by the council. It is hoped that the new service will be started during 2009/10.

Gloucestershire CC

The framework contract for composting mixed food and garden waste concludes its procurement phase on the 23rd March for a contract commencement on 8th April. Separate call-off arrangements will be made for each district. HRC site licensing for asbestos is proceeding. HRC's should be in a position to accept asbestos later in the summer. Zero Waste Week was reported as being a success, with 270 feedback forms returned. Analysis of the results is currently underway. 'Love Food Hate Waste' was a popular theme during Zero Waste Week and will remain a key campaign focus during 2009.

4. Residual Waste Project Update

Javelin Park has been acquired, but it was stressed that this approach was a requirement of PFI funding and did not mean that it was a preferred option for siting a residual waste facility or facilities. Bidders will bring forward their own proposals and it was reiterated that no decisions on either site or type of facility have been made by the County Council. The industry day was held in

February and procurement has now commenced. The process is currently at PQQ stage.

5. Approval of 2009/10 Joint Strategy Action Plans.

This item could not be concluded due to lack of time. The approval process will be carried forward to the next Joint Officer meeting (25th March) and concluded with GWP via email.

Action: District Councils to send action plans to Gloucestershire County Council for distribution prior to the 25th March.

Action: Officers to conclude action planning and gain approval by GWP via email.

6. AOB

JSW asked if the Member's car park could be reserved for car parking for GWP members at future meetings.

Action: TG to arrange.

Future Meetings

- 25th June 2009 Meeting Room 2, Shire Hall 14:00 – 16:00
- 23rd September 2009 Meeting Room 2, Shire Hall 14:00 – 16:00
- 16th December 2009 Member's Room, Shire Hall 14:00 – 16:00