

Minutes of the Kent Resource Partnership's Members Board 2pm on Thursday 25 February 2016

Brave Room, Dover District Council, White Cliffs Business Park, Dover, Kent CT16 3PJ

In attendance – Members

Cllr Rory Love	Shepway District Council
Cllr Clair Bell	Ashford Borough Council
Cllr Arron Bardoe	Dartford Borough Council
Cllr Nick Kenton	Dover District Council
Cllr Sandra Garside	Gravesham Borough Council
Cllr Matthew Balfour	Kent County Council
Cllr Marion Ring	Maidstone Borough Council
Cllr Stuart Peall	Shepway District Council
Cllr David Simmons	Swale Borough Council
Cllr Ronen Basu	Tunbridge Wells Borough Council

In attendance – Officers

Tracey Butler	Ashford Borough Council
Peter Davies	Canterbury City Council
Dave Thomas	Dartford Borough Council
Roger Walton	Dover District Council and Shepway District Councils
Mandy Pile	Dover District Council and Shepway District Councils
Stuart Alford	Gravesham Borough Council
David Beaver	Kent County Council
Hannah Allard	Kent County Council
Nichola Hood	Kent County Council
Paldeep Bhatti	Kent Resource Partnership
Jennifer Shepherd	Maidstone Borough Council
Richard Wilson	Sevenoaks District Council
Geoff Dunne	Thanet District Council
Dennis Gardner	Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council
Gary Stevenson	Tunbridge Wells Borough Council

In attendance – Invited Speakers/Officers

Dr Anna Willetts	Dentons Solicitors
Sam Corp	Environmental Services Association
Julian Cook	Kent County Council (Highways)
Andrew Hutchinson	Kent County Council (Public Rights of Way)
Paul Vanston	South Cambridgeshire DC and Cambridge City Council

1	Apologies for Absence
	<p>Apologies for absence for Councillors were received from Cllr Alan Pickering (Ashford BC), Cllr Neil Baker and Cllr Joe Howes (Canterbury CC), Cllr Keith Kelly (Dartford BC), Cllr Clive Pearman (Kent CC), Cllr Matthew Dickens and Cllr Kim Bayley (Sevenoaks DC), Cllr Sue Gent (Swale BC), Cllr Suzanne Brimm (Thanet DC) and Cllr Jill Anderson (Tonbridge & Malling BC).</p> <p>Apologies for absence for Officers were received from Julie Rogers (Ashford BC, represented by Tracey Butler), David Ford (Canterbury CC, represented by Peter Davies), Nick Brown (Gravesham BC, represented by Stuart Alford), Dave Thomas and Alan Turner (Swale BC), Gavin Waite (Thanet DC, represented by Geoff Dunne) and Robert Styles (Tonbridge & Malling BC).</p>

2	Chairman's Announcements
	<p>Members noted the following updates: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Richard Wilson (Sevenoaks DC) and Stuart Alford (GBC) were re-elected as KRP OAG Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively. Elections took place at the KRP OAG meeting on 4 February were both would be in their respective roles for two years as per the changes reflected in the KRP's Operating Framework. • Paldeep Bhatti (KRP) was successfully appointed as KRP Manager. Four candidates were shortlisted and took part in an intensive recruitment day consisting of an interview, a pre-prepared presentation, report writing scenario, role play scenario and lunchtime 'speed dating' exercise. Recruitment was already under way for the vacant KRP Projects Officer role. • Paldeep Bhatti (KRP) and Kelly Upson (Swale BC) had been successful in being co-opted onto the LARAC Executive. Both officers would join Mandy Pile (Dover DC & Shepway DC) on the Exec and between the three would represent the interests of the KRP on national waste/resources issues from a local authority perspective. • On behalf of the KRP, special thanks and best wishes were given to Paul Vanston for all of his support and work over the last eight years as KRP Manager. • Lastly Members received a warm welcome to the East of Kent and on behalf of Members; Dover DC was thanked for hosting the meeting.
3	Speakers on 'Right Waste, Right Place' and Health & Safety Responsibilities for Councils and Individuals
	<p>Members received presentations from two key speakers; Sam Corp, Head of Regulation at the Environmental Services Association (ESA) and Dr Anna Willetts, Associate at Dentons Solicitors.</p> <p>The key themes for Sam Corp's presentation included tackling waste crime as a priority, the importance of duty of care and a new awareness campaign called, 'Right Waste, Right Place'. Dr Anna Willetts presentation looked at health & safety responsibilities for councils/individuals including the application of sentencing guidelines. It was outlined what these guidelines were, how they worked along with a number of recent case studies.</p> <p>Both presentations received would be distributed to KRP Members and Officers after the meeting by the KRP Manager.</p>
4	Minutes of Meeting held on 19 November 2015
	<p>Agreed by Members.</p>
5	Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy
	<p>Members received a short presentation on KCC's Waste Disposal Strategy. Members were provided with a timeline of activities as well as the Waste Disposal Strategy's latest workings to date. It was clear there was an appreciation the Waste Disposal Strategy would look to dovetail with the Kent Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy. Within the suggested timeline it was highlighted a District Development Workshop had been organised for 10 March. This would allow all districts the opportunity to provide their thoughts on the draft strategy document in advance of taking to KCC's Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee in May for 'consultation stage' – this approach was welcomed by Members.</p> <p>An update on the European agenda was highlighted with the European Commission (EU) recently publishing proposals that would change the European Waste Framework Directive 2009 that is transposed into UK law. Extensive debates, and changes, was to be expected in the European Parliament, with the Council of Ministers, and within Members States over the next two years before a new Directive could be expected. The additional issue of the upcoming EU Referendum was also raised as another factor in the delay of refreshing Kent's current KJMWMS after these issues had been resolved.</p>

	<p>On behalf of Members, Cllr Love thanks Kent CC colleagues for the update on its Disposal Strategy and welcomed any further reports/updates at future KRP meetings throughout the year ahead.</p> <p>The following recommendations were agreed by Members: -</p> <p>Invitations to the District Development Workshop on 10 March would be extended to all KRP Members immediately after the meeting.</p> <p>The refresh of Kent’s Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy would be held off until 2017/18 at the earliest for the reasons outlined within the meeting.</p> <p>KRP would contribute 50% (£4k) towards the costs incurred on KCC’s Waste Disposal Strategy during 2015/16. The principle of a 50/50 split on costs between KRP and KCC was also agreed for 2016/17, subject to the KRP Manager and/or district colleagues being involved in the tender process for any further that was commissioned. (A cap of £10k was agreed)</p>
6	Joint Flytipping Protocol
	<p>Julian Cook (Kent CC) provided an update on the Joint Flytipping Protocol which had been trialled Kent-wide for the past 11 months. The two main drivers which were drawn upon was the consistent approach across Kent as well as the customer satisfactory experience when reporting Flytipping.</p> <p>The following recommendations were agreed by Members: -</p> <p>All 13 Kent councils’ to agree the trial arrangements and become the permanent way of working for reporting and clearing fly-tipped material from the public highway. This would be supported using councils’ own decision-making procedures, with a view of implementing the permanent arrangements from 1 April 2016.</p> <p>The recent changes to KCC’s Public Rights of Way (PROW) were welcomed and would be kept under review in 2016/17, with regular monitoring to take place at future KRP Streetscene Project Group meetings.</p> <p>A more consistent approach to disposal of special and hazardous waste would be explored by the KRP Streetscene Project Group as part of the next phase of the protocol in 2016/17.</p>
7	TEEP: Environment Agency’s Report & Survey Results
	<p>Members noted the conclusions pages of Environmental Agency’s report on how English waste collection authorities (WCAs) were implementing regulations 13(3), in part 5 of the Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011. It was noted there being no substantial changes in practice with 283 responses received to the survey. 38 WCAs had not submitted their assessments with Environmental Agency colleagues likely to engage with these WCA’s as a high priority.</p>
8	Residual Waste Audits: Presentation of Initial Findings
	<p>Due to time constraints, it was agreed this item would be deferred to the next KRP Members Board.</p>
9	WRAP-KRP Communications Project: Delivery
	<p>Due to time constraints, it was agreed this item would be deferred to the next KRP Members Board.</p>

10	KRP End Destinations Publication 2014/15
	<p>Members were provided with the latest KRP End Destinations Publication for 2014/15. The following process was also outlined: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sep 15 to Nov 15: KRP staff produced a first draft publication based upon three main sources of data; Waste Data Flow in terms of summary information on data inputted by the 13 Kent councils, Kent CC as the primary source for tonnage information and residual waste destinations and; waste management companies in relation to countries of end destinations. • Dec 15: Defra’s national waste statistics for 2014/15 were made available. • 15 Dec 15 to 8 Jan 16: The KRP Resident Communications Project Group were asked to review the publication from each councils’ own perspective as well as ensuring latest service information was up to date for 2014/15. • 4 Feb 16: The latest draft publication was discussed at the KRP Officers Advisory Group meeting. <p>Members approved the KRP’s End Destinations Publication for 2014/15 and agreed for the publication to be uploaded on the KRP’s webpages. It was also agreed a KRP press release would be made available to waste/resource industry highlighting the key headlines from 2014/15’s End Destinations Publication at the appropriate time.</p>
11	KRP Budget 2015/16
	Noted by Members.
12	Partnership Performance
	Noted by Members.
13	KRP Annual Conference – Thursday 22 September
	<p>Members noted the new KRP Annual Conference date of Thursday 22 September. The theme for the conference would look to be around even better partnership working, tackling issues of local/national importance, and communicating effectively with the public in the most efficient ways that secure best value. The suggest title was therefore agreed as ‘Fitter, Litter and Twitter KRP Annual Conference.</p> <p>Further progress on the organisation of the upcoming KRP Annual Conference would be made available at the next meeting.</p>
14	AoB
	<p>A social media app called ‘Littergram’ was raised to Members by TMBC colleagues. The app looked to encourage residents to report litter/Flytipping incidents online. TMBC highlighted they had worked closely with the creator of Littergram to ensure councils’ had the appropriate framework in place to deal with the reports generated via the backend of the app.</p> <p>The consistent littering on the A20 was also raised by Cllr Peall as an issue for the KRP to consider at the next meeting.</p> <p>There being no further business the meeting finished at 4pm.</p>