
KENT RESOURCE PARTNERSHIP: MEMBERS BOARD
2pm on Thursday 17 November 2016
Committee Room, Tonbridge & Malling BC, West Malling, Kent ME19 4LZ

In attendance – Members

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| Cllr Rory Love | Shepway District Council |
| Cllr Arron Bardoe | Dartford Borough Council |
| Cllr Nick Kenton | Dover District Council |
| Cllr Clive Pearman | Kent County Council |
| Cllr Matthew Dickens | Sevenoaks District Council |
| Cllr Jill Anderson | Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council |
| Cllr Ronen Basu | Tunbridge Wells Borough Council |

In attendance – Officers

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| Dave Thomas | Dartford Borough Council |
| 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 |
| Yaw Kwateng | Kent Resource Partnership |
| Richard Wilson | Sevenoaks District Council |
| Dave Thomas | Swale Borough Council |
| Geoff Dunne | Thanet District Council |
| Robert Styles | Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council |
| Dennis Gardner | Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council |
| Gary Stevenson | Tunbridge Wells Borough Council |

| 1 | Apologies for Absence |
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| | <p>Apologies for absence for Councillors were received from Cllr Clair Bell & Cllr Alan Pickering (Ashford BC); Cllr Neil Baker & Cllr Joe Howes (Canterbury CC); Cllr Sandra Garside (Gravesham BC); Cllr Matthew Balfour (Kent CC, represented by Cllr Clive Pearman); Cllr Marion Ring (Maidstone BC); Cllr Stuart Peall (Shepway DC); Cllr David Simmons & Cllr Sue Gent (Swale BC); Cllr Suzanne Brimm (Thanet DC) and Cllr David Lettington (Tonbridge & Malling BC).</p> <p>Apologies for absence for Officers were received from Julie Rogers (Ashford BC); David Ford (Canterbury CC); Roger Walton & Mandy Pile (Dover DC & Shepway DC); Nick Brown (Gravesham BC, represented by Stuart Alford); Jennifer Shepherd (Maidstone BC) and Gavin Waite (Thanet DC represented by Geoff Dunne).</p> |

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| 2 | Presentation: Highways England re. Litter on Kent's high speed roads |
| | <p>Members noted a brief presentation from Highways England's Wayne Moore (Customer Network Manager) and Ian Eldred (Aone+ Programmer). The presentation reflected on the recent change of contractor to 'Area 4' with Aone+ taking over the contract earlier on in the Summer. The presentation also enabled Members to gain a valuable insight into Highways England's current processes to littering along the network as well as noting their current approaches to dealing with litter hotspots. The presentation concluded with Highways England highlighting their four weekly schedules as an opportunity for Kent councils to use and piggyback on planned traffic management in the future. Highways England colleagues noted the key operational issues to this practically and recognised smarter communications between themselves and the 13 Kent councils was necessary going forward. Highways England also reiterated their desire to provide continued support to future 'Love Kent, Hate Litter' initiatives.</p> <p>Members welcome the overall presentation and opportunity for Kent Councils' to use Highway England's four weekly schedules – it was agreed this would be a 'good basis for stronger joint working' which would be taken forward via the KRP Streetscene Project Group. This approach was also recognised as a starting point for a strategic partnership with Highways England with the overarching aim to build a culture whereby litter in Kent was not tolerated.</p> |
| 3 | Minutes of Meeting held on 07 July 2016 |
| | Minutes agreed. |
| 4 | Partnership Business Plan (PBP) & Partnership Risk Plan (PRP) 2016/17 |
| | <p>Members received progress updates on each of the respective activities outlined within the PBP for 2016/17, led by the KRP Manager. This also offered opportunities for Members to influence the Partnership's activities for the remainder of the year.</p> <p>Members agreed the following recommendations:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The key objectives of a communications campaign focussed on food waste and for the KRP Resident Communications Project Group to deliver the campaign within the remainder of 2016/17. • The KRP to become Ambassadors of the 'Right Waste, Right Place' campaign. • To set up a 'Kent Environmental Crime Practitioners' Working Group which aimed to assist colleagues across the 13 Kent councils who deal with Flytipping issues 'on the ground'. • To note progress made on all other activities within the PBP & PRP. |

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| 5 | WRAP's Framework for Greater Consistency in Household Recycling in England |
| | <p>The KRP Manager highlighted to Members the recent launch of WRAP's framework which outlined its vision for 'greater consistency in household recycling in England'. Members also noted WRAP supplemented the launch with three case studies which were considered models of good practice nationally. Members were delighted that the East/Mid Kent projects was considered and chosen as part of the launch with the full case study provided to Members for reference.</p> <p>The KRP Manager also highlighted WRAP had planned to use £1million of its existing Defra funding to support councils in England to assess the business case for greater consistency – this information had been shared at the most recent LARAC conference on 12 October. Members noted West Kent councils' were in the process of submitting an 'Expression of Interest' bid to see if there were any potential opportunities to work jointly with WRAP.</p> |
| 6 | East, Mid, West & Kent CC – Updates |
| | <p>Members received updates from the following clusters, where appropriate:-</p> <p>East Kent: No major issues reported.</p> <p>Mid Kent: No major issues reported.</p> <p>West Kent: As noted within the PBP, the three West Kent Districts (Dartford BC, Tonbridge & Malling BC and Tunbridge Wells BC) along with Kent CC continued to evaluate the latest modelling worked carried out by Waste Consulting LLP. Further updates would be raised to Members at the appropriate times.</p> <p>Kent CC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The forecast for Kent tonnage would likely be increase towards 720,000 tonnes. • Performance of Kent tonnage being sent away from landfill continued to be positive with it being recorded provisionally at 1.3% for the most recent quarter. • Church Marshes - now opened with bridge works completed. • North Farm - now opened since fire. Kent CC colleagues took the opportunity to thank Sevenoaks DC and Tunbridge Wells BC for their patience and would continue to keep those officers appropriately briefed on any recovery works. |
| 7 | Partnership Budget 2016/17 - Update on Project Spend |
| | <p>The KRP Manager provided an update on the Partnership's budget to date. With indicative figures provided at the previous cycle of meetings, the planned spend for each of the Project Groups' reflected more accurate costs. This also aligned with the activities outlined within the PBP for 2016/17.</p> <p>Members agreed for £10k to be allocated to an independent progress review for the East/Mid Kent projects. This had been recommended by officers following on from working with WRAP on its case study for greater consistency. With both projects well into delivery and appropriately half way; it was considered an opportune moment to reflect and seek any advice on improvements up to the end of both contracts.</p> |

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| 8 | Partnership Performance |
| | <p>Members noted latest Partnership performance which showed the Kent-wide recycling rate for 2015/16 likely to be recorded by Defra at 44.10%. This dipped slightly compared to the previous year though resonated with recycling rates nationally with nine of the top ten recycling performers also declining. Members noted stronger performance when sending Kent's tonnage away from landfill with 2015/16's figure recorded at 6.5% compared to the previous year of 11.1%.</p> |
| 9 | KRP Meetings up to 2019 |
| | <p>Members noted the KRP meetings up to 2019.</p> <p>With the last KRP Annual Conference successfully working in September, Members agreed for the future KRP Annual Conferences to be held on Friday 22 September 2017; Thursday 20 September 2018; and Thursday 19 September 2019.</p> |
| 10 | AoB |
| | <p>On behalf of the Partnership, the KRP Chairman expressed best wishes to Julie Rogers of Ashford BC who would be changing roles to become the Head of Environment for Thurrock Council. Julie's role within the successes of the Mid Kent project was clearly recognised by KRP Members and Officers.</p> |

