

Minutes of the Kent Resource Partnership's Members Board

2pm on Thursday 26 February 2015

Civic Suite, Tonbridge & Malling BC, Gibson Drive, King's Hill, ME19 4LZ

In attendance – Members

Cllr Paul Barrington-King
Cllr Jessamy Blanford
Cllr Rosemary Doyle
Cllr Matthew Balfour
Cllr Avril Hunter
Cllr Rory Love
Cllr David Simmons
Cllr Sue Gent
Cllr Brian Luker

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council
Ashford Borough Council
Canterbury City Council
Kent County Council
Sevenoaks District Council
Shepway District Council
Swale Borough Council
Swale Borough Council
Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council

In attendance – Officers

Jonathan Longley
Chris Wallis
Dave Thomas
Roger Walton
Stuart Alford
Melanie Price
Paul Vanston
Paldeep Bhatti
Gary Stevenson

Ashford Borough Council
Canterbury City Council
Dartford Borough Council
Dover District Council and Shepway District Council
Gravesham Borough Council
Kent County Council
Kent Resource Partnership
Kent Resource Partnership
Maidstone Borough Council and
Tunbridge Wells Borough Council
Sevenoaks District Council
Swale Borough Council
Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council

Richard Wilson
Dave Thomas
Dennis Gardner

Guest Presenter

Dr Jane Beasley

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1	Apologies for Absence
	<p>Apologies for absence for councillors were received from Cllr Tony Martin (Dartford BC), Cllr Nick Kenton (Dover DC), Cllr Andrea Webb (Gravesham BC), Cllr David Brazier (Kent CC), Cllr Marion Ring (Maidstone BC), Cllr Robert Piper (Sevenoaks DC and represented by Cllr Avril Hunter), and Cllr Mike Harrison (Thanet DC).</p> <p>Apologies for absence for officers were received from Mark Carty (Ashford BC and represented by Jonathan Longley), David Ford (Canterbury CC and represented by Chris Wallis), Roger Wilkin (Kent CC and represented by Melanie Price), Gavin Waite (Thanet DC) and Robert Styles (Tonbridge & Malling BC and represented by Dennis Gardner).</p>

2	Chairman's Announcements
	<p>The Chairman, Cllr Paul Barrington-King highlighted three key matters to Members: -</p> <p>Firstly, the tragic news of Aylesford Newsprint Ltd going into administration at the start of the week. Some 300 Kent jobs were being lost in addition to important capacity in the paper recycling industry. Members agreed the publication of a KRP statement on the situation, which had been prepared by the KRP Manager. The Chairman welcomed that support for the statement had been secured from national organisations including the Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP), the Chartered Institution of Wastes Management (CIWM), the Government's Advisory Committee on Packaging (ACP), the Resource Association (RA), the Environmental Services Association (ESA), the Local Government Association (LGA), the National Association of Waste Disposal Officers (NAWDO) and Local Authority Recycling Advisory Committee (LARAC). Members approved the publication of the statement to the media and others.</p> <p>Secondly, Roger Walton (Dover DC and Shepway DC) had been recently appointed to the Government's Advisory Committee on Packaging (ACP) in the position of a council expert relating to consumer perspectives. The ACP's agenda was important to councils through its work on packaging and funding reforms. On behalf of Members, the Chairman congratulated Roger on his appointment.</p> <p>Thirdly, Mark Seed (Thanet DC) had recently left his role as director of operational services. The Chairman recognised the extensive and valuable contributions Mark had given to TDC and to the Partnership over many years and asked that the Board's best wishes for the future be passed on.</p>
3	Minutes of Meeting held on 10 December 2014
	Minutes agreed by Members.
4	KCC's Review on Fly Tipping and Enforcement
	Members noted the extensive work between the 13 councils to agree a Fly Tipping protocol with effect from 1 st April 2015. Each district council would be the single point of contact for all residents in that district for issues relating to fly tipping. The protocol would be kept under review to ensure that the new measures worked well for every district. A much wider discussion took place on the need to raise the priority of litter measures across the whole county, and the value of partnership working between the councils and with others (e.g. Highways England, Network Rail and fast food outlets) to deliver results.
5	Partnership Review
	<p>Dr Jane Beasley provided a summary presentation of the eight recommendations put forward within the KRP's Independent Review Report.</p> <p>Members agreed all of the recommendations as follows: -</p> <p>A). All eight recommendations of Dr Beasley's Review Report be accepted.</p> <p>B). A Task and Finish Group was agreed to be set-up immediately to take forward Dr Beasley's recommendations A1, A2, B1, B2 and C3. Solutions would be considered by the Officers Advisory Group (OAG) meeting due in June 2015 and then the KRP Members Board in July 2015. Any OAG officers wishing to help take forward this important work were very welcome to do so.</p>

	<p>C). Financial contributions to the KRP Core Budget would revert to their pre-2013 levels with effect from 1st April 2015, namely £50k from Kent CC and £60k from the districts (£5k per district).</p> <p>D). With reference to Dr Beasley's recommendation C2 (hosting of the partnership staff) it was agreed that any council wishing to express an interest in becoming (or retaining) host authority status would need to submit this in writing to Richard Wilson, Chair of the OAG, by 5pm on Wednesday 04 March 2015. Expressions should say the level of interest including whether that council's Chief Executive had offered firm support in consultation with Members. Officers would then review the expressions and determine the most practicable solution taking account of the needs of the partnership staff. Members agreed the new arrangements needed to be expedited as soon as is possible.</p> <p>On behalf of the KRP's Members and Officers, Cllr Paul Barrington-King thanked and congratulated Dr Jane Beasley on such a comprehensive, robust and credible report and recommendations. The Chairman felt this valuable work by Dr Beasley, Members and officers would ensure the KRP retained its status as one of the country's top performing partnerships, and provide a springboard to even greater local and national success.</p>
6	EU & National Legislation: Necessity Tests and TEEP Assessments
	Members noted the summary of the recent assessments, particularly the need to take forward audits of residual waste after the local elections, and support residents' communications. These were likely to be the major areas of spend after the local elections for the new Members Board.
7	West Kent Project Group: Update
	Members noted the progress to date and the need for series of important issues in terms of future negotiations between the two tiers to be settled in the short term
8	KRP Budget Summary
	Members noted the budget summary and that any change of host authority would require the KRP's Reserve, and any other KRP funds, to be transferred to the new host authority.
9	Partnership Performance Summary
	Members noted the performance summary.
10	12 March 2015: 11:30am, KRP Annual Conference
	Members were provided an update on arrangements for the KRP Annual Conference on 12 March 2015. Suggestions made by Members in the December 2014 meeting had been actioned, which Members were pleased with. This included securing the Chair of WRAP, the Chair of the ACP, the Deputy Director for Resource Management at Defra, the Executive Director of the ESA and experts on behavioural change from Ipsos Mori and Copper Consulting. The entire programme was focused on putting customers at the heart of the resource agenda, which was welcomed by Members.
11	AoB
	Cllr Rory Love highlighted that the resource industry had very recently voted nationally for their top 100 most influential people. It was with a huge sense of pride that Cllr Love confirmed the KRP Manager had been voted at position number 11. This was a remarkable achievement, and rightful recognition of the KRP's industry and local government leadership.

