
KRP Members Board
14:00 to 15:00 – 9th February 2023
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Minutes

Attendees	
Name	District
Councillors:	
Cllr Nicholas Kenton	Dover District Council
Cllr Margot McArthur	Sevenoaks DC
Cllr Julian Saunders	Swale BC
Officers:	
Sarah Randall	Canterbury CC
Roger Wragg	Dover and Folkestone and Hythe DC
Dave Thomas	Dartford BC
Stuart Alford	Gravesham BC
Sally Ward	Kent Resource Partnership
Kate Morris	Kent Resource Partnership
Nichola Hood	Kent County Council
Hannah Allard	Kent County Council
Jennifer Stevens	Maidstone BC
James Moultrie	Sevenoaks DC
Martyn Cassell	Swale BC
David Campbell-Lenaghan	Tonbridge and Malling BC
Gary Stevenson	Tunbridge Wells BC

Apologies	
Name	District
Councillors:	
Matthew Forest	Ashford BC
William Howard	Ashford BC
Andrew Cook	Canterbury CC
Steve Brown	Dartford BC
Susan Carey	Kent County Council
Tony Hill	Kent County Council
Martin Round	Maidstone BC

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Piers Montague	Tonbridge and Malling BC
Officers:	
Ian Dudding	Dover and Folkestone and Hythe DC
Roger Walton	Dover and Folkestone and Hythe DC
David Beaver	Kent County Council
Mike Humber	Thanet DC
Matthew Sanham	Thanet DC
Robert Styles	Tonbridge and Malling BC

Item No.	Agenda item / minutes
2	<p>Waste Strategy and Local Partnerships update- Stuart (GBC) gave an update on the opportunity for free waste consultancy support. This has been taken to the chief executives and agreed. It has been proposed that this additional support should be used to progress the KRP forward and help form the starting position for our new strategy. There is a workshop with KRP officers directly after this meeting (9th February) to start gathering information and data. The support will include a couple workshops between the chief executives and dive into our waste data.</p> <p>Cllr Kenton asked if Stuart (GBC) had any more detail to share but at this stage there isn't. The local partnership work should be done by the end of March 2023. The main strategy consultancy work should take place after the local elections in May and more detail will be taken to the next KRP Members board in July.</p>
3	<p>Packaging and Collections Reforms- Stuart (GBC) provided an update on the government consultations. We are still waiting for the consistency response and how the reforms will affect the councils in Kent. The two local authorities that don't currently collect food waste will be required to collect separate food waste under the new regulations. The Extended Producer Responsibility consultation response was released last year and the start date for EPR is looking like April 2024.</p> <p>The Deposit Return Scheme consultation response was released in January 2023. The scheme will be all-in with drink containers 50-300 litres and aluminium and steel cans included. England and Northern Island will not be including glass, but Wales and Scotland are including glass. Defra have set high collection targets with 90% collection rate to be achieved within three years of first reporting the scheme. They have not set any recycling targets they are going on the assumption that contracts will be monitored to ensure trustworthy and compliant reprocessors will be used. Therefore, Defra will solely use collection targets not how much of what is collected has been recycled.</p>

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	<p>Local Authorities and/or operators can separate out in-scope drinks containers found in their waste streams and then return these containers into the scheme. They must meet the quality required for return, to receive the deposit amount, which acts as a financial incentive. However, there are concerns here by councils that are being voiced back to Defra in what quality standards are needed and most councils don't have space to separate out DRS scope materials from what they collect. The DRS start date is scheduled for the 1st October 2025, however, this is the absolute earliest it would be able to start it may be pushed back.</p> <p>Roger (DDC) commented on Defra funding as it isn't confirmed yet and taking good quality materials out of the waste stream when recycling targets are going up will put councils into financial uncertainty. It could be chaotic time for local authorities.</p> <p>If new burdens are being given to local authorities for introducing separate food waste collections, are the costs to cover the needed changes to waste transfer station etc going to be met?</p> <p>Martyn (Swale BC) one benefit is that as this will be such a large change more groups than just the KRP will be tackling these changes. For example, the Kent finance group and chief executive groups are aware and working on the issue. It will be important that it is on several forums across the county.</p> <p>Cllr Kenton advised that there are already several financial strains pressing on local authorities and this added pressure will not help. It was agreed that this will be a regular item on the agenda going forwards.</p> <p>Stuart (GBC) highlighted that Defra are currently looking for volunteers from councils who have up to date costing and data they can share to help identify the impact DRS will have on local authorities. Mid Kent has this up-to-date costing data, and Martyn (Swale BC) explained they have offered it to Defra, but they said they would get back to them. Martyn (Swale BC) to share the calculator Defra are using to attribute funding to local authorities.</p>
4	<p>Projects update-</p> <p>Sally (KRP) then provided a presentation on the current projects the KRP are working on, including reducing MRF contamination, residual waste compositional analyse, new media campaigns and training for crews. The general waste analyse from the waste audits have shown what items are making up the residual bin that could be taken out and recycled. Sally (KRP) to check the individual figures for food and garden waste as a high percentage of waste thrown away is made up of organic waste food and garden. In total 43% of residual waste collected could have been recycled at the kerbside.</p> <p>Flat recycling and bin stores improvements was a project that ran from 2021 to 2022, this saw great improvements to communal bin stores across the county. The project was based on ReLondon work and used bright engaging signage to revamp bin stores. There was also a</p>

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flats recycling survey that ran from May to July 2022 with 5 prize winners.

The KRP established a partnership with Podback for the recycling of coffee pods. Coffee pod manufacturers with a combined 80% share of the UK market have come together to offer authorities full funding to collect these pods at kerbside. Nestle, Nespresso and JDE (Jacobs Douwe Egberts) and have pioneered and extended producer responsibility (EPR) scheme. These brands have previously invested in recycling collection services and set-up dedicated processing facilities. They have existing partnerships with Cheltenham, South Derbyshire, Chichester and Oxford. There is a dedicated collection vehicle(s) so there is no pressure on existing collection fleet – Podback have entered into a service agreement with Veolia, which will operate independently to that of the existing collection service. The service should be launched in Folkestone & Hythe DC and Dover DC by the end of March 2023.

Kent football association, Sally (KRP) started discussions last year to look at a joint charter or green charter to educate everyone involved in football in Kent to make greener decisions. Talks are currently ongoing for developing a campaign/pledge to help Kent FA reach its low carbon and sustainable initiatives.

Sally (KRP) attended a meeting with BCF paintcare, 55m litres of decorative paint are leftover each year (10% of sales, 71,500 tonnes). 98% of leftover paint ends up landfilled, incinerated or down the drain. Only 1% is remanufactured, 1% is reused. Estimated cost to local authorities to landfill and incinerate paint is £21 million. The aim is to have a voluntary national product stewardship scheme for leftover paint in the UK by developing a national circular economy model for the leftover paint. The initiative is set to launch in 2023. A copy of the BCF paint slides will be shared after the meeting.

Sally (KRP) reached out on behalf of the partnership to several large supermarkets to open initial discussions for potential partnership working. How could we effectively work together, access stores, share objectives, start to myth bust, target the most contaminated items at point of purchase not just disposal, nappies, food waste and textiles. An initial meeting with Tesco's has been undertaken with a follow up meeting to be set. Sainsburys are looking to update their green strategy first, but Sally (KRP) is still in discussion with them to try and organise a meeting.

We do great work across the partnership to eliminate environmental crime. KRP partners have delivered 22 days of action, seized 47 vehicles, issued 23 local producer notices, made 7 assets and issued 17 fixed penalty notices. Sally (KRP) shared a graph with our annual fly tipping statistics. The number of incidents is falling alongside the number of actions taken. Actions have continued to rise throughout 2022 and this will be further reviewed once our fly tipping analysis and strategy has been developed.

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	<p>Roger (DDC) informed the group that they are now experiencing problems with unpaid fines, and this is costing the council more money by having to take those people to court. There may need to be some middle ground because those that won't pay don't pay and that creates this unintended consequence and costs the council even more.</p> <p>Cllr Kenton asked if our action on fly tipping is running them out of town or displacing the fly tips to other areas. Sally (KRP) said in the Environmental Crime Group we are good at sharing intelligence with each other to stop organised crime groups moving from one area in Kent to another.</p> <p>Martyn (Swale BC) levels of fly tipping are reducing to pre pandemic levels but there are still issues with organised crime groups.</p>
5	<p>Website update- Sally (KRP) provided a quick update on the KRP website, it is nearly ready to launch and the KRP have had their own YouTube and Twitter accounts set up. Sally (KRP) explained that how the website will be launched still needs to be arranged and she asked the group to subscribe and follow our new social accounts. YouTube @kentresourcepartnership and Twitter @KentResource</p> <p>Stuart (GBC) said the website will help to get a consistent message to Kent residents and to have all the information in one place where we can easily direct residents to, to get advice and see news on fly tipping and litter picks will be very useful.</p> <p>Cllr Kenton highlighted that a link to a consistent bright easy interactive website will be great.</p>
6	<p>Any Other Business- Roger (DDC) is leaving his role at Dover DC and on behalf of the partnership Stuart (GBC) thanked him for all his hard work and wished him well.</p>