



**YORK & NORTH YORKSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP (Members)**

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**Minutes of the York & North Yorkshire Waste Partnership (Members)  
30 June 2011, Meeting Room No.2, County Hall, Northallerton**

**1.0 Attendees and Apologies**

<b>Present:</b>	Cllr Chris Metcalfe Cllr Michael Harrison Cllr Janet Looker Cllr Vivian Knaggs Cllr Brian Phillips Cllr Andrew Backhouse Cllr Michael Dyson Cllr John Clark Phil Long Simon Johnson Ian Fielding Shaun Donnelly Paul Florentine Kerry Green Paul Staines  Jeff Evans Matthew Clothier	North Yorkshire County Council (Chair) Harrogate Borough Council York City Council Ryedale District Council Hambleton District Council Scarborough Borough Council Selby District Council North Yorkshire County Council (Observing) Ryedale District Council Harrogate Borough Council North Yorkshire County Council City of York Council Craven District Council North Yorkshire County Council Hambleton and Richmondshire District Councils Waste Partnership Manager North Yorkshire County Council
<b>Apologies:</b>	Cllr Paul Whitaker Cllr Tony Duff Tony Norris Aimi Brookes Sarah Smith	Craven District Council Richmondshire District Council North Yorkshire County Council Selby District Council Selby District Council

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<b>2.0</b>	<b>Minutes of Last meeting</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Metcalfe opened the meeting by explaining North Yorkshire County Council's executive reshuffle. Cllr Metcalfe thanked Cllr Wood for her efforts as chair of the partnership.</li> <li>• All actions were complete and the minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record.</li> </ul>	
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Overview of the Waste Review by central government (presentation)</b>	<b>SD</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SD presented an overview of the Waste Review published on 14 June 2011 by central government. Key elements of the review included: continued use of the waste hierarchy; restricting wood from landfill; stopping LATS after 2012-13; the provision of accessible and cost effective recycling services for SMEs; and effectively tackling waste crimes.</li> <li>• Cllr Looker asked about WEEE. SD responded by explaining how WEEE is accepted at the Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) and sent from these for reuse and or recycling.</li> <li>• Cllr Backhouse was interested in the apparent movement from consideration of weight of waste to carbon dioxide release.</li> <li>• There was a general reluctance towards returning to weekly collections.</li> <li>• Given the intention to restrict wood to landfill, Cllr Dyson asked what percentage of wood is sent to landfill. IGF confirmed that the vast majority of wood is recycled at North Yorkshire's HWRCs and that he could provide an exact figure from the latest compositional analysis exercise.</li> </ul>	
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Performance of the partnership – annual review</b>	<b>JE</b>
<b>AP</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JE presented a paper reviewing the performance of the partnership against national indicators.</li> <li>• Cllr Backhouse questioned the figures for Scarborough Borough Council as they do not match the figures provided by Scarborough's officers. JE to investigate.</li> <li>• KG presented a review of the effectiveness of waste prevention campaigns and drew attention to the increased amount of volunteer hours, the peaks in website use around waste prevention events and level of press communications surrounding the Choose2Reuse fashion shows in York and Harrogate.</li> <li>• JE presented the tonnage trends for municipal solid, residual, recycled and composted waste for the Partnership and for each individual authority.</li> </ul>	<b>JE</b>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Waste Prevention Campaigns</b>	<b>KG</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KG presented a report on the success of waste prevention campaigns carried out by the partnership.</li> <li>• The partnership has applied the elements of the Love Food Hate Waste campaign across North Yorkshire and York in a number of innovative ways including cookery demonstrations, recipe cards, and promotion of perfect portions.</li> <li>• Increased rates of home composting and organic waste diversion have</li> </ul>	

	<p>been supported by the provision of low cost home compost bins and an increase in North Yorkshire Rotters' volunteer activity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with 150 charity shops and reuse organisations on the Choose2Reuse campaign to encourage residents to donate and buy from these organisations.</li> <li>• There has been a considerable amount of work to enable the partnership to quantify the effectiveness of waste prevention campaigns in the form of tonnages diverted from landfill, circulation figures and value of press coverage and quantifying the value of volunteer activity.</li> <li>• Over the coming year the partnership intends to develop existing partnerships and forge new partnerships within York and North Yorkshire, utilise the Rotters to provide greater support, more Love Food Hate Waste live cooking demonstrations, host Choose2Reuse fashion live events, host reuse fairs incorporating mending skills training and greater utilisation of Rotters to lead events.</li> <li>• Cllr Metcalfe asked whether in the current financial climate we targeted campaigns to highlight opportunities for residents to save money. KG responded that campaigns such as Love Food Hate Waste already use financial gain as a motivating factor alongside the obvious environmental benefits.</li> <li>• Cllr Knaggs asked whether campaigns are targeted towards towns rather than more rural villages. KG responded that the events are mainly held in towns and the larger agricultural events, but the partnership is increasingly using Rotters to provide smaller events in villages.</li> <li>• Cllr Knaggs asked whether Parish Councils were targeted for communication. KG responded that Performance Matters (the recent YNYWP journal) has been sent directly to Parish Councils.</li> </ul>	
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Green Waste Management</b>	<b>JE</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JE presented a report on the approaches to green waste management within the partnership and the variations nationally.</li> <li>• The Controlled Waste Regulations 1992 allow a charge to be made for the collection of garden (green) waste.</li> <li>• The choice of whether to charge is an option available to each individual authority.</li> <li>• Scarborough Borough Council are the only partnership authority to charge for any aspect of green waste collection. They make a one-off charge for the provision of a bin and sell biodegradable bags but do not charge for the collection of green waste.</li> <li>• JE presented a comparison of a number of different approaches to the collection of green waste and charging for part or all of this service and the variations in composting performance.</li> <li>• It is recommended that Members note that the information provided in the report.</li> <li>• Cllr Harrison stated that the report raises questions about whether the service should be provided as much as whether residents should be charged for the service.</li> <li>• IGF commented that authorities can charge for collection of green waste but not for composting or treatment. Green waste is accepted without charge at the HWRCs.</li> </ul>	

7.0	• AOB.	
AP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Metcalfe picked up on Cllr Cottam's comments in March 2011 YNYWP Members minutes regarding whether the Partnership had a future.</li> <li>• Cllr Metcalfe raised concerns about the lack of positive outcomes, the large amount of member and officer resource and whether there was a political appetite for the Partnership.</li> <li>• Cllr Metcalfe outlined areas where he believes the Partnership could have a future with advantages to its members in procurement, reducing operating costs, and sharing excellent performance.</li> <li>• Cllr Metcalfe said that it needs to be a genuine Partnership with all its members contributing and not a group solely driven by North Yorkshire County Council.</li> <li>• Cllr Metcalfe suggested that Members discuss with their Chief Executives and Leaders the future of the Partnership considering; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does the Partnership have a future? And if so what does it look like?</li> <li>• What shape should the partnership take?</li> <li>• What do they expect?</li> <li>• What is the purpose of the partnership?</li> <li>• What commitment do they wish to give?</li> <li>• Are they prepared to give up some degree of sovereignty?</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Officers to discuss the future of the partnership at the next YNYWP Officers meeting (21<sup>st</sup> July 2011).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Backhouse stated concerns that there were no decisions taken at the Members meetings and that they were often for information sharing only. He believed that better use of technology (such as video conferencing) could be utilised to save on the travelling time of Members and Officers.</li> <li>• Cllr Phillips agreed that there could be a better use of Member's time as the majority of the work is done through Officers.</li> <li>• Cllr Looker stated that a political steer by Members was required.</li> </ul>	Officers