

**WASTE STRATEGY PROJECT TEAM held at COUNCIL OFFICES  
LONDON ROAD SAFFRON WALDEN at 10 am on 3 NOVEMBER 2009**

Present: Councillor S Barker (Chairman).  
Councillors C Cant, J Cheetham, C Down, and E Godwin.

Officers: D Burrige (Director of Operations), C Auckland (Waste and Recycling Officer), R Pridham (Head of Street Services) and R Procter (Democratic Services Officer).

**WS19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor C Dean. As three Members of the Group were expected following the conclusion of another meeting, the Chairman deferred the start of the meeting until 11.25 am. Councillors Cant, Cheetham and Godwin joined the meeting at 11.40 am.

**WS20 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 3 September 2009 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**WS21 MATTERS ARISING**

**(i) Minute SW12 (i) – Civic Amenity Site at Dunmow and Crumps Farm**

The Chairman confirmed that the application for planning permission for the civic amenity site at Crumps Farm would be considered by County on 28 November.

**WS22 CUBEC PARTNERSHIP UPDATE**

The Head of Street Services gave a brief verbal update on preliminary discussions with the prospective partner authorities. Officers would be meeting on Monday to identify which of the proposals under discussion could be progressed, prior to preparing a business case.

**WS23 DOG FOULING – CONCLUSION OF WOODLANDS PARK EXERCISE**

The Director of Operations reported on the conclusion of officers' recent work at Woodlands Park regarding dog fouling. Officers had visited many local residents in the area, and had been met with a positive response. However, there appeared to be low awareness of dog control orders, so an awareness campaign would now be carried out including penalty signs and enforcement. The location for two new dog waste bins had been identified, one near Emblems and the other near the Woodside Way roundabout (although when the nearby main road came into use it might be necessary to review the position). The Animal Warden had been closely involved in this exercise, and would now take over responsibility from the waste team. Dunmow Town

Council would be updated on the provision of bins and the conclusion of this exercise.

Members suggested an item should appear in the local press, emphasising that the black bin could be used to dispose of bagged dog waste.

Officers reported on the outcome of the query at the previous meeting relating to flushing dog waste. Anglia Water had confirmed that flushing was not advisable as the treatment process was not designed for this type of waste.

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### **TOMRA UPDATE (TESCO'S RECYCLING)**

Officers gave an update. The Tesco recycling banks at Great Dunmow and Saffron Walden would 'go live' on 16 December and 23 December. Negotiations were underway regarding the proportion of recycling credits Tesco should receive, in exchange for the Council receiving tonnage figures.

The Chairman said the Council should aim to benefit from any publicity for opening the recycling banks.

At this point, Councillors Cant, Cheetham and Godwin arrived.

Councillor Cheetham asked about the awaited dog bin on Jacks Lane, and officers confirmed this matter was being passed to the Animal Warden.

The Waste and Recycling Officer summarised the position regarding the current negotiations with Tesco. In reply to a question, she said the current recycling credit was £52.43. She said there would be opportunities to work with the company, for example, by promoting the Council's recycling work at Tesco's facilities.

Councillor Barker recommended officers negotiate a percentage, rather than an actual figure, of the recycling credit, to obviate the need for further negotiations whenever the amount changed. The matter was further discussed in some detail, in terms of the percentage figure per tonne to be negotiated. Councillor Cant said she was concerned that people might favour recycling at the Tesco stores for loyalty points, to the detriment of their own local authority. Councillor Cheetham said monitoring of the percentages should take place. Councillor Barker brought the discussion to a conclusion, and hoped agreement with the store would be possible before the opening of the recycling banks.

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### **RECYCLING BANKS – WHITE STREET CAR PARK, DUNMOW**

Officers explained that a resident had complained about noise from the bottle bank following the relocation of the recycling banks in the White Street car park. These well-used recycling banks had been moved due to the development of the Town Square. Environmental Health officers were now monitoring noise levels at the property concerned. A site visit had taken place

with a ward member, and various suggestions for moving the banks had been considered. However, there were reasons why these suggestions were not feasible, as they would mean increased loss of much needed parking spaces, difficult access for the recycling vehicle, or disturbance to other surrounding residential areas. Officers were in communication with the Chamber of Commerce with a view to seeking alternative ways of reducing the amount of recycling at this site. Members suggested that additional sites were sought on the radial roads into town, the recreation ground and at the Queen Victoria pub.

Members questioned whether all parking bays were accurately set out on the map supplied. Councillor Cheetham strongly recommended a further site visit to ascertain the options. It was agreed that Councillor Barker would visit the site.

**WS26 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Head of Street Services reported that it was now possible to recycle street sweepings.

**WS27 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

As officers considered it might be necessary to hold a further meeting in December, following the CUBEC discussions, a provisional date of Monday 14 December at 9.30 am was agreed.

The meeting ended at 12.15 pm.