

Best Value Waste Network/Waste Improvement Network Ltd

The Best Value Waste Network, subsequently renamed the Waste Improvement Network Ltd, was established in 2002 with funding from Biffaward.

Objectives

- Developing effective partnerships between local authorities and the private and voluntary sectors to help achieve best value waste management targets and comprehensive integrated waste management services.
- To learn the lessons of such joint working for central government.
- To share examples of good practice including those achieved as a result of the Best Value Review process and the Beacon Council Scheme.
- To develop mechanisms that would aid the delivery of the National Waste Strategy targets.

Achievements

1. Multi-Stakeholder Steering Group created to oversee and manage the project; National Officer and (later) administrative support appointed.
2. Regional activity commenced in South East, South West, London, East Anglia, North East, East Midlands and Yorkshire & Humberside. Initial activity in West Midlands faltered when proposed group leader changed his job. No success achieved in the North West. It should be noted that the level of activity and involvement varied across the regions.
3. A website was established and updated as the project progressed.
4. Close liaison was established with the Local Government Association, Improvement & Development Agency, DEFRA, the Audit Commission and WRAP to identify and publicise best practice.
5. Promotional and publicity equipment and materials were created for use at conferences, exhibitions and meetings and made available in both electronic and hard copy versions.
6. National Conferences were planned for both 2002 and 2003 but had to be cancelled in each case due to low attendance numbers. A Regional Conference, in the South East Region, was held successfully in September 2003.
7. Meetings were held with the Director of the DEFRA Waste Implementation Programme (WIP) with the intent of working closely with WIP. In the event the work was put out to tender and the Network was unsuccessful. There is little doubt that this had a very negative effect on the future of the Network.
8. The National Officer and Steering Group were active in promoting the Network at meetings and conferences and by contributing to research papers and working with a range of other bodies to further sustainable wastes management activities.

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Status

Due to the reluctance of (mainly) local authorities to engage with the Network, particularly when it came to paying a membership fee, the income targets contained within the Project Plan were not achieved. Despite several attempts to overcome this, it was eventually decided that activities would have to be wound down and cease.

The Waste Improvement Network Ltd was a registered company and after a period of dormancy, the company was wound up.

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