

**MINUTES OF THE GMCA WASTE AND RECYCLING COMMITTEE**

**HELD ON 13 SEPTEMBER 2018 AT THE NATIONAL CYCLING CENTRE, STUART STREET,  
MANCHESTER**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor Stuart Haslam	Bolton
Councillor Mohammed Iqbal	Bolton
Councillor Tony Cummings	Bury
Councillor Alan Quinn	Bury
Councillor Rabnawaz Akbar	Manchester
Councillor Shaukat Ali	Manchester
Councillor Stephen Hewitt	Oldham
Councillor David Lancaster	Salford
Councillor Roy Driver	Stockport
Councillor Helen Foster-Grime	Stockport
Councillor Allison Gwynne	Tameside (in the Chair)
Councillor Judith Lloyd	Trafford

**Officers In attendance:**

GMCA – Executive Director, Waste & Resources	David Taylor
GMCA – Deputy Monitoring Officer	Gwynne Williams
GMCA – Waste & Resources Head of Contract Services	Justin Lomax
GMCA – Waste & Resources Head of Communication and Behavioural Change	Michelle Whitfield
GMCA –Waste & Resources, Head of Corporate Services	Sarah Mellor
GMCA – Waste & Resources, HR and Administration	Pat Rogers
GMCA – Governance & Scrutiny	Paul Harris

**WRC 18/17 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received and noted from Councillors Neil Emmott (Rochdale) and Robin Garrido (Salford).

Introductions took place.

**WRC 18/18 URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business reported.

**WRC 18/19 APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBER**

**RESOLVED/-**

To note the appointment of Councillor Robin Garrido (Salford, Conservative) as a Member on the GM Waste and Recycling Committee, as confirmed by GM Combined Authority on 27 July 2018.

**WRC 18/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made by any member in respect of any item on the agenda.

The Deputy Monitoring Officer reminded members to complete and return their Register of Interests documents for their appointment to the Waste and Recycling Committee. In addition, Members were also reminded of the confidentiality of the reports contained in Part B, particularly in relation to the ongoing procurement process.

**WRC 18/21 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Waste and Recycling Committee, held on 12 July 2018, were submitted.

**RESOLVED/-**

That the Minutes of the Waste and Recycling Committee, held on 12 July 2018, be approved as a correct record.

**WRC 18/22 COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

The Executive Director of Waste and Resources introduced a report which set out a forward look of items which will focus the work of the Committee during the 2018/2019 municipal year.

**RESOLVED/-**

That the contents of the Waste and Recycling Committee work programme be noted.

**WRC 18/23 REGISTER OF GMCA KEY DECISIONS**

The Executive Director of Waste and Resources introduced a report which set out those waste and recycling key decisions that were to be considered by GMCA in the upcoming months.

**RESOLVED/-**

That the contents of the Register of Key Decisions, as set out in the report, be noted.

**WRC 18/24 PLASTIC FREE GM**

A report was presented which provided Members with an overview of the progress made to date on developing a #Plastic Free GM campaign to eradicate the use of avoidable single use plastics in GM.

Members noted that the PlasticsFreeGM campaign had attracted a significant level of interest and that its focus had now been extended to cover seven work streams of Tourism & Hospitality; Higher Education Institutes; Local Authorities; Residents of GM; Businesses within GM; Volunteers and Communications. The inclusion of a further workstream of lobbying Government regarding national policy for eliminating avoidable single use plastic waste was sought.

A Member suggested that the GMCA write to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs seeking support for the introduction of a deposit return scheme for plastic bottles in Greater Manchester. He also highlighted an example of a deposit return scheme in Rugby. In response, officers noted discussions continue with Government in

relation to the scheme and Cambridge University had been commissioned to undertake a feasibility study.

Following an enquiry from a Member in relation to the role businesses can play in the reduction of single use plastics, officers noted that work was taking place with the Growth Company to develop a strong database of companies. A website has been commissioned to register plastic free pledges from GM companies.

A Member enquired if it was the role of each GM local authority to reduce plastics or if it was a GMCA requirement. In response, officers noted that the Sustainability and Environment Group was exploring this matter.

**RESOLVED/-**

- 1) That the work undertaken to date, be noted;
- 2) That approval of the inclusion of an additional work stream of lobbying Government regarding national policy for eliminating avoidable single use plastic waste, be granted;
- 3) That approval of the 'residents' element of the campaign be incorporated into the Waste and Resources Communication Delivery Plan for 2019/20, be granted; and
- 4) That the governance arrangements set out in section 13 of the report, be endorsed.

**WRC 18/25 WASTE AND RESOURCES COMMUNICATIONS AND BEHAVIOURAL CHANGE ACTION PLAN PROGRESS UPDATE**

Members considered a report of the Head of Communications and Behavioural Change, Waste & Resources which provided them with an update on the Recycle for Greater Manchester Communications & Behavioural Change delivery plan and the Resource Greater Manchester Partnership. A presentation was also provided which set out details and examples of recent and upcoming communications and behavioural change activity, which included the provision of stickers in prominent locations, such as supermarkets and package collection points, to advise people how to recycle packaging.

Members noted that the Communications Delivery Plan will focus on 5 main priorities of contamination, increasing food waste recycling, the promotion of multi-purpose compost, waste prevention and an education service.

A Member welcomed the recent training day. It was noted that briefing notes were to be shared with Members on a regular basis to keep them updated on ongoing matters.

In response to an enquiry from a Member, it was noted that an education programme was continuing to be rolled out with local schools.

It was noted that recycling advice stickers were not being placed on individual council bins. A Member highlighted that some terraced properties in Manchester used communal bins and officers undertook to liaise with the City Council in relation to this matter.

**RESOLVED/-**

- 1) That the progress against the Communications & Behavioural Change delivery plan, be noted; and
- 2) That approval of the focused aims for the 2019/20 plan, as set out in the report be approved.

**WRC 18/26 ASSET MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

A report was presented which provided Members with an update on the management of land and buildings associated with the GMCA Waste and Resources team, formerly the responsibility of GM Waste Disposal Authority (GMWDA).

In response to an enquiry from a Member officers confirmed that feasibility works at Bredbury were to take place during this financial year and that the site works would take place during 2019/20 financial year. Members noted that a further report on asset management would be provided at the next meeting of the Committee.

**RESOLVED/-**

Note the update report, asset list (Appendix A) and associated actions intended for remainder of 2018.

**WRC 18/27 UPDATE ON PROCUREMENT OF GMCA WASTE SERVICES**

Members considered a report of the Executive Director of Waste and Resources which provided Members with an update on the procurement of waste and resource management services for Greater Manchester

**RESOLVED/-**

That the progress made against the procurement programme, as set out in the report, be noted.

#### **WRC 18/28 INTERIM SERVICES CONTRACT UPDATE**

A report was presented which provided Members with an update on the performance of the interim waste management contract and included information on key performance indicators, health and safety matters and complaints.

In response to an enquiry from a Member regarding technical issues at the Bolton Thermal Recovery Facility, officers noted that the issues explained in the report had not been rectified. Members noted that as a contingency, waste was to be diverted to the facility in Runcorn for the short term period of the shut down.

Following an enquiry from a Member regarding health and safety matters, officers provided an example of a near miss report. Members noted that such near miss reporting by staff indicated that such staff were more aware of health and safety matters and processes.

#### **RESOLVED/-**

That the update on the interim services contract, be noted.

#### **WRC 18/29 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

#### **RESOLVED/-**

That, under section 100 (A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public should be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that this involves the likely disclosure of exempt information, as set out in paragraphs 3 & 5, Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

#### **WRC 18/30 UPDATE ON PROCUREMENT OF GMCA WASTE SERVICES**

The Executive Director of Waste and Resources presented a report, setting out the key features of the tender submissions in each Lot of the GMCA waste management procurement which included details of the quantitative evaluation of the interim tender submissions and a review of the initial financial outputs from the procurement process.

A presentation was also provided.

**RESOLVED/-**

- 1) That it be agreed to delegate to the Executive Director (Waste and Resources) in consultation with the Chief Executive and Chair of the Waste & Recycling Committee the finalisation of the final tender documents;
- 2) That it be agreed to delegate to the Executive Director (Waste and Resources) in consultation with the Chief Executive and Chair of the Committee the finalisation of the approach to Lot 3, as set out in section 5.0, of the report;
- 3) That it be noted that a draft policy on trade waste controls at Household Waste Recycling Centres is to be presented at the November meeting of the Committee;
- 4) That approval of the level 3 evaluation criteria set out at section 6.0 to the report, be granted;
- 5) That approval of the programme, as set out paragraph 7.0 of the report, be granted.

**WRC 18/31 INTERIM SERVICES CONTRACT UPDATE**

A report was presented which provided Members with an update on the performance of the interim waste management contract

**RESOLVED/-**

That the report be noted.

