

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER WASTE AND RECYCLING COMMITTEE, HELD ON 14 MARCH 2019 AT CHURCHGATE HOUSE 56 OXFORD STREET, MANCHESTER

PRESENT:

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

Also Present

Graham Mayes, Chief Operating Officer	Suez} Item 13 only
James Dowell, Bid Director	Suez} Item 13 only

Officers In attendance:

GMCA – Executive Director, Waste & Resources	David Taylor
GMCA – Deputy Monitoring Officer	Gwynne Williams
GMCA – Waste & Resources	Justin Lomax
GMCA – Waste & Resources	Michelle Whitfield
GMCA – Waste & Resources	Sarah Mellor
GMCA – Waste & Resources	Michael Kelly
GMCA – Waste & Resources	Pat Rogers
GMCA – Governance & Scrutiny	Paul Harris

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APOLOGIES

Councillors Ali (Manchester), Anstee (Trafford), Emmott (Rochdale), Gwynne (Tameside) and Garrido (Salford).

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URGENT BUSINESS (IF ANY)

a) Appointment of Chair for the meeting

As Councillor Gwynne, Chair of the Committee was absent, the Deputy Monitoring Officer sought nominations from the committee for a Member to Chair this meeting. A nomination was received and seconded for Councillor Rabnawaz Akbar.

RESOLVED/-

- 1) That, in the absence of Councillor Allison Gwynne, Councillor Rabnawaz Akbar, be appointed as Chair of the Waste and Recycling Committee for this meeting.
- 2) That the Committee convey their best wishes to Councillor Allison Gwynne and her family.

NOTE: COUNCILLOR RABNAWAZ AKBAR IN THE CHAIR.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED/-

- 1) To note that there were no declarations of interest made by any Member in respect of any item on the agenda.
- 2) To note that comments of the Deputy Monitoring Officer, reminding attendees of the confidentiality of the items in the Part B section of the agenda.

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MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Waste and Recycling Committee, held on 24 January 2019, were submitted.

RESOLVED/-

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Waste and Recycling Committee, held on 24 January 2019, be approved as a correct record.

WRC 18/68 COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

Members considered the Waste & Recycling Committee Work Programme, which provided a forward look of items to focus the work of the Committee.

It was noted that a revised work programme was to be developed for 2019.

RESOLVED/-

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

WRC 18/69 REGISTER OF GMCA KEY DECISIONS

David Taylor, Executive Director, Waste & Recycling, introduced a report, which provided an update on those key decisions listed on the GMCA Register of Key Decisions, which relate to waste and recycling functions.

Members noted that the with regard to the Additional Capital Expenditure on Fire Suppression and Detection, this work has been included on the Register since May 2018 whilst insurance provisions have been clarified. These works are a requirement of the GMCA Waste Management Services contract and for this reason, this key decision would be removed from the Register on contract signature.

RESOLVED/-

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

WRC 18/70 INTERIM SERVICES CONTRACT UPDATE

Justin Lomax, Head of Contract Services, GMCA, introduced a report which updated the committee on the performance of the interim waste management contract, provided an overview of health and safety matters and outlined details of complaints.

The report set out the following key performance indicators for the interim services contract for the year to date and comparative date for the similar periods in 2017/18.

	2018 / 2019	2017 / 2018
Total arisings	925,538.37	961,207.30
Recycling	425,273.52	428,265.01
Recycling Rate	45.95%	44.55%
Landfill disposal	88,533.40	139,904.26

Diversion Rate	90.43%	85.44%
HWRC performance		
Recycling Rate (Household Waste)	41.97%	39.66%
Diversion (Household Waste)	72.74%	68.72%
Diversion (Total Arising, including rubble)	77.61%	64.55%
RDF to Runcorn		
Runcorn CHP	382,268.85	369,792.60
Steam Exported	446,891.30	426,544.00
Electricity Exported (MWh)	181,069.00	171,198.00
Raikes Lane TRF		
Electricity Exported (MWh)	-	34,703.00
Longley Lane MRF		
Rejection of Kerbside Recycling Collections	762.38	702.62
MRF Contamination Rate (Commingled)	18.82%	17.64%

Members noted that the 2018/19 year to date position showed that overall diversion rates from landfill continued to increase to over 90%. It was also note that this increase had been achieved as a result of increased recycling rates, the continued production of Refuse Derived Fuel (RDF), less waste sent to landfill and reduced overall arisings.

In terms of Heath and Safety reporting, Members noted that the contractor had implemented a regime of near miss reporting as a method of identifying hazards and remedies, to reduce the risk and number of incidents and accidents. Members also noted that there had been an incident, which was required to be reported under RIDDOR (Reporting of Injuries, Diseases, and Dangerous Occurrence Regulations).

RESOLVED/-

That the performance of the interim services contract, as set out in the report, be noted.

WRC 18/71 UPDATE ON PROCUREMENT OF GMCA WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES

David Taylor, Executive Director of Waste and Resources introduced a report which provided Members with an update on the procurement of waste and resource management services for Greater Manchester. The report highlighted the procurement process for the

biowaste offtake capacity and the transition to mobilisation for the future contract arrangements.

RESOLVED/-

That the update on the procurement of GMCA Waste Management Services and the timetable for biowaste procurement, as set out in the report, be noted.

WRC 18/72 WASTE AND RESOURCES COMMUNICATIONS AND BEHAVIOURAL CHANGE ACTION PLAN PROGRESS UPDATE

Michelle Whitfield, Head of Communications and Behavioural Change, presented an update on the progress against the Recycle for Greater Manchester Communications & Behavioural Change Delivery Plan 2017-19. A summary of the Resource Greater Manchester programme was also provided as well as updates to the other projects, namely Erasmus Plus and the Charity free tip permit online system. The introduction of the Recycle for Greater Manchester Bin App was also explained.

Members noted that the primary focus of the 2017-19 delivery plan is on reducing contamination in household recycling bins by using available data such as rejected loads, sampling, Wrap's tracker report and visual bin checks to target resources across Greater Manchester. It was noted that for the past year, 5 main contamination campaigns have been running across all households in Bolton, Manchester, Salford, Oldham and Tameside.

In welcoming the progress made on the delivery of the Plan, a Member highlighted that there was some ambiguity on what can and can not be recycled, particularly in respect of plastics. It was noted that the use of social media can be used to clarify this matter to a wider audience. In response, officers noted that social media was used widely to promote recycling campaigns across Greater Manchester and that details of this targeted approach will be included in a future report to this Committee.

A Member suggested that Salford Life was a useful medium for sharing information in that district.

A Member enquired if guidance can be provided on recycling that can be accessed by private landlords and housing providers.

RESOLVED/-

- 1) That the progress against the Recycle for Greater Manchester Communications & Behavioural Change delivery plan be noted.
- 2) That it be noted that the next progress update report will provide an overview of the Authority's work on targeted social media advertising and housing officer guidance.

WRC 18/73 ASSET MANAGEMENT REPORT – POS LANDCARE, LANDFILL AND ENGINEERING

Michael Kelly, Head of Engineering and Asset Management, GMCA provided a report which set out the background and operational updates for GMCA's closed landfill sites at Bredbury, Waithlands, Barlow Hall and Cringle Road and highlighted other property assets. The update also outlined site information and current updates for projects and work areas for 2018-19.

It was noted that an update on the 18 POS Landcare Ltd landfill sites was to be presented in the closed section of the agenda.

RESOLVED/-

That the update on the Waste and Resources Team closed landfill sites and other property assets, be noted.

WRC 18/74 NATIONAL WASTE AND RESOURCES STRATEGY CONSULTATIONS UPDATE

Sarah Mellor, Head of Sustainable Consumption and Production, GMCA, introduced a report which provided an overview of the following recently published four Defra consultations on the National Resource and Waste Strategy:-

-) Consistency in household and business recycling collections;
-) Reforming the UK packaging producer responsibility system;
-) Introducing a Deposit Return Scheme;
-) Plastic Packaging Tax.

The report highlighted the deadlines for the responses to the consultation were the 12th and 13th May 2019 and as there was not a further meeting of the Committee before those dates, a delegation was sought to the Head of the Paid Service and Executive Director, Waste and Resources, in consultation with the Chair of the Waste & Recycling Committee.

It was also noted that this consultation focuses on proposals on how having consistent collections and recycling services will improve both the quantity and quality of municipal waste recycled in England to achieve 65% recycling by 2035 by:

-) Collecting the same core set of dry recyclable materials from households; and
-) Having separate weekly food waste collections.

Members noted that the consultation also seeks views on:

-) Free garden waste collection services;
-) Greater separation of dry recyclables, particularly paper and glass to improve quality;
-) Whether statutory guidance on minimum service provisions should be introduced;
-) Developing non-binding performance indicators;
-) Joint working between local authorities;
-) Alternatives to weight based targets; and

) Standardised bin colours for waste and recycling.

A Member suggested that the tax for plastic packaging was welcome, particularly as this may encourage suppliers to introduce recyclable alternatives. He also raised concerns that the proposals for the introduction of 6 different waste collections will increase costs to the relevant local authority and noted that households may not have capacity to store the increase number of bins.

A Member highlighted that a consistent approach to bin colours across Greater Manchester would be helpful.

RESOLVED/-

- 1) That the Committee update on the National Resource and Waste Strategy, be noted.
- 2) That delegated authority for the compilation and submission of the Combined Authority's response to the four consultations on the National Resource and Waste Strategy, be granted to the Head of the Paid Service and the Executive Director, Waste and Resources, GMCA, in consultation with the Chair of the Waste and Recycling Committee.

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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 and 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.

PART B

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PRESENTATION BY SUEZ

Graham Mayes, Chief Operating Officer and James Dowell, Bid Director, Suez provided a presentation which set out elements of the Waste Services contract Lots 1 & 2 to which they had Preferred Tenderer status. The presentation introduced the Suez Group, identified existing partners and explained how they were to deliver four key themes of Saving Resources, Protecting the Environment, Connecting with the Community and Supporting Businesses. Social Value commitments were also highlighted. The presentation also explained investments in assets and developing new recycling streams.

RESOLVED/-

That the Suez presentation be received with thanks and noted.

WRC 18/77 INTERIM SERVICES CONTRACT UPDATE

Justin Lomax, Head of Contract Services, Waste and Resources introduced a report which provided an update on performance of the interim waste management contract.

RESOLVED/-

That the performance details and key risks be noted, as set out in the report.

WRC 18/78 UPDATE ON PROCUREMENT OF WASTE SERVICES

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

RESOLVED/-

- 1) That the progress on the procurement of Waste Management Services and the biowaste procurement, as set out in the report, be noted.
- 2) That the workstreams and plans for expiry of the run off contract and mobilisation of the new contracts, as set out in the report, be noted.
- 3) That the commissioning of the development of a fully costed proposal for the redevelopment of the Reliance Street Home Waste Recycling Centre, as set out in the report, be supported.

WRC 18/79 POS LANDCARE SITES UPDATE

Michael Kelly, Head of Engineering and Asset Management, GMCA provided a report which update on possible development opportunities associated with 18 former GMWDA closed landfill sites sold to POS Landcare in 2012.

Members noted that any development proposals would be the subject of the relevant district's own planning control considerations.

RESOLVED/-

That the update on possible development opportunities associated with 18 former GMWDA closed landfill sites sold to POS Landcare in 2012, as set out in the report and supporting appendices, be noted.