

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER WASTE
AND RECYCLING COMMITTEE, HELD ON
THURSDAY, 12TH MARCH 2020, AT FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE, MANCHESTER**

PRESENT:

Councillor Alan Quinn	Bury
Councillor Rabnawaz Akbar	Manchester
Councillor Shaukat Ali	Manchester
Councillor Ateeque Ur-Rehman	Oldham
Councillor Tom Besford	Rochdale
Councillor Robin Garrido	Salford
Councillor David Lancaster	Salford
Councillor Roy Driver	Stockport
Councillor Allison Gwynne (Chair)	Tameside

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

David Taylor	GMCA – Executive Director, Waste & Resources
Paul Morgan	GMCA – Waste & Resources
Justin Lomax	GMCA – Waste & Resources
Michelle Whitfield	GMCA – Waste & Resources
Michael Kelly	GMCA – Waste & Resources
Gwynne Williams	GMCA – Deputy Monitoring Officer
Garry Parker	Tameside MBC
Kerry Bond	GMCA – Governance & Scrutiny
Oliver Fenton	GMCA – Governance & Scrutiny

WRC 20/17

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and noted from Councillors Susan Emmott (Rochdale), Helen Foster-Grime (Stockport), Paul Lally (Trafford), Judith Lloyd (Trafford) and Yasmin Toor (Oldham)

WRC 20/18

URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of urgent business reported.

WRC 20/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest reported by any Member in respect of any item on the agenda.

WRC 20/20 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16th JANUARY 2020

The minutes of the previous meeting of the GM Waste & Recycling Committee, held on 16th January 2020 were submitted.

RESOLVED/-

That the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 16th January 2020, be approved as a correct record.

WRC 20/21 WASTE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT UPDATE

The Executive Director and the Head of Contract Services, Waste & Resources, introduced a report and presentation which provided Members with an overview of performance for the period April to November 2019 based on verified data.

Updates were also received on:

- Key issues currently affecting the waste management services during this period.
- Performance reporting of verified data to the end of November 2019 (month six of the new contracts).
- The works at Chichester Street in Rochdale and Reliance Street and an update on the implementation of the HWRC access restriction policy including trade waste controls.
- The future potential establishment of a dedicated enforcement resource across all nine districts.

Members noted the annual performance comparison data, which showed the overall position for comparison to the previous year, as set out in the table below:

Annual Performance Comparison (Year to date – April to November)	2019 / 2020	2018 / 2019
OVERALL performance		
Total arisings (t)	767,487.62	761,070.45

Recycling Rate (%)	46.78%	46.87%
Landfill Diversion Rate (%)	91.67%	90.34%
HWRC performance		
Recycling Rate (Household Waste) %	41.89%	43.68%
Diversion (Total Arising, inc. rubble) %	90.32%	77.92%
Longley Lane MRF		
Rejection of Kerbside Recycling Collections (t)	429.35	662.01
MRF Contamination Rate (Commingled) %	18.61%	18.75%

Members requested that thanks be recorded and relayed to Suez staff for their work since the commencement of the HWRC access restriction policy that came into effect on 10th February 2020.

Officers agreed to provide a trade waste update to a future meeting, including where trade waste is now being taken and the impact of any issues following consultation with districts.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the performance of the WRMS and the HWRCMS contracts, as set out in the report, be noted.
2. That the principal of establishing dedicated HWRC enforcement resources be supported and that proposals for this be brought to a future meeting.
3. Request further detailed proposals for a van permit scheme be developed and presented to a future meeting of the Committee.
4. That a trade waste update be brought to a future meeting.

**WRC 20/22 COMMUNICATIONS AND BEHAVIOURAL CHANGE ACTION PLAN
PROGRESS UPDATE**

The Head of Communications and Behavioural Change, Waste and Resources, introduced a report which provided an overview of the Recycle for Greater Manchester Communications & Behavioural Change Delivery Plan 2019/20, highlighting its five aims:

- Reduce contamination and improve the quality of recycling;
- Encourage waste prevention;
- Raise awareness of recycling across Greater Manchester using on and offline channels;
- Develop and promote the education service; and
- Increase recycling at the HWRCs.

Members were advised that officers would liaise with districts to deliver waste education in schools.

RESOLVED/-

1. That progress against the plan be noted.
2. That the ending of the current contract for the R4GM Bin App and the development of a new App be approved.
3. That the change of use for the Hurstwood Court site subject to agreement of lease terms be approved.

WRC 20/23 ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

The Head of Engineering and Asset Management, Waste and Resources, introduced a report providing updates on the Waste and Resources Asset Management Plan and current capital engineering projects, highlighting progress leading into quarter four between January and March 2020. Waste and Resources assets are managed by the Engineering Team and fall into the following categories:

(A) - Operational Waste Facilities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WRMS Contract Facilities - Lot1 28 waste processing and reception facilities across 11 locations. • WRMS Contract – Lot 2 11 Household Waste Recycling Centers
(B) - Buildings and Land
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes vacant land and building premises at 8 locations
(C) - Closed Landfill Sites
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 Closed landfill sites managed by GMCA • 18 Closed landfill sites managed by POS Landcare

RESOLVED/-

That the report be noted.

WRC 20/24 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED/-

That, under section 100 (A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, member of 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 20/25 CONTRACTS UPDATE

The Head of Contract Services, Waste & Resources, provided a report which updated the Committee on performance and commercial issues relating to the new Waste and Resources and Household Waste Recycling Centre Management Services Contracts that commenced on 1st June 2019.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the performance details as set out in the report, be noted.
2. That the finalisation of contractual implications for proposals to initiate additional clean up processes for the pulpables waste stream be delegated to the Executive Director, Waste and Resources in consultation with the Chair of the Committee.

WRC 20/26 ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

The Head of Engineering and Asset Management, Waste and Resources, introduced a report providing an update on possible development opportunities associated with eighteen former Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority closed landfill sites sold to POS Landcare on 2012.

RESOLVED/-

That the update set out in the report be noted.

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PROGRAMME OF FUTURE MEETINGS

RESOLVED/-

The following future meeting dates for the Committee be noted:-

- 22 July 2020, 2.00pm, GMCA Boardroom
- 14 October 2020, 11.00am, Venue TBC
- 13 January 2021, 9.30am, Venue TBC
- 14 April 2021, 9.30am, Venue TBC