

NWRWVG Joint Committee October 2015

Item 2 – Minutes of the Meeting of the 17th September 2015

North West Region Waste Management Group Joint Committee
Wednesday 17th September 2015 @ 2.00 PM
Recycling Centre & Transfer Station, Strahan Road, Strabane

Present: - Councillor Nicholl (in the Chair), Aldermen Bresland and King, Councillors Duddy, Fitzpatrick, Kelly, Hastings and McHugh.

In Attendance: - Clerk to the Committee (Mr E. Molloy), Director of Environment and Regeneration DCSDC (Ms K. Philips), Director of Environmental Services CCGBC (Mr A. McPeake), NWRWVG (Mr K. Swerdlick, Miss J. Curran)

Notice and Summons of Meeting

The Clerk read the Notice and Summons for the Meeting.

Apologies

None

Item 1 - Declaration of Members' Interests

There were no declarations of Members' interests.

Item 2 - Minutes of the Joint Committee 15th July 2015

The chair reviewed the previous minutes with the Committee.

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The minutes of the meeting 15th July 2015 were **PROPOSED** by Councillor Fitzpatrick and **SECONDED** by Alderman King.

Item 3- Matter Arising

The Chair, on behalf of the Group, offered congratulations to Derry City & Strabane District Council for their 'Council award for Excellence in Waste Management' from Sustainable Ireland for the Recycling & Transfer Station at Strahan Road.

The Clerk reminded members that at the last Joint Committee meeting Councillor Fitzpatrick had requested a complete breakdown of the existing Service Contracts. The Clerk presented a paper to members regarding the Service Contract and stated that some of the contracts were up for renewal.

The Clerk informed members that the DoE were looking at potential ways forward to minimise waste crime.

He stated that the DoE and DETI are exploring opportunities for processing recyclables within the island.

A discussion then ensued.

There being no other matters arising the Chair moved to the next item of business.

Item 4- Waste Resource Action Programme (WRAP) Presentation

Dr Garner gave a presentation to the Joint Committee entitled WRAP Local Authority Support (presentation attached as appendix 1).

The presentation was followed up by a question and answer session.

The Chair thanked Dr Garner for taking the time to attend and present to the Joint Committee.

Dr Garner left the meeting

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Item 5- Delivery of Regional Waste Management - update

The Clerk informed members that at the last Waste Programme Board meeting in June the topic of Regional Waste Management was discussed and a review is on-going.

He also informed members that the waste co-ordination group had met recently and was working towards improving communications between councils and the NIEA regarding enforcement actions/notices and other related matters. He added that the department and the Chief executives had agreed that the membership of this group should be extended to include Directors from all eleven Councils in order to strengthen relationships between central and local government.

Item 6- Residual Waste Tender and Kerbside Commingled Recyclables Tender - update

The Clerk stated that the tenders for Residual Waste and Street Sweepings have been advertised in the regional press and the official European Journal and are currently under evaluation. He added that it is the intention that a recommendation on both tenders will come forward to the next meeting of the Joint Committee.

The Kerbside Commingled Recyclables Tender will be advertised in the coming days.

The Clerk informed the Committee that Mid Ulster District Council will also be a participant in the tender exercise.

Item 7 - Corporate Risk Register

The Clerk referred to the attached Corporate Risk Register for members' information.

He stated that there has been no additional risks identified, no risks closed and no other changes have been made to the Risk Register since July 2015.

Members noted the report.

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Item 8 - Any other Relevant Business

The Clerk informed members that the CIWM NI Conference will take place on Wednesday 30th September in the Titanic Quarter Belfast. He asked members to approve that two representatives of the Group should attend, namely the Chair Councillor Nicholl and the Waste Management Officer Mr Swerdlick.

This was PROPOSED by Councillor Fitzpatrick and SECONDED by Councillor Duddy

The Chair informed members that the group has received a request from Bryson Recycling requesting to make a presentation to the NWRWMG.

A discussion ensued and it was agreed that a letter is sent to Bryson Recycling declining their offer as the group is currently involved in a live tendering exercise.

The Committee

Recommended **that a letter is sent to Bryson Recycling thanking them for their interest but the group must decline at this time.**

The Clerk informed members that the next meeting of the Joint Committee will take place on Wednesday 21st October 2015 in the offices of Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council, Coleraine.

There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.

The meeting terminated at 3.30pm

Members of the Group then took a tour of the Waste Transfer Station & Recycling Centre.