

GLoucestershire JOINT WASTE COMMITTEE

NOTES of a meeting of the Gloucestershire Joint Waste Committee held on Tuesday 8 October 2019 at the Cabinet Suite - Shire Hall, Gloucester.

PRESENT:

Cllr Richard Cook
Andrew Doherty
Cllr Jim Mason
Cllr Andy Moore
Cllr Nigel Moor

Cllr Sid Phelps
Cllr Simon Pickering
Cllr Terry Pullen
Cllr Lynden Stowe
Cllr Mark Williams

Officers in attendance: Colin Chick, Wayne Lewis, Andy Pritchard, Scott Williams, Claire Locke, Julie Davies, Rachel Capon, Mike Towson, Karen Watson, Dawn Fearn, Gareth Edmundson (Ubico)

Apologies: Cllr Chris Coleman

100. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

The required quorum for meetings of the Gloucestershire Joint Waste Committee is that there be five committee members in attendance, which shall include at least one member appointed by each of the five different partner authorities. On 8 October 2019 no representative from Cheltenham Borough Council was in attendance which meant that a quorum had not been reached.

Members from all other partner authorities, co-opted members, and officers from across the Joint Waste Team and the district councils were in attendance. Partner authority members therefore agreed to proceed with the published agenda items, and that notes of the meeting be produced for information.

As this was now an informal meeting the minutes and notes of previous meetings could not be formally received and agreed. Public and Member questions could also not be received (although it is important to note that none were received by the published deadline). Given that the meeting was not quorate a Chairperson for this meeting only was elected.

Members were reminded that the meeting scheduled for 3 December 2019 would be the final meeting of the committee and that it would be important for there to be a quorum at that meeting.

Cllr Nigel Moor was elected Chairperson for this meeting.

101. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON

Please see Note 100.

102. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Please see Note 100.

103. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Please see Note 100.

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104. MEMBER QUESTIONS

Please see Note 100.

105. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Please see Note 100.

106. FUTURE WASTE PARTNERSHIP PROPOSAL

Wayne Lewis, Head of Joint Waste Team, gave a detailed presentation of the report which set out the proposals for the new Gloucestershire Resources and Waste Partnership.

Members endorsed the principles set out in the report but did agree that it would be better to state that this was about sustainability rather than just a growth agenda. It was important to note that the new arrangements meant that the statutory duties would return to the partner authorities.

It was noted that Stroud District Council (SDC) have a committee rather than executive system and that the representative from SDC on the new partnership would therefore need to be the relevant committee chair. It was also agreed that it would be helpful for Ubico to be invited to partnership meetings.

It was agreed that it would be important to ensure that the funding streams and resource allocations were transparent.

Although the meeting was not quorate the meeting was not being asked to make any decisions in this regard, but rather to make recommendations. It was therefore agreed that:

- The Senior Management Group should finalise the proposals and develop terms of reference for the new Gloucestershire Resources and Waste Partnership;
- Each of the Gloucestershire local authorities should consider the terms of reference and agree to join the new Gloucestershire Resources and Waste Partnership by 13th December 2019; and
- Gloucestershire County Council (GCC), Forest of Dean District Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council complete the transfer of Joint Waste Team (JWT) staff as set out in section 2.7 this report by 13th December 2019.

107. FOOD WASTE AGREEMENTS

Wayne Lewis, Head of Joint Waste Team, gave a detailed presentation of the report. It was noted that a further decision on this matter would be taken by the county council Cabinet in December 2019; this would take the form of a written agreement.

A presentation slide, showing indicative payments at different unit rates, was shared with the meeting.

Whilst it was acknowledged that it was positive to incentivise good practice, there was a view that some local authorities were in effect being disadvantaged due to the demographic factors. It was acknowledged that each authority had different challenges and that the final mechanism agreed should be fair, rather than being in apposition where each authority was fighting their own corner.

It was noted that work was still in process checking the data; it was important to reflect whether assumptions made were correct.

The county council Cabinet Member for Environment and Planning, would take members' comments to Cabinet when this matter would be discussed later in the year.

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108. TIPPING AWAY POLICY

Andy Pritchard, Joint Waste Team, gave a detailed presentation of the report. The county council Cabinet was meeting to consider the adoption of a waste tipping away policy at its meeting on 9 October 2019. Comments from today's meeting would be shared with Cabinet on 9 October 2019.

It was important to note that this policy would be applied on a case by case basis.

Andy Pritchard noted members comments for the Cabinet meeting on 9 October 2019.

109. SERVICE/ACTION PLAN UPDATE

Members noted the report.

110. RESIDUAL WASTE UPDATE

Members noted the report.

111. MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS FINAL OUTTURN 2018/19

Members noted the report.

112. MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS MONITORING REPORT

Members noted the report.

CHAIRMAN

Meeting concluded at 11.55am