



# **Residual Waste Working Group**

**10am-1pm Tuesday 4 November 2014**

**Meeting Room 1**

## **AGENDA**

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Minutes of previous meeting of 1 October 2014**
- 3. Matters arising**
- 4. Secretary of State's recent policy announcement-** Verbal report.
- 5. To consider the Group's final report**
- 6. To consider whether a further meeting is needed**

Future meeting date currently scheduled:

- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 10am-1pm (all day if required): MR 1

**Membership:** Chairman David Jenkins, Cllr Tim Harman, Cllr Sarah Lunnon, Cllr Tracy Millard, Cllr Patrick Molyneux, Cllr Brian Oosthuysen, Cllr Alan Preest, Cllr Simon Wheeler, Cllr Bill Whelan

**Officers:** Christine Wray, Tony Childs, Steve Read, Joanne Bolton

## Notes: Residual Waste Working Group 1 October 2014

### 1. Apologies

#### Attendance

Cllr Tim Harman	P	Cllr Sarah Lunnon	P
Cllr Tracy Millard	P	Cllr Patrick Molyneux	P
Cllr Brian Oosthuysen	P	Cllr Alan Preest	A
Cllr Simon Wheeler	P	Cllr Bill Whelan	A
Ind Chair David Jenkins	P	Christine Wray (officer)	P
Steve Read (officer)	P	Joanne Bolton (officer)	P
Tony Childs (officer)	P		

P = present    A = apologies/absent

2. **Minutes** – these were approved at the meeting.

### 3. Matters arising and matters agreed so far by members

- 3.1 Steve Read, Head of the Joint Waste Team, informed the Group that he had made contact with Mr Jarman to discuss the specific points raised at the last meeting but they had not yet been able to meet. He clarified that while he did still intend to meet with Mr Jarman he did not feel that their discussions would in any way affect the proposed recommendations in the final report.
- 3.2 The Group was informed that the Secretary of State had recently announced that the decision on planning consent for an EfW facility at Javelin Park would be postponed until on or before 30 November 2014. The Group noted the reason behind the postponement was to enable the Secretary of State to look into the issues raised by GlosVAIN.
- 3.3 The Group noted that, in summary, full Council at its meeting on 10 September 2014, following consideration of Motion 720 - Residual Waste Contract with Urbaser Balfour Beatty, resolved to request that the Group publish its final report in full and in the public domain. Members accepted the request, and comments were made that this had always been the intention.
- 3.4 The Group was advised that in refusing planning consent for an EfW facility at Hatfield, the Secretary of State was simply applying mainstream planning principles. The Secretary of State had concluded that 'Very Special Circumstances' which must appertain for such a major development to be approved in the Greenbelt were not proven, and therefore planning consent was refused. Members acknowledged that the Secretary of State considered each planning decision on its own merits, taking into account the particular circumstances relevant to that decision.

#### **4. Consideration of Group's draft final report**

- 4.1 The Head of the Joint Waste Team presented the full draft report, running through the points of consensus that had previously been agreed and from the evidence available to the Group, the basis of the draft conclusions and recommendations. The Group considered the report in detail and, following a wide-ranging debate, specific amendments were agreed.
- 4.2 The Head of the Joint Waste Team agreed to make the amendments to the report. The amended report would then be sent to members for final amendments/ comments, the overall objective being to obtain full Group approval. Members would be asked to respond within 7 days of receiving the report.  
**ACTION: Steve Read/Joanne Bolton**
- 4.3 The Group discussed the steps to be taken regarding report publication, once the report was in its final format. Differing views were expressed, and it was subsequently agreed that Christine Wray, Head of Legal Services, would look into how the report should be formally progressed.
- 4.4 Cllr Millard asked for it to be recorded in the notes of the meeting, that she would be concerned if the report was published, and available in the public domain, but then not considered at the next scheduled full Council meeting.
- 4.5 In recognition that this may be the final meeting, the Chair took the opportunity to thank the officers and members for all of their work with the Group and for their contributions to the final report.
- 4.6 Members also expressed their thanks and appreciation to Mr Jenkins for his role as Group chairman.

#### **5. Future meeting dates**

- 5.1 The Group noted the future scheduled meeting dates, these being:

Tuesday 4 November  
Monday 1 December

- 5.2 The Group recognised that if full Group approval on the final report was reached through e-mail, then further meetings may no longer be necessary. Group to be advised in due course.

**Action: Steve Read/Joanne Bolton**

ENDS