

**MINUTES OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER WASTE AND RECYCLING COMMITTEE, HELD ON
15 NOVEMBER 2018 AT GMCA, CHURCHGATE HOUSE 56 OXFORD STREET, MANCHESTER**

PRESENT:

Councillor Mohammed Iqbal	Bolton
Councillor Tony Cummings	Bury
Councillor Alan Quinn	Bury
Councillor Rabnawaz Akbar	Manchester
Councillor Stephen Hewitt	Oldham
Councillor Robin Garrido	Salford
Councillor David Lancaster	Salford
Councillor Roy Driver	Stockport
Councillor Allison Gwynne	Tameside (in the Chair)
Councillor Judith Lloyd	Trafford

Officers In attendance:

GMCA – Executive Director, Waste & Resources	David Taylor
GMCA – Deputy Monitoring Officer	Gwynne Williams
GMCA – Waste & Resources, Engineering	Michael Kelly
GMCA – Waste & Resources Contract Services	Justin Lomax
GMCA – Waste & Resources, HR & Administration	Pat Rogers
GMCA – Governance & Scrutiny	Paul Harris

WRC 18/32 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and noted from Councillors Shaukat Ali (Manchester), Sean Anstee (Trafford), Helen Foster-Grime (Stockport) and Stuart Haslam (Bolton).

WRC 18/33 URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of urgent business reported.

WRC 18/34 APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBER

RESOLVED/-

To note the appointment of Councillor Susan Emmott (Rochdale, Labour) as a Member on the GM Waste and Recycling Committee for 2018/2019, as confirmed by GM Combined Authority on 28 September 2018, and to also note the retirement of Councillor Neil Emmott (Rochdale, Labour).

WRC 18/35 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

WRC 18/36 MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee, held on 13 September 2018 were submitted.

RESOLVED/-

That the Minutes of the Waste and Recycling Committee, held on 13 September 2018, be approved as a correct record.

WRC 18/37 COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

A report was presented which provided Members with the Waste & Recycling Committee work programme that will provide a forward look of items to focus the work of the Committee during 2018/2019 municipal year.

Members noted that further information on the former landfill sites acquired by POS Landcare during 2012 would be provided at the March meeting of the committee.

RESOLVED/-

- 1) That the contents of the Waste and Recycling Committee work programme be noted.
- 2) To note that a report on the POS Landcare sites was to be considered at the March meeting of the Committee and that the work programme was to be updated accordingly.

WRC 18/38 REGISTER OF GMCA KEY DECISIONS

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

Members noted that in respect of the Modification of Waste Contract Facilities key decision, a delegation had been previously agreed to the Executive Director of Waste and Resources, in consultation with the Chief Executive of GMCA and the Chair of the Waste and Recycling Committee, to conclude contractual matters. Once completed the GMCA Key Decision Register will be updated accordingly.

Members also noted that Waste & Resources Action Programme (WRAP) had advised GMCA not to commence a public consultation process until the English Waste Strategy was in place. It was noted that Defra had indicated that this strategy would be introduced in 2018. A report would be provided to a future meeting of this Committee once the details of the English Waste Strategy was known.

With regard to additional capital expenditure for fire suppression and detection, Members noted that this matter would be addressed as part of the new contract.

RESOLVED/-

- 1) That the contents of the Register of Key Decisions, as set out in the report, be noted.
- 2) That the advice from WRAP not to commence a public consultation exercise until an English Waste Strategy had been agreed, be noted.

WRC 18/39 INTERIM SERVICES CONTRACT UPDATE

Justin Lomax, Head of Contract Services, Waste and Resources, introduced a report which provided an update on the performance of the Interim Waste Management Contract up to the end of August 2018. The report also provided an overview of health & safety matters and complaints.

In terms of performance, it was noted that recycling rate had increased by 1% point to 47.55% when compared to 2017/18 data. Diversion continues to be affected by the enforced closure of the Raikes Lane, Bolton, Thermal Recovery Facility, however as part of the contingency process, waste materials have been sent to the Refuse Derived Fuel production facility in Runcorn. As such, Members noted that diversion rates had been increased by 2% and was at 89.26% and that landfill waste disposal had been reduced by 18%.

In response to an enquiry from a Member regarding when the Raikes Lane, Bolton, Thermal Recovery Facility would be back on-line, officers noted that currently, this site was currently closed for planned maintenance and was due to be back on line by 6 December 2018. It was

also noted that a procurement process was required to replace the damaged turbine at this facility and that once it had been procured, it would typically take around 18 months for the turbine to become operational.

Following an enquiry from a Member, officers noted that complaints in relation to odour issues at waste facilities were thoroughly investigated.

RESOLVED/-

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

WRC 18/40 UPDATE ON BUDGET OF GMCA WASTE SERVICES

Consideration was given to a report of the GM Treasurer in relation to GMCA Waste Services, which provided Members with details of the forecasted balanced outturn for 2018/19 and budget for 2019/20 and beyond.

The process for agreeing the budget, including the scrutiny process was noted. In addition, Members noted that discussions were taking place with district officers in relation to the Levy Allocation Methodology Agreement, a mechanism which will allocate the operational costs between fixed and variable costs and the four waste streams collected by Districts, along with costs arising at the Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC) and office costs. It was also noted that the final budget position will be considered by the Waste and Recycling Committee on 24 January 2019, meeting, prior to formal approval by GMCA.

A Member highlighted the reported reduction in the level of waste collected, in particular trade waste, and sought clarification as to why this had occurred. In response, officers noted that the figures in the report were based upon projections from districts and the variances reported related to the actual position. Members noted there were a number of factors which may alter the level of recyclates collected which include packaging streams, economic position, changes to district collection regimes and the accuracy of district projections.

RESOLVED/-

That the update on the GMCA Waste Services budget, which sets out the forecast outturn for 2018/19 and budget for 2019/20 and beyond, be noted.

WRC 18/41 LANDFILL AND ENGINEERING REPORT, WASTE AND RESOURCES

Michael Kelly, Head of Engineering and Asset Management introduced a report which provided Members with background and operational updates for GMCA's closed landfill sites and other property assets. The report also provided an overview of site information and current updates for projects and work areas in 2018 - 19.

A Member noted the use of consultants to provide services and asked if these consultants were short or long-term positions. In response, officers noted that the consultants provided a specialist service for specific projects as part of particular capital project schemes. Members also noted that consultancy costs would be reduced though the procurement process.

RESOLVED/-

That the update on operational matters at the GMCA's closed landfill sites and other property matters, as set out in the report, be noted.

WRC 18/42 WASTE AND RESOURCES COMMUNICATIONS AND BEHAVIOURAL CHANGE ACTION PLAN PROGRESS UPDATE

David Taylor, Executive Director Waste & Resources introduced a report which provided Members with an update on Recycle for Greater Manchester Communications & Behavioural Change activities and sought approval of the Recycle for Greater Manchester Communications & Behavioural Change delivery plan 2019/20. An update on the Resource Greater Manchester Partnership was also presented.

Members noted that the Plan is broken down into the following 5 main aims:

- Reduce contamination and improve the quality of recyclates
- Encourage waste prevention - raise awareness and educate residents about how to reduce household waste
- Increase recycling at the Household Waste Recycling Centres to meet the target of 60%.
- Develop and promote the educational service.
- Raise awareness of recycling across Greater Manchester and engage with residents using a range of on and offline media.

A Member highlighted that clearer messages on which plastics can be recycled, particularly in relation to pots and trays, would help to address contamination issues.

RESOLVED/-

- 1) That the progress update on the Recycle for Greater Manchester Communications & Behavioural Change delivery plan, be noted.
- 2) That approval of the focused aims for the 2019/20 plan as set out in the report, be granted.

WRC 18/43 UPDATE ON PROCUREMENT OF GMCA WASTE SERVICES

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

Members noted the updated procurement timeline which set out the new contract commencement date of 1 June 2019.

It was also noted that a further update was to be presented to meeting of the Committee in January 2019.

RESOLVED/-

That the progress made against the procurement programme for the procurement of waste and resource management services for Greater Manchester, be noted.

WRC 18/44 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 on 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.

PART B

Prior to the consideration of the items in Part B, Members and officers were reminded of the commercial confidentiality of the reports before them.

WRC 18/45 INTERIM SERVICES CONTRACT UPDATE

David Taylor, Executive Director Waste & Resources introduced a report which provided Members with an update on performance of the interim waste management contract. A presentation was also provided which summarised Quarter 2 performance of the interim run-off contract.

RESOLVED/-

- 1) That the performance details performance of the interim waste management contract and the key risks identified in the report, be noted.
- 2) That a further update be presented to the meeting of the Committee in on 24 January 2019.

WRC 18/46 UPDATE ON PROCUREMENT OF GMCA WASTE SERVICES

David Taylor, Executive Director Waste & Resources introduced a report which provided Members with an update on the GMCA waste management procurement process, including the approach to procurement and management of bio-waste.

It was noted that the Preferred Bidder was to be invited to the March 2019 meeting of this Committee.

RESOLVED/-

- 1) That the update on the continued procurement of the GMCA Waste Services, be noted.
- 2) That it be noted that the Preferred Bidder will be invited to attend the meeting of the Committee in March 2019.

WRC 18/47 UPDATE ON BUDGET OF GMCA WASTE SERVICES

David Taylor, Executive Director Waste & Resources introduced a report which provided Members with an update on the commercial considerations in respect of the outturn for 2018/19 and budget for 2019/2020 and beyond. The report also covered the process of scrutiny that the budget consideration will follow.

RESOLVED/-

That the update on the Budget of GMCA Waste Services which set out commercial considerations in respect of the outturn for 2018/19 and budget for 2019/20 and beyond, be noted and to also note the process of scrutiny that the budget will follow.

WRC 18/48 HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRE POLICY DEVELOPMENT

David Taylor, Executive Director Waste & Resources introduced a report which set out the current measures that are used to deter trade waste abuse at the Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs), provided details of schemes in operation elsewhere and proposes a policy for enhanced measures and a timetable for implementation with the successful Lot 1 and Lot 2 contractor(s).

RESOLVED/-

- 1) That the report on development of a Household Waste Recycling Centre policy be noted and to also note those measures set out at paragraph 4.4 to the report.
- 2) That the proposed approach set out at section 5.0 to the report, be endorsed.