



St Edmundsbury
BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Cabinet 27 April 2011

West Suffolk Waste and Street Scene Services Joint Committee: 31 March 2011 (May11/02)

*(The following is a summary of the decisions taken by the Joint Committee.
This is for **information only** and no decisions are required by the Cabinet at this
stage. **However, attention is drawn to item 7 below.**)*

Cabinet Members:
Cllrs David Ray and Peter Stevens

**Vice Chairman of the Joint
Committee:** Cllr Peter Stevens

1. Joint Service Plan 2011/12 (Report No JWC11/040)

RESOLVED:-

That the Joint Service Plan for 2011/2012, subject to the minor amendments detailed above being incorporated, be approved.

The purpose of this report is to present the Joint Waste Partnership Service Plan 2011/12 and proposed project areas, which will form the business plan for the West Suffolk Waste and Street Scene Partnership.

The joint service plan is intended to aid the integration of service delivery and enable the Joint Committee to manage and oversee the delivery of services in accordance with the Partnering Agreement.

The plan translates the vision, values and priorities of each Council, along with associated outcomes and targets, into action at an operational level. Specifically, the Service Plan identifies how the service contributes to the delivery of corporate and national priorities. Alongside this, the joint service plan details how progress is to be identified and, above all, how outcomes are measured.

2. Cleansing Review (Report No JWC11/041)

RESOLVED:- That

- (1) The progress of the project to redesign Cleansing Services, be noted.**
- (2) Regular progress updates be received and a report to be submitted to the next meeting of the West Suffolk Waste and Street Scene Services Joint Committee, to include the following:-**

- **The possible co-ordination of rural road sweeping with Suffolk County Council; and**
- **The follow up on the street cleansing consultation with the Town and Parish Councils.**

A comprehensive redesign of the Cleansing Services across Forest Heath District Council and St Edmundsbury Borough Council is now well underway. This report details the progress being made on this project as well as outlining future activities and timescales.

3. Service Level Agreements (Report No JWC11/042)

RESOLVED:-

That the extension of the Service Level Agreements relating to Vehicle Maintenance and A14/A11 Litter Clearance for a further period of one year, each subject to the fees identified at Paragraphs 3.0 and 3.1 of Report No JWC11/042, be approved.

This report recommended extending the service level agreements relating to Vehicle Maintenance and A14/A11 Cleansing for a further year.

4. Service Level Agreement – Rural Channel Sweeping Service (Report No JWC11/043)

RESOLVED:- That

- (1) **The report be noted; and**
- (2) **To facilitate the Councils provision of a shared channel sweeping service in their respective rural areas, the Service Level Agreement for the delivery of rural channel sweeping by St Edmundsbury Borough Council in Forest Heath District Council's rural areas, with the amendment as detailed above, be approved.**

Channel sweeping in the rural areas is currently provided by both Councils using their own separate vehicles and staff. One of the outcomes of the cleansing review is a proposal that the rural channel sweeping service is delivered utilising just one vehicle and crew working across the combined FHDC and SEBC rural areas. Around 75% of the work will be in the SEBC area and the street sweepings will be bulked at the Olding Road Depot in Bury St Edmunds for onward processing. It is, therefore, proposed that this service operates from SEBC and that both Councils enter into a Service Level Agreement (SLA) for delivery of rural channel sweeping in FHDC's rural areas.

This report provided context for this arrangement and recommended approval of the Service Level Agreement made between the Councils that details the scope and terms of the Service to be provided by SEBC to FHDC.

5. Inter Authority Agreement (Verbal)

RESOLVED:- That

- (1) The verbal report be noted; and**
- (2) Delegated authority be given to the Strategic Director (Services) (FHDC) and the Corporate Director (Economy and Environment) (SEBC) to sign the Inter Authority Agreement on behalf of their Authorities.**

The Borough Council's Corporate Director for Economy and Environment presented a verbal update to Members that the Inter Authority Agreement was due to be signed shortly.

6. Household Waste Recycling Centres

RESOLVED:- That

That the verbal report, be noted.

Forest Heath District Council's Strategic Director (Services) provided Members with a verbal update on the decision recently made by Suffolk County Council to close several household waste recycling centres in Suffolk. In respect of the closure of the Newmarket recycling facility, discussions were continuing, to endeavour to keep the site open however, no conclusions had been made at present.

7. West Suffolk Waste & Street Scene Partnership – Progress Of Business Plan Toward Single Service (Report No JWC11/044X) (Para 1)

RESOLVED:- That

- (1) The decision made in 6 June 2008 to progress to a fully integrated single entity service provision for both Councils, as articulated in Appendix 3 of Report No JWC/044X, taking account of the issues identified at Paragraph 19 of the report, be ratified;**
- (2) The respective Councils be informed of the decision of the West Suffolk Waste & Street Scene Joint Committee to move to a single Head of Waste Structure. The implications of that decision and how those issues should be progressed to enable implementation of a combined single service structure, be addressed by each Council; and**
- (3) The structure, as detailed in Appendix 3 to Report No JWC11/044X, be implemented from 1 October 2011.**

This report recommended that Members ratify the further progress of the Waste and Street Scene partnership to Stage 3 of the Business Plan, to form a single service entity, led by a single Head of Service.