

Enquiries regarding this Agenda:
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West Suffolk Waste and Street Scene Services Joint Committee

***Friday 23 October 2009 at 10.00 am
in the Conference Chamber West (F1R09), West Suffolk House,
Western Way, Bury St Edmunds***

CONSTITUTION:

*Chairman: P A Stevens
Vice-Chairman: N A Roman*

*Forest Heath District St Edmundsbury
Council (2) Borough Council (2)*

*Roman Ray
Simmons Stevens*

SUBSTITUTES:

*Forest Heath District St Edmundsbury
Council (2) Borough Council (2)*

*Stewart Aitkens
Vacancy Clements*

QUORUM:

Three Members

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require otherwise.***

Agenda

Procedural Matters

1. **Substitutes**

Any Member who is substituting for another Member should so indicate together with the name of the relevant absent Member.

2. **Apologies for Absence**

3. **Minutes**

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 12 June 2009 (copy attached).

4. **Declarations of Interests**

Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any personal or prejudicial interest which they have in any item of business on the agenda no later than when that item is reached and, when appropriate, to leave the meeting prior to discussion and voting on the item.

Part 1 – Public

5. **Progress on Delivering the 2009/2010 Joint Service Plan and Suggested Priorities for 2010/2011**

Report **A262** attached.

6. **Update on the Start of a Project to Investigate Opportunities to Improve Efficiency in the Collection of Bulk Refuse**

An Operations Project Team was established to review potential areas of further joint working to demonstrate and deliver quick wins, resolve specific operational problems/constraints and improve service efficiency.

Following a joint operations meeting on 11 September 2009, it was agreed to undertake a three month trial from 1 October to 31 December 2009 of the following operational changes to collection of bulk refuse:-

- (a) reduce the current four vehicles and six personnel to two vehicles and four personnel. (spare vehicles to be retained for the duration of the trial);
- (b) cease the bulk service during the Christmas period in both authorities to release staff for other duties;

In addition to this, further opportunities to be considered include:

- (c) a review of the potential to develop a joint policy on the collection of bulk refuse, incorporating collection standards and a revised pricing strategy; and
- (d) a review of joint branding on wheeled bins and commercial vehicles.

Throughout the trial, there will be monitoring of operational outcomes and customer satisfaction.

It is **recommended** that:-

- (1) the project outcomes be noted; and
- (2) a progress report be submitted to the next Joint Committee meeting.

7. Suffolk Waste Partnership (SWP) Consultation Responses submitted on:

- 1. stage one consultation on the transposition of the revised Waste Framework Directive; and**
- 2. consultation on the Strategy for Hazardous Waste Management in England.**

Synopsis 1

The purpose of the Waste Framework Directive (WFD) is to lay down measures on EU Member States ...'to protect the environment and human health by preventing or reducing adverse impacts of the generation and management of waste and by reducing overall impacts of resource use and improving the efficiency of such use.'

This stage one consultation seeks views on the transposition and implementation of the following provisions within the WFD:-

- (a) the waste hierarchy;
- (b) extended producer responsibility;
- (c) re-use recycling and collection:-
 - (i) re-use and preparing for re-use activities;
 - (ii) separate collections of waste;
 - (iii) household waste recycling target; and
 - (iv) construction and demolition waste;
- (d) principles of self sufficiency and proximity;
- (e) hazardous waste:-
 - (i) waste oils;
 - (ii) bio-waste;
 - (iii) waste management plans; and
 - (iv) waste prevention programmes

A response was submitted by Suffolk County Council on behalf of the SWP and this was endorsed through a separate joint submission by FHDC and SEBC. A copy of our response is attached as Report **A263**.

Synopsis 2

The purpose of the Strategy for Hazardous Waste Management is to provide clarity on how the requirements of the revised WFD should be implemented with respect to the management of hazardous waste. The strategy is also intended to facilitate the provision of infrastructure for the management of hazardous waste.

The strategy is made up of seven high level principles for the management of hazardous waste. Consultees are invited to comment on whether they support each of the seven principles which are categorised under the headings below:-

- (i) the waste hierarchy;
- (ii) infrastructure provision;
- (iii) reduce our reliance on landfill;
- (iv) no mixing or dilution;
- (v) treatment of organic hazardous wastes;
- (vi) end reliance on the use of Landfill Directive waste acceptance criteria derogations; and
- (vii) treatment and landfilling of hazardous waste.

A response was submitted by Suffolk County Council on behalf of the SWP and this was endorsed through a separate joint submission by FHDC and SEBC. A copy of our response is attached as Report **A264**.

8. Future Meetings

The Joint Committee is requested to confirm the following dates for meetings:-

15 January 2010;
19 March 2010; and
11 June 2010.

All meetings to be held on Fridays, and to commence at 10.00 am.

EXEMPT INFORMATION – EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC TERMS OF FORMAL RESOLUTION

That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) of the Act.

Part 2 – Private

9. Partnering Update

Exempt Report **A265** attached.

10. Potential Impact on Revised Residual Waste Tipping Points in the West of Suffolk

Exempt Report **A266** attached.