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West Suffolk Waste and Street Scene Services Joint Committee

***Friday 23 March 2012 at 10.00 am
in the Conference Chamber East (F1R10), West Suffolk House,
Western Way, Bury St Edmunds***

CONSTITUTION:

<i>Chairman:</i>	<i>Councillor P A Stevens</i>
<i>Vice-Chairman:</i>	<i>Councillor N A Roman</i>
<i><u>Forest Heath District Council (2)</u></i>	<i><u>St Edmundsbury Borough Council (2)</u></i>
<i>Roman Simmons</i>	<i>Ray Stevens</i>

SUBSTITUTES:

<i><u>Forest Heath District Council (2)</u></i>	<i><u>St Edmundsbury Borough Council (2)</u></i>
<i>Stewart</i>	<i>Clements Everitt</i>

QUORUM: *Three Members*

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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 27 January 2012 (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 2011/2012 Joint Waste Service Plan and Review of Performance

Report **C402** attached.

6. Joint Service Plan 2012/2013

Report **C403** attached.

7. Amending the Powers of Local Authorities Regarding Presentation of Waste for Collection: Response to Government's Consultation

Report **C404** attached.

8. Proposed Improvements for the Provision of Litter and Dog Bins

Report **C405** attached.

9. Suffolk Waste Partnership (SWP) Textiles Project

The Suffolk wide residual waste composition analysis undertaken in June 2011 indicated there are approximately 5,200 tonnes of textiles in the black bin, in addition to the 1,300 tonnes being captured from the recycling centres across Suffolk.

With a relatively high market value and a landfill cost across Suffolk in excess of £580,000 per annum, the diversion of textiles presents an opportunity to increase recycling levels, and potentially attract additional income. SWP Directors agreed to investigate and introduce the opportunity for securing financial savings from 2012/2013 onwards and officers of the SWP have been working together to devise the preferred method of achieving this.

Following a review of similar schemes provided elsewhere, it is proposed to operate the collection by means of a plastic sack collection; the sacks being collected in the kerbside blue bin, and removed at the Material Recycling Facility.

Initial discussions have determined that a full range of textiles are appropriate for the collection service, and work is commencing on service marketing and plastic bag provision.

In terms of promoting the scheme to residents, the following actions have been agreed and are currently being progressed:-

- (1) it is intended that households will receive an A5 postcard informing them of the new scheme through the post one month before the start date;
- (2) two textiles bags will be delivered by post on the week that the collections start, accompanied by a further information leaflet;
- (3) residents will be asked to leave full textiles bags in the top of their recycling bin. This will ensure the collection crews see the bag and issue a replacement; and
- (4) the introduction will also be backed up with press releases and roadshows.

Subject to agreeing the partnering arrangements and finalising the above, it is expected that the project will commence during the summer 2012.

The Joint Committee is requested to **NOTE**: to progress on kerbside collection of textiles.

10. Suffolk Waste Partnership discussions to Agree Future Cost and Governance Arrangements: Update

The Joint Committee will receive an oral update.

11. Dates of Future Meetings

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

15 June 2012 (AGM);
19 October 2012;
18 January 2013; and
22 March 2013.

Part 2 – Private

NONE