

**North West Region Waste Management Group Joint Committee
Wednesday 2nd May 2012
Ballymoney Borough Council**

Present:

Ballymoney Borough Council

Councillor E Robinson
Alderman C Cousley
John Michael

Coleraine Borough Council

Councillor W King
Councillor G Duddy
Kieran Doherty

Derry City Council

Conor Canning

Limavady Borough Council

Alderman M Coyle
Councillor J Rankin
Liam Flanigan
Noel Crawford

Magherafelt District Council

Councillor S McPeake
Andrew Cassells

Moyle District Council

Councillor R McIlroy
Aidan McPeake

Strabane District Council

Councillor K McGuire
Malcolm Scott

NWRWMG

Eamon Molloy
Jonathan Gray
Joanne Curran

Item 1 - Apologies

The following apologies were recorded:

Councillor Cooper
Councillor McCauley
Councillor C McCambridge
Councillor K Lagan
Councillor S Gallagher
Richard Lewis
Roger Wilson
Danny McSorley

Sharon O'Connor
John McLaughlin
John Dempsey
John Kelpie
Oonagh Warke
Alan McVicker
Keith Swerdlick

Item 2 - Minutes

The Chair reviewed the previous minutes with the Committee on a page-by-page basis. It was pointed out that an amendment had to be made regarding location. This change was made.

The minutes of the meeting of the 4th April 2012 were:

PROPOSED by Councillor W King **and** **SECONDED** by Councillor C Cousley

Item 3 - Minutes of a Special Meeting - Confidential

The minutes of the meeting of the 12th April 2012 were:

PROPOSED by Councillor R McIlroy **and** **SECONDED** by Councillor M Coyle

Item 4 - Matter Arising

There being no matters arising the Chair moved to the next item of business.

Item 5 - Project Update Report - Confidential

The Development Officer updated the meeting on the current status of the project. He informed the group that the consultation on NIROCs had not been brought to conclusion and that this would impact on the delivery time frame for the project. He added that the responses from the responsible departments, DECCS and DOE were not expected before the end of the month.

He informed the Committee that the activity relating to the evaluation was ongoing and nearing completion.

Item 6 -Mixed Dry Recyclables Tender Update - Confidential

The Development Officer informed the members that since the last joint committee meeting the legal challenge in the Mixed Dry Recyclables Tender has now been resolved through the withdrawal of RecyCo as the preferred bidder.

He said that there was a special meeting held on the 12 April 2012 and a recommendation had been made to appoint Re-Gen as the new preferred bidder and a new standstill period was initiated.

He advised that he would keep members informed of developments on this matter.

Item 7 -Review of Governance - update

The Development Officer reminded members of the content of the NIAO report and the need for the Group to have its own governance arrangements. In line with the decision of the Joint Committee, Belfast City Council legal services is undertaking the review of governance to ensure that the structures and operation of the Joint Committee remains fit for purpose.

He added that part of the governance review involved the establishment of the risk and audit committee, the first meeting of which will take place on the 14th May 2012.

The Development Office confirmed Limavady Borough Council as the venue for the meeting.

Item 8 -Risk Register

The project Manager explained to members that the purpose of the Risk Register was to help ensure that nothing was overlooked in the management of the project. It is also to ensure that the group properly identify and manage the risks when moving forward.

He then took members through the top 5 highlighted risks on the register in detail and pointed out the latest overall score for each risk based on its definition, severity, likelihood and mitigation management measures.

Item 9 - Query from the Environment Committee the NI Assembly

The Development Officer informed members that the Environment Committee of the NI Assembly had discussed the Waste Infrastructure Programme again in April and that as a result of this a query regarding the North West project had been raised.

The Development Officer has attached the e-mail and the response for member's information.

**Item 10 - Nominations to the Waste Programme Board:
Waste Strategy Task Group**

The Development Officer reminded the members of the Departments obligation to review Waste Management Strategy for Northern Ireland.

The Development Officer informed members that at the last Waste Programme Board meeting it was agreed on the establishment of a Waste Strategy Task Group to provide advice and make recommendations to the Board as it had been decided by the Minister that input to this process was required from the widest possible constituency.

The Development Officer referred to a copy of the letter sent to the chair requesting two nominations for the Strategy Task Group.

The Chair then asked for nominations.

The Chair Councillor Robinson and the Development Officer were **proposed by** Councillor S McPeake and **seconded by** Councillor G Duddy. It was further agreed that Councillor Coyle would act as substitute for Councillor Robinson.

Item 11 - AOB

Mr Michael expressed his concern regarding the definition of Municipal Waste as there are a wide range of items that cannot be accepted as recycling and in turn this is creating a lot of difficulty in increasing the recycling percentage and that accordingly there is a need for some clarity in the Northern Ireland Strategy.

The Development Officer stated that the minister is determined that the target of 60% will be reached.

The Project Manager responded that this was a good point and took members through the recycling percentages and conditions required to enable the achievement of 60% recycling to be realistic. This comprised an overall recycling percentage in the high forties from 'front end' kerbside and HWRC recycling activities, seven or eight percent additional recycling from MBT of residual waste (requiring MBT infrastructure) and seven or eight percent additional recycling from energy recovery outputs (requiring energy recovery infrastructure and harmonisation of recycling definitions to include recycled materials such as bottom metals and ash).

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The Development Officer informed members that the date for the next meeting is the 6th June 2012 in Derry City Council offices.

There being no further business the Chair thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting.

The meeting terminated at 2.40pm

Signed by: Evelyn L Robinson
Cllr Evelyne Robinson
Chair