

NWRWMG Joint Committee March 2015

## Item 2 – Minutes of the Meeting of the 7<sup>th</sup> January 2015

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North West Region Waste Management Group Joint Committee  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2015@ 2.00 PM  
Coleraine Borough Council Offices

**Present:**

**Ballymoney Borough Council**

Alderman Cecil Cousley

John Dempsey

John Michael

**Coleraine Borough Council**

Councillor George Duddy

Aidan Mullan

**Derry City Council**

Conor Canning

**Limavady Borough Council**

Alderman Michael Coyle (vice-chair)

Alderman Jack Rankin

Liam Flanigan

Noel Crawford

**Moyle District Council**

Councillor Robert McIlroy

Richard Lewis

Aidan McPeake

**Magherafelt District Council**

Andrew Cassells

**Strabane District Council**

Councillor Kieran McGuire

**NWRWMG**

Eamon Molloy

Keith Swerdlick

Joanne Curran

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In the absence of the chair the vice-chair Alderman Coyle took the Chair.

### **Item 1 - Apologies**

The following apologies were recorded:

Councillor Evelyne Robinson (Chair)	John McLaughlin
Councillor William King	Danny McSorley
Councillor Martin Kearney	Malcolm Scott
Councillor Bridget Meehan	Barry O'Hagan
Councillor Brian Tierney	
Councillor Sean McPeake	
Councillor Jay McCauley	

### **Item 2 - Minutes of the meetings of the 5<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

The chair reviewed the previous minutes with the Committee.

The minutes of the meeting 5<sup>th</sup> November 2014 were **PROPOSED** by Councillor McIlroy and **SECONDED** by Councillor Duddy.

### **Item 3 - Matters Arising**

With regards to Item 5, Full Circle Power - Councillor McGuire stated that he was in favour of receiving a presentation from Full Circle and asked that this be recorded.

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

### **Item 4 - Waste Management Plan**

The Development Officer reminded members that the Waste Management Plan had been submitted to the Department on behalf of member Councils for determination. The Department has now decided on the determination and councils have been notified of this.

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A condition of the determination is that within one month of the group contracts for treatment of the residual waste being decided, the Waste Management Plan will be updated to reflect this detail and the Department will be notified of this change.

The draft Environmental Report has also been completed and sent to the statutory consultees for comment. This report is also available on the NWRWVG website.

Upon return of the responses from the statutory consultees the Strategic Environmental Assessment will be finalised and this will also be placed on the Group website. This will formally complete the review of the Waste Management Plan.

#### **Item 5 -HWRC and Residual Waste Contracts**

The Development Officer updated members on the current status of the HWRC and Residual Waste tender / contract. He stated that the purpose of this work is to assist Councils comply with their obligation with Diversion from Landfill, left by the absence of the award of the Waste Infrastructure Project.

He informed members that the Directors group are currently progressing the matter. Each member Council has put in place interim arrangements as it will not be possible to put in place a new Group contract before the end of March 2015. He also informed members that the Directors Group is investigating the possibility of these contracts returning to the market place as a single tender. The award of any such contract post March will become the responsibility of the new Councils.

#### **Item 6 - Corporate Risk Register**

The Development Officer referred to the attached report for members' information and consideration. He highlighted the proposed changes and informed members that these had been approved by the Audit and Risk Committee.

The adoption of the Risk Register was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Rankin and **SECONDED** by Councillor McIlroy.

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### **Item 7 - Annual Audit Letter**

The Development Officer referred members to the attached annual audit letter that was issued by the NIAO. It is a requirement that the letter is issued to all members of the Joint Committee.

He informed members that the audit opinion was that the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial status of the Joint Committee, in accordance with the relevant statutory requirements and the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the relevant legislation.

He added that the management letter had been separately issued and brought to the Audit and Risk Committee and that it had contained no recommendations.

The Chair told members that the Internal Audit had given a substantial assurance in its report and combined with the NIAO report he felt it reflected the good work of the staff. He thanked the staff and Derry City Council for their efforts on behalf of the Group.

**Confidential**

### **Item 8 - MDR Contract Arbitration**

The Chair requested that the meeting go into committee to receive information of a confidential nature. This was **PROPOSED** by Councillor McIlroy and **SECONDED** by Councillor Duddy.

Members received a report on the above matter.

### **Item 9 - Regional Waste Infrastructure Project**

The Development Officer briefed members on the current status of the Waste Infrastructure project.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor McIlroy and **SECONDED** by Councillor Duddy that the meeting come out of committee.

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**Item 10 - AOB**

The Chair suggested that the next Joint Committee meeting is held on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2015 this was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Duddy and **SECONDED** by Councillor McIlroy.

This was agreed by the meeting

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

**The meeting terminated at 2.45pm**

Signed:   
**Alderman Michael Coyle**  
**Vice-Chair**