

**North West Region Waste Management Group Joint Committee
Wednesday 7th December 2011
Limavady Council Offices**

Present:

Ballymoney Borough Council

Councillor Evelyne Robinson (Chair)
Alderman Cecil Cousley
John Michael

Coleraine Borough Council

Councillor William King
Kieran Doherty

Derry City Council

Councillor Shaun Gallagher
John Kelpie
Conor Canning

Limavady Borough Council

Alderman Jack Rankin
Alderman Michael Coyle
Liam Flanigan
Noel Crawford
Martin McNicholl

Magherafelt District Council

Councillor Sean McPeake
Andrew Cassells

Moyle District Council

Councillor Robert McIlroy
Aidan McPeake

NWRWMG

Eamon Molloy
Jonathan Gray
Keith Swerdlick
Joanne Curran

PDSU

Alan McVicker

Item 1 - Apologies

The following apologies were recorded:

Councillor Jay McCauley
Councillor Kieran McGuire
Councillor Kate Lagan
Councillor William McCandless
Councillor Michael Cooper
Sharon O'Connor

Richard Lewis
John Dempsey
Danny McSorley
John McLaughlin
Roger Wilson
Oonagh Warke

Item 2 - Minutes

The Chair reviewed the previous minutes with the Committee on a page-by-page basis.

The minutes of the meeting of the 5th October 2011 were:

PROPOSED by Councillor R McIlroy **and SECONDED** by Councillor C Cousley

Item 3 - Matter Arising

The Chair raised a query regarding contamination in the blue bins and the quality of recyclates. The Development Officer reported that the operator is satisfied with the quality of recyclates coming from the North West Councils; however, he added that work needs to continue to keep the levels of contamination as low as possible.

Councillor S Gallagher stated that the message regarding recycling has to be reinforced again to the public.

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

Item 4 - Mixed Dry Recycling Tender - Confidential

The Development Officer gave members a background on the tender and the Project Manager took the members through the report in detail.

The Director of the PDSU explained his role as moderator.

A lengthy discussion ensued and questions were answered through reference to the Tender Report, Invitation to Tender documents and the tenders submitted by the bidders.

It was recommended that:

On the basis of the evaluation report that the Joint Committee approve the results of the evaluation and recommend the award of the contract to RecyCo to Member Councils.

PROPOSED by Councillor S Gallagher **and SECONDED** by Councillor M Coyle

Item 5 - Project Update Report - Confidential

The Development Officer gave a report on activity to date. He added that the evaluation is ongoing and near completion, however, the timetable for delivery would now be delayed due to the DETI consultation on ROCs. The Development Officer is also seeking additional clarifications from DOE. He added that these matters were covered in the detailed report at item 6.

Item 6 - The Renewable Obligation Certificates Consultation - Confidential

The Development Officer took Members through the report and answered questions on its content and impact on the project.

Councillor Gallagher thanked the Development Officer for making the report available to Members and stated that he had found it very useful in clarifying certain issues.

The Development Officer reported that he has spoken to the bidder regarding the ROC's issue and that they are now fully aware that until this has been resolved the process cannot go any further. He also stated that he was fully aware of the urgency of the need to have these outstanding matters resolved and would continue to push the process on in as timely a fashion as possible.

Item 7 - NI Assembly Environment Committee Stakeholder Letter

The Development Officer presented the letter for information. He informed the Committee that having reviewed the draft Programme for Government he did not consider it necessary for the Group to respond at this stage.


Item 8 - AOB

The Development Officer wanted to draw the members attention to an invitation he had received from the Assembly Committee for the Environment to attend on the 19th January 2012 to brief the Committee on the Waste Infrastructure procurement process. He stated that he was seeking advice on the process and form of the meeting and would keep Members informed on this matter.

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There being no further business the Chair thanked members for their attendance, wished everyone a Happy Christmas and closed the meeting.

The meeting terminated at 1pm

A handwritten signature in black ink, starting with 'P.P.' followed by a cursive name that appears to be 'Evelyne Robinson'.

Signed:

Cllr Evelyne Robinson
Chair