

NWRWMG Joint Committee September 2014

Item 2 – Minutes of the Meeting of the 2nd July 2014

North West Region Waste Management Group Joint Committee
Wednesday 2nd July 2014@ 2.00 PM
Limavady Borough Council Offices

Present:

Ballymoney Borough Council
Alderman Cecil Cousley

Coleraine Borough Council
Councillor William King

Derry City Council
Councillor Bridget Meehan
Conor Canning

Limavady Borough Council
Alderman Michael Coyle (Vice-Chair)
Alderman Jack Rankin

Moyle District Council
Councillor Robert McIlroy

Strabane District Council
Malcolm Scott

NWRWMG

Eamon Molloy
Philip Kingston (DCC, Solicitor to the NWRWMG)
Keith Swerdlick

In the absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair Alderman Coyle took the Chair. He began by extending his condolences to Joanne Curran on the recent bereavement of her mother and asked that a letter of sympathy be sent to Joanne on behalf of the Joint Committee. This was endorsed by the meeting.

Item 1 - Apologies

The following apologies were recorded:

Councillor Evelyne Robinson (Chair)
Councillor George Duddy

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Andrew Cassells
Richard Lewis
John Dempsey
Danny McSorley
Aidan McPeake

Barry O'Hagan
John Michael
Aidan Mullan
Sharon O'Connor
Nigel McKeown

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The Chair reviewed the previous minutes with the Committee.

The minutes were **PROPOSED** by Councillor King and **SECONDED** by Alderman Rankin

Item 3 - Matters Arising

Councillor Meehan enquired if there had been any further developments on inviting Zero Waste NW (ZWNW) to make a presentation before the Joint Committee. The Development Officer informed the meeting that as the Joint Committee is in recess for August, the ZWNW group will be invited to attend the September meeting of the Joint Committee.

Item 4 - Tenders for Residual Waste and HWRC collected Waste

The Development Officer informed members that the existing contracts for residual waste and HWRC collected waste expire in October / November this year, in order that appropriate arrangements will be in place to ensure continuity of service tender documents for these services have been prepared and the tender advertised in the regional press and an OJEU notice issued. The submission date for return of the tenders is the 11th August 2014. This will allow evaluation to be completed and award recommendations to Councils before expiry of the existing provision.

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Item 5 - Update on Procurement Activities

The Development Officer referred to the attached paper that outlined the status of all procurement / tender activity and their status for members' information. He pointed out that apart from the items referred to in the previous item renewals and or extensions all fall outside the life of the current councils.

Item 6 - NW Region Waste Infrastructure Project

The Development Officer informed the Joint Committee that the procurement for the Regional Waste Infrastructure Project had now been formally concluded, as of the 16th June 2014.

Item 7 - Review of the Waste Management Plan

The Development Officer reminded Members that as the Infrastructure procurement process was now formally abandoned there is a need to submit the revised Waste Management Plan to the Department of the Environment forthwith to ensure that member Councils are compliant with legislation set out in the revised Waste Framework Directive. The Development Officer has received a quotation from RPS, who assisted member Councils in the initial draft, in order to complete the work so that Councils can present the Plan into their respective committees in September '14 for consideration.

To complete the work on the Plan and accompanying Strategic Environmental Assessment will cost £11,000.00

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor McIlroy and **SECONDED** by Alderman Rankin that funding be allocated to allow RPS should carry out the necessary amendments of the plan so that the plan then be submitted to Councils

Item 8- Corporate Risk Register

The Development Officer informed the meeting that the Infrastructure Project will now be removed from the register. He stated that the Audit and Risk Committee would meet in due course to review the register and recommend any further changes including scoring as appropriate.

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The Vice-chair enquired of the members of the Audit and Risk Committee, who were all present, if they could reconvene on conclusion of the Joint Committee meeting. The members of the Audit Committee: Alderman Coyle, Councillor King, Councillor McIlroy and Councillor Meehan agreed to this suggestion.

Item 9- MDR Contract - Confidential

The Development Officer referred to previous discussions on this matter and outlined to members the legal opinion received from Mr Brett Lockhart QC.

Members discussed in detail the options and implications of the proposed action and;

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor McIlroy and **SECONDED** by Councillor Meehan that the Joint Committee follow the legal advice.


Item 10- A.O.B

Councillor King raised his concern regarding the illegal disposal of tyres and their use in bonfires particularly at this time of year. A general discussion took place regarding the regulation of disposal and traceability. The Development Officer informed the meeting that the topic of tyres was discussed regularly at the Waste Programme Board (WPB). At the conclusion of the discussion the Chair undertook to raise the matter again at the WPB.

It was agreed that the Joint Committee would recess in August and that the next meeting will be on Wednesday 3rd September 2014 at Magherafelt District Council offices.

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

The meeting terminated at 2:30 PM

Signed: 
Alderman Michael Coyle
Vice Chair