

NWRWVG Joint Committee March 2016

Item 2 – Minutes of the Meeting of the 20th January 2016

North West Region Waste Management Group Joint Committee
Wednesday 20th January 2016 @ 2.00 PM
Limavady Offices, Causeway Coast & Glen Borough Council

Present: - Councillor Nicholl (in the Chair), Alderman King and Bresland, Councillors Mc Hugh, Duddy and Hastings.

In Attendance: - Clerk to the Committee (Mr E. Molloy), Director of Environment & Regeneration DCSDC (Ms K. Philips), Director of Environmental Services CCGBC (Mr A. McPeake), NWRWVG (Mr K. Swerdluck, Miss J. Curran)

Notice and Summons of Meeting

The Clerk read the Notice and Summons for the Meeting.

Apologies

An apology of absence was received from Councillor Kelly and Councillor Fitzpatrick.

Item 1 - Declaration of Members' Interests

There were no declarations of Members' interests.

Item 2 - Minutes of the Joint Committee 18th November 2015

The Chair reviewed the previous minutes with the Committee.

The minutes of the meeting 18th November 2015 were **PROPOSED** by Councillor Hastings and **SECONDED** by Alderman King.

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Item 3- Matter Arising

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

Item 4 - NIAO Annual Audit Letter

The Clerk informed members that a requirement of the Annual Audit is that each members receive a copy of the Annual Audit Letter. He took members through the letter and stated that once the letter is approved it will be published on the NWRWMG website.

The approval was **Proposed by** Councillor Duddy and **Seconded by** Alderman Bresland.

Councillor Duddy also thanked the staff on the preparation and assistance in this report.

Item 5 - Corporate Risk Register

The Clerk referred to the attached Corporate Risk Register for members' information.

He stated that the changes to the risks approved at the last meeting of the Joint Committee has now been completed. He informed members that the Risk Register has been reviewed again today at the Audit & Risk meeting and that there was no additional risks identified, no risks have been closed and no other changes have been made.

Members noted the report.

Item 6 - Extension of EU Compliant Framework Agreement

The Clerk referred to the attached and stated that this was for members' information.

He reminded members that councils utilise an EU Compliant Framework Agreement for the supply of Refuse & Recycling products. Purchasing through the Framework means that councils do not have to undertake their own tender process saving time and money.

This expires on 31st January 2106 with the provision to be extended for a further 2 years. The extension provision has now been activated.

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Item 7 - Extension of the Bio-Waste Contract

The Clerk informed the committee that the Bio Waste contract was awarded to Natural World Products (NWP) on 22nd January 2014. This contract has the provision to be extended for a further 12 months. He informed members that the service has operated well with no reported issues.

He reminded members that at a previous joint committee meeting discussions had taken place around alternative forms of disposal such as Anaerobic Digestion. He stated that research has been carried out and for this to be a viable alternative any such facility needs to have Pass 110 accreditation.

He informed members that this matter will be kept under review and any new developments will be considered.

The Joint Committee is now asked to recommend to member councils to extend their agreement with NWP for a further 12 months.

This was **Proposed by** Alderman King and **Seconded by** Councillor Hastings.

Item 8 - Environmental Governance in Northern Ireland Draft Response

The Clerk reminded members that in 2011 the DoE sought stakeholders' views on the issue of environmental governance. The Department has now reopened the debate and allowed stakeholders to express their views.

The Clerk referred members to the attached draft response from the group to the Department of the Environment on this issue.

Members discussed the draft response and Councillor McHugh stated that in the long term a decision would need to be taken on this matter and he asked that the committee keep a close track on development in the future.

The Chair asked the Clerk to ensure that this matter is placed on the agenda for a future meeting post the May Assembly election.

The response was agreed by the committee.

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Item 9 - Annual Report 2014/15

The Clerk informed members that under requirement the Annual Report is submitted to the Department on an annual basis. He pointed out that the recycling element has remained static but that action has since been taken to increase recycling rates.

He stated that there has been a significant waste growth in the region and that this is now impacting on performance. This matter will be kept under review.


Members approved submission to the Department and publication on the NWRWMG website.

Item 10 - Any other Relevant Business

The Chair suggested that the next meeting of the Joint Committee be postponed until 16th March 2016. This meeting will take place in Derry City & Strabane District Council, Strand Road offices.

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

The meeting terminated at 2.35pm

Signed: 
Cllr Dermot Nicholl
Chair