

NWRWMG Joint Committee July 2015

## **Item 2 - Minutes of the Meeting of the 17<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

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**North West Region Waste Management Group Joint Committee AGM  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2015 @ 2.00 PM  
Derry City & Strabane District Council, Derry**

**Present:- Aldermen Bresland and King, Councillors Duddy, Fitzpatrick, Hastings, Kelly, McHugh and Nicholl.**

**In Attendance:- Clerk to the Committee (Mr E. Molloy), Director of Environment and Regeneration DCSDC (Ms K. Philips), Director of Environmental Services CCGBC (Mr A. McPeake), Head of Environment DCSDC (Mr C.Canning), Senior Solicitor (Mr P. Kingston), Lead Finance Officer (Mr A. Dallas), NWRWMG (Mr K. Swerdlick and Miss J. Curran)**

### **Notice and Summons of Meeting**

The Clerk read the Notice and Summons for the Meeting.

### **Apologies**

None

### **Item 1 - Declaration of Members' Interests**

There were no declarations of Members' interests.

### **Item 2 - Background**

The Clerk referred to the attached paper and gave members a brief description of the role and work of the NWRWMG. He told members that the way forward for the delivery of regional waste activity through the groups is currently under discussion with the

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eleven Councils and the department and as a result the Group finds itself in a state of flux. He added that members will be kept updated on all developments.

### **Item 3 - Election of the Chair and Item 4 - Election of the Vice-Chair**

The Clerk invited nominations for the position of Chair of the NWRWVG Joint Committee.

Councillor Kelly asked if D'Hondt was to be used. The Clerk explained that the members had all been appointed by their respective Councils under D'Hondt; the appointment of the Chair and Vice -Chair was not covered by provisions in D'Hondt in this instance and therefore it was a matter for the Joint Committee as to how the appointments were made.

The Senior Solicitor offered further advice and,

Councillor Fitzpatrick **PROPOSED** Alderman King; this was **SECONDED** by Councillor Duddy

Councillor Kelly **PROPOSED** Councillor Nicholl; this was **SECONDED** by Councillor McHugh

The Clerk took a vote which tied at four votes each after a further discussion it was unanimously agreed by the Joint Committee that Councillor Nicholl would serve as Chair and Alderman King as Vice-Chair and that the roles would be rotated next year.

### **Item 5 - Election of Audit Committee**

Councillor Nicholl took the Chair and thanked members for his election. The Chair asked for nominations for the position of the Audit Committee of the NWRWVG. The following appointments were unanimously agreed by the Joint Committee:

Councillor Kelly  
Alderman Bresland  
Councillor Duddy  
Alderman King

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### **Item 6 - Appointment of the Clerk of the Committee**

The Chair asked for nominations for the position of the Clerk of the Joint Committee of the NWRWMG. Councillor Duddy **PROPOSED** and Councillor Kelly **SECONDED** Mr Molloy be appointed Clerk and this was agreed by the Committee.

### **Item 7 - Appointment of the Legal Advisor to the Committee**

The Chair asked for nominations for the position of the Legal Advisor to the Committee. The Clerk informed the meeting that Mr Kingston, Senior Solicitor, Derry City & Strabane District Council was currently serving in this position.

The meeting gave its consent to Mr Kingston's appointment.

The Clerk informed the meeting that Derry City and Strabane District Council is also providing legal services to Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council and Fermanagh & Omagh District Council and that to avoid any future potential conflict of interest he would recommend that a reserve Legal Advisor should be put in place in the event that the Committee needed to avail of such services. He advised that Belfast City Council Legal Services Department currently fulfilled this role and he recommended that this should continue.

Councillor Kelly **PROPOSED** and Councillor Fitzpatrick **SECONDED** that this position remain unchanged.

### **Item 8 - Nominations to the Waste Programme Board**

The Clerk referred to the attached letter from the DoE seeking nominations for two elected representatives of the Joint Committee to serve on the Waste Programme Board.

He informed members that because of departmental budgetary constraints the position would now be unremunerated. Expenses are no longer covered by the DoE and members would require the positions to be nominated duties so that councils could cover travel expenses for the meetings.

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Councillor Fitzpatrick and Councillor McHugh were duly elected to be the NWRWMG representatives to the Waste Programme Board.

**Item 9 - Presentation of Governance Statement**

The Clerk informed members that he had reviewed the Governance Statement in order to ensure compliance and proceeded to take members through the governance framework.

He informed members that governance arrangements will be kept under review in the coming months in line with the overall review of regional waste management activity.

The Chair thanked the Clerk and members agreed the review as presented.

**Item 10 - A.O.B.**

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

**The meeting terminated at 2.25 PM**

**Signed:**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dermot Nicholl".

**Cllr Dermot Nicholl  
Chair**