

NWRWVG Joint Committee March 2018

# Item 2 - Minutes of the Meeting of the 14<sup>th</sup> February 2018

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North West Region Waste Management Group Joint Committee  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2018 @ 2.00 PM  
Derry City & Strabane District Council, The Guildhall

**Present:** - Councillor Kelly (Chair), Hastings, Nicholl and Alderman Bresland and King.

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

## **Notice and Summons of Meeting**

The Clerk read the Notice and Summons for the Meeting.

## **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillor Fitzpatrick, Councillor Stevenson, Mr C Canning and Mr A McPeake.

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

There were no declarations of Members' interests.

## **Item 2 - Minutes of the Joint Committee 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

The Chair reviewed the previous minutes with the Committee.

The minutes of the meeting 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017 were **PROPOSED** by Councillor Hastings and **SECONDED** by Councillor Nicholl.

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

There were no matters arising.

### **Item 4 - Corporate Risk Register**

The Clerk took members through the risk register page by page and reminded them that it was a standing item on the agenda.

The Clerk asked members to note that there is one identified "high risk" item on the register and that no risks have been closed and no other changes have been made to the register since it was last reviewed in December 2017.

Member agreed to note the content.

### **Item 5 - Tender for the Provision for the treatment of NWRWMG kerbside collected residual waste**

The Clerk reminded members that at the last Joint Committee meeting it was proposed to activate the extension period of 1 year to the kerbside collected residual waste tender. This was communicated to the service provider, River Ridge, however they declined the option so Councils will have to tender for this service earlier than expected.

The service provider has indicated that they are looking for a longer term contract resulting in better value for money for the councils. The Clerk informed members that a meeting has been set up with officers and a representative of River Ridge as they wished to present their case for longer-term contracts.

The Clerk stated that the short-term contracts that the Group had been utilising since the termination of the waste infrastructure contract had never been intended as a permanent solution to service provision but rather one that allowed Councils to observe the market with a view to more medium term solutions when things allowed. Officers are aware that because of developments within the marketplace a review on the length of future council contracts will need to be examined. He further stated that preliminary discussions with officers indicated that this was in all likelihood the direction of travel for future contracts. He added that colleagues in other council areas had already moved to longer term contracts.

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Councillor Nicholl stated that all options should be looked at to receive the best value for money for councils and the meeting agreed that a new tender should be issued.

It was noted that the current provider would provide the service until a new one has been secured.

The meeting decided that this should be notified at the respective council meeting. This was PROPOSED by Alderman King and SECONDED by Councillor Hastings.

#### **Item 6- Current Status of Tenders**

The Clerk stated that the attached report on tenders was for information.

Members were asked to note that item 7 and item 8 will expire at the end of June 2018. The Clerk stated that as the contract involved 26 Legacy Councils through their waste management groups, discussions have taken place with ARC21 on the way forward. It was agreed that a joint tender would be appropriate and that the three non-aligned councils will be invited to take part in this exercise.

The Clerk also stated that item 9 Collected Kerbside commingled recyclables, has now been awarded and that Councils will initiate the contract.

#### **Item 7 - Review of the NWRMWG Waste Management Plan**

The Clerk reminded members that the current Waste Management Plan expires in 2020.

He stated that the plan had initially covered the seven legacy councils but had been adopted in 2015 to cover the new Councils namely Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council and Derry City and Strabane District Council.

He reminded members that the task of producing or reviewing a new Waste Management Plan is both costly and time consuming and in this instance is made all the more difficult because DAERA has not yet produced a timetable for the production of its Waste Management Strategy.

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The Clerk informed members that the officers intend to begin the process of discussing the matter so that the group is prepared to go forward in production of a new plan when appropriate.

Councillor Nicholl asked if this item could be kept on the agenda. This was agreed by the meeting.


#### **Item 8 - Any Other Relevant Business**

The Chair informed members that the next Joint Committee meeting will take place on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018 in the Coleraine offices of Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council.

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

**The meeting terminated at 2.20 PM**

**Signed:**

  
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Cllr Kelly  
Chair