

NWRWMG Joint Committee February 2019

Item 2 - Minutes of the Meeting of the 12th December 2018

**North West Region Waste Management Group Joint Committee
Wednesday 12th December 2018 @ 2.00 PM
Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council, Limavady Offices**

Present: - Alderman King (Chair), Councillor Hastings, Nicholl, McHugh, Bresland and S Duddy.

In Attendance: - Clerk to the Committee (Mr E. Molloy), Operations Technical Manager CCGBC (Mr N. McKeown), NWRWMG (Mr K. Swerlick, Miss J. Curran).

Notice and Summons of Meeting

The Clerk read the Notice and Summons for the Meeting.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Ms Philips and Mr Canning.

Item 1 - Declaration of Members' Interests

There were no declarations of Members' interests.

Item 2 -Minutes of the Joint Committee 19th September 2018

The Chair reviewed the previous minutes with the Committee.

The minutes of the meeting 19th September 2018 were **PROPOSED** by Councillor Hastings and **SECONDED** by Alderman King.

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Item 3 - Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Item 4 - Corporate Risk Register

The Clerk reminded members that the attached Risk Register was for their information and a standing item on the agenda.

He reminded members that there are currently two identified "high risk" items on the register and that all the risks are reviewed on a monthly basis.

Councillor Nicholl expressed his sympathy on behalf of the Group on the death of a member of staff in the waste section of Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council.

The Clerk then took members through the register and informed them that at the Audit & Risk prior to today's meeting it was suggested that because of this recent incident item 6a on the register is increased from a green level to an amber level.

This change was PROPOSED by Councillor Bresland and SECONDED by Councillor Duddy.

Item 5 - Final Audited Accounts 2017-2018

The Clerk stated that the attached Final Audited Accounts 2017-2018 was for members' information.

He reminded members that at the last joint committee meeting the accounts were presented and then submitted to the NIAO as per departmental direction. The Local Government Auditor has now signed and returned the accounts.

He informed members that the requirement to publish the accounts has been fulfilled. The final accounts and the notice of completion are on the NWRWVG website.

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Item 6 - Annual Audit Letter 2017-2018

The Clerk stated that the attached Annual Audit Letter 2017-2018 was for information.

He informed members that the key elements for consideration was the statement of Accounts, Economy, Efficiency and Effectiveness and the Government Statement.

The Auditor has issued an unqualified opinion on the NWRWVG Financial Statements confirming that they represent a true and fair view of the NWRWVG's financial position and transactions.

The Clerk thanked the financial services within Derry City and Strabane District Council for their excellent support and stated that as required the letter has been presented to the Joint Committee and then published on the Groups website.

Item 7 - Tenders

The Clerk stated that the attached was for members' information on the latest status of the group's tenders.

He stated that as members were aware item 1, tender for the treatment of NWRWVG kerbside collected residual waste; officers were experiencing difficulties in the process.

He informed members that both legal services in Derry City and Strabane District Council and Belfast City Council have been involved in advising the officers on how to proceed but it has become clear that despite the ongoing work to address the clarifications received it appears that the group will be unable to deliver the tender successfully.

The Clerk informed the Committee that following discussions with Council officers and the Lead Solicitor DCSDC he recommended that the most appropriate course of action under these circumstances was to withdraw the current tender. He asked the Committee to consider a new approach that would involve taking external commercial legal advice on the construct of the contract documents and to advise during the tendering process. He informed members that the estimated price for this service is in the region of £50,000.

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Members discussed the difficulties experienced to date and the merits of the recommendations and the recommendation was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Bresland and **SECONDED** by Councillor Nicholl

The Clerk further informed the committee that Councils have agreed interim arrangements and he will keep members updated on progress.

.Item 8 - Landfill Allowance Scheme NILAS Reconciliation

The Clerk stated that the attached letter received from the Northern Ireland Environment Agency was for their information and reminded members that each year councils are awarded an allowance on biodegradable municipal waste sent to landfill.

He informed members that this allowance has been reduced year on year and that the final figures for waste sent to Landfill for the year 2017/18 shows that neither Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council nor Derry City and Strabane District Council has exceeded their yearly allowance.

He also informed members that as a group NWRWVG utilised 78.58% of their allowance sending 31,066 tonnes to landfill.

Councillor Nicholl stated that Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council has recently rolled out a new brown bin to households collecting garden and food waste and that as this is collected CCGBC expects to see a significant reduction in their tonnage to landfill through the year.

Item 9 - Full Business Case - Confidential

The Clerk reminded members that the six councils namely Causeway Coast and Glens, Derry City and Strabane, Fermanagh Omagh, Mid Ulster, Armagh Banbridge and Craigavon and Ards and North Down agreed to appoint consultants to prepare a Full Business Case for the Development of Waste Management Infrastructure and Delivery Arrangements for Kerbside Collected Recyclables.

The Clerk informed members this work is now well underway and that the financial, legal and technical teams have met with officers and provided the relevant information needed from the council areas.

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He stated that he expects a draft report in the spring of 2019 and members will be kept updated on the progress.

Item 10 - Any other relevant Business

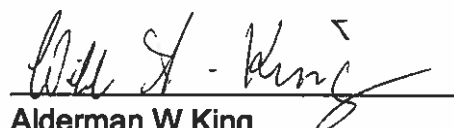
The Clerk informed members that he has been contacted by the group Zero Waste North West requesting to make a presentation to the group. He informed members that Derry City and Strabane District Council have already adopted a Zero Waste approach and has been carrying out some activities with this Group. Given that this approach would have to be a Council decision, he suggested that it could be more beneficial if the group presented to Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council. Members of CCGBC agreed this position and the Committee decided that as DCSDC was already aware of the Group and its activities that a letter is sent to the group informing them that they should approach CCGBC in order to present to them.

The Chair informed members that the next meeting of the Joint Committee will now take place on Wednesday 20th February 2019 in the Strabane offices of Derry City and Strabane District Council. He stated that if there was any issues between now and then members were encouraged to contact the Clerk. This was agreed by the Committee.

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

The meeting terminated at 2.45 PM

Signed:


Alderman W King
Chair