

NWRWMG Joint Committee January 2020

Item 3 - Minutes of the Meeting of the Tuesday 27th August 2019

**North West Region Waste Management Group Joint Committee
Tuesday 27th August 2019 @ 2.10 PM
Green Room, Guildhall, Derry**

**Present: - Councillor Tierney (Chair), Alderman McCorkell (Vice-Chair),
Councillor Burke, Councillor Nicholl, Councillor Tierney, Alderman Duddy and Councillor
McCann**

**In Attendance: - Clerk to the Committee (Mr E. Molloy), Head of Environment DCSDC
(Mr C. Canning), Operations Technical Manager CCGBC (Mr N. McKeown), NWRWMG
(Mrs Sinéad Ferry).**

Notice and Summons of Meeting

The Clerk read the Notice and Summons for the Meeting.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Carr

Item 1 - Declaration of Members' Interests

There were no declarations of Members' interests.

Item 2 - Minutes of the Joint Committee 20th March 2019

The Chair reviewed the previous minutes with the Committee. No issues or matters were raised.

NWRWMG Joint Committee January 2020

The minutes of the meeting 20th March 2019 were **PROPOSED** by Councillor Nicholl and **SECONDED** by Alderman McCorkell

Item 3 - Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Item 4 - Overview of NWRWMG

The Clerk gave an overview of the history of the NWRCBG and the NWRWMG. He stated that it eventually developed into a group of seven councils who over time had produced the Regional Waste Management Plan. The NWRWMG now consists of Derry City & Strabane District Council and Causeway Coasts & Glens Borough Council. The group originally consisted of Moyle, Magherafelt, Limavady Ballymoney, Derry, Strabane, Coleraine and Donegal County Council. The Clerk informed the group that there was a good degree of co-operation with the council groups. Across N. Ireland, there were 3 defined waste groups; Arc21, NWRWMG, SWAMP which all consisted of various councils within N. Ireland.

The Clerk stated that things have progressed and developed within the group over the past few years and that the NW Councils are very much aligned. He added that there had been massive improvements regarding recycling rates, however, the challenge was to keep this trend moving upwards

The Clerk stated that moving forward, the NW Region Waste management Plan would be up review in 2020.

The Clerk informed members that DCSDC has adopted a Zero Waste Circular Economy Strategy and that this appears to be the direction of travel at local, national and EU levels. Cllr McCann questioned if this could be extended to all 11 councils. He questioned if a forum should be set up regarding the Zero Waste Strategy to have informed discussions. Mr Canning stated that the Waste Plan flows from the NI Waste Strategy and they will take the lead on this. The Clerk stated that Central Government are having ongoing discussions about Zero Waste Circular Economy for N. Ireland. The redrafting of the WM Strategy will give rise to develop the new WMP and Councils will input to this. The Clerk stated that the department will write the policy and added that

NWRWMG Joint Committee January 2020

the Circular Economy Model should not be seen as a response solely to waste management but should be seen as an opportunity for economic development.

The Clerk suggested that Brexit is now a major factor on how things will progress in the future and now was causing major uncertainty for all concerned.

Cllr McCann suggested that the group write to the other councils and questioned how many councils have endorsed the Circular Economy Plan. The Clerk questioned if it is one strategy or a regional approach. Cllr Nicholl stated that discussions were needed.

It was agreed that the group would circulate the CEZW strategy so that all members could review it. The clerk stated that he was not aware of any other councils adopting the ZW strategy.

Item 5 - Annual Governance Checklist and Fraud Assessment Questionnaire

The Clerk discussed this with the group and enclosed a copy of the papers for their consideration and information.

Members noted the content

Item 6 - Audit of Proper Arrangement

The Clerk stated that the accounts are externally audited by the NIAO. He took members through the above report that had been included in the member's papers. He explained that this was part of the audit process and formed part of the preparatory work. He stated that he had forwarded the questionnaire to the NIAO. Members endorsed this.

Item 7 - Annual Governance Statement 2018-19

The Clerk referred to the attached report and referred members to page 10 of the documentation. He took members through the papers highlighting significant areas for members' consideration.

NWRWVG Joint Committee January 2020

Members stated that they were satisfied with the Governance statement and approved its inclusion in the financial statements.

Item 8 - Corporate Risk Register

The Clerk stated that this is a standing item on the agenda. The register is updated and risk are identified and managed accordingly. He explained that this is constantly reviewed and risks can be increased / decreased dependent on any particular circumstance.

The Clerk went through the report for member's consideration. He stated that Brexit was a continuing high risk, however, this is a risk to all councils.

Members approved the register.

Item 9 - Gully Waste Tender Report - Confidential

The Clerk stated that there had only been one return to this tender. He stated that the incumbent contractor didn't respond. The submitted tender was valid. He stated that lot 2 was awarded however lot 1 was not. At present he stated that lot 1 didn't demonstrate value for money.

It was identified that there are serious difference with regards to cost for both Derry & Strabane and Causeway Coasts & Glens.

Members were asked to accept the recommendation contained in the tender report.

This was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Nicholl and **SECONDED** by Alderman McCorkell.

NWRWMG Joint Committee January 2020

Item 10 - Current Status of Tenders

Members reviewed the report as contained in their packs. Members from CCGBC questioned why their Council was not proceeding on the proposed residual tender. After some discussion it was agreed that Mr McPeake would be invited to review this on behalf of his council area with a view to re-joining this process. The Clerk stated that the group would be kept updated.

Item 11 - NILAS Draft Reconciliation 2018-19

The Clerk referred to the above and informed members that both Council had met their targets and had sent less to landfill than their allocations. Members noted this achievement.

Item 12 - Full Business Case - Confidential

The Clerk referred to the Full Business Case which is currently being developed for a Material Sort and Recovery Facility on behalf of six councils. He outlined the proposition to members and the progress to date.

Members expressed their satisfaction on this project and asked to be kept updated on progress. Cllr McCann and Cllr Nicholl stated that councils should be showing leadership at local level and this is clearly demonstrated in this project.

Item 13 - Proposed Schedule of Meetings

The Clerk referred to the attached meeting schedule for the coming year. He stated that the meeting on 27th September needs to be brought forward. The Clerk suggested the 24th or 25th September at 2.00pm and Limavady council offices. He stated that he would forward advance notice of the meeting. It was agreed that the meeting would take place on 24th September.

NWRWMG Joint Committee January 2020

The Clerk stated that the accounts would be presented at that meeting. He stated that the next meeting of the Group would then take place on the normal meeting would be held on 20th November 2019.

This was agreed by all members.

Item 14 - Any other relevant Business

No other business was discussed

The meeting terminated at 4:10 PM

Signed:



**Councillor Tierney
Chair**