

NWRWMG Joint Committee February 2020

Item 2 - Minutes of the Meeting of the Tuesday 29th January 2020

North West Region Waste Management Group Joint Committee
Wednesday 29th January 2020 @ 2.00 PM
Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council, Limavady Offices

Present: - Councillor Tierney, Councillor Carr, Councillor McCann, Alderman McCorkell.

In Attendance: - Clerk to the Committee (Mr E. Molloy), Director of Environmental Services CCGBC (Mr A. McPeake), Head of Environment DCSDC (Mr C. Canning), NWRWMG (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 Burke, Councillor Nichol, Councillor Wilson and Karen Philips.

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.

The minutes of the AGM meeting 27th August 2019 were **PROPOSED** by Alderman McCorkell and **SECONDED** by Councillor Tierney.

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The minutes of the meeting 27th August 2019 were **PROPOSED** by Alderman McCorkell and **SECONDED** by Councillor Tierney.

The minutes of the meeting 24th September 2019 were **PROPOSED** by Alderman McCorkell and **SECONDED** by Councillor Tierney.

Item 5 - Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Item 6 - Corporate Risk Register

The Clerk stated that this is a standing item on the agenda and that the purpose of the register was to highlight any high risk areas.

The Clerk went through the report with members page by page and identified two high risk items, risk 2, Service Contracts and risk 11, Brexit. He also stated that no risks have been closed off and no other changes have been made to the risk register since it was last reviewed.

Members approved the register.

Councillor McCann joined the meeting.

Item 7 - Final Accounts 2018-2019

The Clerk stated that the attached was for Members' information and was the Final Audited Accounts of the NWRWMG Joint Committee for the period 2018 - 2019.

He reminded members that the accounts were presented and signed at the last Joint Committee meeting in September 2019. These had subsequently been submitted to the NIAO as per the departmental direction. He informed members that the accounts have now been signed off by the Local Government Auditor and as required published on the NWRWMG website along with the notice of completion.

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Item 8 - Letter to those charged with Governance 2018-19

The Clerk informed members that the attached was the NIAO Report to those charged with governance and for their information.

The Clerk took members the report and stated that the group was given the highest rating of Satisfactory. The Clerk also drew member's attention to the Audit Findings where it was reported that there could be a potential issue that the Senior Management role remains unfilled. This is inaccurate and members requested that the Clerk write to the NIAO requesting that this matter be corrected.

This was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Carr and **SECONDED** by Councillor McCann.

Item 9 - Waste Management Plan for NI

The Clerk stated that members were aware that local councils have waste management plans in order to meet their statutory obligations. He stated that DAERA have recently issued a consultation in relation to the Waste Management Plan for Northern Ireland which will be determined by the requirements of the revised Waste Framework Directive 2008/1 (rWFD).

He informed members that there was a degree of collaboration on this matter, however, there are clear differences in approaches to dealing with waste within the eleven councils. He added that it was likely that there would continue to be collaboration with relevant issues being identified on a council by council basis.

Mr Canning informed members that the councils are waiting on direction from the department as a number of issues have been identified.

Members discussed the matter and stated that ultimately a single plan might prove beneficial for all concerned.

The Clerk undertook to keep members informed of developments in this matter.

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Item 10 -Northern Ireland Household Recycling Rates 50% by 2020

The Clerk reminded members that all the Councils have been making great efforts to meet the recycling rate of 50% by 2020. He stated that Northern Ireland as a whole have met this target 18 months ahead of schedule. The NIEA published rate for July 2018-June 2019 was 50.6%.

The Clerk informed members that the rates for the same period for Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council was 47.72% and 44.31% for Derry City & Strabane District Council.

Item 11 - Current Status of Tenders

The Clerk stated that the attached was the current status of the group's tenders and was for their information.

He informed members that the group has identified a legal firm to review the contract under item 1. A discussion ensued and the Clerk stated that members will be kept updated. He also stated that under item 6 officers were in the process of drafting a new Invitation to Tender as the current providers declined the extension under existing conditions.

Members were asked to note the status of all tenders.

Item 12 - Full Business Case - Confidential

The Clerk gave members a brief outline on the current status of the Full Business Case.

He informed members that work was ongoing and will hopefully be completed and sent for recommendation to Councils by Spring 2020.

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Item 13 - Annual Audit Letter 2018-19

The Clerk informed members that the attached Annual Audit Letter 2018-19 was for their information.

He stated that it is a requirement that this letter is presented to the Joint Committee and the Audit and Risk Committee of the NWRWMG. He took members through the letter and informed them that the letter will be published on the group's website.

Item 14 - Any other relevant Business

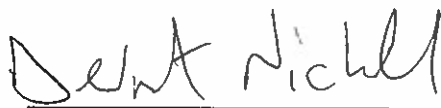
The Chair expressed his concern regarding the recent announcement by Mr. Edwin Poots, Minister for Department, Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs on the decision not to hold a public inquiry into the Illegal Waste Dumping at Mobuoy Road, Waste Site.

The Chair felt that the only way to learn any lessons from this is to hold a public inquiry and asked if members were in agreement to send a letter to the minister expressing the group's disappointment with the decision.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Tierney and **SECONDED** by Councillor Carr that a letter is sent from the group to the Department.

The meeting terminated at 3:15 PM

Signed:



Cllr Tierney
Chair