

NWRWTP

North Wales Residual Waste Treatment Project

NORTH WALES RESIDUAL WASTE JOINT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Committee held in the Council Chamber, Russell House, Churton Road, Rhyl on Wednesday, 1st August, 2012 at 10.30am

PRESENT

Councillor Eryl Williams – Denbighshire County Council
Councillor Mike Priestley – Conwy County Borough Council
Councillor Aaron Shotton – Flintshire County Council
Councillor Kevin Jones – Flintshire County Council
Councillor W.G. Roberts – Gwynedd County Council
Councillor John Wynn Jones – Gwynedd County Council
Councillor R.G. Parry – Isle of Anglesey County Council
Alex Aldridge – Commissioner for Isle of Anglesey County Council

ALSO PRESENT

Conwy County Borough Council

Andrew Kirkham

Denbighshire County Council

Steve Parker

Flintshire County Council

Carl Longland, Colin Everett and Louise Pedreschi

Gwynedd County Council

Dilwyn Williams

Isle of Anglesey county Council

Meirion Edwards and Arthur Owen

North Wales Residual Waste Treatment Partnership

Stephen Penny and Chris Cohen

Local Partnerships

Huw Roberts

AMEC

Jonathan Bebb

Grant Thornton

Saeefar Rehman

Due to an accident on the A55 whereby a number of members were held up in the traffic queues, it was agreed (with the consent of those held up being obtained by telephone) that the meeting would commence but no decisions were to be made until all members had arrived, otherwise the meeting would be inquorate.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Dave Cowans (Conwy County Borough Council) and Councillor David Smith (Denbighshire County Council).

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Aaron Shotton declared an interest due to raising residents concerns, but this was agreed as not being prejudicial.

Alex Aldridge declared an interest but was confirmed by the Chief Executive of Flintshire County Council that it was not prejudicial.

3. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Nomination put forward, Councillor Eryl Williams, Denbighshire County Council to be voted in as Chair.

RESOLVED-

Councillor Eryl Williams be elected as Chair (decision formalised on arrival of members from Gwynedd) for 2012/2013.

Nomination put forward, Councillor Mike Priestley, Conwy County Borough Council to be voted in as Vice-Chair.

RESOLVED-

Councillor Mike Priestley be elected as Vice-Chair (decision formalised on arrival of members from Gwynedd) for 2012/2013.

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the North Wales Residual Waste Joint Committee held on 16th March, 2012 were submitted for approval.

RESOLVED-

That the minutes of the meeting of the North Wales Residual Waste Joint Committee held on 16th March, 2012 be approved as a correct record. (Minutes were approved on arrival of members from Gwynedd).

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

None.

6. PROGRESS REPORT (SO REPORT)

The Project Director commenced the presentation of the progress report, in the absence of the Project Manager who, unfortunately, was delayed in the traffic due to the accident mentioned earlier. When the Project Manager and the Gwynedd Members arrived it was confirmed that the Gwynedd voting Member had been present for the full presentation at the Briefing the previous day and was content to have missed the start.

The Project Director stated that the project was progressing and was within budget overall.

Going forward it would be the decision of the Joint Committee regarding the participants updated submissions. The dialogue to be closed in October/November.

RESOLVED-

That the content of the report be noted.

7. RIR – RISK STATUS UPDATE (SP REPORT)

The Project Director presented the Risk Register Report, which highlighted some of the amendments that had been made to reflect the current understanding of risks and mitigation measures that were in place.

The Project Director highlighted the new risks for the benefit of the new members. It was suggested that at future meetings, the Risk Register could be shown on the overhead projector for ease of reference for members.

RESOLVED-

That subject to the above, the content of the report be noted.

8. COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE (VERBAL UPDATE AT MEETING)

The Project Manager updated Members with regard to the communication matters concerning the NWRWTP.

Following discussion it was confirmed the press release to be agreed by all via email. The press release would not contain details and no road shows were planned at this stage.

Members agreed all members of the local authorities were to be informed of the information regarding the project and the Chair suggested meeting 30 minutes prior to the full Council meetings as this would be more convenient for members.

The Chief Executive of Flintshire County Council stressed the decision made was confidential until notification was received from his office.

RESOLVED-

The verbal report be noted and the Press Release be agreed as above.

EXEMPT ITEMS: LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, SECTION 100A AND SCHEDULE 12A (ACCESS TO INFORMATION

RESOLVED-

That the Public and Press be excluded from the meeting under the provisions of Section 100A of the above Act during consideration the following item as it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

9. REFINED ISDS EVALUATION REPORT (SP REPORT ACCOMPANIED BY A PRESENTATION BY THE PROJECT TEAM AND ALSO EXTERNAL ADVISORS.

The Project Director presented the report to seek approval by the Joint Committee of the NWRWTP refined Invitation to Submit Detailed Solutions stage (refined ISDS) evaluation report and to make recommendation to the NWRWTP Joint Committee to agree to invite the selected Participants to proceed to the next stage of the procurement process.

The Chair stated that the project had not started in January 2010, but was originally a Welsh Government led project which had started a lot earlier. The Chief Executive of Flintshire County Council confirmed the first Joint Committee had met in 2008. The Project Director confirmed he would make that point clear.

The Project Director gave a brief outline of the evaluation processes which were undertaken by advisers who were very experienced in the depth of technical understanding which had been required for the tenders which had been presented.

Presentations on the Environmental, Technical, Financial and Legal aspects of the project were given to the joint committee.

RESOLVED-

That:

- (a) A further report to be brought for consideration of the Joint Committee prior to close of dialogue and to approve the Call for final tender documentation.**

- (b) The Joint Committee approved the two participants, SITA and Wheelabrator to be invited to the next stage of the procurement process to be considered by the Joint Committee as set out in section 9.2 of the report.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

Date of next meeting – 27th September, 2012 (Caernarfon)

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