



NORTH WALES RESIDUAL WASTE JOINT COMMITTEE

Tuesday 26th March 2019 at 2pm at
Optic Glyndwr, St Asaph

PRESENT:

Councillor Brian Jones	Denbighshire County Council
Councillor Don Milne	Conwy County Borough Council
Councillor Carolyn Thomas	Flintshire County Council
Councillor Dafydd Meurig	Gwynedd County Council
Councillor Richard Dew	Isle of Anglesey County Council

ALSO PRESENT:

Flintshire County Council

Colin Everett (Lead Chief Executive) and Gareth Owens (Chief Officer – Governance)

Denbighshire County Council

Tony Ward

Conwy County Borough Council

Andrew Wilkinson

Gwynedd Council

Steffan Jones

Isle of Anglesey County Council

Meirion Edwards

North Wales Residual Waste Treatment Project

Steffan Owen (Regional Contract Manager)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Aaron Shotton (Flintshire County Council), Gary Ferguson (Flintshire County Council), Lisa Brownbill (Flintshire County Council), Councillor Julian Thompson-Hill (Denbighshire County Council).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the North Wales Residual Waste Joint Committee held on the 31st October 2018 were submitted for approval.



One minor amendment was noted, a missing word “not” in paragraph 8 of item 7 (Union actions).

RESOLVED:

- (a) *That the minutes of the meeting of the North Wales Residual Waste Joint Committee held on 31st October 2018 be approved as a correct record.*

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Tony Ward asked about what the proposals were for the Visitor Centre, and indicated that Denbighshire would not have the resources for staff to take visitors from Denbighshire to the Parc Adfer visitor centre.

Colin Everett replied that an outline is in place to meet this requirement, and it will be looked at in future.

Colin Everett noted that no further queries had been received from the unions, and that he had received positive feedback from Union colleagues.

5. CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Steffan Owen went through the Construction Update Report, outlining that progress on site was positive, with high health and safety standards being maintained on site. The latest programme in relation to 1st waste delivery to Parc Adfer was early / mid May 2019.

A number of questions in relation to the background to the project and it's need were received by a member of the press at this point. All were responded to by the Joint Committee.

RESOLVED:

- (a) *That the report be noted.*

6. 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 of the following items as they involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act and that in all the relevant circumstances, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.*



COMMISSIONING PREPARATIONS UPDATE

Steffan Owen went through the report as issued in the papers, with updates on the resourcing and staffing for the contract management function which were now met within Flintshire. He went on to outline the work that was being undertaken in relation to developing the administrative process for payment flows operational management and contract monitoring.

RESOLVED:

- (a) *That the report be noted.*

7. HAULAGE SERVICES AND WASTE TRANSFER STATIONS REPORT

Steffan Owen went through the report as issued in the papers, with updates on the progress on preparations for waste transfer within each partner authority and the procurement of the haulage contracts. He also outlined the application for capital funding in relation to waste transfer stations that had been submitted by the partner authorities to Welsh Government (WG).

RESOLVED:

- (a) *That the report be noted.*
- (b) *That Steffan Owen updates the Joint Committee on the result of the haulage contract procurement.*

6. AIR QUALITY MONITORING (PM2.5) REPORT

Steffan Owen went through the report as issued in the papers, outlining changes that had taken place to the air quality reporting regime as managed by Natural Resources Wales, principally in relation to particulate monitoring.

A discussion was held on the monitoring regime and the partnership's requirements in terms reporting.

RESOLVED:

- (a) *That the Joint Committee recommend specifying additional reporting of PM2.5 particulates, specifically 2 additional "extractive tests", during the first year of operation. This will ensure that quarterly reporting will be provided during the first year of operation.*

9. WELSH GOVERNMENT FUNDING

Colin Everett provided a verbal update on discussions with WG in relation to revenue support during the commissioning period.



Councillor Brian Jones asked if it would be preferable to write to WG as a Joint Committee in relation to the issue.

A discussion followed on making a case to WG in relation to the grant from WG.

RESOLVED:

- (a) *That the report be noted; and*
- (b) *That a letter is written to Welsh Government on behalf of the Joint Committee.*

10. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

It was agreed that the next meeting would be scheduled for June 2019. Date and location to be confirmed.

Colin Everett noted that the next meeting would be an Annual General Meeting requiring election of Chair and Vice Chair, and asked that authorities other than the lead authority, Flintshire, consider acting as Chair. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

(The meeting ended at 4.00 pm)
