



NORTH WALES RESIDUAL WASTE JOINT COMMITTEE

Tuesday 11th June 2019 at 3:30pm at
Optic Glyndwr, St Asaph

PRESENT:

Councillor Brian Jones
Councillor Greg Robbins
Councillor Carolyn Thomas
Councillor Gareth W Griffith
Councillor Bob Parry

Denbighshire County Council
Conwy County Borough Council
Flintshire County Council
Gwynedd County Council
Isle of Anglesey County Council

ALSO PRESENT:

Flintshire County Council

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

Denbighshire County Council

Tara Dumas

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 Gary Ferguson (Flintshire County Council), Lisa Brownbill (Flintshire County Council), Stephen Jones (Flintshire County Council), Tony Ward (Denbighshire County Council), Councillor Julian Thompson-Hill (Denbighshire County Council), Cllr Richard Dew (Isle of Anglesey County Council),

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

3. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE

Councillor Brian Jones was nominated by Councillor Carolyn Thomas as Chair for the Joint Committee. This was seconded by Councillor Bob Parry.



Colin Everett thanked Brian Jones for taking on the role.

Councillor Greg Robbins was nominated by Councillor Brian Jones as Vice Chair. This was seconded by Councillor Carolyn Thomas.

RESOLVED:

- (a) *That Councillor Brian Jones be appointed Chair of the North Waste Residual Waste Joint Committee and Councillor Greg Robbins be appointed Vice Chair of the North Waste Residual Waste Joint Committee.*

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was pointed out that the attendees from Gwynedd and Anglesey were incorrect. The attendee from Gwynedd was Councillor Gareth Wyn Griffith, and the attendee from Anglesey was Councillor Bob Parry.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

No matters were raised that were not already included in the agenda.

6. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

Steffan Owen went the Annual Accounts Report, including going through the Lead Flintshire County Council (FCC) Internal Recharge costs for Finance, Legal, Audit, Chief Executive and Democratic Services.

No comments were raised.

RESOLVED:

- (a) *That the Joint Committee approve the Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2019.*

7. 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.*

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



Steffan Owen and Colin Everett gave an update on the construction and preparations on site for Commissioning. He noted that Health and Safety had been kept up to a high standard on site, and that the most recent programme was for first waste delivery to take place in late July.

A discussion was had in relation to preparations for 1st waste delivery, given that no written date had been received to date.

RESOLVED:

(a) *That the report be noted.*

8. **COMMISSIONING PREPARATIONS UPDATE**

Steffan Owen went through the report as issued in the papers, with updates on the progress on preparations for the start of commissioning. The report covered preparations with relation to the following areas:-

- resourcing and staffing;
- invoicing, payment flows and data management;
- operational preparations;
- Haulage Contract(s), and
- Preparations with WTI.

RESOLVED:

(a) *That the report be noted.*

5. **HAULAGE CONTRACT AND WASTE TRANSFER STATIONS REPORT**

Steffan Owen went through the report as issued in the papers, outlining progress in each of the partner authorities in relation to the waste transfer stations (or waste transfer service). Each authority outlined their preparations and plans in relation to waste transfer stations for the start of Commissioning.

Conwy and Denbighshire outlined that they had worked in partnership and awarded a contract to private sector company, Thorncliffe's, for reception of both authorities' waste for onward haulage to Parc Adfer. This contract would be in place whilst their longer term plans for waste transfer stations are developed.

Gwynedd would continue to utilise their existing two waste transfer stations in Harlech and Caernarfon.

Discussions were held in relation to the haulage of waste from the partner authorities. Steffan Owen informed the Members that LWT had been



awarded the contract for hauling Conwy and Denbighshire's waste to Parc Adfer.

A discussion was also held in relation to the options for the haulage of Anglesey's waste, and options were considered and discussed.

RESOLVED:

- (a) *Note the Content of the report;*
- (b) *Agree the longer term haulage service option for Anglesey, subject to Project Board approval of the detail.*

10. **COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND REPORT**

Colin Everett went through the content of the report providing a background to progress on the fund within Flintshire. He noted that the fund was in development and was not scheduled to go live for applications until mid-2020.

RESOLVED:

- (a) *That the Joint Committee notes the progress report and delegates the development of the CBF to Flintshire as the beneficiary authority.*

11. **WELSH GOVERNMENT FUNDING (VERBAL)**

Colin Everett gave an informal update the Welsh Government's Revenue Support Grant. A discussion was had on the budget planning within the partner authorities based on the outcome of discussions with the Welsh Government in relation to the grant.

12. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

It was suggested that the next meeting of the Joint Committee take place around October 2019.

(The meeting ended at 5.00 pm)
