

## **Somerset Waste Joint Scrutiny Panel**

Notes from the Joint Scrutiny Panel (of the Somerset Waste Partnership (SWP)) meeting held on Monday 21 November 2016 at 10:00am at Monmouth House, Blackbrook Park Avenue, Taunton.

### **Present**

Cllr Peter Bradshaw (Mendip District Council);

Cllr Val Keitch (South Somerset District Council);

Cllr Dave Loveridge and Cllr Liz Perry (Sedgemoor District Council).

**Officers** – Steve Read, Managing Director – SWP;

Dave Mansell – Development and Monitoring Manager, SWP;

Neil Milne – Democratic Services – Somerset County Council.

### **Apologies for absence**

Apologies had been received from Cllr Richard Lillis – Chairman of the Panel (West Somerset District Council), Cllr Tony Lock and Cllr Mike Lewis (Somerset County Council), Cllr Nick Cottle (Mendip District Council) and Cllr Jason Baker (South Somerset District Council).

### **Notes from the last meeting (10 February 2016)**

### **Action**

Members considered and accepted the notes of the last meeting. Steve Read provided an update about progress made on some matters since the last meeting.

He began by speaking about the alternatives to Landfill Project, reminding the Joint Scrutiny Panel that a proposal received from Viridor had been rejected and the Somerset Waste Partnership (SWP) had gone to the market to explore other options.

Since that time Viridor had come back to the SWP with another proposal and a report about this had been considered by the SWP at their meeting last October. It was noted that the proposal would involve collected waste being taken to transfer stations at Dimmer and Walpole and then taken out of Somerset to Avonmouth. This proposal might also involve creating a vehicle depot at Walpole.

There was a question about the impact of the EU referendum and the likelihood of 'Brexit' on current EU directives and legislation. In response it was stated that the Government had announced the Great Repeal Bill, and this would incorporate all EU legislation in to British law, thus providing certainty and continuity over the short and medium term, until any subsequent amendments by Parliament.

### **Recycle More – Recycling and Refuse Collections**

### **Action**

The Joint Scrutiny Panel had the benefit of a very thorough presentation by Dave Mansell that supplemented his report that had been distributed before the meeting.

It was expected that a confidential update will be given to the Board on 26 February.

This presentation and update was accepted.

## **Future**

It was noted that the SWP had already contacted and agreed dates for reports on the Recycle More collection services to go to each of the Member Councils of the SWP throughout November and December. It would then be considered by the SWP at its Board meeting on 16 December.

## **Date of next meeting**

## **Action**

There was a brief discussion about the next potential date of a meeting and it was agreed to keep this under review and open for some time in the New Year.

## **Any other business of urgency**

There being no other items of business the Chairman thanked all those present for attending and the meeting was closed at 11:35.