

JOINT SCRUTINY PANEL OF SOMERSET WASTE BOARD

Minutes of a Meeting of the Joint Scrutiny Panel of the Somerset Waste Board held at Broughton House, Blackbrook Park Avenue on Thursday 27 June 2019 at 11.00am

Present: Cllr A Trollope-Bellew, Cllr J Hassall, Cllr M Dunk, Cllr L Hull, Cllr L Leyshon,

Other Members Present: None

Apologies for Absence: Cllr G Kennedy, Cllr T Munt

45 Declarations of Interest - Agenda Item 2

There were no declarations.

46 Minutes from the Previous Meeting held on 27 March 2019 – Agenda Item 3

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 March 2019 were accepted as being accurate by the Panel and signed by the Chair.

47 Public Question Time - Agenda Item 4

There were no public questions.

The Panel considered the report of the Manager Director Somerset Waste Partnership on the progress in mobilising the new collection contractor and provides an update since the Board approved SUEZ as preferred contractor in March 2019.

The Panel hear that the new main vehicles can hold considerably more than the previous fleet and as a result there is a reduction of a third for vehicles. Panel advised that the full and final contract has yet to be signed and the business cases were based on bidders and the Local Authorities borrowing. There was considerable discussion regarding the new 4G live in cab system and storage of data, in addition to reassurance the new contract should lead to a more structured career progression, with no redundancies forecast. The Panel heard that the Joint Management Board were to meet regularly to discuss performance management and key to providing link between Authorities, SUEZ and the Waste Partnership. They concluded that the communications plan is crucial it getting the roll out right.

Cllr Leyshon proposed a note of thanks to Mickey Green and his team for the enormous amount of work completed to have reached this point.

The Joint Scrutiny Panel:

- 1) noted the contents of the report.

- 2) Acknowledged the hard and skilled work of the Managing Director of the Somerset Waste Partnership and his team in securing the new waste collection contract.

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The Panel received a brief update on progress with the new Waste Treatment facility.

The Panel hear that completion on Dimmer is planned for the end of June, Walpole should be completed in October 2019 and are working on contract amendments for the Avonmouth site.

Cllr Leyshon asked for a future update regarding levels of air quality, following discussions about the concerns of output from the flumes.

The Joint Scrutiny Panel:

- 1) Noted the contents of the report
- 2) Recommended that the Waste Partnership research available data on air quality on the existing residual waste facility in Avonmouth and report back to the Joint Waste Scrutiny Panel.

50 Financial Outturn and the Use of Balances 2018/19 - Agenda item 7

The Panel considered the report which advised that although a change of legislation means that a Joint Committee such as the Somerset Waste Board is no longer required to produce full statutory accounts in accordance with the CIPFA Code of Practice and to undergo a full external audit, it has been agreed that the Waste Board would receive a report and summary financial statements to the June meeting,.

The Panel noted the only unusual element of the report detailed that the Waste Partnership is returning £50k of Somerset County Council money towards the food waste project this year.

The Joint Scrutiny Panel:

- 1) Noted the contents of the report

52 Performance Outturn 2018/19 – Agenda Item 8

The report summarised the key performance indicators for the period January to March 2019 and compared these to the same period from last year.

The Panel were advised that as part of SWP's drive for continuous improvement and as agreed at the 2018 Board, have now moved to a new format of performance report.

There were discussions regarding fly-tipping in Mendip and the reasons this was happening, as well as concerns raised about the minimal level of enforcement officers employed.

The Joint Scrutiny Panel:

- 1) Noted the contents of the report

Constitutional Matters and 2020 Board – Agenda Item 9

This item was considered directly after Item 4 and set out proposed revisions to the Joint Waste Scrutiny Panel's terms of reference for 2019/20.

Following discussions the Joint Waste Scrutiny Panel agreed:

1. Agreed the amended Terms of Reference for the Joint Waste Scrutiny Panel (set out in Appendix A)
2. Noted that the Somerset Waste Board's constitution and Inter-Authority Agreement will be amended to reflect the revised partner membership of the Somerset Waste Partnership.
3. Noted the revised Board's membership for 2019/20 and Joint Scrutiny Panel of Somerset Waste Board set out in Section 3 and the need for induction training.
4. Agreed the Joint Waste Scrutiny Panel meeting dates for 2019 and early 2020: (all meetings are to start at 10am)

Tuesday 24th September 2019

Tuesday 3rd December 2019

Tuesday 11th February 2020

5. Noted the proposed visits and workshops set out in section 4.
6. Elected Cllr Trollope-Bellew and Cllr Hassall as Chair and Vice Chair respectively of the Panel for 2019/20.

Recycling Site Van and Trailer Permit Review – Agenda Item 10

The report advised that the Board will be asked to approve the continuation of a formal acceptance protocol at Recycling Sites.

The Panel were advised that the £44 permits were issued until the end of May 2019; that there has been a significant reduction in tonnage leading to net cost savings of £167k; 19 formal complaints have been received; conflict has been reduced on site; all neighbours, aside from Devon, are operating a permit scheme.

The Joint Scrutiny Panel:

- 1) Noted the contents of the report

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(The meeting ended at 12.47pm)

CHAIR