

SOMERSET WASTE BOARD

Minutes of a Meeting of the Somerset Waste Board held in the Luttrell Room - County Hall, Taunton, on Friday 3 November 2017 at 10.00 am

Present: Cllr C Aparicio Paul, Cllr P Berry, Cllr M Dewdney, Cllr D Hall, Cllr D Hill, Cllr B Maitland-Walker, Cllr J Roundell Greene, Cllr N Taylor, Cllr N Woolcombe-Adams (Vice-Chair) and Cllr Yeomans (Chair)

Other Members present: None

Apologies for absence: Cllr S Ross and Cllr G Slocombe

30 Declarations of Interest - Agenda Item 2

Cllr C Aparicio Paul	Member of South Somerset District Council
Cllr D Hill	Member of Cheddar Parish Council
Cllr B Maitland-Walker	Member of Carhampton Parish Council
Cllr N Taylor	Member of Somerset County Council
Cllr D Yeomans	Member of Cheddar Parish Council
	Member of Curry Rivel Parish Council

31 Minutes from the meeting held on 29 September 2017 - Agenda Item 3

Finance Officer Martin Gerrish said that page 8 of the minutes under item 6 should read as tax reclaim issue and not VAT. This was agreed and amended.

The record of the meeting of the Somerset Waste Board held on 30 June 2017 was then taken as read and signed as correct.

32 Public Question Time - Agenda Item 4

There were no public questions.

33 Draft SWP Business Plan 2018-2023 - Agenda Item 5

Business and Governance Manager Mark Blaker gave a presentation to accompany this item and highlighted that it had been 20 years since the memorandum of understanding had been drawn up for the authorities to work together to manage waste services and it was the 10th anniversary of the formalisation of the Somerset Waste Partnership and the signing of the inter-authority agreement between the 6 partners.

Somerset was the first and is still the only county-wide waste partnership including all collection and disposal authorities in the country. Since working together Somerset has increased its recycling rate three-fold, putting the country at or near the top of the national rankings for several years running.

Key tasks in the upcoming year included procurement of future kerbside collection arrangements, oversight of implementation of infrastructure required for new residual waste treatment and the reintroduction of a schools education programme.

Issues and challenges for the future include the legislative impact of the withdrawal from the EU, the Department of Communities and Local Government and non-household waste charging, Community Recycling Site Charges, Somerset Demographic changes and financial pressures.

By December there would be greater certainty of the draft business plan and in February the final budget would be available.

Further discussion on this included:

- Targeted waste prevention and minimisation activities such as food waste stickers on bins were supported
- Using a waste transfer station
- Collection of bottles and money back
- Recycling tetra and combi packs
- Containers for recycling food and drink containers at recycling sites and there would soon be facilities available for recycling coffee cups
- The need to ensure promotion to the public was consistent with the business plan

The Chairman then moved the recommendations and the Board RESOLVED to approve the Draft Business Plan (shown at Appendix A to the report) for partner authority consultation.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer's report

REASON FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer's report

34 **Recycle More** - Agenda Item 6

Somerset Waste Partnership Managing Director Mickey Green introduced the public report and highlighted that further details were contained in the supporting confidential report which considered options for delivering the Recycle More scheme.

The Board then agreed :

1. the case for applying the exempt information provision as set out in the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A and therefore to treat the attached confidential report and its appendices in confidence, as they contain commercially sensitive information, and as the case for the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing that information.
2. to pass a resolution under Regulation 4 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information (England) Regulations 2012 to exclude the press and public from the meeting on the basis that if they were present during the business to be transacted there would be a likelihood of disclosure of exempt information, within the meaning of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972. The exempt information likely to be disclosed was 'Information relating to the financial or business of any particular person (including the authority holding the information)'.

The meeting then moved into private session. Annex A sets out a summary record of the debate during the private session.

Following the discussion in private session, the Board returned to public session.

The Chairman then moved the recommendations on the public report and the Board RESOLVED to:

1. Consider and agree all the recommendations contained within the additional confidential paper provided to members at the meeting.
2. Delegate to the Managing Director authority to commence consultation and manage communications as deemed necessary.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer's report

REASON FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer's report

35 Somerset Waste Board Forward Plan - Agenda Item 7

The Board were updated by the Governance Manager on the latest position of the forward plan and the planned business for the next meeting on 15 December 2017.

(The meeting ended at 11.10pm)

CHAIRMAN