

## PROJECT PROGRESS REPORTS

### *Joint Waste Management Board Subgroup*

#### AGENDA

2.00pm Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Shadow Cabinet Room, County Buildings, Staffordshire County Council

1. Attendees / Apologies

- Chair of JWMB; Cllr Mary Bond (South Staffordshire District Council)
- Vice chair of JWMB; Cllr Iain Eadie (Lichfield Borough Council)
- 2 further members; Cllr Gill Heath (Staffordshire County Council)

Cllr Ann Beech (Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council)

- Chair of SWOG; Chris Jones (Staffordshire County Council)
- SWP Manager; Kay Cocks
- Member and Democratic Services; Jonathan Lindop

2. SWOG update

3. TOG updates

4. SWP Officer's progress report (please see attached)

5. Upcoming JWMB meeting; Purdah

6. Upcoming JWMB meeting; agenda creation

- Standing items
- Holistic savings project;
  1. WRAP project update
  2. L+T charging for garden waste collections
- Suggestion – SoTCC / SCC update on Hanford project?

7. Any other business

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### Closed projects

No projects have been closed during this period.

### On-going projects

#### **Holistic savings for Staffordshire**

Following the last JWMB meeting, another update letter was sent on behalf of the Chair of JWMB, providing all Chief Executives and Leaders with an update on the project. No comment was received on this.

Having successfully been awarded the additional funding of £50,000 worth of support for the continuation on our holistic savings project, SWP have been negotiating with WRAP regarding the terms of the agreement. Despite some concerns, especially with regard to recent internal SWP progress of some councils, a final draft of the agreement has now been created and is being signed by all Chief Executives to get Senior Management buy in.

SWP have also been working with WRAP to draw up the procurement documents to secure a consultant to undertake the work on the project. Once all agreements have been signed by the end of March, the procurement process can begin in April.

Further to this, WRAP have requested a letter confirming support of the project from JWMB. A letter from the Chair will be drafted following the next JWMB to confirm all Councillors are on board with the project.

#### **SBC contract procurement**

The ISIT phase of the procurement process is well underway. Work on clarifications during the bidding stage proved time consuming with many clarifications requested from the Bidders. The bidding stage has now closed and 3 bids were submitted (the fourth bidder chose not to submit a bid due to market reasons and concerns related to certain aspects of the financial aspects of the contract). The bids are now being evaluated and mediated before negotiations can begin to determine the contract award. The process remains on planned time scales.

#### **MRF contract issues**

The dispute with Biffa was being dealt with at Director level via informal discussion. Following a meeting which also involved internal legal teams from both parties, no agreement was reached and both sides decided to seek third party legal advice. SWP remained strong in it's position and gave Biffa one last opportunity to sought out the disagreement without legal representation. Biffa failed to respond.

SWP has now appointed litigators at Burges Salmon to provide third party legal advice, commencing with a review of all documents to determine the strength of our case should it go to court. The advice is expected imminently and will determine how to proceed from here.

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### New Projects

#### **Partnership Forum**

Working with Chris Jones at the County council, SWP are leading to resurrect the Partnership Forum – a nationwide group focusing on local authority partnership working in waste management. The group failed to successfully take off when briefly led by Kent Resource Partnership and NAWDO in 2015, despite popular demand. SWP are looking to set up a conference in Stafford in May / June to tackle the common issues facing partnering authorities.