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### **Staffordshire Local Government Association - Joint Waste Management Board**

Tuesday 22 June 2021

**14:30**

Council Chamber, County Buildings, Stafford

**NB.** Lunch will not be provided on this occasion.

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John Henderson  
Honorary Secretary  
14 June 2021

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## **A G E N D A**

### **PART ONE**

- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. Apologies**
- 3. Appointment of Chairman and Vice-Chairman**
- 4. Minutes of meeting held on 17 March 2021 (Pages 1 - 4)**
- 5. Matters Arising - Sustainability Board**
- 6. Summary Progress Report (Pages 5 - 6)**

Report of the Waste Partnership Manager

- 7. National Resources and Waste Strategy - Consultations Update**

Oral report of Head of Recycling and Fleet Services, Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council

**8. Date of Next Meeting - To be arranged**

**9. Exclusion of the Public**

The Chairman to move:-

“That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business which involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A (as amended) of the Local Government Act 1972, indicated below”.

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**PART TWO**

(all reports in this section are exempt)

**10. Exempt minutes of meeting held on 17 March 2021 (Pages 7 - 10)**

(exemption paragraphs 1 and 3)

**11. Key Projects Update - Dry Recycling Material Processing**

(exemption paragraphs 1 and 3)

- (i) Procurement of Short-Term Contracts

Oral reports of Waste Collection Authorities

- (ii) Long-Term Project to Build Local Facilities

Oral reports of Waste Disposal Authorities

**Membership**

Len Bates	Josh Newbury
Daniel Cook	Jonathan Price
Carl Edwards	Sav Scalise
Ray Faulkner	Simon Tagg
Justin Johnson	Ashley Yeates
Trevor Johnson	

**Staffordshire Local Government Association**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STAFFORDSHIRE AND  
STOKE-ON-TRENT JOINT WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD  
HELD ON 17 MARCH 2021, VIRTUAL/ONLINE**

Present:

**Cannock Chase District Council**

Cllr. J. Newbury  
Mr. J. Presland

**Stafford Borough Council**

Mr. P. Gammon  
Cllr. J. Price (Chairman)

**East Staffordshire Borough  
Council**

Mr. P. Farrer  
Cllr. R. Faulkner

**Staffordshire County Council**

Mr. N. Bentley  
Mr. T. Cooper  
Cllr. Mrs. J. Jessel  
Mrs. S. Larmour  
Mr. C. Thomson

**Lichfield District Council**

Cllr. R. Cox  
Mr. N. Harris  
Mr. B. Percival

**Staffordshire Moorlands District  
Council**

Mrs. N. Kemp

**Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough  
Council**

Mr. A. Bird

**Stoke-on-Trent City Council**

Cllr. C. Edwards  
Mr. R. Vernon

**South Staffordshire District  
Council**

Cllr. L. Bates  
Mr. M. Jenkinson  
Mr. D. Roberts

**Tamworth Borough Council**

Mr. A. Barratt

**Also in attendance:** Mrs. K. Buck (Waste Partnership Manager) and Mr. J. Lindop (Staffordshire County Council).

**Apologies:** Cllr. J. Chesworth (Tamworth Borough Council); Cllr. T. Johnson (Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council); Cllr. S. Scalise (Staffordshire Moorlands District Council)

## **PART ONE**

### **Quorum**

32. The Chairman verified that the meeting was quorate.

### **Minutes**

33. **RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the meeting held on 2 December 2020 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

### **Matters Arising**

33. With regard to Minute No. 21, The County Council's Member representative circulated a draft revised Terms of Reference (schedule 1 to the signed minutes) expanding the remit of the Board in order to facilitate further progress in the wider environmental arena in Staffordshire. She requested Partner Authorities' submit their views/comments on the document to the Group Manager: Sustainability and Waste Management, Staffordshire County Council, as soon as possible.

### **Strategic Waste Management Plan – Performance Report Quarter 2 2019/20**

34. The Board considered a report of the Waste Partnership Manager regarding progress made towards delivery of the Strategic Waste Management Action Plan during Quarter 2 2019/20 (schedule 1 to the signed minutes).

35. **RESOLVED** – That the report be received and noted.

### **Consultations Updates**

36. The Board considered an oral report of the Head of Recycling and Fleet Services, Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council, updating them on the publication of formal second stage consultations by Central Government on three areas of waste and recycling legislation, as part of the development of a National Resources and Waste Strategy (NRWS):- (i) a Deposit Return Scheme (DRS) for drinks packaging in England; (ii) Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for packaging and; (iii) measures for consistency in recycling collections in 2023.

Although the consultations were expected by early March 2021, none had yet emerged. However, the officer representative of Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council stressed the importance of the Board submitting a comprehensive Staffordshire response at the appropriate time having regard to the likely implications for waste operations in the County including:- (i) food waste collections; (ii) collections of packaging films and cartons not currently included in recycling waste streams; (iii) the need for additional publicity campaigns required and; (iv) reductions in waste tonnages and impact on existing waste contracts. The Waste Partnership Manager added that the consultation period was likely to be for 12 weeks and arrangements had already been made by officers to provide co-ordinated support to the Board at the appropriate time.

In the discussion which ensued the Member representative of East Staffordshire Borough Council sought clarification of the impact of the delay on progress with the new Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Joint Waste Strategy. In reply an officer representative of the County Council undertook to seek confirmation/views from the Department for Environment Food and Rural affairs over the continued delay in the Partnership's adoption of a new Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy for 2020 and beyond and report back to the Board as necessary. The officer representative of Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council added that it was important the Strategy aligned with national policies and reflected any changes made arising from the forthcoming consultations. He went on to outline the Government's likely requirements in respect of Food Waste Collections together with the financial implications for his Authority. The Member representative of Cannock Chase District Council also expressed concerns over the cost of new arrangements in this respect.

The Member representative of Lichfield District Council cited possible negative consequences from the imposition of mandatory food waste collections in relation to land use planning and infrastructure provision particularly in rural areas of the County. In reply the Waste Partnership Manager said that a large proportion of food waste currently generated in the County could be avoided and spoke of the importance of publicity campaigns in achieving target reductions. The Member representative of the County Council highlighted concerns regarding the potential for increased carbon dioxide emissions particularly new arrangements could not be accommodated within existing operations. She agreed with the views expressed by the Waste Partnership Manager regarding the importance of waste minimisation and communication and went to express her view that behavioural change was key to success in achieving net carbon reductions.

Discussion turned to the likely impact of mandatory food waste collections on the Partnership's existing contracts for waste incineration at the Hanford and Four Ashes sites having regard to reductions in tonnages and changes in the calorific value of the waste stream. An officer representative of Staffordshire County Council re-assured the Board over the flexibility of the Four Ashes contract although these changes might be more significant for Hanford.

In response to a comment from the Member representative of Stoke-on-Trent City Council, the Board agreed that the experiences of other areas within the UK and beyond would provide valuable learning for the Partnership in the event mandatory food waste collections emerged from the Governments' NRWS.

**37. RESOLVED** – (a) That the report be received and noted.

(b) That an update on the above-mentioned consultations be provided at their next meeting.

## **Exclusion of the Public**

38. **RESOLVED** – That the public be excluded for the following items of business which involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A (as amended) of the Local Government Act 1972, indicated below.

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### **PART TWO**

#### **Exempt Minutes**

(exemption paragraph 3)

39. That exempt minutes of the meeting held on 2 December 2020 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

#### **Key Projects Update - Dry Recyclable Material Processing**

(exemption paragraph 1 and 3)

40. and 41. The Board received an exempt oral report by the Waste Partnership Manager updating them on progress with regard to their key project – Future Dry Recyclable Material Processing in the County and took decisions thereon.

**CHAIRMAN**

Local Authority	NI191: Residual household waste collected per household (kg)					NI192: % of household waste sent for reuse, recycling or composting					NI193: % of municipal waste landfilled				
	2019/2020 Q3	2019/2020 Q4	2020/2021 Q1	2020/2021 Q2	2020/2021 Q3	2019/2020 Q3	2019/2020 Q4	2020/2021 Q1	2020/2021 Q2	2020/2021 Q3	2019/2020 Q3	2019/2020 Q4	2020/2021 Q1	2020/2021 Q2	2020/2021 Q3
East Staffordshire BC	125.26	141.43	141.00	128.31	118.35	41.10%	32.00%	47.20%	49.50%	42.70%					
Lichfield DC	118.98	121.06	129.26	126.20	128.01	46.06%	40.93%	52.03%	50.53%	45.20%					
Tamworth BC	118.7	122.97	135.41	132.50	127.95	41.00%	36.87%	41.10%	43.24%	38.04%					
Cannock Chase DC	123.88	124.48	141.19	133.60	130.77	39.11%	38.92%	47.80%	46.70%	38.90%					
South Staffordshire Council	119.18	117.96	131.07	124.32	124.91	45.90%	44.10%	55.05%	51.40%	44.70%					
Stafford BC	112.70	116.90	123.02	118.89	113.25	47.10%	41.10%	52.00%	55.10%	48.10%					
Staffordshire Moorlands DC	95.65	101.86	99.28	109.58	101.31	52.30%	49.30%	63.00%	57.80%	54.20%					
Newcastle-under-Lyme BC	113.77	135.58	138.87	126.41	113.86	43.60%	34.40%	39.30%	44.60%	44.06%					
Staffordshire County Council	128.49	153.40	142.70	159.03	145.92	46.30%	39.50%	49.50%	48.40%	43.90%	0.81%	1.13%	0.77%	2.66%	0.87%
Stoke-on-Trent City Council	139.24	154.28	164.89	150.35	139.10	31.00%	24.60%	30.80%	39.40%	30.40%	5.71%	4.57%	6.86%	3.19%	3.60%
Local Authority	% household waste sent for recycling					% household waste sent for composting					% household waste sent for anaerobic digestion (formerly part of BVPI 82b)				
	2019/2020 Q3	2019/2020 Q4	2020/2021 Q1	2020/2021 Q2	2020/2021 Q3	2019/2020 Q3	2019/2020 Q4	2020/2021 Q1	2020/2021 Q2	2020/2021 Q3	2019/2020 Q3	2019/2020 Q4	2020/2021 Q1	2020/2021 Q2	2020/2021 Q3
East Staffordshire BC	20.99%	22.85%	18.85%	19.24%	22.28%	19.82%	8.99%	28.30%	30.16%	20.35%					
Lichfield DC	26.75%	30.18%	24.66%	23.20%	26.42%	19.31%	10.76%	27.37%	27.30%	18.81%					
Tamworth BC	30.23%	30.83%	25.98%	25.14%	28.54%	10.76%	6.04%	19.11%	18.10%	9.50%					
Cannock Chase DC	23.17%	25.43%	19.76%	19.08%	22.21%	15.63%	13.03%	28.03%	27.33%	16.29%					
South Staffordshire Council	23.13%	25.25%	20.22%	20.92%	24.47%	22.78%	18.88%	34.83%	30.49%	113.25%					
Stafford BC	22.29%	26.73%	20.59%	20.81%	23.45%	24.81%	14.39%	31.43%	34.27%	24.86%					
Staffordshire Moorlands DC	21.73%	25.36%	21.00%	19.55%	21.84%	30.45%	23.85%	42.01%	38.10%	32.27%					
Newcastle-under-Lyme BC	20.61%	18.97%	17.20%	18.55%	22.29%	17.15%	10.45%	22.02%	24.62%	18.51%	5.88%	4.99%	0.10%	1.43%	3.26%
Staffordshire County Council	24.99%	25.73%	20.70%	20.86%	23.78%	21.14%	13.52%	28.08%	27.35%	19.95%					
Stoke-on-Trent City Council	19.82%	22.26%	13.32%	19.96%	21.23%	11.15%	2.29%	17.37%	19.31%	9.09%					





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