

Staffordshire Local Government Association

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STAFFORDSHIRE AND STOKE-ON-TRENT JOINT WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD HELD ON 17 OCTOBER 2017 AT COUNCIL OFFICES, CODSALL

Present:

Cannock Chase District Council

Mr. E. Edmonds
Cllr. J. Preece
Mr. J. Presland

Stafford Borough Council

Cllr. F. Finlay
Mr. P. Gammon
Mr. H. Thomas

East Staffordshire Borough Council

Mr. P. Farrer
Cllr. D. Leese

Staffordshire County Council

Mr. T. Cooper
Cllr. Mrs. G. Heath
Mr. C. Jones
Ms. R. Melvin
Mrs. C. Ruskin-Brown

Lichfield District Council

Cllr. I. Eadie
Mr. N. Harris

Staffordshire Moorlands District Council

Mr. K. Parker

Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council

Cllr. Mrs. A. Beech
Mr. A. Bird

Stoke-on-Trent City Council

Cllr. A. Dutton
Ms. C. Gibbs

South Staffordshire District Council

Cllr. Mrs. M. Bond (Chairman)
Mr. D. Roberts
Mrs. J. Smith

Tamworth Borough Council

Mr. A. Barratt

Also in attendance: Ms. K Cocks (Waste Partnership Manager); Mr. M. Gardener (Waste and Resources Action Programme); Mr. C. Hoy (Ricardo Energy & Environment); Mr. J. Lindop (Staffordshire County Council); Mr. J. Woodruff (Ricardo Energy and Environment)

Apologies: Cllr. A. Forrester (Staffordshire Moorlands District Council); Cllr. Mrs. J. Goodall (Tamworth Borough Council); Mr. S. Khan (East Staffordshire Borough Council); Mr. R. King (Lichfield District Council); Cllr. A. Munday (Stoke-on-Trent City Council)

PART ONE

Minutes

15. **RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 2017 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

Financial Update

(schedule 1)

16. With regard to minute Nos. 8 and 9, the Environment Manager – East Staffordshire Borough Council circulated further details of the Partnership’s Income and Expenditure account which took account of the comments made at the previous meeting ie (i) that External Funding and; (ii) projections for 2017/18 to 2019/20 should be shown.

He highlighted that during 2018/19 expenditure was predicted to exceed income by £6,780, a shortfall which could be met from reserves. However, he proposed that the matter be considered by the Staffordshire Waste Officers Group in order to find a longer term solution to projected deficit positions eg by increasing Partner Contributions and for them to report back to the next meeting of the Board, as necessary.

17. **RESOLVED** – (a) That the revised income/expenditure account for 2016/17 and projected positions for 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20 be noted.

(b) That the Staffordshire Waste Officers’ Group consider how future deficit positions in the Partnership Income/Expenditure account could be addressed and that they report back to the Board at their next meeting.

Strategic Waste Management Board Action Plan – Performance Report

(schedule 2)

18. The Board considered a report of the Chairman of the Staffordshire Waste Officers’ Group regarding progress made towards delivery of the Strategic Waste Management Board Action Plan during Quarter 1 2017/18.

In presenting the report, the Waste Partnership Manager highlighted that data for the previous three quarters had been included in the tables in order to aid comparisons (i) over time and; (ii) between areas. In addition, a graph illustrating performance under NI192 over time (2013 to 2017) was also provided

With regard to NI 191: “Residual Household Waste Collected per Household”, Partnership performance had been mixed when compared to the figures for Quarter 4 2016/17. However, when compared to Quarter 2 2016/17 only Staffordshire Moorlands District had collected less residual waste.

With regard to NI 192: “% of Household Waste Sent for Re-Use, Recycling or Composting, the position was more encouraging in that all Authorities’ had performed better when compared to Quarter 4 2016/17. However, garden waste recycling rates varied according to the season and therefore comparisons between Quarters 2 had to be treated with some caution.

Members were pleased to note that, since their previous meeting, Stoke-on-Trent City Council’s statistics had been made available. From this data, it could be seen that Performance in NI191 and NI192 had improved when compared to both Quarters 2 and 4 2016/17.

The Waste Partnership Manager referred to the graph depicting performance with regard to NI192 Recycling Rate over time (2013 to 2017) which had been included in the data. Whilst the figures for 2016/17 were not yet available, it was hoped to have received these by the time of their meeting. In addition she highlighted the red line shown in the graph which indicated a 55% recycling rate target for all Waste Collection Authorities. Staffordshire Moorlands District Council had reached their target during 2015/16 (the most recent data available).

During the discussion which ensued the Member representative of Cannock Chase District Council welcomed the changes which had been made to the Performance Report. However, he requested the inclusion of data relating to the contamination of waste to be included in future reports to the Board. In reply, the Waste Partnership Manager undertook to ensure that the relevant waste data flow statistics were included, requested.

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

(b) That the relevant waste data flow statistics relating to waste contamination rates, be included in future performance reports to the Board.

Joint Waste Projects - Update (Schedule 3)

20. The Board received progress reports in respect of the following projects from the Staffordshire Waste Partnership Manager:-

- (i) Legal Dispute;
- (ii) Noise Policy;
- (iii) Fly-Tipping Approach and;
- (iv) Strategy Post 2020.

In addition they were updated on various other matters including:-

- (i) Local Authority Recycling Advisory Committee Chairman;
- (ii) Staffordshire Waste Partnership Publicity at the Chartered Institute of Waste Management and;
- (iii) National Association of Waste Disposal Officers Partnership Forum.

Following her presentation of the report, the Waste Partnership Manager highlighted that the current Partnership Strategy ran until 2020. Therefore, a further project for refreshing the strategy would be included in the work programme, in due course. However, preliminary work had already commenced at officer level.

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

Holistic Savings for Staffordshire

22. **RESOLVED** – That consideration of item No. 6 on the Agenda “Holistic Savings for Staffordshire” be undertaken in Part Two of the Agenda owing to the likely disclosure of exempt information relating to the financial and business affairs of Partner Authorities.

Date of Next Meeting

23. **RESOLVED** – That a further meeting of the Board be held in early December 2017 on a date, time and at a venue to be arranged.

Exclusion of the Public

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

PART TWO

Holistic Savings for Staffordshire (exemption paragraph 3)

25 & 26 The Board received (i) an exempt oral report of the Waste Partnership Manager and; (ii) presentation from Mr. Chris Hoy (Ricardo Energy and Environment) and Mike Gardener (Waste and Resources Action Programme) regarding the Holistic Savings for Staffordshire Project and took decisions thereon.

CHAIRMAN