

# **Staffordshire Local Government Association**

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STAFFORDSHIRE AND STOKE-ON-TRENT JOINT WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD HELD ON 22 JUNE 2021 AT COUNTY BUILDINGS STAFFORD**

Present:

### **Cannock Chase District Council**

Mrs. Ysanne Williams

### **East Staffordshire Borough Council**

Mr. P. Farrer  
Cllr. R. Faulkner

### **Lichfield District Council**

Mr. B. Percival  
Cllr. A. Yeates

### **Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council**

Mr. A. Bird  
Cllr. T. Johnson

### **South Staffordshire District Council**

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

### **Stafford Borough Council**

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

### **Staffordshire County Council**

Mr. T. Cooper  
Mrs. S. Mcfee-Hyland  
Cllr. S. Tagg

### **Tamworth Borough Council**

Mr. A. Barratt  
Cllr. D. Cook

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

**Apologies:** Cllr. C. Edwards (Stoke-on-Trent City Council); N. Harris (Lichfield District Council); Cllr. J. Johnson (Cannock Chase District Council); Mrs. N. Kemp (Staffordshire Moorlands District Council); J. Presland (Cannock Chase District Council); S. Khan (East Staffordshire Borough Council); Miss. R. Melvin (Staffordshire County Council); Cllr. S. Scalise (Staffordshire Moorlands District Council); C. Thomson (Staffordshire County Council); R. Vernon (Stoke-on-Trent City Council).

## **PART ONE**

### **Appointment of Chairman and Vice-Chairman**

1. **RESOLVED** – (a) That Councillor J. Price be appointed Chairman of the Board for the ensuing year up to their Annual Meeting in June 2022.  
  
(b) That the appointment of Vice-Chairman of the Board be deferred until their next meeting.

### **Minutes**

2. **RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the meeting held on 17 March 2021 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

### **Matters Arising**

3. The Member representative of the County Council commented on the proposed establishment of a separate Sustainability Board. He confirmed that the County Council were keen to work with Partners in the implementation of their Sustainability Plans in order to maximise positive outcomes for the residents of Staffordshire. Other Member representatives added their support whilst highlighting the importance of forthcoming issues in the waste agenda over the next few years.
4. **RESOLVED** – That the Joint Waste Manager co-ordinate a review of the Terms of Reference for the Board with officers and report back to their next meeting as appropriate.

### **Strategic Waste Management Plan – Performance Report Quarter 3 2020/21**

5. The Board considered a report of the Waste Partnership Manager regarding progress made towards delivery of the Strategic Waste Management Action Plan during Quarter 3 2020/21 (schedule 1 to the signed minutes).
6. **RESOLVED** – That the report be received and noted.

### **National Resources and Waste Strategy - Consultations Updates**

7. The Board considered a joint oral report of the Waste Partnership Manager and Head of Recycling and Fleet Service, 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:- (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.

All three consultations had now been published although on different dates, despite previous undertakings by the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs

(DEFRA). The Partnership's response to (i) and (ii) above had been submitted in order to meet DEFRA's twelve-week consultation deadline. Whilst a draft response on (iii) above was still being collated it would be submitted in time to meet DEFRA's eight-week consultation deadline (1 July 2021).

With regard to the national picture, the proposals for collection of 'household like' waste from businesses would present significant challenges to industry owing to the cost of provision being met under the EPR initiative. In addition, if adopted, these proposals could have a major impact on the configuration of Local Authority waste collection and disposal operations.

Residents views had not been included in the consultations by DEFRA.

8. **RESOLVED** – That the joint oral report be received and noted.

#### **Date of Next Meeting**

9. **RESOLVED** – That a further meeting of the Board be held on Wednesday 29 September 2021, 2.30 pm at a venue to be confirmed.

#### **Exclusion of the Public**

10. **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 paragraphs 1 and 3)

11. That exempt minutes of the meeting held on 17 March 2021 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

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

(exemption paragraph 1 and 3)

12 and 13. The Board received exempt oral reports by Partner Waste Collection Authorities updating them on progress with regard to their key project – Future Dry Recycling Material Processing ((i) procurement of short term contracts and; (ii) long term project to build local facilities), in the County and took decisions thereon.

**CHAIRMAN**