

**Minutes of the Staffordshire Local Government Association - Joint
Waste Management Board Meeting held on 25 April 2022**

Present:

Len Bates
Stephen Doyle
Ray Faulkner
Bryan Jones

Jonathan Price
Sav Scalise
Simon Tagg
Ashley Yeates

Also in attendance: Andrew Barratt, Andrew Bird, Lee Booth, Kay Buck, Tim Cooper, Paul Farrer, Tracy Giles, Mark Jenkinson, Nicola Kemp, Rachel Melvin, Ben Percival, Joss Presland, Clive Thomson, Rob Vernon, Ysanne Williams, Liam Archer.

Apologies: Carl Edwards, Nigel Harris, Dave Heywood, Justin Johnson, Trevor Johnson.

PART ONE

11. Minutes of meeting held on 19 January 2022

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on the 19 January 2022 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

12. Matters Arising

None noted.

13. Terms of Reference

RESOLVED – That the updated Terms of Reference be agreed by the Board.

14. Summary Progress Report

The Board considered a report from the Waste Partnership Manager setting out progress towards delivering the Strategic Waste Management Action Plan during Quarter 3 2021/22.

RESOLVED – That the report be received and noted.

15. Resources and Waste Strategy - Update

The Board received an oral report from the Waste Services Manager, Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council. The Board were informed that results had been release from the consultation around extended producer

responsibility (EPR), which provided insight into proposals of deposit returns schemes.

It was confirmed that full net costs would be paid to local authorities for extended producer responsibility for packaging, by April 2024, for household collections. Business waste had been deferred due to the complexity of the issue and backlash received from the private sector. It was proposed that EPR payments would be paid quarterly in arrears, and a public body scheme administrator would be set up to process the payments.

The Board were informed of an issue around EPR payments for litter and street sweeping. Backlash had been received from producers who didn't want to pay for littering, however accepting that material placed in litter bins was appropriate and therefore would pay. Communications would be funded to reduce littering.

Plastic film recycling would become a requirement for local authorities to collect it, by March 2027, for households and businesses.

The Board were informed that an 'all in DRS' (Deposit Returns Scheme) had been selected rather than an 'on the go DRS'. For England and Northern Ireland this would be for plastic bottles and metal cans, glass would not be included. Backlash had been received from industry as it would be likely that soft drinks producers would swap from cans and plastic bottles to glass bottles.

No date had been set for the release of results on consultations, however it was hoped that this would be following the May Elections.

16. Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting - To be arranged (due June 2022)

RESOLVED – That the date, time and venue of the next meeting be noted.

17. Exclusion of the Public

RESOLVED – 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 Schedule 12A (as amended) of the Local Government Act 1972 indicated below.

18. Exempt minutes of meeting held on 19 January 2022

The exempt minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2022 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

19. Food Waste Collections/Recycling

(exemption paragraphs 1 and 3)

- a) Recent Site Visits
- b) WRAP Food Waste Project

The Board received exempt oral reports and presentations by the Waste Partnership Manager and Ricardo Partnership Consultants updating them on recent site visits and progress on the WRAP Food Waste Project, and took decisions thereon.

20. Garden Waste Recycling Credits - Update

(exemption paragraphs 1 and 3)

The Board received an exempt presentation from the Waste Partnership Manager updating them on the Garden Waste Recycling Credits and plans post-2023.

21. Household Waste Recycling Centres - Update

(exemption paragraphs 1 and 3)

The Board received an exempt oral update from the Head of Service – Waste and Sustainability on the insourcing of the Household Waste Recycling Centres.

22. Dual Stream Recycling

(exemption paragraphs 1 and 3)

The Board received an exempt oral update from the Waste Partnership Manager on Dual Stream Recycling.

23. Staffordshire Waste Partnership Future Management

(exemption paragraphs 1 and 3)

The Board were provided with an exempt oral update on the future management of the Staffordshire Waste Partnership.

Chairman

