

PROJECT PROGRESS REPORTS

Joint Waste Management Board Subgroup

AGENDA

2.00pm Thursday 29th June 2017

Ivanovo 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; Andrew Bird (Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council)
- SWP Manager; Kay Cocks
- Member and Democratic Services; Jonathan Lindop

2. SWOG update

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

4. Previous JWMB; Future of Subgroup

5. Upcoming JWMB meeting; agenda creation

- Standard items
- SWP finances (requested)
- Holistic savings project update

6. Any other business

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Holistic savings for Staffordshire

Since the last JWMB where the newly appointed consultant, Ricardo AEA, were in attendance, the second phase of the WRAP project has fully begun. Various specific meetings have taken place with key personnel to obtain greater understanding of Staffordshire Waste Partnership's working, and data requests have been issued to all councils. Responses were in part slow and some key information is still outstanding. This has caused a delay to collating all relevant information but to date should not affect the overall timescale for deliverables, subject to any further delays. The consultant, WRAP and the Partnership Manager are maintaining regular contact for progress updates and discussion.

The workshop is taking place on Wednesday 28th June and all officers have been invited, requesting they forward the invite to any further relevant colleagues and Members. Attendance is expected from all councils, in order to facilitate full representation during discussion. The consultants will be presenting an update and tabling assumptions for attendees to discuss and agree, so that the work can continue on schedule. This is each council's opportunity for input into the work.

After the meeting, a briefing note will provide a full update and will be sent to all interested parties. The project is currently on schedule.

SBC contract procurement

Negotiations were held in two phases, with each of the three bidders having a full day meeting with the Council team per phase. The meetings were all very successful in working together with the bidders to develop submissions that meet the Council's requirements as well as looking at innovation opportunities from the bidders. The Invitation to Submit Final Tenders phase resulted in two bidders submitting responses, which are currently being evaluated and moderated.

The process remains on planned time scales, with a public announcement of the appointed contractor expected over the summer.

MRF contract issues

The SWP appointed litigators, Burges Salmon, provided third party legal advice, reviewing all documents. Their comprehensive advice provided positivity in the strength of our stance from a legal stand point. The next phase involved recorded legal notification of our official stand point to Biffa in a letter from Burges Salmon and requesting a response in 7 days. No receipt nor full response was received and upon chasing, a holding letter from CMS as Biffa's appointed litigators was received. No official response has yet to be received but is swiftly expected.

On a side note, this dispute is creating issues in the day to day running of the contract.