

## Gloucestershire Waste Partnership

29<sup>th</sup> June 2011

Venue: Meeting Room 2, Shire Hall



### Notes of meeting

#### Present

Cllr Stan Waddington (SW) (chair) Jo Walker (JW) Tony Childs (TC) Andy Pritchard (AP) Cllr Ray Theodoulou (RT) Rob Bell (RB) Cllr David Fowles (DF) Ralph Young (RY) Cllr Jim Mason (JM)	Chris Bosley (CB) Verna Green (VG) Cllr Martin Quaile (MQ) Cllr Steve Morgan (SM) Ross Cook (RC) Cllr John Stanton (JS) Carlos Novoth (CN) Andrew Logan (AL)
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#### Apologies for absence

Cllr Roger Whyborn (RW) Cllr Barry Gibbs (BG)	Roger Garbett (RG) Karen Toole (KT)
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SW opened the meeting by welcoming the new members. Brief introductions followed.

1. Notes and actions of last meeting (05.04.11)
  - Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed to be correct.
  - Actions agreed had been completed or were covered in an agenda item at this meeting.
  - SW provided an update on the progress with the Residual Waste Project, highlighting in particular the forthcoming public exhibition that the bidders are hosting at Javelin Park.

**Action : AP to organise a preview of this event for GWP members.**

2. Joint Waste Programme update

Primarily for the benefit of new members, RY provided an overview of the history of the programme and progress to date. This included outlining the vision, main benefits, structures and key decisions, the next of which will be taken in the autumn. Questions were invited from members.

DF questioned why Gloucester and Stroud were not involved, to which RY replied that the main reason was their current ties in long term contracts. SW stated that the rest of the partners were proceeding on a pragmatic basis as we are able to, but that we could consider the issues of other partners joining once the new partnership was formed.

3. To MRF or not to MRF?

TC led a discussion around the pros and cons of commingled collections. The aim of the discussion was to determine the level of interest amongst GWP members into finding out more about the viability and desirability of commingled recycling in the future. Specific issues addressed included cost, materials quality and logistics. CB and JM also provided an insight into the Tewkesbury experience to date. In response to questions as to the suitability of Gloucestershire for commingled collections, AL noted that a future partnership may enable this to operate in part-districts which could provide the most effective solution overall.

Members were generally open to looking into this as a possible future service option for Gloucestershire, respecting the fact that several members had either recently changed their service or were in the process of planning for change. A cautious approach which considered this as a longer term option was requested.

**Action: AP to issue an invitation to GWP officers to meet and agree an approach to take this forward.**

**Action: JM to offer dates to GWP for a visit to the MRF plant at Ettington.**

4. National waste policies review update

TC presented an overview of the key elements of the waste review, highlighting those issues most relevant to GWP.

**Action: TC to circulate website link to presentation slides and accompanying notes.**

JW provided a brief update on the County Councils current work exploring rewards and incentives, and on the exploration of AD as an option to treat food waste. Both of these approaches are shown support in the waste review.

MQ requested that the County Council assist districts when dealing with enquiries related to the reinstatement of weekly residual waste collections.

**Action: AP to share the letter to MP's which was endorsed by GWP in October 2010.**

5. Service Development Updates

Due to time pressure this item was not covered. It was agreed that the next GWP meeting will lead on this item.

6. AOB

JM brought a letter from Gretton School requesting the collection of food waste. A brief discussion followed regarding the suitability of the Green Joannah composter as an alternative.

TC updated on the recent launch of QSC sales and asbestos collections at HRCs across the county.

DF and RY informed members that the LA company proposal has been accepted by both Cotswold and Cheltenham councils.

It was requested that the next meeting be scheduled for an alternative date as several members would be unable to attend on the 7<sup>th</sup> September.

Future Meetings (in Shire Hall)

Wed 21<sup>st</sup> September 2011      Environment Training Room    3.00–5.00pm