

Agenda Item 4

South London Waste Partnership Joint Committee

13 July 2022

SOUTH LONDON WASTE PARTNERSHIP JOINT COMMITTEE

13 July 2022 at 6.30 pm

MEMBERS: Councillors Christopher Woolmer, John Sweeney, Natasha Irons and Jason Cummings

ABSENT Councillor(s) Barry Lewis, Ian Manders, Billy Christie and Scott Roche

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Clerk welcomed those present and asked for nominations for Chair for the duration of the meeting.

Councillor Christopher Woolmer nominated Councillor Natasha Irons as Chair for the duration of the meeting this was seconded by Councillor John Sweeney.

RESOLVED that:

1. Councillor Natasha Irons be appointed as Chair for the duration of the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Barry Lewis, Billy Christie, Ian Manders and Scott Roche.

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

1. That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 24 February 2022 be agreed as an accurate record.

4. ANY URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.

5. APPOINTMENT OF A CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR 2022/23

Councillor John Sweeney proposed that Councillor Natasha Irons be elected as Chair of the South London Waste Partnership Joint Committee for the year 2022/23. This was seconded by Councillor Christopher Woolmer.

Councillor Natasha Irons proposed that Councillor Billy Christie be elected as Vice Chair of the South London Waste Partnership Joint Committee for the years 2022/23. This was seconded by Councillor Jason Cummings.

RESOLVED that:

1. Councillor Natasha Irons be appointed as Chair of the South London Waste Partnership Joint Committee for the year 2022/23
2. Councillor Billy Christie be appointed as Vice Chair of the South London Waste Partnership Joint Committee for the year 2022/23.

6. CONTRACT PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Partnership Director introduced the report.

The Partnership Director confirmed that the DEFRA consultation regarding charges for dumping of rubble and use of booking systems at HRRCs had now closed and that the SLWP had responded to the consultation.

The Partnership Director explained that analysis of data from HRRC sites in Kingston, Merton and Sutton since booking systems had been in place had shown no obvious impacts including in levels of flytipping. Members added that there had been benefits reported by residents including reduced queuing by users.

The recent planning application submitted by Viridor for an additional diesel storage tank at the Beddington ERF site was discussed by the Committee. Members were aware that questions had been raised by at a recent meeting of Sutton Council's Planning Committee about the sulphur content of the fuel that Viridor plan to use at the site. Members agreed that Viridor's carbon reduction ambitions were welcome, but drew attention that carbon was not the only pollutant emitted from the Beddington site. It was confirmed that the SLWP had written to Viridor asking them to reconsider this decision and to explore other options. The Partnership Director added that the SLWP would have liked to have been more sighted on the Viridor application.

In response to questions about assistance provision to users at the Garth Road HRRC site the Partnership Director explained that work was in progress to enable this and that residents would be able to request assistance through the booking form in the future.

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Members discussed that having an upcycling access point in a High Street location would create a facility for those who do not drive. Members also suggested that the aim of creating a community based repair network could be progressed.

RESOLVED that:

1. The content of the report be noted.
2. To comment on any aspects of the performance of the Partnership's transfer, treatment, recycling and disposal contracts.

7. SOUTH LONDON WASTE PARTNERSHIP BUDGET OUTTURN 2021/22

The Partnership Director introduced the report.

Members noted that appointments had been made to all posts in the structure.

RESOLVED that:

1. The content of this report be noted.

8. COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

The Communications Advisor introduced the report.

The Communications Advisor provided details of technical issues which had resulted in the SLWP website being unavailable for a few days during the previous week and that steps had been taken to create a robust solution and a reduced risk of recurrence.

The Communications Advisor explained the procedures in place when collection crews encountered contaminated waste presented for collection and processes in place to aim to reduce contamination levels.

Members were aware of upcoming changes to legislation and requested additional information about these changes and the impacts and opportunities they would create.

Members expressed concerns that the Environment Agency had not responded to requests by Sutton Council Officers for information regarding the expected public consultation in relation to the permit variation application at the Beddington ERF.

Councillor Natasha Irons proposed a recommendation that the Chair write to the Environment Agency (EA) on behalf of the South London Waste Partnership Joint Committee to request additional information concerning the expected public consultation regarding the permit variation application at the Beddington ERF this was seconded by Councillor John Sweeney.

RESOLVED that:

1. The contents of this report and comment on any aspects of communications and engagement activities relating to the Phase A and Phase B contracts be noted.

2. The Chair write to the Environment Agency (EA) on behalf of the South London Waste Partnership Joint Committee to request additional information concerning the expected public consultation regarding the permit variation application at the Beddington ERF be agreed.

The meeting ended at 7.37 pm

Chair:

Date: