

BARNSELEY, DONCASTER AND ROTHERHAM JOINT WASTE BOARD
15th March, 2013

Present:- Councillor R. S. Russell (Rotherham MBC) (in the Chair); Councillor R. Miller (Barnsley MBC) and Councillor C. Ransome (Doncaster MBC)

together with:-

David Burton	Rotherham MBC
Beth Clarke	BDR Joint Waste Manager
David Finnegan	Barnsley MBC
Ann Todd	Rotherham MBC
Gill Gillies	Doncaster MBC
Steve Noble	DEFRA

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Ali and from Mrs. T. Holmes (Rotherham MBC) and from Mrs. A. Gosse (Barnsley MBC).

D29. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

D30. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 14TH DECEMBER, 2012

Consideration was given to minutes of the previous meeting of the Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham Joint Waste Board, held on 14th December, 2012, were considered.

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

D31. BDR MANAGER'S REPORT

The Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham Joint Waste Manager submitted a report updating the progress of the following issues:-

(a) details were reported of the recommendations of the Waste Infrastructure Development Programme (WIDP) Contract Management Review; the recommendations focused on knowledge management, including the completion of the contract manuals and work instructions, communications between the collection managers and the BDR PFI team and reviewing the organisational structure of the team to ensure it remains fit for purpose in the various phases of the contract. The Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs is confident about the robust quality of the contract.

Agreed :- the Joint Waste Board expressed its preference for the partnership approach to the management of the contract.

(b) The Bolton Road facility – the permit is deemed as being satisfactory, the Judicial Review period having ended on 6th January 2013; Section 73 applications will be submitted in order to obtain planning consent for minor material amendments to the application, as a consequence of detailed design work.

(c) Good progress overall continues to be made with the Ferrybridge site; the judicial review period for the S.S.E. Environmental Permit has now ended

(d) Health and Safety – there were no issues of concern to report;

(e) an information sharing protocol has been drafted for the three local authorities;

(f) Finance – operational management costs are projected to be within budget for the current, 2012/13, financial year;

(g) Communications – the ground-breaking photo-call with Elected Members, on Monday, 18th February, 2013, had been very well publicised, some minor inaccuracies in the press reporting had now been corrected; discussions continued with the liaison group to provide information about traffic issues around the Bolton Road facility; the importance of providing regular information bulletins was acknowledged; details would shortly be available about the forthcoming project partnership awards for the Best Waste Project;

(h) Preparation of the Contract Manuals is continuing.

Resolved:- That the report be received and its contents noted.

D32. RISK REGISTER

The Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham Joint Waste Board considered the updated Waste PFI transition phase risk register. It was noted that the 'Permitting Delay' risk is now closed, as both the Bolton Road and the Ferrybridge sites have been granted permits.

The Joint Waste Board agreed that the budget and financial risks should be included within the register, as a consequence of the severe pressures upon central Government and local authority finances.

Resolved:- That the updated information on the risk register be received.

D33. MEETING DATES

The Joint Waste Board agreed the following arrangements and pattern for meetings to be held during the remainder of 2013, including the continued use of the Rotherham Town Hall as the preferred venue:-

Steering Committee : Tuesday 21st May, 2013
Joint Waste Board : Friday 14th June, 2013

Steering Committee : Tuesday 20th August, 2013
Joint Waste Board : Friday 13th September, 2013

Steering Committee : Tuesday 26th November, 2013
Joint Waste Board : Friday 13th December, 2013

D34. KEY DATES

Consideration was given to a report presented by the BDR Joint Waste Manager setting out specific project milestone dates for the Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham Joint Waste PFI affecting (i) the waste disposal facility at Bolton Road, Wath upon Dearne; and (ii) the waste disposal facility at Ferrybridge.

Resolved:- That the report be received and its contents noted.

D35. AUDIT ACTION PLAN

The Joint Waste Board noted that details of the audit action plan, undertaken by Barnsley MBC during 2012, would be reported to each meeting. Currently, there were no outstanding issues to report.

D36. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved:- That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as amended (information relating to the financial/business affairs of any person (including the Joint Waste Board)).

D37. BDR PFI BUDGET SUMMARY MARCH 2013

Consideration was given to the Budget Summary, as at March 2013, for the Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham Joint Waste Private Finance Initiative (PFI).

Resolved:- That the report be received and its contents noted.

D38. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Agreed:- That the annual meeting of the Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham Joint Waste Board be held on Friday, 14th June, 2013, at the Town Hall, Rotherham, commencing at 2.00 p.m.