

**BARNSELEY, DONCASTER AND ROTHERHAM JOINT WASTE BOARD
Monday, 2nd December, 2019**

Present:- Councillor Lamb (Barnsley MBC) (in the Chair), Councillor Hoddinott (Rotherham MBC), Councillor C. McGuinness (Doncaster MBC); together with Mrs. L Baxter, Mr. P. Hutchinson, Mr. T. Smith (Rotherham MBC), Mr. P. Castle (Barnsley MBC), Mr. L. Garratt (Doncaster MBC) and Mr. J. Busby (DEFRA).

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Sansome (Rotherham MBC), Mr. P. Dale (Doncaster MBC) and Mr. M. Gladstone (Barnsley MBC).

44 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest reported at this meeting.

**45 MINUTES FROM THE JOINT WASTE BOARD MEMBERS MEETING
HELD ON 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2019 AND MATTERS ARISING**

Consideration was given to the minutes of the previous meeting of the Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham Joint Waste Board held on 30th September, 2019.

With regards to Minute No. 36(3) it was reported that once the report template was received following approval this would be forwarded on.

In terms of Minute No. 36(4) and the potential to webcast the Joint Waste Board, it was noted that this was subject to further discussion regarding potential cost and dates/times of future meetings to fit in with the Council Chamber access.

Reference was also made to Minute No. 38 and the need for clarity on the arrangements for the disposal of clinical waste across South Yorkshire. This would be included as an agenda item for discussion at the next meeting.

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

**46 JOINT WASTE BOARD - INTER AUTHORITY AGREEMENT
DELEGATIONS REPORT**

Consideration of this item was deferred pending approval. The document would be circulated to the Joint Waste Board Members as soon as it was received.

47 BDR MANAGER'S REPORT AUGUST TO OCTOBER 2019

Consideration was given to the update report of the BDR Manager covering the period from August to October, 2019.

A number of issues were highlighted including:-

- Governance.
- Contract Delivery.
- Legal.
- Financial.
- Communications.
- Resources.
- Other.
- Liaison Committee Minutes.
- Glossary of Terms.

The Joint Waste Board were advised the BDR CELO secondment to Rotherham had been extended to November but had now ended and she was working on a calendar of events for BDR.

Reference was also made to the Fire Protection Works which were almost complete, but had been delayed slightly due to the recent flooding. It was anticipated the works would be completed by the 16th December, 2019 pending any revision requests.

The discussion referred to fly complaints and the proactive plans being implemented with the contractor and the Environment Agency to mitigate flies that may be associated with the plant. The contractor had since changed the fly management chemical to one that suffocated flies. This reduces the chance of flies developing resistance. It was noted that during the summer months residents should be encouraged to wrap food.

A complaint by a local resident had also been made to all three Leaders of the Council regarding flies and on identification of the species they were found to be corn flies and unrelated to the plant.

In terms of odour emanating from the plant work was ongoing with the Environment Agency on the bio filters following the formation of a crust that impacted on the performance of the biofilter. Once it was established the mitigation works to bio filter number one were working, action would then be taken to replace bio filter number two.

The Environment Agency were communicating with local residents on action being taken by way of a newsletter.

The Joint Waste Board welcomed the action being taken on both fly control and odour in collaboration with the Environment Agency and thought it quite bizarre that odour complaints were more prevalent in the winter months.

It was also noted that a noise complaint from a resident in Swinton was being investigated.

The Joint Waste Board were also advised that during the recent floods one of the access/egress routes into the plant was inaccessible. However, the

contractor was able to continue processing all waste utilising a combination of direct delivery where possible and a combination of waste transfer stations in Barnsley and Doncaster.

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

48 CURRENT ISSUES

Consideration was given to the current issue that remained ongoing in terms of insurance and the brokering of a deal, which may have a market difference following fire improvement works.

It was noted that insurance would be obtained this year.

Resolved:- That the update be noted.

49 RISK REGISTER

Consideration was given to the report which set out in detail the risks associated with the delivery of the BDR PFI Waste Facility contractual obligations now the facility was operational. The risks identified in the register were considered by the BDR Steering Committee every eight weeks.

Whilst there were a number of risks on the risk register nothing had changed since the previous meeting.

Discussion ensued on the current score for Risk Number 16 should the contractor exit the UK market due to financial pressures and it was noted that a good relationship currently existed with no indication this was at risk.

However, Councils would be able to identify areas where they could work with the contractor should this be necessary with mitigating measures and negotiations being put in place for the plant to continue to operate. The position would continue to be monitored.

The Joint Waste Board were also mindful of any potential changes in Government Law/Regulations which the Government had pledged to fund

Resolved:- (1) That the updated Risk Register be received and the contents noted.

(2) That any further risks be identified that require deletion or addition to risk register.

50 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other matters of business to discuss.

51 DATE, TIME AND VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Resolved:- That the next meeting of the Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham Joint Waste Board take place on Monday, 16th March, 2020 at Rotherham Town Hall (time to be confirmed).