

South Yorkshire Waste Partnership Board

Monday 7 March 2022

Present: Councillor Houlbrook (Chair), Councillor Allan (acting as substitute for Councillor Beck) and Councillor McCarthy (acting as substitute for Councillor Lamb), with Lisbeth Baxter, Paul Castle, Tom Smith, Kellie Hopkins, Gill Charters, Barry Connolly, Nigel Naisbitt and Rhonda Fleetwood.

105. TO DETERMINE IF THE FOLLOWING MATTERS ARE TO BE CONSIDERED UNDER THE CATEGORIES SUGGESTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

Agreed.

106. TO DETERMINE ANY ITEM WHICH THE CHAIRMAN IS OF THE OPINION SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY

There were no urgent items to consider.

107. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Beck, Councillor Lamb, Councillor Paul Wood, Matthew Gladstone, Dan Swaine, Paul Woodcock and Paul Hutchinson.

108. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

109. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 9 September 2021

The Minutes were approved as a correct record of the meeting.

110. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

111. SOUTH YORKSHIRE MUNICIPAL WASTE STRATEGY - SYMWS HIGHLIGHT REPORT

The Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham Joint Waste Manager submitted a report which provided an update relating to the copy attached.

Cllr Houlbrook focus is on councils joint waste plan as this needs to be updated from 2012.

BB KS1 – big focus on food waste action week, Greg Wallace is fronting this campaign, starting to see slight decline in residual waste, in BDR we have commenced a compositional analysis. HWRC campaigns Hubbub RMBC have approved their campaign and waste reduction website all of actions are going to be monitored, waste minimisation has most cost and

carbon saving potential but difficult to evidence this, trying to tie in work being done in London, as they have a library of things to rent instead of buying. Carbon modelling work reports provided and will feed into options appraisal. Sue is presentation for IAA3 and MOU struggled to get a meeting date agreed, is important we can deliver this due to new members/officers, PC still need discussion and asked members to prioritise the presentation as we need alignment.

Cllr Houlbrook agrees with partnership working across all councils, very difficult if can maintain continuity across the board, are times when people can't make it, but raises valid point to move partnership forward through consultations and environment bill, speaking to Cllr Allen and Cllr McCarthy about meetings and important where possible meet in person, however as reminded mindful of our environmental footprint but need to go forward as a joined partnership. His door is always open for discussion, officers have a great working relationship under SC,

GC Cll Wood has not been able to prioritise meetings and deputy has stood down, so apologies no one here today, flag SCC will move to committee system from May so will need to have a direct cabinet member relationship will have chair of waste and street scheme committee, heading towards Purdah, so chance of getting political support will be limited.

Cllr Houlbrook valid point around elections which does have impact on way we work.

BB digital waste tracking will be mandatory going forward and consultation out currently, integration and analysis will be key going forward to bear in mind when looking at resources. Closed consultations extended producer responsibility extended.

Cllr Houlbrook keeps seeing Brexit as a risk, what impact do foresee that having.

BB until materials/supplier issues are not an issue then it will stand. Does not have anything on there around a third world war.

Cllr Houlbrook is an impact with high energy/fuel prices a lot of areas which may impact on tonnages, HGV driver issues still a problem. Importance of environment climate change across regions in everything that we do and more weight behind that in terms of reporting environmental impact of waste. anything else to raise.

TS implications Brexit and conflict in Ukraine lots of stuff coming together at same time and as officers we need to be clear about risks and report to cabinet and Board, does flag clearly need waste services to think about carbon impact as much as recycling grades, largely because of use of fuel, due to prices increasing, opportunity to create a business case away from fossil fuels and think of a new strategy around carbon and climate.

Cllr Allen neighbourhood working have 25 newsletters with 1000 per ward receiving that and some initiatives described in minutes BDR meeting,

residents interested to get involved in them, in terms of getting wider contact to smaller neighbourhoods not just using social media, offering up resource and will speak to Cllr Beck, TS what connections could make for that climate and environmental issues, that can show they are doing these things is worth wider publicity.

Resolved: That the information provided be noted.

R&WS (Defra/Government/timeline) update

NN stated he has checked with the waste policy team at Defra around timescale for response to the consultations and answer was as soon as possible, as they are working hard to get them round all government departments and approved so no deadline yet, further consultations coming out around statutory guidance, but is still watch this space situation.

New SYMWS - Partnership / Direction / Content

Discussed above.

Net Zero Carbon – Council’s commitment/timeline

Discussed above.

112. IAA3 / MoU

- Arrange meeting for presentation

BB stated we do have a framework in place when working together and it is felt appropriate to do so, but we have been struggling to agree a date for the presentation.

Cllr Houbrook asked that all to take back to each council the importance of agreeing a date for the presentation and prioritising these meetings in order to take partnership working forward.

113. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no other matters of business to discuss.

114. DATE, TIME AND VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on 6 June 2022 at 9.00am at Rotherham Town Hall.

Cllr HOubrook discussion around hybrid working and face to face meetings, asked if can email him with b=views on how these meting should take place in future.