

## **South Yorkshire Waste Partnership Board**

**Monday 18 July 2022**

Present: Councillor Houlbrook (outgoing Chair), Councillor Beck (incoming Chair), Councillor Higginbottom, Councillor Otten with Lisbeth Baxter, Paul Hutchinson, Andrew Simpson, Gill Charters, Barry Connolly 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 Paul Woodcock, and Paul Castle, Sam Barstow, Kellie Hopkins and Nigel Naisbitt.

**108. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest made at this meeting.

**109. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 7 MARCH 2022 AND MATTERS ARISING**

The Minutes were approved as a correct record of the meeting. There were no matters arising.

**110. SOUTH YORKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

The Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham Joint Waste Manager submitted a report stating that one of the contractual documents entered into between the Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham Local Authorities at financial close of the BDR Waste PFI project was an Inter-Authority Agreement (IAA). This IAA creates the Joint Waste Board ("JWB") as a joint committee pursuant to Section 101(5) of the Local Government Act 1972, which is established as part of the joint working arrangements between the Local Authorities for the management and administration of what are termed Relevant Contracts under the IAA. At the date of today's meeting, the BDR Waste PFI Contract is the only Relevant Contract to which the IAA applies and is referred to as the "Principal Contract".

The submitted report detailed how the functions of this Joint Waste Board will be delegated down to the BDR Steering Committee and the BDR Manager in order to deal more efficiently with the day-to-day decisions that

will be required under the Principal Contract. All decisions of the JWB, BDR Steering Committee and the BDR Manager will be made in accordance with the provisions of the prevailing Inter-Authority Agreement.

In accordance with the IAA, the appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board rotated on an annual basis.

**Resolved:**

- 1) That Councillor Beck of Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council be appointed Chair of the Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham Joint Waste Board for the 2022/23 Municipal Year and Councillor Higginbottom of Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council be appointed as Vice-Chair for the 2022/23 Municipal Year: and
- 2) The Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council Steering Committee Representative becomes Chair of the Steering Committee for the 2022/23 Municipal Year and the Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council Steering Committee Representative becomes Vice-Chair of the Steering Committee for the 2022/23 Municipal Year.
- 3) That the JWB note that:
  - a. With the exception of the decisions reserved to the Authorities for a unanimous decision under the IAA3, all other decisions in respect of the Principal Contract are delegated by the JWB to the chair of the BDR Steering Committee (the “Authorised BDR Steering Committee Member”).
  - b. The Authorised BDR Steering Committee Member may elect to delegate certain decisions to the BDR Manager.
  - c. The BDR Manager may delegate any decisions delegated to them to a member of the Joint Waste Team (if the right to delegate is granted by the Authorised BDR Steering Committee Member).
  - d. That Doncaster Borough Council’s representative officer on the BDR Steering Committee will be the Authorised BDR Steering Committee Member for 2022-2023.

Before handing over the chairmanship, Councillor Houlbrook wished to place on record his thanks to the officers and elected Members that had supported him during his time as Chair. It had been a difficult but enjoyable year and he wished Councillor Beck the best for his time in the chair.

The Board placed on record their thanks to Councillor Houlbrook for chairing the meetings for the previous year.

**Councillor Beck then took over as Chair for the remainder of the meeting.**

## **111. SOUTH YORKSHIRE MUNICIPAL WASTE STRATEGY**

### **SYWP Strategy Review**

The Chair invited BB to comment.

BB lot of work has been undertaken in regard to the SYWP Strategy Review PESTLED analysis and compare against the R&WS, however come to a halt due to the lack of government responses to their consultations. The only government response to be published is the Extended Producer Responsibility, so in a hiatus. Had hoped to get more responses by end July but given situation with government this is not going to happen. BB updated SYMWS timeline to provide a revised program for the review and the assumption was based on starting in July undertaking public consultation and a draft strategy based on that timetable would not be available until April 2023.

Cllr Houlbrook stated that on behalf of the BDR Partnership he has written to government asking for a response to the consultations and we await a response and suggested new Chair also writes with same.

Cllr Higginbottom concurs pushing communication from government, any engagement with regional MP's and briefing perhaps for them to push also where possible.

BB advised we have not had any engagement with MPs, although John Healey is quite active.

Cllr Houlbrook, we have a new S Y Mayor who could also approach and reinforce message.

### **The Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham Joint Waste Manager**

submitted a report which provided an update relating to the copy attached.

Resolved: That the information provided be noted.

### **SYWP Highlight Report**

The Chair invited BB to comment.

Cllr Houlbrook commend great work officers do across 4 councils, noticed over last 12 months campaigns on social media reducing food waste etc. great opportunities to highlight and promote what we do to engage with public and educate them, good report.

Cllr Beck asked what each council is doing in regard to the environment act.

GC SCC about to start food waste trial and have funding available for that 12 week 8000 properties and targeting hard to reach areas and small maisonette flats, lot of political interest to roll out food waste collections in

Sheffield, across other BDR partners less emphasis due to AD at back of end of their treatment process. Drive to increase plastic collections, budget is very tight and continues to be challenge.

Cllr Otten have been pushing for food waste collections for a while and could do across whole of S Yorkshire and 1 plant appropriate to take all food waste.

BB we have a PFI solution with MBT and dry AD process which has some element of recycling and would rather work on minimising food waste before it occurs, so working with WRAP more detailed food waste analysis and trialling approach of food waste minimisation. Separate food waste collections taken to an AD in BDR has been challenged, pointed out to Defra BDR would have to put on vehicles to do same thing they already do, not sure what way new government will take.

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Resolved: That the information provided be noted.

#### **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 12 September 2022 at 9.00am at Rotherham Town Hall.