

Oxfordshire Waste Partnership Joint Committee

SUMMARY OF THE DECISIONS TAKEN AT THE MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE HELD ON 30 NOVEMBER 2007

1. Date of publication of this summary:-

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2. For background documentation to the following decisions, please refer to the agenda and supporting papers (copies of which are available on Cherwell District Council's website (www.cherwell-dc.gov.uk) or from the Head of Legal and Democratic Services at the address below). Any additional papers tabled at the meeting are attached to this summary.

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SUMMARY

| Agenda Item | Recommendation(s) from the agenda | Decision(s) |
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| 1 MINUTES | To approve the minutes of the meeting of 28 September 2007 | Minutes approved. |
| 2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTIFICATION OF DEPUTY MEMBER | Apologies for absence | There were no apologies for absence. |
| 3 ADDITIONAL ITEMS | To consider additional items | There were no additional items. |
| 4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST | To receive declarations of interest | There were no declarations of interest. |
| 5 NEW FINANCIAL AGREEMENT | <p>That OWP agrees the revised approach set out herein and that the following tasks be completed with a view to reaching a final agreement on the new financial arrangements at the next meeting of the partnership in February 2008:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalising the unit payment levels for both the recycling credit and residual waste target payments, so that residual waste reduction is prioritised over increased recycling and composting; • Full checks by each of the Partnership Authorities on the financial costs for them; • Revisiting the tonnage forecasts provided by each WCA to ensure consistency and to assess scope for further progress towards our JMWMS targets; • Model verification by the Oxfordshire Treasurers Association; | Recommendations Agreed |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreeing any short term transitional arrangements (to be developed by the OTA), if needed, to phase in the financial impacts resulting from the new arrangements. | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">6</p> <p>DRAFT BUDGET 2008/09</p> | <p>(1) The draft budget for 2008/09 at appendix 3 be approved;</p> <p>(2) Partner Authorities agree to passport the 2008/09 WPEG funding to the OWP, so that the existing funding arrangements are maintained and to ensure that OWP priorities continue to be met;</p> <p>(3) Further information is sought from DEFRA on the formal WPEG allocations for 2008/09 and on allocations for future years;</p> | <p>Recommendations Agreed plus that the six local authorities be advised of the benefits that the budget and the new posts will deliver specifically the potential for future LAA rewards.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">7</p> <p>NEW INITIATIVES FUND APPLICATIONS</p> | <p>(1) That the bid by Vale of White Horse District Council to the NIF for the purchase of Hessian sacks be supported subject to further information on anticipated recycling performance being provided;</p> <p>(2) That the other four bids are not supported.</p> | <p>Recommendations Agreed plus that delegated authority be given to the OWP Chairman to agree grants in respect of NIF applications and this be subject to the call-in procedure of local authorities in Oxfordshire.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">8</p> <p>DRAFT SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY CONSULTATION</p> | <p>That the OWP coordinator feeds back any suggested amendments and/or additions raised by the committee.</p> | <p>Recommendations Agreed.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">9</p> <p>LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT</p> | <p>(1) OWP approves the outlined targets for submission to the PSB;</p> <p>(2) OWP delegates authority to Chairman of the Officer Strategy Group, in consultation with the</p> | <p>Recommendations Agreed.</p> |

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| | <p>Chairman of the OWP, to draft the detail of the targets and negotiate with the Public Service Board on behalf of the partnership;</p> <p>(3) An update report is presented to OWP when further details become available.</p> | |
| <p>10</p> <p>JOINT MUNICIPAL WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY ACTION PLANS</p> | <p>That the progress report is noted and that an outturn report is provided to the May 2008 meeting of the committee</p> | <p>Recommendation Agreed.</p> |
| <p>11</p> <p>DEFINITION OF HOUSEHOLD WASTE (CHARITIES AND SCHOOL WASTE)</p> | <p>(1) The Officer Strategy Group develops a position statement outlining that OWP plans to seek further clarification from Defra and in the meantime each authority's current arrangements will remain in place;</p> <p>(2) OWP write to Defra, asking for clarification and supporting the arguments and concerns that have already been put forward by NAWDO and the LGA;</p> <p>(3) A review is carried out by the Operations Group on the policies & practices in place for each of the authorities in Oxfordshire in relation to how they currently deal with the collection of waste from educational establishments and hospitals, schools, charity shops and any other premises mentioned within the Defra correspondence, and the charging mechanisms linked to these collection and disposal services;</p> | <p>Recommendations Agreed plus that Defra be lobbied in relation to their interpretation of their definition of household waste through the Treasurers Association and the Local Government Association.</p> |

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| | <p>(4) On completion of 3 the Operations Group assesses the potential cost implications of addressing any differences that exist between Defra's interpretation of the EPA and CWR and that of the OWP partner councils;</p> <p>(5) That a further update report be prepared for the committee in due course.</p> | |
| <p>12</p> <p>BREW BID</p> | <p>(1) OWP approves the principle of submitting a partnership bid;</p> <p>(2) OWP delegates authority to the Officer Strategy Group to finalise the detail of the bid;</p> <p>(3) The finalised bid be approved by the OWP chairman ahead of submission.</p> | <p>Recommendations Agreed.</p> |
| <p>13</p> <p>WASTE COLLECTION JOINT PROCUREMENT PROJECT</p> | <p>That OWP delegates to the OWP Coordinator responsibility for the creation of a project team and project plan to review and recommend to OWP the future options for client management. The team, plan and terms of reference to be in place by 31 Jan 2008.</p> | <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) that the project is led and managed by South Oxfordshire, West Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Council in consultation with Cherwell District Council and Oxford City Council.</p> <p>(2) that the OWP Co-ordinator be a Member of the project team and</p> <p>(3) that the team, plan and terms of reference be in place by 31 January 2008.</p> |