

OXFORDSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP JOINT COMMITTEE

Friday 15th January 2010

Present: The Chair (Councillor John Tanner, Oxford City Council), the Vice-Chair (Councillor Ian Hudspeth, Oxfordshire County Council), Councillors David Dodds (South Oxfordshire District Council), David Harvey (West Oxfordshire District Council) and George Reynolds (Cherwell District Council).

Officers present: Wayne Lewis (Oxfordshire Waste Partnership Co-ordinator), Chris Cousins (Oxfordshire County Council), Ian Davies (Cherwell District Council), Brian Fell (Oxfordshire County Council), Cath James (West Oxfordshire District Council), Mike Mackay (South Oxfordshire District Council and Vale of White Horse District Council), Paul Mocroft (Oxfordshire Waste Partnership), Andrew Pau (Oxfordshire County Council), Ed Potter (Cherwell District Council), Tim Sadler (Oxford City Council) and Ollie Scholefield (West Oxfordshire District Council).

William Reed (Clerk to the Committee, Oxford City Council).

Mark Ormond and Deborah Yates from the Environment Agency were also present as observers.

ACTION

91. MINUTES

The Committee confirmed as a correct record the minutes of its meeting held on 23rd October 2009.

92. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Jenny Hannaby (Vale of White Horse District Council) (no substitute appointed) and from Steve Bishop (South Oxfordshire District Council and Vale of White Horse District Council).

93. ADDITIONAL URGENT ITEMS

There were no additional urgent items offered for certification as urgent business for the meeting.

94. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest in matters on the agenda by any of the members present.

95. PETITIONS AND ADDRESSES

There were no requests to address the Committee.

96. FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

The Oxfordshire Waste Partnership Co-Ordinator submitted a report (previously circulated, now appended).

Members and officers generally expressed concern at the recommendations in the report. Those concerns, in summary, were that:-

- The financial arrangements agreed in February 2008 should not be altered
- Insufficient consultation or prior consideration had been given to the proposals in the report
- The revised payment projections presented Districts with budget challenges
- Further work needed to be done to decide upon the way forward given the actual residual waste tonnages

The Committee resolved:-

- (1) Not to support the recommendations in the report;
- (2) That the appropriate officer groups should look at the financial options that might be available in respect of the actual and forecast waste arisings in 2009/10 and report back to the Committee's next meeting.

97. BUDGET 2010/11 TO 2012/13

The Oxfordshire Waste Partnership Co-Ordinator submitted a report (previously circulated, now amended).

Members discussed the current role of and outcomes derived from community action groups, the funding of which was referred to in the co-ordinator's report.

Members also felt, in particular, that the cost of OWP staff operations and the Wild Waste Show needed careful examination.

The Committee resolved:-

- (1) (a) To agree the Oxfordshire Waste Partnership's budgets for 2010/11 as presented in Appendix 1 to the report;
- (b) That a line by line review of the Oxfordshire Waste Partnership budget be carried out in the early part of the 2010/11 financial year, with particular attention being given to staffing costs and posts, community action group funding and funding for the Wild Waste Show;
- (2) That in view of resolution (1) (b) above, in principle agreement only be given to the Oxfordshire Waste Partnership Budget for 2011/12 and 2012/13.

98. JOINT MUNICIPAL WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY ACTION PLAN 2010/11 TO 2012/13

The Oxfordshire Waste Partnership Co-Ordinator submitted a report (previously circulated, now amended).

The Committee resolved:-

- (1) To agree the action plan set out in the annex to the report;
- (2) To record that the Oxfordshire Waste Partnership action plan and the Environment Partnership action plan should be run closely together.

99. PROCUREMENT UPDATES

(a) Food and Garden Waste Treatment

Andrew Pau (Oxfordshire County Council) submitted a report (previously circulated, now amended).

With reference to paragraph 2.4, Mr Pau reported that the in-

vessel composting plant at Ardley was now accepting food waste.

The Committee resolved to note and support the progress made on the procurement of food waste treatment arrangements.

(b) Oxford City Waste Management Services

Tim Sadler (Oxford City Council) reported that good progress was being made. Five providers had so far demonstrated that they could meet the council's requirements. He anticipated that a report would go to the City's Executive at the end of March.

The Committee noted the position.

(c) West Oxfordshire Waste Collection Services

Cath James (West Oxfordshire District Council) reported that progress was being made to the Council's timetable. She hoped to be able to report in further detail to the Committee's March meeting. The objective was still to have a new contract in place by October 2010.

The Committee noted the position.

(d) Residual Waste Treatment

Andrew Pau (Oxfordshire County Council) submitted a report (previously circulated, now amended).

The Committee resolved to note and support the progress made on the procurement of residual waste treatment.

100. MONITORING PROGRESS – THIRD QUARTER 2009/10

The Oxfordshire Waste Partnership Co-Ordinator submitted a report (previously circulated, now amended).

The Committee resolved:-

- (1) In relation to expenditure of performance reward grant on New Initiatives Fund projects, that in view of the likely nature of New Initiative Fund spend in 2011/12 being upon

capital schemes (Appendix 3 to the report refers) the reward grant be split 70% capital and 30% revenue;

- (2) In respect of New Initiatives Fund funded projects, to ask that, for the future, the evaluation of projects be reported back to the Committee in summary form in order better to inform the Committee on value for money.

101. RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY

The Oxfordshire Waste Partnership Co-Ordinator submitted a report (previously circulated, now amended).

The Committee resolved to adopt the Risk Management Policy (management of risk in performance of the Oxfordshire Waste Partnership) as set out in the appendix in the report.

102. CLEANLINESS OF FAST ROADS IN OXFORDSHIRE

Hannah Bishop (Oxfordshire Waste Partnership) submitted a report (previously circulated, now amended).

Brian Fell (Oxfordshire County Council) assisted the Committee in its deliberations

The Committee resolved:-

- (1) That the responsibility for litter picking on fast roads would remain with the District Councils, and to note that the way in which Districts discharge their responsibility was for the Districts to decide;
- (2) (a) That Oxfordshire County Council be asked to place a duty within their new contract for grass cutting for the contractor to forewarn and co-operate with the District Councils on grass cutting operations in order that litter picking might be conducted;

(b) To note that the City Council would pursue outside the meeting arrangements satisfactorily to litter pick the ring road within its area;
- (3) (a) The Oxfordshire Waste Partnership Environmental Quality and Cleanliness Group should meet with any

incoming grass cutting contractor and with Oxfordshire County Council Highways at the earliest opportunity following contract award and contract commencement;

(b) That the County and districts should meet to discuss litter picking and grass cutting co-ordination with the new contractor at an early stage;

(c) That all parties agree to continue to work together through the Oxfordshire Waste Partnership to improve communication and co-ordination.

103. OXFORDSHIRE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY – REVIEW OF STRATEGY MEASURES

The Oxfordshire Waste Partnership and the Environment Partnership Co-ordinators submitted a report (previously circulated, now amended).

The Committee resolved:-

- (1) To note that the measures used to monitor the implementation of the Oxfordshire 2030 Sustainable Community Strategy were currently being refreshed;
- (2) That the Oxfordshire Waste Partnership waste, clean and green measures as referred to in paragraph 2.5 of the report be regarded as still fit for purpose;
- (3) To record, for the Committee's part that the Environment partnership's measures as referred to in paragraph 2.6 of the report be refreshed as set out in paragraph 2.7 and the annex to the report.

104. RESIDENTIAL CHARITIES – RECYCLING AND BUSINESS RATES

The Clerk to the Committee reported that this item has been withdrawn.

105. DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

The Committee:-

- (1) Noted that it would next meet on 26th March 2010;
- (2) That for the 2010/11 Council Year the committee would meet as follows:-
 - 9th July 2010
 - 29th October 2010
 - 21st January 2011
 - 25th March 2011