

Present:	Councillor	Piddington (in the Chair)
	Councillors	A. Alexander, Donaghy, Lewis and Young
	Officers	Director of Contract Services, Solicitor to the Authority, Contracts Manager, Senior Governance Officer, Finance Manager and Accountant
Apologies:	Councillors	Ahmed
	Officers	Head of Governance, Performance & Transparency,

M22 Urgent business, if any, introduced by the Chair

There were no items of urgent business introduced by the Chair.

M23 To receive declarations of interest in any contract or matters to be discussed at the meeting

There were no declarations of interest received.

M24 To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 16th October 2012

The minutes of the last meeting held on 16th October 2012 were approved as an accurate record.

M25 Project Director Delegated Decisions and Contract Changes since the last meeting of the Committee

Members considered the report of the Head of Governance, Procurement & Transparency which provided the Committee with information of the Project Director's Delegated Decisions and Contract Changes since the last meeting of the Committee.

RESOLVED: That the Committee notes the report.

M26 Life Cycle and Maintenance Costs

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Contract Services which provided Members with background information on the accounting treatment of life cycle and maintenance costs and set out the contractual arrangements for ensuring an appropriate level of expenditure is maintained by the Contractor.

With regard to the life cycle maintenance work that had been undertaken at Raikes Lane Thermal Recovery Facility (TRF), Bolton, a Member queried whether the boiler tube that had required replacement at the facility had been due to wear from normal use, and whether the replacement part was British made.

The Director of Contract Services explained that the replacement was not British made, and confirmed that the replacement had been as a result of wear from the normal usage of the facility. He explained that the performance of the facility was continuously monitored.

RESOLVED: That the Committee:

- a) notes the contractual provisions set out in section 5 of the report;
- b) endorses the proposals for additional resources to be allocated to the Contract Services section as set out in section 7 of the report;
- c) requires the Treasurer & Deputy Clerk to continue to lobby the Chartered Institute of Public Finance & Accountancy (CIPFA) and the auditors in this area in order to achieve an acceptable solution to the accounting issues; and
- d) requests that the annual review of life cycle and maintenance costs is added to the Committee's work programme.

At this point the Finance Manager left the meeting.

M27 Work Programme for the Municipal Year 2012/13

Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Governance, Procurement & Transparency which sought to obtain the Committee's comments and endorsement of the Committee Work Programme for the 2012/13 Municipal Year.

RESOLVED: That the Committee notes the Work Programme for 2012/13.

M28 Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED: That, in accordance with Section 100(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press are excluded from the meeting at this juncture for the following business on the grounds that it involves the disclosure of exempt information as defined in the respectively indicated paragraph(s) of Part 1 of the Schedule 12A of the Act.

It would not be, on balance, in the public interest to disclose this information to the public and press because disclosure for the reasons indicated within the report(s).

M29 Quarterly Contract Update to the end of September 2012 (Quarter 2) With Year to Date Summary Information

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Contract Services which provided Members with an update on the Recycling and Waste Management Contract (the Contract) progress with verified data up to end of September 2012 (Quarter 2) and unverified data, where available, up to October 2012. The report provided information on finance, the performance framework and construction and Contract waste processed. The report was also supplemented by a presentation which provided further details of the issues highlighted within the report.

Members asked questions regarding the recycling of materials recovered from the Mechanical Biological Treatment - Anaerobic Digestion (MBT-AD) facilities, progress with the construction of Runcorn Thermal Power Station (TPS), the potential impact of funding for Districts from the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) for weekly bin collections on waste arisings, the impact of initiatives to collect high CV waste at Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) for processing at Raikes Lane TRF, Bolton, and meeting-and-greeting at HWRCs.

RESOLVED: That the Committee notes the report.

Following the consideration of the report and presentation, the Director of Contract Services requested feedback from Members regarding the format and level of detail of the reports, the use of a presentation to supplement the Contract Update report, and the glossary of acronyms which was provided following the agenda pack. Members agreed that level of detail within the reports was appropriate, and the presentation and glossary of terms were useful additions to add clarity and detail to the reports.

M30 Dates of future meetings

The Committee noted the dates of future meetings.

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm and closed at 2.59 pm

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