

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL AND ORDINARY MEETINGS OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER  
WASTE AND RECYCLING COMMITTEE, HELD THURSDAY, 18TH JULY, 2019 AT FRIENDS'  
MEETING HOUSE, 6 MOUNT STREET, MANCHESTER M2 5NS**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor Adele Warren	Bolton
Councillor Alan Quinn	Bury
Councillor Rabnawaz Akbar	Manchester
Councillor Shaukat Ali	
Councillor Yasmin Toor	Oldham
Councillor Ateeque Ul-Rehman	
Councillor Tom Besford	Rochdale
Councillor Susan Emmott	
Councillor David Lancaster	Salford
Councillor Robin Garrido	
Councillor Roy Driver	Stockport
Councillor Helen Foster-Grime	
Councillor Allison Gwynne (in the Chair)	Tameside

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

David Taylor	GMCA – Executive Director, Waste & Resources
Michelle Lynch	GMCA – Environment Team
Lindsey Keech	GMCA – Waste & Resources
Justin Lomax	GMCA – Waste & Resources
Michelle Whitfield	GMCA – Waste & Resources
Paul Harris	GMCA – Governance & Scrutiny

**ALSO PRESENT**

James Dowell – Suez Recycling and Recovery UK Ltd  
Phil Proctor – Suez Recycling and Recovery UK Ltd

<u>BOLTON</u>	<u>MANCHESTER</u>	<u>ROCHDALE</u>	<u>STOCKPORT</u>	<u>TRAFFORD</u>
<u>BURY</u>	<u>OLDHAM</u>	<u>SALFORD</u>	<u>TAMESIDE</u>	<u>WIGAN</u>

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## ANNUAL MEETING

### WRC 19/01 APOLOGIES

#### RESOLVED/-

Apologies for absence were received and noted from Councillors Paul Lally (Trafford) and Judith Lloyd (Trafford).

### WRC 19/02 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

The Clerk sought a nomination for a member of the Committee to Chair the meeting.

A nomination of Councillor Allison Gwynne was moved and seconded. There were no other nominations made.

#### RESOLVED/-

That Councillor Allison Gwynne be appointed Chair for the meeting.

## COUNCILLOR ALLISON GWYNNE IN THE CHAIR

### WRC 19/03 MEMBERSHIP OF THE GM WASTE & RECYCLING COMMITTEE 2019/2020

#### RESOLVED/-

- 1) That the Membership of the Committee for 2019/2020, as set below and comprising of 11 Labour, 3 Conservative & 1 Liberal Democrat members, be noted.

<b>District</b>	<b>Member</b>
Bolton	Adele Warren (Con)
Bury	Alan Quinn (Lab)
Manchester	Rabnawaz Akbar (Lab)
	Shaukat Ali (Lab)
Oldham	Ateeque Ur-Rehman (Lab)
	Yasmin Toor (Lab)
Rochdale	Tom Besford (Lab)

Salford	Susan Emmott (Lab) David Lancaster (Lab) Robin Garrido(Con)
Stockport	Roy Driver (Lab) Helen Foster-Grime (Lib Dem)
Tameside	Allison Gwynne (Lab)
Trafford	Judith Lloyd (Lab) Paul Lally (Con)

- 2) To place on record thanks to those retiring Members, Councillors Sean Anstee, Tony Cummings, Stuart Haslam, Stephen Hewitt and Mohammed Iqbal, for their contribution to this Committee and the previous Waste Disposal Authority.

**WRC 19/04 MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT AND ANNUAL DECLARATION OF INTEREST FORM**

Members were reminded of their obligations under the GMCA Members' Code of Conduct and to complete an annual declaration of interest form. Members noted that their completed form be published on the GMCA website.

**RESOLVED/-**

That Members noted their obligations under the GMCA Members Code of Conduct and to complete an annual declaration of interest form and that the completed form be published on the GMCA website be also noted.

**WRC 19/05 TERMS OF REFERENCE AND NOMINATION FOR THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE 2019/2020 MUNICIPAL YEAR – ITEM 5**

Members considered the Terms of Reference for the Committee.

The Clerk also sought nominations for the position of Chair of the GM Waste and Recycling Committee for the 2019/2020 municipal year. He explained that any nomination of Chair will be considered by the GM Combined Authority at its meeting on 26 July 2019. A nomination of Councillor Allison Gwynne was moved and seconded. No other nominations were received.

**RESOLVED/-**

- 1) That the Terms of Reference for the Waste and Recycling Committee be noted; and
- 2) That the nomination of Councillor Allison Gwynne as the Chair of the GM Waste and Recycling Committee for the 2019/2020 municipal year be noted and that it be also noted

that the nomination of Councillor Allison Gwynne will be considered by the GM Combined Authority at its meeting on 26 July 2019.

**WRC 19/06                      PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS 2019/20**

Members considered the proposed programme of meetings for the GM Waste & Recycling Committee for 2019/2020.

**RESOLVED/-**

That the following programme of meetings for the Committee for 2019/2020, be agreed:-

- Thursday 18 July 2019
- Thursday 12 September 2019
- Thursday 14 November 2019
- Thursday 16 January 2020
- Thursday 12 March 2020

**WRC 19/07                      APPOINTMENT TO THE GM LOW CARBON HUB BOARD**

A nomination was sought for a member of the GM Waste and Recycling Committee to be appointed on to the GM Low Carbon Hub Board.

**RESOLVED/-**

That the appointment of Councillor Alan Quinn (Bury) on to the GM Low Carbon Hub Board for 2019/2020, be agreed.

## **ORDINARY MEETING**

### **WRC 19/08                    URGENT BUSINESS (IF ANY)**

There are no Items of urgent business reported.

### **WRC 19/09                    DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made by any Member of the Committee in respect of any item on the agenda.

### **WRC 19/10                    MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 MARCH 2019**

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Waste and Recycling Committee, held on 14 March 2019, were submitted.

#### **RESOLVED/-**

That the Minutes of the previous meeting, held on 14 March 2019, be approved as a correct record.

### **WRC 19/11                    WASTE & RECYCLING COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2019/20**

David Taylor, Executive Director of Waste and Resources, introduced a report which set out the proposed items for consideration at future meetings of the Committee.

#### **RESOLVED/-**

That the contents of the Waste and Recycling Committee work programme be noted.

### **WRC 19/12                    REGISTER OF GMCA KEY DECISIONS**

The GMCA Monitoring Officer provided a report which summarised those key decisions on the GMCA Key Decision Register, in relation to waste and recycling matters.

#### **RESOLVED/-**

That the contents of the Register of Key Decisions, as set out in the report, be noted.

The Head of Contract Management, Waste & Resources introduced a report which provided Members with an overview of the performance of the interim contract and gave an update on the key issues currently affecting the waste management services. An update was also provided on mobilisation activities for the new Lot 1 and Lot 2 contracts operated by Suez that commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2019. Details of health and safety matters were also noted.

With regard to performance reporting for this period, Members noted that verified data up to the end of March 2019 (Quarter 4 of the last financial year) was presented, which provided an annual reporting position for the 2018 / 2019 financial year. A commentary and comparison data, on the same contract period of the previous year, 2017 / 2018 is set out below:-

<b>Annual Position</b>	<b>2018 / 2019</b>	<b>2017 / 2018</b>
<b>Total arisings</b>	1,089,654.57	1,121,921.93
Recycling	494,443.72	492,552.72
Recycling Rate	45.38%	43.90%
Landfill disposal	102,881.11	161,778.45
Diversion Rate	90.56%	85.58%
HWRC performance		
Recycling Rate (Household Waste)	41.61%	39.44%
Diversion (Household Waste)	73.65%	69.27%
Diversion (Total Arising, including rubble)	78.21%	65.11%
RDF to Runcorn		
Runcorn CHP	451,960.00	444,130.44
Steam Exported	542,548.30	513,681.00
Electricity Exported (MWh)	217,915.00	199,279.00
Raikes Lane TRF		
Electricity Exported (MWh)	-	40,263.00
Longley Lane MRF		
Rejection of Kerbside Recycling Collections	864.31	816.41
MRF Contamination Rate (Commingled)	18.81%	17.67%

A Member highlighted that with reference to the contamination levels of kerbside recyclates, supermarkets were in a position to provide clearer information in relation to the recycling of packaging from goods sold in their stores. He highlighted the impact such contamination has on budgets for councils.

#### **RESOLVED/-**

That the performance of the interim services contract, as set out in the report, be noted.

## **WRC 19/14**

## **RESOURCE AND WASTE STRATEGY UPDATE**

Michelle Lynch, Sustainable Consumption and Production, GMCA, introduced a report which presented Members with an overview of the Resource and Waste Strategy for England - Our Waste, Our Resources, along with four recently published consultations and key components of the strategy.

Members noted that further clarity was needed on the direction of this strategy and for this reason, it was proposed to delay the development of a GMCA Waste Strategy until further details are known.

A Member commented that the proposal to introduce further separation of waste materials on kerbside collections will require households needing up to eight bins. It was suggested that this would have a detrimental impact on space for residents and collection costs for local councils.

A Member suggested that an indicative timescale for the introduction of a Deposit Return Scheme.

Members noted that a second consultation on the Strategy was to be undertaken before the end of 2019 and that responses to this will be directed to Defra.

### **RESOLVED/-**

- 1) That the update on the England's Resource and Waste Strategy (Our Waste, Our Resources), as set out in the report, be noted.
- 2) That the recommendation to delay the development of the GMCA Waste Strategy until there is more clarity on the direction of England's Resource and Waste Strategy, be supported.

## **WRC 19/15**

## **COMMUNICATIONS AND BEHAVIOUR CHANGE UPDATE**

The Head of Communications and Behavioural Change, GMCA Waste and Resources Team, introduced a report which provided an update to Members on progress against the Recycle for Greater Manchester Communications & Behavioural Change Delivery Plan 2019/20, as set out at Appendix A to the report. Details were also provided on Erasmus Plus, the Charity Free Tip permit online system and the operating contracts with Suez communications plan. A presentation was also provided.

Members noted that the main focus of the 2019-20 delivery plan is reducing contamination in household recycling bins (using available data such as rejected loads, sampling, Wrap's tracker report and visual bin checks to target resources across Greater Manchester) and to

also increase recycling at the household waste recycling centres (HWRCs). The communications plan contains 5 aims:

- Reduce contamination and improve the quality of recycling;
- Encourage waste prevention;
- Raise awareness of recycling across Greater Manchester using on and offline channels;
- Develop and promote the education service; and
- Implement measures at the HWRCs to increase recycling to over 60% by 2022.

With regard to Waste Prevention, Members noted that information on recycling was being promoted at local music festivals taking place in different Greater Manchester locations through the summer. The festivals had been selected to target a specific segment of the community and to tailor the communications message to this specific segment. Members suggested a number of other events taking place in their districts.

In response to a comment from a Member, officers confirmed Salford Life had been used as a medium for print advertising. Officers also undertook to explore the potential to use alternative social media streams to share recycling messaging.

**RESOLVED/-**

That the Recycle for Greater Manchester Communications & Behavioural Change update, as set out in the report and accompanying presentation, be noted.

**WRC 19/16                      HOUSEHOLD WASTE AND RECYCLING CENTRE ACCESS RESTRICTION POLICY**

The Executive Director, Waste and Resources introduced a report which provided Members with an overview of the current measures that are used to deter trade waste abuse at the Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) and provided details of schemes in operation elsewhere.

**RESOLVED/-**

That the update on the Household Waste & Recycling Centre (HWRC) Access Restriction Policy, be noted.

**WRC 19/17                      GMCA WASTE AND RESOURCES BUDGET OUTTURN 2018/19**

Members considered a report of the GMCA Treasurer, the revenue and capital outturn for 2018/19 for the Waste and Resources Service.



**RESOLVED/-**

That the update on the GMCA Waste and Resources Budget Outturn 2018/19, as set out in the report, be noted.

**WRC 19/18 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED/-**

That, under section 100 (A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, member of the press and public should be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that this involves the likely disclosure of exempt information, as set out in paragraphs 3, Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

**PART B**

**WRC 19/19 HOUSEHOLD WASTE AND RECYCLING CENTRE ACCESS RESTRICTION POLICY**

The Executive Director Waste and Resources, introduced a report which sets out proposals for the introduction of a policy for enhanced access control measures to prevent trade waste abuse at the Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) and a timetable for implementation.

Representatives from Suez Recycling and Recovery UK Ltd were present for the consideration of this item.

**RESOLVED/-**

That the update on the Household Waste & Recycling Centre (HWRC) Access Restriction Policy, be noted and that proposed approach set out at sections 2.0 and 3.0 to the report, be endorsed.

**WRC 19/20 INTERIM SERVICES CONTRACT UPDATE**

The Head of Contract Services, Waste & Resources introduced a report which provided an update to the Committee on the performance of the interim waste management contract and commercial issues for the new Lot 1 and Lot 2 contracts, which commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2019.

**RESOLVED/-**

- 1) That the performance details and key risks of the interim services contract be noted.
- 2) That the proposed approach for the development of the Reliance St HWRC extension, as set out in the report, be supported.