

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GMCA WASTE AND RECYCLING  
COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2022 AT LANCASHIRE  
COUNTY CRICKET CLUB**

**PRESENT:**

Bolton Council	Councillor Nadim Muslim
Bury Council	Councillor Alan Quinn (in the Chair)
Manchester CC	Councillor Lee-Ann Igbon
Oldham Council	Councillor Umar Nasheen
Oldham Council	Councillor Mohammed Alyas
Rochdale Council	Councillor Angela Brown
Rochdale Council	Councillor Shahid Mohammed
Salford CC	Councillor David Lancaster
Stockport Council	Councillor Roy Driver
Stockport Council	Councillor Mark Roberts
Trafford Council	Councillor Stephen Adshead

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

GMCA Deputy Monitoring Officer	Gwynne Williams
GMCA Waste & Resources	David Taylor
GMCA Waste & Resources	Justin Lomax
GMCA Finance	Lindsey Keech
GMCA Waste & Resources	Michelle Whitfield
GMCA Environment	Sarah Mellor
GMCA Governance & Scrutiny	Paul Harris

**WRC 22/01**

**APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received and noted from Councillors Shaukat Ali, (Manchester), Bob Clarke (Salford), Denise Ward (Tameside) and Dave Morgan (Trafford).

Apologies were also received and noted from Councillor Martyn Cox (GMCA Portfolio Lead), Eamonn Boylan (GMCA) and Steve Wilson (GMCA).

## **WRC 22/02 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

The Deputy Monitoring Officer sought nominations for the appointment of a Chair of the Committee for the 2022/2023 Municipal Year. Members noted that any appointment of Chair will require endorsement by the GMCA.

The nomination of Councillor Alan Quinn was moved and seconded. No other nominations were received.

### **RESOLVED/-**

That Councillor Alan Quinn be appointed Chair of the GMCA Waste and Recycling Committee for 2022/2023 and that this appointment be recommended for endorsement by GMCA.

## **COUNCILLOR ALAN QUINN IN THE CHAIR**

### **WRC 22/03 APPOINTMENT TO THE GM GREEN CITY REGION PARTNERSHIP**

The Chair sought nominations to the Greater Manchester Green City Region Partnership.

The nomination of Councillor Alan Quinn was moved and seconded. No other nominations were received

### **RESOLVED/-**

That Alan Quinn be re-appointed to the Green City Region Board for the 2022/23 Municipal Year.

**WRC 22/04 MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT AND ANNUAL DECLARATION OF INTEREST FORM**

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

**RESOLVED/-**

That the requirements of the Members' Code of Conduct and Annual Declarations of Interest, be noted.

**WRC 22/05 TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Terms of Reference for the GMCA Waste and Recycling Committee were submitted.

**RESOLVED/-**

That the Terms of Reference for the GMCA Waste and Recycling Committee be noted.

**WRC 22/06 PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS 2022/23**

**RESOLVED/-**

That the following programme of meetings for the Committee for 2022/23, be noted:

- 12 October 2022, 2.00pm, Venue TBC
- 18 January 2023, 2.00pm, Venue TBC
- 15 March 2023, 2.00pm, Venue TBC

**WRC 22/07                    CHAIR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no announcements or items of urgent business reported.

**WRC 22/08                    DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**WRC 22/09                    MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022**

The minutes of the previous meeting of the committee, held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022 were submitted.

**RESOLVED/-**

That the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022 be approved as a correct record.

**WRC 22/10                    WASTE & RECYCLING COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME  
2022/23**

Members considered the Waste & Recycling Committee Work Programme, which provided a forward look of items that would focus the work of the Committee during 2022/2023.

The Chair recommended that Members read the English Waste Strategy, particularly in respect of the proposals for consistency of collections.

## **RESOLVED/-**

That the Waste & Recycling Committee Work Programme be noted.

### **WRC 22/11                      CONTRACTS UPDATE**

Justin Lomax, Head of Contract Services, GMCA Waste and Resources Team introduced a report which provided an overview of the performance of the Waste and Resources Management Services (WRMS) and the Household Waste Recycling Centre Management Services (HWRCMS) contracts that commenced on 1 June 2019.

The report presented cumulative annual data, for the period up to the end March 2022 (Quarter 4) of the financial year 2021/22 (Contract year 3), for the two Contracts held by Suez. An overview of the total waste arisings, landfill diversion, HWRC recycling rate, overall recycling rate, contamination levels, tonnage rates and health and safety matters were also provided.

A Member enquired if the introduction of the HWRC permit scheme and a drop in the number of visits to these sites may have had a consequential impact on fly tipping. In response, it was noted that data on fly tipping is regularly checked with district colleagues and that an increase in this activity was not evident.

A Member highlighted the work that the Trafford Council Environmental Enforcement Team undertakes to engage with new local business in respect of trade waste arrangements.

In response to an enquiry from a Member, officers undertook to explore data to understand where residents that are not digitally active can apply for a HWRC permit and what support is available for such residents.

## **RESOLVED /-**

That the report be noted.

### **WRC 22/12      COMMUNICATIONS AND BEHAVIOURAL CHANGE PLAN UPDATE**

Michelle Whitfield, Head of Communications and Behavioural Change, GMCA Waste and Resources Team introduced a report updating Members on the Recycle for Greater Manchester Communications & Behavioural Change Delivery Plan for 2021/22 and the joint SUEZ/Recycle for Greater Manchester (R4GM) Communications and Engagement Plan.

Members were reminded that the three main objectives of the Communications and Behavioural Change Delivery Plan are:

- to provide communications, engagement and media expertise to support the delivery of the Waste and Resources contracts:
- to support the 9 local councils with joint communications to educate, promote and encourage residents to minimise their waste and recycle correctly both at home and at the 20 household waste recycling centres (HWRCs); and
- to deliver joint communications with Suez on the social value plan, including the Renew shops and Hub, construction work at waste management treatment facilities and regular stakeholder engagement.

A Member noted the disposal of electrical equipment, such as plasma screens, and asked if such items could be donated to people in need. In response, officers noted the Renew shops that have been introduced.

A Member highlighted the work taking place with ex-offenders and noted that data has shown that reoffending rates in offenders that have gone through similar training schemes have reduced by 75%.

In response to an enquiry from a Member in respect of the Community Fund, officers explained that the panel comprises of representatives of GMCA, Suez and the

Wildlife Trust. Officers also undertook to explore if local Council representation can be included.

A Member suggested that lessons can be learned from the recycling approaches adopted in other countries. In response, it was noted that the circular economy model has been developed from the learnings of other countries. Members also noted the challenges presented by Defra's delay in releasing the Waste Strategy in its totality and there is still no indication from Defra when this document will be available.

In response to an enquiry from a Member, officers highlighted the educational work that takes place with schools and community groups.

#### **RESOLVED /-**

1. That the progress against the communications and behavioural change plan, as set out in the report, be noted;
2. That the progress on the joint Suez and R4GM communications and engagement plan, as set out in the report, be noted.

#### **WRC 22/13                      SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION UPDATE**

Sarah Mellor, Head of Sustainable Consumption and Production, GMCA introduced a report which provided an update to Members on the formal approval for the publication of the Greater Manchester Sustainable Consumption and Production Action (SCP) Plan and outlined the framework for Greater Manchester's key activities in this area of work over the coming years.

Members noted that the SCP Plan forms part of the suite of documents sitting underneath the GM 5-year Environment Plan.

The report outlined that the SCP theme of the GM 5 Year Environment Plan focuses on valuing resources and reducing waste. Members noted that this focus also supports GM's carbon neutral ambitions by identifying actions which will reduce our Scope 3 emissions. It was noted that the SCP plan is now being finalised for publication and will cover the four key priority areas of Moving to a Circular Economy; Managing Waste Sustainably; Reducing Food Waste; and Moving to Sustainable Lifestyles.

A Member highlighted that the report explained that the GM Plan would not meet the targets of the Paris agreement by 20%. In response, officers noted that the Green Summit this year will look at how the introduction of measures to address this deficit can be accelerated. A fundamental change is required. Details of the minimum standards, a consistent green financial approach to invest in infrastructure and innovation and international best practice were needed. Changes to legislation were also needed.

In response to a comment from a Member in respect of developing ways to reuse waste materials from infrastructure and housing developments, officers noted that work is taking place to explore how surplus supplies can be reintroduced in to the circular economy. Green skills training, better procurement and planning regulations can also be utilised.

A Member noted the primary legislation requirement needed for the establishment of a circular economy. Clarification was sought on how GM, as a city region, can develop a circular economy. In response, officers highlighted that the introduction of legislation would enable a circular economy to be developed. In addition, a sectoral approach is needed in respect of trade and business waste.

A Member highlighted the approach to recycling in south Asia and repairing initiatives to repair and reuse items. It was suggested that a similar approach could be a focus from the community fund. It was also suggested that local supermarkets be linked to local foodbanks to address food waste.

**RESOLVED /-**

1. That GMCA's formal approval of the SCP Plan for publication, as set out at Appendix B to the report, be noted; and
2. That the framework be endorsed and those key areas of activities over the coming years, as set out in the workplan at Appendix A to the report, be approved.

**GMCA 22/14            GMCA WASTE AND RESOURCES BUDGET OUTTURN  
2021/22**

Lindsey Keech, GMCA Finance, introduced a report of the GMCA Treasurer, which set out the revenue and capital outturn for 2021/22 for the Waste and Resources Service.

**RESOLVED/-**

That the revenue and capital outturn for 2021/22 for the Waste and Resources Service, as set out in the report be noted.

**GMCA 22/15            EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED /-**

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

## **GMCA 22/16            CONTRACTS UPDATE**

Justin Lomax, Head of Contract Services, Waste and Resources Team introduced a report updates the Committee on performance and commercial issues relating to the Waste and Resources (WRCMS) and Household Waste Recycling Centre Management Services (HWRCMS) Contracts that commenced on 1 June 2019.

The report also sought a delegation to the Executive Director Waste and Resources, in consultation with the Chair of this Committee in respect of the performance framework for 2021/22, of both the WRMS and HWRCMS Contracts.

The report also sought the approval to purchase 10 pre-used rail wagons.

### **RESOLVED/-**

1. That the contract updates and key risks, set out in the report, be noted.
2. That delegated authority for the decision on the performance framework for 2021/22, of both the WRMS and HWRCMS Contracts to the Executive Director – Waste and Resource in consultation with the Chair of the Waste and Recycling Committee as set out in section 3.0; and
3. That approval of the recommendation to purchase 10 pre-used rail wagons during the 2022/2023 financial year, as set out in section 6.0 of the report, be granted.