

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GMCA WASTE AND RECYCLING
COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18TH JANUARY 2023 AT THE
MECHANICS INSTITUTE**

PRESENT:

Bolton Council	Councillor Nadim Muslim
Bury Council	Councillor Alan Quinn (in the Chair)
Manchester CC	Councillor Shaukat Ali
Oldham Council	Councillor Umar Nasheen
Oldham Council	Councillor Mohammed Alyas
Rochdale Council	Councillor Angela Brown
Stockport Council	Councillor Mark Roberts
Tameside Council	Councillor Denise Ward
Trafford Council	Councillor Stephen Adshead

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

GMCA Deputy Monitoring Officer	Gwynne Williams
GMCA Treasurer	Steve Wilson
GMCA Waste & Resources	David Taylor
GMCA Waste & Resources	Justin Lomax
GMCA Waste & Resources	Paul Morgan
GMCA Finance	Lindsey Keech
GMCA Environment	Sarah Mellor
GMCA Governance & Scrutiny	Kerry Bond
Bury Council	Daniela Dixon
Rochdale Council	Anthony Johns
Tameside Council	Jo Oliver
Trafford Council	Helen Ashcroft

WRC 22/29 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED/-

Apologies for absence were received and noted from Councillors Lee-Anne Igbon (Manchester), Shahid Mohammed (Rochdale) and Roy Driver (Stockport).

Apologies were also received and noted from Eamonn Boylan, GMCA Portfolio Lead Chief Executive.

WRC 22/30 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

RESOLVED/-

There were no announcements or items of urgent business reported.

WRC 22/31 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED/-

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

WRC 22/32 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12TH OCTOBER 2022

The minutes of the previous meeting of the committee, held on 12th October 2022 were submitted.

RESOLVED/-

That the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 12th October 2022 be approved as a correct record, with the amendment that Councillor Angela Brown's apologies be noted.

WRC 22/33 CONTRACTS UPDATE

Justin Lomax, Head of Contract Services and Paul Morgan, Head of Commercial 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 of up to the end of Quarter 2 (April 2022 to September 2022) of the financial year 2022/23 (Contract year 4), for the two Contracts held by Suez, along with comparison figures for the same time frame in 2021/22. An overview of the total waste arisings, landfill diversion, HWRC recycling rate, overall recycling rates, contamination levels, tonnage rates, health and safety matters were also provided.

An update was also received on the implementation of the English Resources and Waste Strategy and the residual waste targets within the 25 Year Environment Plan.

Officers confirmed that the year-end annual data would be examined to gain insight into the impact of access restrictions at the HWRCs on reducing suspected trade waste inputs, as detailed in section 2.6 of the report.

Members were advised that communal bins are the responsibility of local authorities.

RESOLVED /-

1. To note the matters as set out in the report.

WRC 22/34 BUDGET AND LEVY 2023/24 AND MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2025/26

Steve Wilson, GMCA Treasurer introduced a report detailing the budget and levy for 2023/24 and the Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) to 2025/26, that will be delivered by a total levy requirement for 2023/24 and the MTFP proposed levy charges for 2025/26.

The medium-term financial plan forecast for future years indicated an increase of 8.3% in 2024/25 and 8.1% in 2025/26.

During 2022/23, £10m of reserves have been returned to Districts. The budget for 2023/24 contains proposals to utilise £1m of Waste Compositional Analysis Reserve.

Members were advised that the MTFP proposed levy charges as detailed on page one of the report should read £177.371m in 2024/25 and £185.515m in 2025/26 as detailed in section 4.3 of the report.

Officers confirmed that a breakdown of levy calculations will be brought to a future meeting.

It was confirmed that district contamination rates were used for levy calculations.

Members were asked to consult with the GM Waste Team if any major changes to waste collection practises are discussed at a local level to enable any potential future impacts to be investigated.

RESOLVED /-

1. To note the forecast outturn for 2022/23;
2. To note the proposed 2024/25 Trade Waste rate of £134.14 to allow forward planning by Districts;
3. To note the capital programme for 2023/24 as set out in Appendix A;

4. To note the budget and levy for 2023/24 of £169.0m (2.5% increase); and
5. To note the risk position set out in the Balances Strategy and Reserves.

WRC 22/35 SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION UPDATE

Sarah Mellor, Head of Sustainable Consumption and Production, GMCA Environment Team presented a report updating Members on the progress of the Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) Challenge Group's Work Programme and detailing the focus of resources for the SCP Team for the forthcoming year.

Members requested that officers be involved with this stream of work in the early stages of the Atom Valley Development.

RESOLVED /-

1. To note the progress in setting the work programme for the Sustainable Consumption and Production Challenge Group; and
2. To approve the focus of resources within the Sustainable Consumption and Production Team.
3. To agree that discussion take place between GM Waste and Environment officers and districts on the Atom Valley Development.

WRC 22/36 DATES AND TIMES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

RESOLVED /-

To note the future meeting dates for the Committee, as agreed at the Annual General Meeting:

15 March 2023, 2.00pm, at the Mechanics Institute

WRC 22/37

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.

WRC 22/38

CONTRACTS UPDATE

Justin Lomax, Head of Contract Services and Paul Morgan, Head of Commercial Services, Waste and Resources Team introduced a report updating the Committee on performance and commercial issues relating to the Waste and Resources and Household Waste Recycling Centre Management Services Contracts that commenced on 1 June 2019.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the contracts updates and key risks as set out in the report be noted; and
2. To support the recommended actions in response to the Defra questionnaire on separate collection of food as set out in section 7 of the report.