

**WASTE MANAGEMENT PARTNERSHIP BOARD  
MINUTES**

**Date of Meeting:** 19 January 2010  
**Location:** Cabinet Room, Civic Offices  
**Time:** 2.00pm  
**Attending:** Cllr Mrs D Collins - Leader of the Council (DC)  
 Cllr Mrs M Sartin - Portfolio Holder & Board Chairman (MS)  
 John Gilbert - Director, Environment & Street Scene (JG)  
 David Marsh – Wste & Recycling Manager (DM)  
 Steve Holgate - Sita UK (SH)  
 Vlad Velikoselskis - Sita UK (V V)  
 Sebastian Rawski – Sita UK (SR)

		Action
1.	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> – Chris Thorn(Sita), Paul Madden (Sita)	
2.	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> - None	
3.	<b>Draft minutes of meeting 24 November 2009</b> - Agreed	
4.	<b>Matters Arising (not on agenda).</b> (i) Street cleansing schedules – to be issued to WMAB as soon as possible for approval and then general issue. (ii) Recycling at schools working satisfactorily. To be reviewed in a month or so (iii) Household waste from schools, village halls – JG to take report to next Cabinet in February 2010 (iv) Visit to IVC – SH provided three possible dates, the preferred being determined as 11 March 2010. JG to place in Members’ Bulletin	DM DM JG JG
5.	<b>Contract financial review</b> SH stated that Chris Thorn would no longer be attending the Board meetings, and he would be represented by Sebastian Rawski. JG noted that this would require a change to the Board constitution.  SR took the Board through his report which had some useful performance charts included. The contract continued to improve its financial performance with a profit now being generated. However, the contract as from its commencement date remained in deficit.  The charts clearly showed the changes in waste stream following the new service implementation, although dry recycling levels had remained static despite the new F/G service. It was agreed that these charts were very useful and should be presented to each Board meeting	SR
6.	<b>Weather review</b> The Board received information from Sita and EFDC members on the service disruptions caused through the adverse weather. The F/G garden was now stable but some problems remained with residual collections, especially those missed in the pre Christmas events. It was however anticipated that all collections would have been completed by the end of the week (22 January)  The Board expressed its thanks to all the Sita and EFDC personnel who had worked so hard to maintain services and deal with the public’s concerns. Councillor Mrs Sartin, the Chairman, agreed that the Board should send letters of appreciation to the relevant personnel groupings.	VV/DM MS/JG

	<p>JG raised the particular issue of the use of smaller RCVs where there were access difficulties. Whilst the weather had clearly exacerbated these problems, JG sought Sita's assurance that smaller vehicles would be used in all areas where access difficulties arose from parking or similar issues. JG also confirmed that where parking difficulties existed it was highly unlikely that there would be a parking restriction solution in the short term. Sita provided the assurance on the use of narrow access RCVs.</p>	<p>VV/SH</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p><b>New service review</b>  The new service was considered to be working well, with recycling performance approaching 60%. There had been no major issues of contamination reported, which was good news. Kerbside caddies had been issued to residents who wished to use them rather than the G/F wheeled bin. There use would be monitored once the growing season commenced to ensure that only one F/G container was being put out for collection.</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p><b>Street cleansing review</b>  As mentioned under matters arising, the street schedules were at a stage when they were ready for final checking ahead of distribution. JG mentioned that BV195 for litter was remaining stubbornly above target for 2010/11. he also mentioned that individual cleansing operatives had received letters of thanks from town councils and others for their excellent performance.</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p><b>Any other business</b>  JG made reference to the outstanding requirement to review targets for the contract, especially how best to deal with the broader environmental ones. It was agreed that these should be considered in detail at the next meeting in March.</p>	<p>JG</p>
	<p>SH gave his apologies for the next meeting</p>	
<p>10.</p>	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b>  Date of next meeting scheduled for 16 March 2010, 2pm, Cabinet Office, Civic Offices</p>	