

**WASTE MANAGEMENT PARTNERSHIP BOARD  
MINUTES**

**Date of Meeting:** 16 March 2010  
**Location:** Cabinet Room, Civic Offices  
**Time:** 2.00pm  
**Attending:** Cllr Mrs M Sartin - Portfolio Holder & Board Chairman (MS)  
 John Gilbert - Director, Environment & Street Scene (JG)  
 David Marsh – Waste & Recycling Manager (DM)  
 Kim Durrani (KD)  
 Paul Madden – Sita UK (PM)  
 Vlad Velikoselskis - Sita UK (V V)  
 Sebastian Rawski – Sita UK (SR)

	<b>Action</b>
<p><b>Apologies for Absence</b> – Cllr Mrs D Collins, Steve Holgate</p> <p><b>Declarations of Interest</b> - None</p> <p><b>Draft minutes of meeting held on 19 January 2010-</b> Agreed</p> <p><b>Matters Arising (not on agenda)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) street cleaning schedules had been issued to Board members</li> <li>(ii) collections from schools etc was going to next Cabinet</li> <li>(iii) visit to Kempford IVC had been both enjoyable &amp; informative</li> <li>(iv) weather review not yet completed</li> </ul> <p><b>Contract financial review</b>            SR took the Board through the latest financial report which showed a continuation of progress into profitability. There was an apparent jump in fuel prices in Jan/Feb but this was due to accrued energy bills, not diesel etc. Increases in staffing costs were attributable to bank holiday payments. The final issue related to a rise in insurance claims which were related to issues still coming forward from 2008.</p> <p><b>New service review</b>            A number of issues were discussed/considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the number of second F/G waste bins being issued;</li> <li>(ii) no obvious signs that GW was finding its way into residual bins to any significant degree;</li> <li>(iii) the issue of whether the previous bio-degradable sacks were acceptable at the IVC, should they be found. If OK such use would not however be encouraged;</li> <li>(iv) the importance of accurate crew reports on bins not out for collections, contaminated bins etc. This was critical to assist the CSOs in dealing with telephone complaints and to properly record trends in contamination etc; and</li> <li>(v) the importance of keeping soli out of the F/GW system due to its weight and possible damage to crews, bins and lifting equipment. It was agreed to put information on the Council's website</li> </ul> <p><b>School waste &amp; Cabinet report</b>            The report to Cabinet was made available to Board members. The outcome would need careful monitoring and it was likely that town and parish councils would remain unhappy with the imposition of a charge.            JG made reference to a recent presentation to the local Rotary where local business showed an interest in trade waste recycling. Sita stated that they</p>	<p><b>Sita</b></p> <p><b>Sita</b></p> <p><b>KD/DM</b></p>

	<p>were in a position to assist through their normal trade/commercial collection services if approached.</p> <p><b>Street cleansing review</b>  JG stated that in his opinion the district was looking untidy, with a lot of visible white and plastic litter. He stated that the Council was struggling to see real improvements in NI195(a) and (b) and that Members had put street scene high on their list of priorities, as indeed did the residents through public opinion surveys. KD explained the ECC/Keep Britain Tidy initiative which all districts were involved in and that its first campaign was to be targeted at “fast food litter”. PM stated that Sita had a £100K budget for award schemes, and this should be investigated</p> <p><b>Health &amp; Safety</b>  JG explained that this would now be a standard agenda item, especially in view of the HSEs clear current interest in the waste industry. This approach was timely given a recent fatal accident involving a Sita employee at their contract in Berkshire. Since this was still a matter under investigation, no discussion was possible. It was agreed that future meetings would receive information on:  (a) notifiable accidents;  (b) other accidents; and  (c) lost working hours etc</p> <p>PM stated that Sita has a target for hours lost to accidents and that the SE region had seen a 35% reduction in 2009.</p> <p><b>Performance indicators</b>  JG reminded the Board that the standard NIs remained KPIs for EFDC. He repeated his concerns that NI 195 was not improving quickly enough. He circulated the KPIs for 2010/11</p> <p><b>Visit to MRF</b>  JG reminded Sita that a visit to the Sita MRF remained outstanding. A date for the 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> week in April was suggested, ahead of any forthcoming election activity.</p> <p><b>Plastics recycling</b>  MS expressed concern that the information made available to residents regarding the types of plastic which could be recycled was not exactly as Sita had stated, especially regarding plastic food tubs etc. PM confirmed that Sita could collect the plastics as set out in the Council’s literature, although their MRF may have difficulty in processing it. There was no evidence of loads being rejected due to contamination.</p> <p><b>Any other business</b>  (1) <u>Weed spraying:</u> DM was still awaiting an indication of the ECC funding for 2010/11. ECC had however confirmed that they were content to allow EFDC to make best use of the resource and not to be restrictive about the timing of spraying exercises. VV was in discussions with Sita’s contractors</p> <p>(2) <u>Vehicle livery etc:</u> issues remained around signage and the number of sign changes per annum</p> <p>(3) <u>Nappy residual waste:</u> it was confirmed that no issues were arising in this regard, although the warmer weather may give rise to complaints</p>	<p>Sita</p> <p>Sita/EFDC</p> <p>Sita</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>Sita</p> <p>DM/V V</p>
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