

Report to Safer, Cleaner, Greener Scrutiny Standing Panel

Date of meeting: 6 January 2011

Subject: Waste Management Partnership Board

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Recommendation:

To receive the notes of the meetings held on the 4th of August and the 20th of October 2010

Report:

1. As part of the Panel's Work Plan it receives the notes of the meetings of the Waste Management Partnership Board. It has not received any since its meeting on the 1st of July, since when 2 meetings of the Board have taken place – 4th of August and 20th of October 2010. The notes of both meetings are appended, the final set being draft since they will not become approved until the Board next meets in January 2011.

2. Key issues discussed have included:

- (a) contract performance – operational and financial;
- (b) contract extension to Sep 2014 (from Nov 2012);
- (c) health & safety;
- (d) depot relocation;
- (e) the Olympic Games;
- (f) reviews of current waste policies; and
- (g) winter contingencies

3. It is pleasing to note that after a number of years when the contract was struggling to meet its financial returns, the situation is much improving and the contract is now providing SITA with a financial return.

4. Overall performance on the contract remains good and negotiations are currently underway with Sita regarding the possibility of exercising the extension of the contract from November 2012 to October 2014.

5. Although there have been no serious incidents on this contract, there were two very serious incidents involving Sita operatives on other contracts. The notes of the Board meetings provide some details and, notwithstanding the severity of the accidents, it is pleasing to note that the Health & Safety Executive, having concluded their investigations, intend to take no action.

6. The relocation of the waste depot away from Langston Road in Loughton remains a high priority project. Officers are actively engaged, with Sita, in looking at alternative sites, so that the land may be freed up, alongside the adjoining land (known as T11) for retail or other development.

7. The Olympic White water Centre is located in the Borough of Broxbourne, just across the border with this District in Waltham Abbey. As 2012 approached, much work is being undertaken in respect of the impact of the event on the local area, to include additional street cleansing and the possible amendment of waste and recycling collections during the five

days of the white water events. There will also be key advantages in this District working in partnership with the street cleansing teams in Broxbourne to maximise effectiveness whilst minimising additional costs.

8. Cabinet has adopted a number of waste policies in respect of issues such as types of waste container, lost/missing containers etc. One current area of concern relates to the garden waste/food collection service and the policy regarding the provision of additional and/or larger bins.

9. Finally, the Panel will recollect discussing at a previous meeting the problems which arose last Christmas and New Year due to the abnormally severe weather conditions. Management Board established an officer working group to consider the circumstances and steps which should be taken, and the outcome of that process is reported elsewhere on the agenda