

IAA Member Working Group

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 5 APRIL 2011 AT 2:00PM IN COMMITTEE ROOM 3, COUNTY HALL, CHELMSFORD.

*Present:

* Basildon District Council	Councillor Malcolm Buckley
* Braintree District Council	Councillor Roger Walters
Brentwood Borough Council	Councillor Roger Hirst
* Castle Point Borough Council	Councillor Ray Howard
* Chelmsford Borough Council	Councillor Janette Potter
* Colchester Borough Council	Councillor Ann Turrell
* Epping Forest District Council	Councillor Mary Sartin
* Essex County Council	Councillor Tracey Chapman
* Harlow District Council	Councillor Tony Hall
Maldon District Council	Councillor Brenda Harker
* Rochford District Council	Councillor Mike Steptoe
* Tendring District Council	Councillor Lynda McWilliams
* Uttlesford District Council	Councillor Susan Barker

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Roger Hirst (Brentwood Borough Council) and Cllr Brenda Hawker (Maldon District Council). Cllr Hirst was substituted by Cllr J Pound.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 March 2011 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Waste Performance – Provisional End of Year Update

Members received a verbal update from Jason Searles.

Jason informed Members that:

- In process of analysing the receipt of data from the Districts and contractors
- Detailed year end figures should be available within the next 4 – 6 weeks.
- Overall household waste arisings appear static
- There is a small fall in Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) represented by a reduction in trade waste tonnage of approx 2,000 tonnes

- There has been a reduction in construction demolition waste (approx 5%)
- Overall County rates are 50% with diversion rates of 60% recycling and 40% composting. Districts rates are at 47% with diversion rates similar to County.
- Re-cycling centres report similar performance figures to 2009/10.
- Use of the Rapid system gives speedier access to data.

Members discussed issues related to the potential for increased fly tipping if Civic Amenity site opening hours are reduced.

Members were informed that whilst no decision had been made on the RCHW service, a proposal was expected within the next month.

5. Waste Strategy Procurement Update

Members received a verbal update from Phil Butler.

Members were informed that:

- Waste PFI - dialogue continues with bidders. Final bids will be expected by 3 May followed by full evaluation and feedback.
- Bio Waste – One bidder has withdrawn from the Courtauld Road development (Agrivert) leaving Countrystyle Recycling and Vital Earth.
- Discussions continue with the land owner for the acquisition of the site for the north of the county – Sandon.
- Transfer Stations:
 - Dunmow – site acquired
 - Harlow – public consultation to commence in 3/4 weeks.
 - Chelmsford – design aspects being discussed
 - Colchester – site agreement being finalised with continued dialogue concerning an alternative site.
 - Southend – using the existing depot at Eastern Avenue.
 - Braintree – Progress reported with Cordons Farm

6. Efficiencies and Joint Working – What success could look like

Cllr Chapman discussed with Members the opportunities that could be considered to save money by working together and what success could look like in an Essex Waste Partnership. Members also noted what other Authorities are achieving in working together.

Members discussed at length the proposals outlined and raised a series of issues and concerns related to the efficiencies and cost savings outlined.

It was agreed that for the next meeting a paper be prepared on potential efficiency targets together with a Forward Plan.

7. Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed the next meeting be held on Tuesday 7 June 2011 and thereafter on:

Tuesday 19 July 2011

Tuesday 30 August 2011

Tuesday 18 October 2011

Tuesday 6 December 2011

All meetings to be held at 2.00pm at County Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.30pm