

IAA Member Working Group

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7 JUNE 2011 AT 2:00PM IN COMMITTEE ROOM 5, COUNTY HALL, CHELMSFORD.

*Present:

*	Basildon District Council	Councillor Malcolm Buckley substituted by Cllr Steve Horgan
*	Braintree District Council	Councillor Wendy Schmitt substituted by Cllr Roger Walters
*	Brentwood Borough Council	Councillor Roger Hirst substituted by Cllr Jan Mound
*	Castle Point Borough Council	Councillor Ray Howard
*	Chelmsford Borough Council	Councillor Janette Potter
*	Colchester Borough Council	Councillor Ann Turrell
*	Epping Forest District Council	Councillor John Knapman
*	Essex County Council	Councillor Kevin Bentley
*	Harlow District Council	Councillor Tony Hall
*	Maldon District Council	Councillor Brenda Harker
*	Rochford District Council	Councillor Mike Steptoe
*	Tendring District Council	Councillor Nick Turner substituted by Cllr Lynda McWilliams
*	Uttlesford District Council	Councillor Susan Barker

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Committee Officer welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Buckley, Cllr Schmitt, Cllr Hirst and Cllr Turner. Substitutions as shown above.

3. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

The Committee Officer informed Members that Cllr Mary Sartin had resigned as Chairman and therefore the election of both a Chairman and Vice-Chairman was required.

The Committee Officer called for nominations for Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Cllr Malcolm Buckley was proposed as Chairman by Cllr Howard and seconded by Cllr McWilliams. There being no further nominations Cllr Buckley was elected Chairman of the Group.

Cllr Kevin Bentley was proposed as Vice-Chairman by Cllr Knapman and seconded by Cllr McWilliams. There being no further nominations Cllr Bentley was elected Vice-Chairman.

In the absence of Cllr Buckley, Cllr Bentley took the Chair.

Members expressed their thanks to Cllr Sartin and it was agreed a letter be sent to thank her for her Chairmanship of the Group.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 April 2011 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

6. Inter Authority Agreement Working

Members received an update from Peter Kelsbie on the latest position with the Inter Authority Agreement.

He advised Members that:

- The last meeting of this group had accepted that significant savings could be made.
- A legal interpretation of the IAA Agreement was required
- In order to resolve differences and reach an agreed definitive legal position, it was proposed that each side's legal representatives meet as soon as possible.
- It was hoped this would be concluded by the end of June or soon after.

Following discussion all Members agreed that a legal interpretation of the Agreement was required as a matter of urgency.

7. Waste Performance – End of Year Update

Members received an update on the latest performance data for 2010/11 on recycling and composting from Jason Searles.

Final auditing of the figures is being undertaken before submission to DEFRA.

Members noted and discussed the performance of the Districts/Boroughs and County Council which showed a 4% increase in the amount of household waste being reused, recycled or composted. However overall waste has also increased by almost 1.9%, this is the first increase in waste tonnage for 4 years.

Members were informed that although the increase in waste arisings is in line with other Counties further investigation will be carried out to identify opportunities to reverse this increase.. It was noted that the increase could be down to a number of factors including commercial waste coming into the household waste stream, and the higher than expected quantities of green waste available during March as a result of weather conditions.

An increase from every Authority in recycling was noted and it was agreed a press release be prepared to include a quote from the Chairman of the Members Working Group welcoming the increased recycling activity.

Members discussed a number of issues including:

- The moisture content of green waste and the impact on tonnage
- The impact of recycling activities at Supermarkets
- Reductions to packaging and the work of WRAP
- The recycling of all forms of plastic and nappies.

It was agreed that at a future meeting the group would discuss the impact of weekly collections and investigate the wide discrepancies between each authority.

8. Waste Strategy Procurement Update

Members received an update from Phil Butler.

Courtauld Road: Submissions received from three companies and fully evaluated with a recommendation being taken to the Member Project Board on 9 June 2011.

Next phase of the procurement to commence on Monday 13 June 2100.

The lease has been divided to allow development of both residual waste and food/garden waste facilities on site.

First waste to arrive summer 2014 with plant fully commissioned 12 months later.

Biowaste: Two new facilities proposed:

- A combined facility (food and green waste) at Courtauld Road. Members were informed that a single bidder remains in the procurement process. A recommendation on the way forward will be taken to the Essex & Southend Officer Delivery Board.
- Proposing to develop a facility (anaerobic digestion) at Sandon

Transfer Stations: Members noted the latest position:

Harlow: Site acquired – preplanning consultation on going.

- Uttlesford: Site secured – planning application to be considered in October.
- Braintree: Cordons Farm – joint facility with Braintree DC
- Colchester: Proposed site lost. Meetings held with Colchester BC who are helping to identify alternative. Approach to Tendring DC to be made.
- Chelmsford: Shared site at Springfield with ECC Highways
- Southend: Southend BC has requested meeting with Rochford DC to discuss use of existing station.

9. IAA Officer Working Group Update

Members received an update from Trudie Bragg. Members noted in particular:

- There have been two recent meetings of the Officer Working Group where the working of the IAA was discussed.
- A schedule of meetings and a protocol has been developed
- A review of joint working efficiencies has identified many to be in place.
- Ad hoc reviews on the rationalisation of bring banks and the delay to the new service at Braintree has been undertaken.

All WCA's were asked to confirm that their waste contracts were flexible enough to accommodate change.

Members thanked the Officer Working Group for its work.

10. 'In the News' media coverage

The 'In the News' articles for March – May were noted.

11. To set date and agenda for Member Partnership Board

It was agreed that the inaugural meeting of the Member Partnership Board be held immediately following a future meeting of this Group.

Agenda items to be agreed by Officers.

12. Agenda items for next meeting

- Excavation of waste disposal sites
- Supermarket Bring Sites – public awareness
- TOMRA activities
- Partnership Working – a brief presentation from each District

13. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Group will be held on Tuesday 19 July 2011 at 2.00pm, Committee Room 1, County Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.30pm