

## IAA Member Working Group

### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 30 JANUARY 2013 AT 2:00 PM. COUNTY HALL

\*Present:

*	Basildon District Council	Councillor John Dornan
*	Braintree District Council	Councillor Wendy Schmitt
	Brentwood Borough Council	Councillor Tony Sleep
	Castle Point Borough Council	Councillor Ray Howard
	Chelmsford Borough Council	Councillor Janette Potter
	Colchester Borough Council	Councillor Martin Hunt
	Epping Forest District Council	Councillor Will Breare-Hall
*	Essex County Council	Councillor Kevin Bentley
*	Harlow District Council	Councillor Phil Waite
	Maldon District Council	Councillor Mark Durham
*	Rochford District Council	Councillor Mike Steptoe
*	Tendring District Council	Councillor Nick Turner
*	Uttlesford District Council	Councillor Susan Barker

#### 1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### 2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Brenda Harker, Tony Sleep, Ray Howard, Martin Hunt and Will Breare-Hall.

#### 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting/Matters arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 29 November 2012 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

#### 4. Matters Arising

Tonnage Performance Update – an updated version of the table, which included data for Colchester, was circulated for Member information. Tonnage growth across the County for the full year is expected to be approximately 1%

Development of Benchmarking Data – It was reported this was not an item on the current agenda as Officers were still working on the data.

Commercial Waste Policy Update – It was reported that following the appointment of MITIE by the County Council to manage ECC facilities a meeting is being scheduled with WCAs to explore the options for WCAs to deliver trade waste and recycling services for ECC buildings

Nappy Waste – It was reported that Knowaste technology is very expensive and that the MBT facility at Courtauld Road has been designed to deal with such waste.

## **5. Waste Strategy Programme Update**

Members received an update from Phil Butler.

### PFI Contract

Urbaser Balfour Beatty (UBB) continue to progress detailed design work and preparations for a start on site.

UBB are now making use of the vacant bio-waste site as a temporary car park and site compound.

Full planning and Section 106 agreement were issued on 6 December 2013.

Granting of environmental permit yet to be completed and public consultation has commenced prior to its issue.

UBB intend to carry out some site preparation works during February with major construction commencing mid-March.

The first meeting of the Courtauld Road Community Liaison Group was held on 11 December 2012. The date of its next meeting is late March 2013 and thereafter quarterly during the construction phase.

The establishment of a Community Fund is still being explored.

### Transfer Stations

Harlow – Farrans are finalising the design with some slight modifications to the hard standing. Construction is due to commence April 2013.

Uttlesford – No further update on Judicial Review status. This is still under control of the courts and awaiting their decision. The Highways Department has given assurance that traffic regulation orders are in hand.

Chelmsford – Received approval from Development & Regulation Committee on 25 January 2013. The exchange of contract for land purchase with Chelmsford City Council is imminent with construction due to commence in June.

Braintree – Draft contracts received from vendor solicitor. There may be some delays before exchange of contract. Anticipated construction start date is July 2013

Colchester – Site purchase is now progressing following objection from the land owner concerning the orientation of the proposed building. Public exhibition has taken place after which application submitted in November 2012 for consideration at Development & Regulation Cttee in February 2013.

It was confirmed that Courtauld Road is due to be commissioned from June 2013 with an additional six months until full capacity is achieved.

#### Bio-waste Stations

The OJEU notice has been published with 20 contractors expressing an interest. Pre-qualification questionnaires due to be submitted early March.

#### Integrated Waste Handling Project

It was reported that the contract remains in the procurement phase with final tenders due on 1 February 2013. A full report will be provided at the next meeting of this group.

### **6. Review of Waste Partnerships**

Phil Butler reported that Essex County Council has commissioned a study to review waste partnerships from around the County to identify both activity and successes. The intention is to present a final report that details work from around the County as well as the Essex position.

It was noted the study will cost in the region of £17k

### **7. IAA Annual Review Update**

It was noted that Essex County Council will meet with each District/Borough to discuss issues concerning the IAA. There has been some slight slippage to this annual meeting but it is anticipated they will commence mid-February and be completed by the end of March 2013. The paper circulated with the agenda identified the purpose of the meetings and it was noted that the meetings are held at Officer level and lead to Member briefings.

It was also noted that all WCA's have submitted updated delivery plans.

Cllr Bentley stated his desire to separately meet all Members at a political level.

### **8. Essex Waste Partnership Joint Communications**

Michael Page from the External Communications team was introduced to the Group. Councillor Bentley stated that he is keen to ensure that this Group is seen to communicate effectively with the public about the need to re-cycle. Members agreed to a centrally drafted press release being made available following each IAA meeting that could be used by all Councils across the County.

### **9. Any Other Business**

Cllr Turner raised the issue of food waste being deposited into black sacks rather than food caddies and asked if this was a common issue. It was noted the analysis of residual waste will give details in due course.

Members discussed the merits of enclosing details of re-cycling schemes with Council Tax reminders as a way of promoting the scheme County wide. It was agreed that the flyer used by Braintree District Council be circulated to the Group for information.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.45pm

**10. Date and location of next meeting**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 20 March 2013 at 2.00pm in Committee Room 2, County Hall.