

## IAA Member Working Group

### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 24 OCTOBER 2013 AT 2:30 PM. COUNTY HALL

\*Present:

*	Basildon District Council	Councillor John Dornan
*	Braintree District Council	Councillor Robert Mitchell
*	Brentwood Borough Council	Councillor Keith Parker
	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 Roger Walters
	Harlow District Council	Councillor Phil Waite
*	Maldon District Council	Councillor Mark Durham
	Rochford District Council	Councillor Keith Gordon
*	Tendring District Council	Councillor Nick Turner
*	Uttlesford District Council	Councillor Susan Barker

#### 1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Ray Howard and Councillor Keith Gordon.

#### 2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 July 2013 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

Members raised a number of issues noting the following:

- More needs to be done to promote the benefits of re-cycling to residents.
- The Courtauld Road facility will extract additional recycling material which will be allocated to meet District targets.
- Trade waste that is similar in composition to household waste will be accepted at Courtauld Road.
- The backend material produced (RDF/SRF) remains the property of the partnership.
- There is a buoyant European market for SRF for up to five years

#### 3. Waste Infrastructure Programme Update

Members received an update from Peter Kelsbie.

##### Courtauld Road

- Erection of steel framework is 75% complete

- Two sub-contractors are now on site ready to commence installation work
- A number of construction dates missed and some design modification required leading to slight slippage. Project has been re-programmed.
- End commissioning date of 14 July should still be achieved – further review to be carried out late October.

Councillor Dornan reported that there have been no issues raised by local ward Members and the project appears to be progressing well. Local businesses have already clearly benefitted from the project and local input needs to continue to be promoted.

#### Waste Transfer Stations

- **Harlow:** Construction is progressing well despite initial issues with the slab and other services in place.
- **Uttlesford:** Construction on hold until outcome of Judicial Review (end of October)
- **Chelmsford:** Contracts exchanged and awaiting outcome of judicial challenge (end of October)
- **Braintree:** Contracts exchanged and construction has commenced.
- **Colchester:** Contracts exchanged and judicial period past. Construction has commenced.

It was agreed that a monthly update would be provided to Members.

#### Integrated Waste Handling Contract

The contract with Veolia is due to commence 1 November 2014. The migration of centres and staff has been smooth. This is a long term contract allowing capital investment to be made by the contractor,.

The Chairman informed Members that the County Council Audit Committee would be undertaking a review in due course.

#### Biowaste

Members received an update on the present position with the bio-waste procurement.

- In procurement at present
- Five bids received – all within affordability. All failed at least one threshold although considered to be non-critical. Following legal advice the minimum thresholds have been waived.
- Four invited to progress the competitive dialogue.
- Contract to be awarded by March 2014

Members noted that the bio-waste procurement had not been included in the residual waste contract due to PFI funding regulations.

It was agreed that a full progress report be provided at the next meeting of the Group.

#### **4. ECC Transformation – Organisational Structure Changes**

Members received an update from Peter Kelsbie who gave details on the move towards ECC becoming a commissioning based organisation noting there was no significant impact on the waste programme.

The roles within the new structure for Peter Kelsbie, Jason Searles and Andrew Cook were outlined.

#### **5. Inter Authority Agreement – Future Funding Position**

Members received an update on the progress of individual funding meetings with Districts from Councillor Walters.

The majority of meetings have taken place and it is anticipated the remaining meetings will have taken place within the next two weeks.

Councillor Walters outlined the format of the meetings is to identify savings that will contribute towards the overall savings of £235m that Essex County Council has to make.

Following the expression of some serious concerns it was agreed that a full report would be made at the next meeting of the Group on 11 December 2013.

#### **6. Any Other Business**

Members agreed that the next meeting will remain private and not open to the public or press.

#### **7. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 11 December 2013 and will focus on issues relating to the IAA and future funding arrangements.

Dates of meetings in 2014 will be circulated to members as soon as agreed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 4.20pm