

SOUTH LONDON WASTE PARTNERSHIP JOINT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 10 June 2014

5.30pm to 5.55pm

London Borough of Croydon

Councillors Stuart Collins and Kathy Bee

Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames

Councillors David Cunningham and Richard Hudson

London Borough of Merton

Councillors Judy Saunders and Andrew Judge

London Borough of Sutton

Councillors Colin Hall (Chair) and Nighat Piracha
*Absent

53. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Councillor Judy Saunders was appointed as Chair for 2014/15 and Councillor David Cunningham as Vice Chair.

54. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

55. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 April 2014 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

56. FINAL ACCOUNTS 2013/14

The Accounts and Audit Regulations require the South London Waste Partnership Accounts to be signed off for 2013/14 before they were subject to audit. The accounts will be audited as a smaller relevant body, and only include costs that were considered to be part of the partnership acting as an entity and therefore only included procurement costs and audit fee costs.

Along with the accounts, the accounting return to the auditors also requires an Annual Governance Statement which included nine items that had been completed as detailed in paragraph nine of the report.

The audit requirements were that the accounts were:

- approved by Committee for audit
- in addition an Annual Governance Statement (AGS) was required. The AGS was required to be signed by the Chair of the SLWP Joint Committee and the Chair of the SLWP Management Group.

Resolved: (i) The draft 2013/14 accounts – Enclosure 1 Section 1 of the report - were approved for audit and signed by the Chair.

(ii) The draft 2013/14 Annual Governance Statement – Enclosure 1 Section 2 of the report was approved and signed by the Committee Chair and the Chair of the Management Group.

57. SLWP 2013/14 BUDGET UPDATE - QUARTER 4

The final outturn position of the Partnership's budget for 2013/14 was reported. Variations to the budget have been reported to the Committee throughout the year and a summary of the overspends/underspends at various points in the year and offsetting savings was included in the report.

The confirmed outturn for core activities for 2013/14 was a net underspend of £210k for the Partnership compared to the £106k underspend reported to JWC on 8 April (an improvement of £104k).

The Major changes since 8 April included:-

- Communications budget was underspent by £56k due to delayed communications campaign until late May/early June.
- External advisor cost £30k lower than reported on 8 April mainly due to Legal costs for EWC exit being lower than advised.

The report summarised the core activities and the project activities and showed that the final outturn for 2013/14 was £551k which was an underspend of £117.5k.

Resolved: To note the report.

58. UPDATE ON THE WORK OF SOUTH LONDON WASTE PARTNERSHIP

A briefing paper was tabled which summarised the key work of the partnership over the last eight years. It highlighted the good partnership working on a number of contracts and that the Partnership received an award in 2013 for its residual waste project.

Planning permission had been granted by the London Borough of Sutton's planning committee in May 2013, and an Energy Recovery Facility was to be built in Beddington on the borders of Sutton, Merton and Croydon. This was currently under judicial review which was expected to last for six months.

The Partnership first produced a Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy in 2008, with a Joint Waste Development Plan Document approved in 2011/12. This strategy was reviewed annually with the latest review recommending exploration into carbon based targets alongside traditional tonnages based targets.

The latest communication strategy on increasing recycling was discussed. It was hoped that recycling figures would increase. Councillor Judge described a new doorstep collection in Merton whereby mixed plastics and aluminium foil were collected.

Resolved: To note the report.

59. FUTURE DATES

It was noted that Members would be consulted on future dates by email.

Signed Date.....
Chair

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