

CLEANER, GREENER, SAFER POLICY DEVELOPMENT GROUP

MEETING, 11TH JANUARY, 2010

Present – Councillors Bashir-Ismail (Chairman), R Silvester (Vice-Chairman), Higson, Hollick, Morgan, Peel and J. Rothwell.

Also in attendance

Mr. M. Cox	-	Director of Environmental Services
Ms. D. Ball	-	Assistant Director (Waste and Fleet Management)
Mr. A. Jennings	-	Democratic Services Manager

Councillor Bashir-Ismail in the Chair

28. MINUTES

The minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Policy Development Group held on 14th December, 2009 were submitted and signed as a correct record.

29. COMMERCIAL WASTE – OPTIONS APPRAISAL

Councillor Morgan declared a personal interest in the following item as he used the service during the course of his business.

A report of the Director of Environmental Services was submitted which outlined the current status of the Authority's Commercial Waste Service and detailed proposals regarding its future operation.

By way of background information, the report advised that the Commercial Waste Collection Service in Bolton was currently provided in house by the Environmental Services Waste and Fleet Management. The Service also collected Schedule 2 Household Waste.

The report went on to describe how the service had gradually become unpredictable as a large proportion of businesses now used private sector waste management companies to collect their waste. Chart 3 within the report showed that the service was expected to collect approximately one third of the waste in 2009/10 that was collected in 2006/07.

The report further advised that the Commercial Waste Service had historically generated an income stream for the Department. However, there had been a significant reduction in income over the past two years as the number of contracts had reduced and the large value contracts had been lost. A summary of the budget and the actual performance against the budget since 2006/07

was provided in the report. Current budget projections revealed that the service was likely to make a loss of £194,374 in 2009/10.

In this regard, the report proposed to put forward a number of options regarding the future of the Commercial waste Services for submission to a future meeting of this Group.

It was agreed that options regarding the future of Commercial Waste Services be submitted to a future meeting of this Group.

30 MIXED PLASTIC RECYCLING BANKS – TRIAL INTRODUCTION

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which sought approval for the trial introduction of mixed plastic recycling banks at strategic locations throughout Bolton.

The report advised that under the current recycling arrangements with the Greater Manchester Disposal Contract, Bolton residents could only recycle plastic bottles on the kerbside collections and were unable to recycle rigid plastics. Although GMWDA were working on a solution for this, the report proposed the provision of facilities to recycle mixed plastic through the use of mixed recycling bank sites placed at strategic locations within Bolton.

The report advised that 28 bring sites were currently used in Bolton, however, only five of these were suitable or had the space to take the plastic recycling banks. The locations were:-

- Asda– Burden Park;
- Bolton Road car park – Westhoughton;
- Kearsley – Shopping Centre;
- Captain Street car park – Horwich; and
- Morrisons - Harwood

The five banks would be emptied once a month and would cost approx £12,000 overall per year.

It was agreed that the Executive Member for Cleaner, Greener, Safer be recommended to approve the introduction of a small number of mixed plastics banks in strategic locations on a trial basis, as detailed in the report now submitted.

(The meeting started at 1.00 p.m. and finished at 2.50 p.m.)