

## ENVIRONMENT AND HOUSING POLICY DEVELOPMENT GROUP

MEETING, 1ST APRIL, 2014

Present – Councillors Irving (Chairman), Sherrington (Vice-Chairman), Chadwick, Donaghy, Mistry (as deputy for Councillor Darvesh), Peel, Radlett, A. S. Walsh and Wild.

### Officers

Ms. D. Ball	Assistant Director Waste and Fleet Management
Ms. J. Pollard	Head of Strategic Finance and Accountancy
Ms. R. Baxter	Waste and Fleet Programme Manager
Ms. L. Swann	Assistant Head of Waste and Fleet Strategy
Mr. M. Hoban	Neighbourhood Services Manager Waste
Ms. D. Dixon	Recycling Officer
Mr. C. Neal	Refuse Driver
Mr. I. D. Mulholland	Principal Democratic Services Officer

Councillor Irving in the Chair

### **22. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2014 were submitted and signed as a correct record.

### **23. MANAGED WEEKLY COLLECTIONS**

Ms. Donna Ball, The Assistant Director Waste and Fleet Management gave a presentation updating the meeting on the issue of managed weekly collections.

Members were informed of the success of managed weekly collections in terms of –

- implementation had progressed well due to the team effort;
- minimal complaints from residents; and
- significant savings had already been achieved.

The presentation went on to outline matters around the following –

- partnership working issues;
- container deliveries;
- provision of assisted collections and additional grey bins;
- resident engagement;

- recycling in flats;
- positive press releases; and
- awards.

In conclusion, details of the waste and recycling performance during the last year was provided.

Members in their discussions referred to –

- the progress made;
- recycling education matters;
- use of the burgundy and grey bins.

It was agreed that Ms Donna Ball be thanked for her presentation and that the position be noted.

#### **24. REPLACEMENT GREY BIN POLICY**

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which asked members to consider a number of replacement grey bin replacement options to increase recycling and reduce the waste disposal levy costs.

By way of background information, the report explained that reducing the tonnage of residual waste collected and increasing recycling in Bolton was a priority for the Council due to the rising costs of waste disposal and pressure on budgets.

Members were advised that by changing the current replacement grey bin policy, so residents could choose to opt for a 140 litre grey bin at a cheaper price, it would encourage residents to recycle more and in turn reduce the cost of waste disposal.

The report went on to outline the current replacement grey bin policy and what happens in other Greater Manchester Authorities.

There were a number of options for the replacement of grey bins and these were set out in the report.

Members in their deliberations referred to –

- publicity around smaller bins;
- matters around the costing options, especially for the smaller bin;
- issues around new builds; and
- the levy savings for option three.

It was agreed that the Executive Cabinet Member for Environmental Services be recommended to agree to support the £10, 140 charge and £40, 240 charge option in option one and option three in the report.

## **25. TEXTILE RECYCLING**

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which outlined plans to increase textile reuse and recycling in Bolton.

Members were advised that work had previously been undertaken to promote textile reuse and recycling but more could be achieved.

The report went on to explain that valuable materials remained in the waste stream and that what would take place over the next year to increase textile reuse and recycling.

The report particularly focused on –

- existing textile recycling in Bolton;
- communications in Bolton.;
- recycling within the Council; and
- improving textile reuse and recycling across Bolton.

Members in their discussions referred to –

- making the recycling easy to understand and use; and
- use of second hand clothes.

It was agreed that the proposals contained in the report be noted.

## **26. ADOPTION OF NEW WASTE RECYCLING STORAGE AND COLLECTION GUIDANCE**

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which set out proposals to improve the provision of waste storage and collection in Bolton and ensure new developments were fit for purpose.

In 2006 Bolton Council introduced planning guidance for waste collection and storage to provide new development with the required information to ensure they could be built fit for purpose. Since 2006 the waste and recycling team had been contacted by a number of developers who sought to work with the Council to ensure that storage and collection arrangements they provided were adequate.

The document provided was purely guidance for developers. The degree to which developments implemented the guidance was therefore limited and there

were a number of multi occupancy sites in Bolton where the Council had problems with waste storage and collection, as the facilities were not fit for purpose.

Members were advised that the waste and recycling storage and collection guidance had been updated and was appended to the report.

The report also explained issues arising where storage was not adequate.

In conclusion, the report explained that to ensure that adequate waste storage and collection arrangements were put in place at any future developments waste and recycling would be working with planning to see if elements of the guidance could be built into the approval process for new developments.

It was agreed that the contents of the report be noted.

## **27. UP AND FORWARD CAMPAIGN UPDATE**

The Committee received a presentation which provided details of the Up and Forward Campaign in partnership with Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority.

By way of background information members were advised that –

- the Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority (WDA) served a population of 2.27 million;
- in 2009 a recycling and waste management contract was signed with partners Viridor Laing for 25 years;
- there was a target to recycle 50% of all waste and divert at least 75% away from landfill.

The presentation went onto explain matters around –

- use of European Funding for driving behaviour change to improve recycling rates;
- matters around the Up and Forward campaign which focused on urban participation and reusing waste and recycling development of communications;
- matters around sections of the community still not engaging with the campaigns and a bid for additional funding;
- matters around the Up and Forward Campaign in Bolton;
- business recycling in Johnson Fold;
- Recycling Games at Bolton University;
- The culture campaign in Rumworth;
- Diverse communities in Halliwell; and
- Improve recycling in flats and apartments.

Members in their discussions referred to the excellent work of members of the waste and recycling team in rolling out the new collection arrangements and in improving recycling rates.

It was agreed that the position be noted.

(The meeting started at 5.30pm and finished at 6.26pm)