

RECYCLING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

A record of decisions made by the Executive Member with responsibility for Recycling and Waste Management on:-

TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER, 2006

following consideration of the matters detailed below in the presence of:-

Councillor Sherrington	Executive Member for Recycling and Waste Management
Councillor J. Byrne	Executive Member for Environmental Services
Councillor Lever	Major Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor Hayes	Minor Opposition Spokesperson
Mr. A. Fisher	Director of Environmental Services
Mr. B. Shaw	Assistant Director of Environmental Services
Mr. P. Molyneux	Assistant Director of Environmental Services
Mr. C. Bullough	Head of Environmental Services
Mr. A. Watts	Engineering Section Strategic, Transport Manager
Mr. K. Roberts	Head of Division, Environmental Services
Mr. T. Bullock	Group Engineer
Mr. A. McCreesh	Group Engineer
Mr. M. Russell	Greenspace Manager
Ms. E. Long	Assistant Head of Service, Environmental Services
Mr. D. Smith	Policy Accountant
Mr. I.D. Mulholland	Principal Democratic Services Officer

12. MONITORING OF DECISIONS

The Director of Legal and Democratic Services submitted a report which provided details of the progress of decisions taken at previous meetings of this Executive Member.

The Executive Member NOTED the progress on the decisions taken at previous Executive Member meetings.

13. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES 2ND QUARTER PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL MONITORING, 2006/07

The Director of Corporate Resources and the Director of Environmental Services submitted a joint report which outlined the performance and financial information relating to the Environmental Services portfolio in respect of the 2006/07 financial year, for the 2nd quarter.

The Executive Member NOTED the report.

14. PAPER AND CARD RECYCLING COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which set out details of the current service provision in respect of paper and card recycling collection and disposal.

The report also outlined some necessary steps to develop the services in 2007/08 and beyond.

By way of background information, the report indicated that paper was collected weekly from approximately 95% of the households in the Borough by Paperchase. This was an arrangement under contract which was renewed in 2003 and expired on 31st March, 2007. The collected paper was taken to Shotton where it was recycled and predominantly used to manufacture news print paper.

In 2005/06 the tonnage of paper collected by Paperchase was over 110,000 tonnes and resulted in Bolton winning the race to the Recycle Award for the second year running.

With regard to the financial and budget arrangements, it was explained that these were based around the tonnage of paper collected and there were two elements. The first was that Paperchase received a Recycling Credit of £37.20 per tonne payable by Bolton Council. This was a payment that up until 31st March, 2006 had been paid by the Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority (GMWDA) and then charged back to Bolton Council through the Waste Disposal Levy. Recent legislation had resulted in the collection authorities now being responsible for the payment. The second element was that the contract between the Council and Paperchase prescribed a payment of £40 per tonne. Bolton Council received £35 per tonne from Shotton. Overall, Paperchase received £77.20 per tonne of paper collected made up of:-

Recycling Credit	37.20
Shotton	35.00
Council Budget	5.00
	£77.20

In terms of service development, the report reminded the Executive Member of the approved pilot scheme for the co-mingled collection of paper and card in the west of the Borough for approximately 12,500 households, to start in December, 2006. The scheme proposed carrying out the pilot in households with the use of a split body refuse collection vehicle and taking the co-mingled materials to Severnside Recycling in Bolton. Meetings had been held with Paperchase to discuss the implications for the service with the intention of ensuring a smooth transition for Paperchase and its staff and the householders in the affected areas.

With regard to the service from April, 2007 the report stated that GMWDA was currently out to tender for a pulpables contract to commence on 1st April, 2007. The contract would provide district collection authorities with an outlet for paper, card and co-mingled paper and card. Bolton Council had committed to take all domestic waste streams (residual and recyclates) through the new GMWDA disposal arrangements. Thus the selected contractor would be the replacement for UPM-Kymmere (Shotton) and Severnside Recycling when their

facilities became available.

With regard to collection, the Council needed to establish a collection arrangement with effect from 1st April, 2007. The new co-mingled pilot in the west of the Borough was likely to take a little time to settle in and it would be a few months before the merits of the arrangement could be fully assessed. However, the co-mingled paper and card collection was consistent with the emerging four waste stream collection arrangements which would fit with the GMWDA disposal arrangements namely paper and card, glass, cans and plastic, green and kitchen waste and residual. Furthermore, the co-mingled pilot was more cost effective and would be extended to provide opportunities for budget redirection and to this extent the Corporate Business Planning Process report had identified extending the pilot by an equivalent area in 2007/08.

The Executive Member was informed that it was likely that the collection of co-mingled paper and card would be extended to cover the Borough subject to detailed changes based on the pilot. This would mean that there would be a transition over a short period from weekly paper to fortnightly co-mingled paper and card.

In conclusion, the report indicated that at this stage it was too early to be specific about the collection arrangements for 2007/08.

The Executive Member NOTED the arrangements with Paperchase for the pilot scheme and APPROVED -

The continued dialogue with Paperchase for the period April, 2007 to March, 2008.