

EXECUTIVE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

A record of decisions made by the Executive Cabinet Member with responsibility for Environment Services, Community Services, Highways and Transport and Police and Community Safety :-

MONDAY, 15th DECEMBER, 2014

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

Councillor Peel	Executive Cabinet Member for Environmental Services
Councillor Chadwick	Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport
Councillor D. Burrows	Cabinet Member for Police and Community Services
Councillor Allen	Major Opposition Spokesperson, Environmental Services
Councillor Hayes	Minor Opposition Spokesperson

Officers

Mrs. D. Ball	Assistant Director Waste and Fleet Management
Mr S. Young	Assistant Director Highways and Business Development
Ms. J. Pollard	Head of Strategic Finance and Accountancy
Mr. J. Kelly	Head of Service, Highways and Engineering

Ms. L. Swann Assistant Head of Waste and Fleet
Management

Mr. I. D. Mulholland Principal Democratic Services Officer

41. MONITORING OF EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISIONS

The Borough Solicitor submitted a report which set out details of the decisions made at previous meetings and the progress on each to date.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the report.

42. PETITION REQUESTING TRAFFIC SPEED REDUCTION MEASURES ON FREDRICK STREET, FARNWORTH

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which advised the Executive Member that a petition had been received from residents of the Fredrick Street area of Farnworth asking that speed reduction measures be introduced on to the road. The report further explained that the petition also indicated that the reason for this request was that the road was being used as a race track and was considered dangerous by residents.

The report also set out additional background information and set out a response from officers.

Following a recommendation from the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport the Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED the following –

- (i) That the request for speed reduction measures on Fredrick Street is not supported; and**
- (ii) That the introduction of a 20mph speed limit within the Fredrick Street area of Farnworth is supported in principle but not progressed unless an appropriate funding stream is identified.**

43. COMPLIANCE WITH THE WASTE REGULATIONS, 2011

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report on matters relating to ensuring that Bolton Council was compliant with the Waste (England and Wales) Regulation 2011 from 1st January, 2015.

By way of background information the report explained that the revised European (EU) Waste Framework Directive came into force in November 2008. This was transposed into law in England and Wales via the Waste (England and Waste Regulations 2011 (the Regulations), which were further amended in 2012. The Regulations set out a requirement for separate collections of glass, paper, metals and plastics from January 2015 unless the local authority had undertaken an assessment to demonstrate that commingled collections are permissible.

The regulations required local authorities to assess whether it was viable to set up a separate collection for paper, glass, metal and plastics, and state two tests that must be applied: the Necessity test and the Technically, Environmentally and Economically Practicable (TEEP) test.

The Executive Cabinet Member was advised that an assessment, set out at appendix one to the report, of the separate collection of recyclables using those two tests was undertaken by Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority (GMWDA) so that it could be used as a template by Bolton Council, because each Waste Collection Authority (WCA) had to undertake their own individual assessment to demonstrate appropriate statutory compliance.

This approach was agreed by Chief Officers in each District via the GMWDA Strategic Officer Group (SOG). The Assessment was therefore issued to WCAs for review prior to being submitted to each stage of the GMWDA approval process. The initial draft assessment was presented to the 3rd October 2014 GMWDA meeting and approval of the final version was

delegated to the Recycling Waste Management & Operation (RWMO) Committee on 5th November 2014.

In summary, the assessment demonstrated that Greater Manchester WCAs were compliant with the Regulations in relation to the statutory tests.

The TEEP test demonstrated that it was technically practicable to separately collect glass because the issues identified such as new vehicle requirements, health and safety were not insurmountable. However, it was not environmentally practicable to undertake a kerbside collection because the transport emissions outweighed the carbon saved from recycling. The environmental assessment was sensitive to the assumptions made, and would need to be kept under review, as technology and data improved.

The report went on to explain that the initial assessment was independently reviewed by AMEC to assess compliance of the Authority's TEEP assessment with the regulations. The recommendations were considered and implemented where appropriate. It would be necessary to review the TEEP assessment at specific points when the technical, environment or economic feasibility might change, or when new data became available.

The Executive Cabinet Member was informed that Waste Management and Legal had carried out a process of due diligence and were satisfied with the conclusions of the GMWDA assessment.

The Executive Cabinet Member AGREED to -

- (i) Recognise that consideration was given to amending Table 15 in Appendix 1 to provide information for Bolton Council alone, but it was deemed not necessary due to the complications of the PFI arrangements;**
- (ii) Adopt the assessment of the separate collection of recyclables (Appendix A), carried out by the Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority as compliance for**

Bolton with the Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011; and

(iii) Recognise that the Greater Manchester Assessment of compliance with the regulations will be reviewed every 2 years or in the event of the key triggers detailed in section 9 of Appendix 1.

**44. DEPARTMENTAL PERFORMANCE UPDATE,
QUARTER TWO, 2014/15**

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which provided the Executive Cabinet Member with an update on the quarter two performance position for the Environmental Services Department.

The report summarized delivery against both qualitative and quantitative indicators, recognising the balance between hard and soft outputs taking into account the current financial pressures facing the organization.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the contents of the performance report.