

## South West Devon Waste Partnership

Thursday 15 October 2020 10.00am

**Virtual Meeting Members: Councillors Coker, Dann, Davis, Hart, Morey and Thomas.**

**Observer Members: Councillor Buchan Councillor Mrs Bridgeman**

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Tracey Lee Chief Executive

SOUTH WEST DEVON WASTE PARTNERSHIP

### **PRESENT:**

Councillors Coker, Dann, Davis, Hart and Thomas.

Also in attendance: Ian Hartley (Service Manager Waste and Natural Environment Lead Client Officer Torbay), Anthony Payne (Strategic Director of Place PCC), Meg Booth (Head of Capital Development and Waste Management DCC) Ashleigh Sherrell (Contract Manager) Wendy Barratt (Devon County Council), Phil Rudin (Strategic Contracts Manager PCC), Mike Turner (MVV Managing Director) and Jane Ford (Community Liaison Manager) Hannah West (Finance Business Partner, PCC)

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 11.00 am.

*Note: At a future meeting, the committee will consider the accuracy of these draft minutes, so they may be subject to change. Please check the minutes of that meeting to confirm whether these minutes have been amended.*

### 30. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

In accordance with the Joint Working Agreement a new Chair will be elected from Plymouth City's Council's Committee members. The new Chair will invite nominations for a new Committee Vice-Chair in accordance with the Joint Working Agreement and a new Vice-Chair will be elected from Devon County Council's Committee members.

Request for chair nominations – Cllr Hart nominated from Plymouth City Council, Cllr Mark Coker - Cllr Thomas Seconded

Chair requested nomination for vice chair – Cllr Hart nominated Cllr Davis – Cllr Dann Seconded

Agreed that in accordance with the Joint Working Agreement Schedule:

- 1) Councillor Mark Cocker is appointed as Chair
- 2) Councillor Andrea Davis is appointed as Vice Chair

### 31. **INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES**

The Chair thanked the Committee Members for attending and asked if everyone could introduce themselves to the Committee.

Cllr Morey and Cllr Buchan send apologies for absence.

32. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made by members in accordance with the code of conduct.

33. **MINUTES**

Approved and confirmed minutes of the meeting held on the 17 October 2019 are correct.

34. **CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of Chair's urgent business.

35. **CONTRACT AND FACILITY PERFORMANCE OF CURRENT STATUS**

Mike Turner and Jane Ford introduced presentation summarising the performance of the contract and facility for 2019/20 and its current status.

Highlighting Joint Committee update

- Exceeding expectations on targets
- Continued growth in school visits
- Successful open day and community litter pick
- Testing alternative Odour control
- Maintaining accreditation to new ISO standards
- High availability due to high maintenance regime delivered with 30 full time staff.

Reference Performance Chart

Unplanned shutdowns – 4

Justified Complaints – 2

- Optimisation of the combustion control system further developed to reduce grate bar wear
- Economiser 3 replaced 25 year expectancy.
- Smoke generator introduced for plant containment/breach detection
- IBA now processed locally in Exeter reducing carbon impact
- Working with partners – Continuing to work together with schools to communicate messages.

Working with officers from all three councils to ensure waste minimisation methods are consistent and of the highest quality with agreed program in place and support from Education Officers. Continuing to work with schools. Devon districts changing collections and communicating messages, 20 new schools.

Sponsorship

Re –sponsored Stanary Bass Band – Providing bursary to allow funds for lessons.

South Dartmoor Riding for the disabled near Ivy bridge

Clean our patch Community Litter Pick Group– litter picking and support

Kingsbridge Centre group – Supporting Mental Health

Community groups gone down Prioritising school groups –

Community lighting scheme - blue lights to show support for NHS, clap for careers and NHS anniversary

Torbay and Devon school visits increasing - council providing funding for schools to come visit

Introduced a consistent style to advertising materials, to increase engagement this is reflected in increasing numbers supporting events

Overview of MVV in UK performing on plan, working through the difficult year. UK continues to offer growth for waste facilities. Balance of waste processing around the country – importing waste from areas where EFW exceeds capacity. Facilities in Dundee, Wisbch, Ridham and Plymouth.

Planning and approval for new facilities. Actively looking for new opportunities. The Market continues offering opportunities for EFW and other waste processing Facilities.

District heating, domestic heating supply – Round table with all social housing providers and PCC. Conversations ongoing

Regeneration projects in Barne Barton – 2 Phase regeneration, Rebuilding mixture of apartment's flats and 2 to 3 bedroom houses, second phase in conversation. Sanctuary housing undertaking new development, including Care Home and cafe. Small domestic heating scheme able benefiting from support and facilities. Ready to supply steam and hot water to a scheme.

Questions and comments from panel

Are groups still visiting the plant?

Jane clarified no unnecessary groups to site currently. Keen to start as soon as possible. Able to deliver virtual support for schools. Geography students created virtual tour of facility, currently software incompatible looking to develop it to become a permanent part of website.

What is the current capacity for the plant? 265 left any further increase would affect performance for facility.

Great to see number of complaints falling

Anthony Highlighted – Continuing to work on the heating working with housing developers. 2019 report showed developments not viable even with significant grants, NVV engaged with private sector energy companies for viable approach, separate bid by PCC to explore alternative approach. Continuing work to try and support.

Ashleigh Sherrell shared SWDWP Presentation –

Update on 19/20

Highlighted

- EFW operational for years 5 – minor service issues
- Improved availability exceeding target 91% Target
- 100% diversion from landfill against 97% Target
- 8 performance breaches – 6 turnaround breaches 2 security
- 0.95 % below tonnage forecast
- 1.9% Below Budget

20/21 update

- MVV continued service during pandemic now running at full capacity,
- 150 hours lost availability due to tube leaks (Aug 67 hours, Sept 83 hours)
- 2 performance indicators breaches

- 1 Odour compliant – Site visit completed spoke to resident
- 4.3% above forecast on tonnages for year, Plymouth 8% up, Devon 4% up Torbay 2.9% down (due to trade waste closure)
- Major outage delayed due to Pandemic – 11th Sept to 18th October

Waste increasing due to pandemic

FOI requests received – Complaint to Information Commissioning officer working with them to resolve.

Questions – No further Questions

36. **COMMUNITY INTERFACE, COMMUNICATIONS AND EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION**

To receive an update on community interface, communications and educational activities from Jane Ford; MVV Community Liaison Manager. Covered in Point 6.

37. **DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING**

Agreed - 21 October 2021 as the date of the next meeting.

38. **EXEMPT BUSINESS**

To consider passing a resolution under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the press and public from the meeting for the following item(s) of business on the grounds that it (they) involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, as amended by the Freedom of Information Act 2000. PART II (PRIVATE MEETING) AGENDA MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO NOTE that under the law, the committee is entitled to consider certain items in private. Members of the public will be asked to leave the meeting when such items are discussed.

39. **COMMERCIAL CONTRACT PERFORMANCE AND ISSUES/ SOUTH WEST DEVON WASTE PARTNERSHIP ACCOUNTS**

Members will receive a presentation from Ashleigh Sherrell summarising the contract's commercial performance and any issues faced for contract year 2019/20 and the partnership's budget forecast and allocations for 2020/21. Panel highlighted the thanks for work the team have done.