

South West Devon Waste Partnership

Thursday 18 November 2021

PRESENT:

Councillor Croad, in the Chair.
Councillor Attiya-Alla, Vice Chair.
Councillors Drean and Mrs Bridgeman.

Apologies for absence: Councillors Hart, Thomas and Morey.

Also in attendance:

Meg Booth (Chief Officer Highways, Capital Development and Waste, DCC), Wendy Barratt (County Waste Manager, DCC), Philip Robinson (Service Director for Street Services, PCC), Claire Shears (Strategy and Performance Manager, TC), Phil Rudin (Strategic Contracts Manager, PCC), Ashleigh Sherrell (Contract Manager, SWDWP), Mike Turner (Managing Director, MVV), Jane Ford (Community Liaison Manager, MVV) and Hannah West (Finance Business Partner, PCC)

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

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.

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Agreed that in accordance with the Joint Working Agreement Schedule:

- 1) Councillor Roger Croad is appointed as Chair
- 2) Councillor Jermaine Attiya-Alla is appointed as Vice Chair

2. INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES

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

Cllr Hart, Cllr Thomas and Cllr Morey sent apologies for absence.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

4. MINUTES

The Committee approved and confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 2020.

5. **CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of Chair's urgent business.

6. **CONTRACT AND FACILITY PERFORMANCE AND CURRENT STATS**

Mike Turner (Managing Director, MVV) and Jane Ford (Community Liaison Manager, MVV) introduced the presentation highlighting -

- a) Facility performance exceeded the plant design but there were increased issues in 2021, including 6 unplanned shutdowns.
- b) The COVID-19 pandemic had presented issues but the operational service was largely unaffected.
- c) The COVID-19 pandemic impacted community and education offerings significantly due to site visits being cancelled. Virtual offerings were adapted and implemented to overcome this.
- d) A crane fault had led to first Contingency Event.
- e) There had been 2 justified complaints.

Ashleigh Sherrell (Contract Manager, SWDWP) presented information on the performance of the contract and partnership and highlighted –

- a) The Annual waste throughput of the facility was 257,454.
- b) Waste increases experienced by the partnership were due to unpredicted waste arising as a result of the COVID19 pandemic.
- c) A crane failure had led to 1 day of waste diversion to landfill under contingency arrangements.
- d) Annual outage conducted in October 2021, delayed from June 2021 due to difficulties presented by restrictions in place due to the COVID19 pandemic. All works were completed 1 day ahead of schedule and only 1 complaint was reported throughout.
- e) Continued engagement with the Information Team and Information Commissioner regarding FOI queries from a local resident.

In a discussion following these presentations the following points were raised –

- a) The IBA site was located in Hill Barton.
- b) Both of the justified complaints were confirmed to be noise related and were resolved promptly as they related to operations on site.
- c) The crane issues were due to an electronic fault, not mechanical. MVV had 3 cranes so maintenance could be carried out whilst the others were in operation.
- d) School visits had resumed in line with government guidance relating to the COVID19 pandemic.
- e) It was confirmed that the contractual arrangements meant that MVV had absorbed the cost of any waste diversion in the contingency event.

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

The Committee received an update on community interface, communications and educational activities from Jane Ford Jane Ford (Community Liaison Manager, MVV).

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

The Committee agreed the next meeting would take place on 20 October 2022 as the next meeting at Warspite Room, Council House, Plymouth.

9. **EXEMPT BUSINESS**

The Committee passed 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 I 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.

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

Ashleigh Sherrell (Contract Manager, SWDWP) updated the Committee on the contract's commercial performance and any issues faced for contract year 2020/21 and the partnership's budget forecast and allocations for 2021/22.