



**TRANSITIONAL WASTE SCRUTINY TASK GROUP
REPORT OF A MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 20th MARCH 2008
AT COUNTY HALL, TROWBRIDGE**

Present:

Task Group: Mr Alan Hill (NWDC), Mr Dennis Brown (SDC), Mr Tony Deane (WCC), Mr Graham Hedley (WWDC)

Members Mr Toby Sturgis (Cabinet Member for Waste and Planning WCC)

Officers: Ceri Williams (Scrutiny Support Officer), Tracy Carter (WCC – Assistant Director – Operations), Andy Conn (Waste Services Manager WCC)

1. Apologies

Mr Jonathan Seed.

2. Report of the previous Meeting

Members noted the report of the previous meeting.

3. Wiltshire County Council (WCC) Cabinet Member for Waste and Planning

WCC's Cabinet Member Mr Toby Sturgis told the task group that for April 2009 the main priority was to ensure a seamless transition of the service. The Wiltshire Waste Partnership had given the project a strong starting position as the 5 councils already had effective working relationships. Transformation of the service would be a longer term goal with the new Wiltshire Council taking decisions over how Waste Management should be delivered on a countywide basis. The immediate target for the project team was to identify the budgetary commitments of each council towards waste, which would in turn feed into the Medium Term Financial Strategy.

Agreed

- **To thank the Cabinet Member for his briefing.**

4. Wiltshire Waste Partnership

Andy Conn – Waste Services Manager (WCC) gave a presentation which outlined the purpose and aims of the Wiltshire Waste Partnership (WWP).

The partnership of Wiltshire's 5 Councils was formed in 2001, with Swindon joining in 2007. The Partnership had produced a Joint Waste Strategy to determine its priorities and goals.

During the item the task group discussed Waste Minimisation, the LATs Gap, the Lakeside Contract and the MBT planning application for Westbury.

Agreed

- **To thank the Waste Services Manager for the briefing.**

5. Project initiation Document

Tracy Carter – Joint Programme Lead gave the task group an overview of the work of the project team. Established in December 2007 the project team involved officers from the WWP. The project had been broken into 5 sub-projects each with an individual PID, which would feed into an overarching PID currently being produced.

One of the key goals was to remove inefficiencies from the 2 tier structure. Data management was viewed with importance as any errors could impact on fines faced by the Council.

When considering the project risks it was noted that the savings targets were challenging and further work was needed to establish how these would be achieved. Other risks identified included industrial action, dropping of standards and the high public expectations for the service.

Transition was the highest priority over the next few months, with the project tasked with determining the requirements for the 2009 -10 budget by June 2008.

Other issues discussed included:

Branding – the signage to be used on vehicles.

Communications – the importance of consistent messages coming from district & county councils.

LATs Gap – this could not be closed by recycling alone and further options would be explored by the transformation sub project.

Agreed

- **To thank the Assistant Director for the briefing**
- **To request an update on the development of the overarching PID for the next meeting of the task group.**

6. Waste & Recycling Review

The task group noted the report taken to the West Wiltshire District Council's cabinet on October 3, 2007.

7. Report of the Household Waste & Recycling Scrutiny Task Group

The task group noted the report.

8. Date of Next Meeting

April 7th County Hall 9.30am