

HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING & WASTE (SHDC)

TASK & FINISH GROUP

MINUTES

24 September 2015

1230 Repton Room, Follaton House

Attendees: Cllr. Brazil, Cllr. Smerdon, Helen Dobby, Jane Savage, Terry Penhaligon,

1. Apologies: Cllr. Vint, Cllr. Hodgson, Cllr. Gilbert

2. Review of achievements including:

Procurement of refuse collection vehicles which have been fitted with a certain amount of telemetry as standard to allow the delivery team to better assess vehicle faults and crew's driving. New contracts for vehicle maintenance, haulage, and sales of materials have been let over the past year.

Educational work completed includes Junior Life Skills, annual service guides, schools work-shops, and bus hoarding advertising.

Response to legislative changes including TEEP and Controlled Waste Regulations.

Current position:

The collapse of the paper mill in February which SH recycled paper and card fed into had led to a loss of income, but we were able to revert to the original pricing arrangement in July. However, Members were informed of contamination problems which have affected the level of payment received for the clear sack materials.

Officers have met with representatives of Printwaste and are working to address the issue through better sorting at the depot and a public education campaign.

Actions outstanding:

Waste review service changes are expected to be introduced by April 2016.

In-cab technology tenders are currently being evaluated to ensure they are compatible with new T18 IT systems.

The Controlled Waste Regulation changes have allowed for more types of premises to be charged for waste collections and those that have been identified, are now using trade waste collections. A temporary project officer is currently being recruited to implement income generation opportunities and this will be a high priority to ensure that the more difficult to identify premises, such as holiday lets, are dealt with as quickly as possible.

Options are being drawn up to deal with the sack delivery issues highlighted at the previous meeting. These include consideration of an annual delivery system and reusable sacks for paper and card.

3. Conclusion of current T & F

The current task and finish group was concluded with the recommendation that EESP be informed.

4. AOB

Members asked what happens to the bottom ash from the MVV Plymouth Energy from Waste plant. Update post meeting: the bottom is being exported to The Netherlands from Victoria Wharf in Plymouth where it is being reprocessed and used in applications such as road surfacing. In the meantime, MVV continue to explore the potential to develop local reprocessing options.

The meeting was closed at 1400.