

CARBON AND WASTE REDUCTION PANEL

Thursday, 12 January 2017

Commenced: 10.00 am

Terminated: 10.40 am

Present: Councillors B Holland (Chair), Cooper, Kinsey, Pearce, Peet, Ryan, Taylor and R Welsh

Officers in attendance:

Alison Lloyd-Walsh	Head of Environmental Development
Garry Parker	Head of Environmental Services (Waste Management)
Danielle Lowe	Environmental Development Officer
Christina Morton	Environmental Development Officer

25. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

26. MINUTES

The Minutes of the proceedings of the Carbon and Waste Reduction Panel held on 17 November 2016 were agreed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

27. UPDATE ON ENERGY COMPANY OBLIGATION PROJECT

The Head of Environmental Development provided an update on the 'Energy Company Obligation' project.

It was reported that the offer for free boilers, cavity wall and loft installation, available through Greater Manchester Local Authorities in conjunction with E.ON, had been extended until 31 March 2017. Enquiries needed to be submitted before 3 February 2017 in order for the boiler to be installed before the end of the scheme. An additional press release had been published to promote the scheme and advise Tameside residents of the associated deadlines. To date, 15 residents had enquired about the scheme and 4 boilers had been installed.

An update on corporate utility management was also provided. It was reported that electricity was procured from Npower via a public sector framework agreement. The four yearly contract ended in March 2019 and included corporate sites, schools and Tameside College. Electricity was purchased one year in advance, which allowed flexibility to avoid unusual price spikes and spread the risk of fluctuations. Gas was provided by Corona procured via a public sector framework agreement. The rolling contract required six months for termination and included corporate sites, schools and Tameside College.

Water and wastewater services were provided by United Utilities with the customer-facing elements (the 'retail' service), which included billing, meter readings and handling queries, provided by Water Plus. From April 2017, business customers in England could choose who provided their water and wastewater retail services. This deregulation would introduce competition in the water market and customers would benefit from better deals and tariffs, improved service levels, better value for money and greater water efficiency.

The Panel was informed about P272, which was the change of electricity meters from single read meters to meters that can be read every half an hour. This would provide accurate data, promote competition between suppliers and introduce time banded pricing structures, which aimed to move usage away from peak times in order to ensure security of supply. Additional work would be

undertaken to reduce consumption and spend. This included working with local partnerships to explore retrofit options across corporate sites and sports trust buildings, auditing of energy and water bills to identify areas of potential savings and moving consumption patterns to avoid peak time electricity consumption where possible.

RESOLVED:

That the information provided be noted.

28. WASTE SERVICES UPDATE

The Waste Services Manager provided an update on waste services. With regards to enforcement activity, collaborative work with NSL continued to have a positive impact on the number of waste related FPN's being issued. Since October 2016, 106 FPN's had been issued for littering with 16 referred to Legal Services as a result of non-payment. Since December 2016, the service had received 338 complaints regarding fly tipping in the borough.

The Panel heard that since October 2016 a waste enforcement van had been dealing with complaints of fly-tipping around the borough. The van visually advertised that it was looking for offenders and would take enforcement action. It was staffed by a waste enforcement officer together with a member of the operations team. The waste enforcement officer collated any evidence at the same time as the waste was removed. To date the team had collected 10.8 tonnes of waste.

Since the commencement of Bin Swap, 10,000 tonnes had been diverted from landfill saving approximately £3million. Further improvements to the service included the use of in-cab technology in domestic refuse collection vehicles. This allowed the back office team to communicate in a more effective manner directly with the operational team. The in-cab units recorded specific details about rounds and when bins on certain streets had been emptied. They also provided reminders to the drivers regarding specific details on each round such as assisted collections.

Going forward the in-cab technology would be linked with the Waste App and allow service users, Councillors and the back office team to communicate directly with the operational team to report waste accumulations, fly tipping and missed bins. This would increase efficiency and allow better allocation of existing resources.

A demonstration of the app was shown and explained to the Panel.

RESOLVED:

That the information provided be noted.

29. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

It was noted that the Carbon and Waste Reduction Panel would meet as follows, commencing at 10:00am:-

16 March 2017

30. URGENT ITEMS

There were no urgent items.

CHAIR