

C H E S H I R E E A S T

PLACE MANAGEMENT

WASTE COLLECTION

ADVISORY TASK GROUP MEETING

Notes from the meeting held on 25 November 2008 at Pym's Lane, Crewe.

Attendees: Cllr Mrs L Gilliland; Cllr D Brickhill; Cllr G Walton; Cllr D Neilson; Cllr D Hough; Cllr R West
Steve Jones; Paul Morgan; Alan Longshaw

1. **Apologies:** Cllr A Moran; Cllr D Bebbington; Tracy Baldwin; Harold Collin

2. **Notes from previous meeting and matters arising**

Cllr Hough re-iterated the need for the breakdown of collection costs for waste and recycle collections. Paul Morgan apologised for the delay in producing these figures but explained that the Group's allocated accountant had been asked to look closely at proposed service structures.

3. **Garden waste collection: a) Report concerning the implications of scrapping charges for existing users in the CNBC area**

Cllr Brickhill started discussions by clarifying that Cabinet had made a suggestion (rather than a decision) that needed to be ratified by full Council as part of the budget setting process.

The report was discussed with queries regarding the financing and staffing of the invoicing process.

The Task Group resolved to present the report to the Places Advisory Panel so that it could make recommendations and comments to Cabinet. The next Advisory Panel meeting is on 16 December 2008.

Garden waste collection: b) Report concerning the implications of charging for bins for the full roll out of garden waste collections in the CNBC area

The capital implications of the purchase of wheeled bins was discussed with charging possibly enabling the recovery of the cost of purchase and delivery of the bins. Cllr Brickhill suggested that CNBC may have capital available to purchase bins with.

There was discussion about other sources of funding for bins – for example from existing district capital reserves or through the use of Waste Implementation Capital Grant – Paul Morgan was asked to speak to Finance to ascertain the allocation of this grant.

Garden waste collection: c) Report concerning the full roll out of free garden waste collections in the CNBC area

The Group reconsidered this report in light of revised costings. The modelled costs of the scenarios are summarised in the table below.

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5	Column 6
Based on 2008/09 costs	Base scenario – existing subscription service (16,925 homes)	Removal of subscription charges for existing subscribers	Roll out option 1 – 16,925 HH + 8,800 HH	Roll out option 1 – 16,925 HH + 13,200 HH	Roll out option 1 – 16,925 HH + 22,000 HH
Costs additional to those in column 3					
Revenue - £					
Employees	287,140	251,940	82,108	122,412	164,516
Transport	225,400	225,400	68,966	103,449	137,932
Supplies & Services	165,530	165,530	47,635	71,453	117,270
Capital charges	24,620	24,620	0	0	0
Service management & support services	61,565	61,565	0	0	0
Income – recycling credits	(333,130)	(333,130)	(0)	(0)	(0)
Income – subscriptions	(389,275)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)
Revenue Budget requirement	41,850	325,305	198,709	297,314	419,718
Capital - £					
Cost of wheeled bins	0	0	197,040	295,560	492,600

Steve Jones highlighted the decision mechanism with the need to have parallel reports covering a range of issues. If a decision was made that resulted in bins being required in early 2009/10 then one of the districts would have to lead on the procurement of these. In addition, any decisions that were taken on the introduction of new services would have to take into account projected financial pressures.

Again a revised version of the report is to be prepared for the Advisory Panel.

4. Contracting out collection services – issues and discussion paper
Paul Morgan presented a report highlighting the issues around the contracting out of services in general and in relation to waste collection.

Discussion took place around the options and issues relating to procurement, TUPE and processes. Members expressed the view that they would like to pursue a tender process but that more investigation is needed on several issues.

5. Approval of Recycling Branding for Cheshire East

The report was briefly outlined and Cheshire West and Chester's approach discussed (ie use the "Recycle for Cheshire" brand for pan-Cheshire

campaigns but for local campaigns and services adopted “Recycle for Cheshire West and Chester”).

Further consideration of this issue to be given at a future meeting.

6. Greencycle depot visit

Paul Morgan had drafted a brief information report for members. Comments were made on the benefits of the trip.

7. Work programme

Reports requested for Advisory Panel on 16 December:

- Garden waste collection: Report concerning the implications of scrapping charges for existing users
- Garden waste collection: Report concerning the full roll out of free garden waste collections

Report on recyclate disposal (see AOB below).

8. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting was agreed as 10 December 2008 at Westfields, Sandbach. Lunch would be provided from 1pm with the intention of commencing the meeting soon after.

A date was set for a further meeting – 14 January 2009 also at Westfields.

9. Any other business

- Steve Jones reported that Congelton BC had received an Ombudsman’s report that would have an impact on the future waste collection policies of Cheshire East. He would be tabling a report at a future meeting for discussion.
- Cllr Brickhill had been asked by Cllr Fitzgerald to investigate the issue of the disposal of recyclate in the current market conditions including the development of contingency plans in markets decline further resulting in the inability to dispose of materials. Steve Jones committed to a report for the next meeting.