

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 14 January 2009 at Westfields, Sandbach.

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

Apologies: Cllr Mrs L Gilliland Cllr A Moran; Cllr D Bebbington;
Tracy Baldwin; Harold Collin, Paul Ramsdale

2. Notes from previous meeting and matters arising

The notes from the meeting dated 25 November 2008 we agreed.

3. Ombudsman's findings against Congleton Borough Council and its impact on service delivery for Cheshire East

Steve Jones and Alan Longshaw outlined the circumstances surrounding the Ombudsman's recent finding against Congleton Borough Council. The purpose was to bring the issue to the attention of Cheshire East as the finding had policy implications.

Members commented that there were differences in existing policies and that these need to be harmonised so that a consistent approach could be taken on common areas of service delivery from 1 April 2009.

It was resolved that Officers should present draft policies as the next meeting of the Task Group so that the Places Advisory Group could consider them in March 2009.

4. Recyclate markets and contingency plans

Paul Morgan provided an update on the current position as experienced by the existing Cheshire East collection authorities. It was considered that the markets had stabilised but that the situation continues to be monitored closely.

A copy of the report is to be circulated to the Leader of Cheshire East and the authority's Portfolio older with responsibility for Finance as well as the leaders of Congleton BC, Crewe and Nantwich BC and Macclesfield BC.

5. Funding opportunities in waste

The report was noted and the relationship between the possible external funding and internal budgets explored.

Discussions expanded to consider future wheeled bin procurements. **It was suggested that views are sought from the Advisory Group on all future bins being purchased in a single colour but that different colour lids are attached to identify what is placed in that receptacle.**

6. Approval of Recycling Branding for Cheshire East

The report was considered and members concluded that Cheshire East should retain the “Recycle for Cheshire” branding but monitor usage.

7. Work programme

Reports requested for the next Task Group meeting:

- Waste collection policies
- The introduction of alternate weekly collection in Congleton Borough
- Tendering waste collection

8. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting was agreed as 18 February 2009 with lunch before the meeting being provided at 12.30pm.

9. Any other business

- Steve Jones reported back on a demonstration of refuse collection route scheduling software he and Alan Longshaw had received. It was resolved that Officers investigate this further with a view to procuring such a system to assist in route rationalisation in Cheshire East.