

Commenced – 6.00 pm
Concluded – 7.02 pm

Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Board
11 February 2014

Present: Councillor Stanton (Chair)
Councillors Barker, Keith, Naitta, Pegg, Poulter, Redfern and
L Winter

In Attendance: Councillors Banwait and Bayliss

48/13 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Nawaz.

49/13 Late Items

There were no late items.

50/13 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

51/13 Minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2014

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2014 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

52/13 Waste Management

The Board received a report of the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Streetpride on Waste Management Future Contract Proposals – Achievement of Financial Close on the Council's Long-term Waste Management Contract, due to be considered by Council Cabinet on 12 February 2014. The report was presented by the Director of Partnerships and Streetpride.

Members noted that the report sought Council Cabinets approval to confirm the Council's acceptance of a proposal from the Council's long-term waste management contractor Resource Recovery Solutions (Derbyshire) Ltd (RRS) for the development of a Waste Treatment Facility and education centre at Sinfin Lane, Derby in order to divert waste which was not recycled or composted from landfill, reducing the Council's financial exposure to landfill tax.

Members noted that the report also asked Council Cabinet for delegated authority to the Strategic Director of Neighbourhoods and the Strategic Director of Resources, in liaison with the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Streetpride, to achieve financial close on the long-term Waste Management Contract with RRS within given parameters set out in the report and in particular in accordance with the

recommendation described at paragraph 2.8 of the report, in partnership with Derbyshire County Council.

Members also noted that the report proposed an extension of the second and remaining 'break point' in the contract to give the Councils additional flexibility and protection regarding the management of their waste in the event that financial close was not achieved.

It was reported that the Council remained committed to the success of the project and in April 2013 the Council Cabinet had confirmed its original decision to develop a gasification plant at Sinfin having completed a review conducted by the city's working group chaired by Councillor Banwait into the Stage Zero report of the revised project plan and having identified no new environmental, financial or operational reason to challenge the existing decision of the Council to support the proposal.

It was further reported that the recommendations set out in the report were consistent with previous decisions taken by the Council and to fail to agree to move to financial close within the parameters defined within the report would expose the Council to significant financial, legal and reputational risk.

Resolved to note the report.

53/13 Exclusion of Press and Public

Resolved that under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during discussion of the following item on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

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Members discussed the issues around the crucial deadlines, the construction of the plant, the extension of the second optional 'break point', delegated authority and decision making powers in relation to the project and the capacity of the plant.

Resolved:

- 1. to note the report; and**
- 2. to request that the Neighbourhoods Board receives regular updates on the project up to financial close, with particular regard to decisions taken under delegated powers.**

MINUTES END