

Minutes of a meeting of the **Environmental Excellence Panel** held at Thorpe Lodge, 1 Yarmouth Road, Thorpe St Andrew, Norwich on **Thursday 14 November 2019** at **6.00pm** when there were present:

Mrs J Leggett – Chairman

Mr D J Britcher
Mrs B Cook
Mr J F Fisher

Dr K E Lawrence
Mr G K Nurden
Mrs S M Prutton

Mr S C Walker
Mr J M Ward

Mr King and Mr Murrell also attended the meeting for its duration.

Also in attendance were the Director of People and Communities, Assistant Director Community Services and the Committee Officer (JO).

12 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12 September 2019 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record, save for the following amendment:

Minute no: 6 – Apologies for Absence

Mr Nurden to be added to the list of names.

13 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

to exclude the Press and public from the meeting for the remaining business because otherwise, information which was exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, would be disclosed to them.

14 WASTE SERVICES REVIEW

The report set out proposed joint commissioning options for waste collection, street cleansing and ground maintenance services.

The Director of People and Communities advised Members that there were two key drivers to the proposals: the identified benefits of a joint delivery model, which could result in significant savings without sacrificing service quality and Broadland's waste contract with Veolia ending in March 2022.

To take the project forward a joint Member Working Group had been established to investigate the benefits of a single operating model and Eunomia, an environmental consultancy, had been commissioned to help guide this process.

The report concluded that a joint commissioning model would offer greater flexibility and control as well as allowing for a more commercial approach to be taken.

The report also referenced an assessment of both refuse depots, which had concluded that they would need significant investment to bring them up to sector standard. Therefore, the Working Group were recommending, in principle, a single depot for both Councils, subject of a separate business case.

The Director of People and Communities confirmed that risk had been a central consideration in the outline business case before Members and would be developed more fully in the full business case, if the proposal was accepted.

RECOMMENDED TO CABINET

To note the report and endorses officers to develop a full business case to explore a joint commissioning model, including the potential provision of a shared depot, to deliver waste collection, grounds maintenance and street cleaning services on behalf of both Councils, to wholly replace both current operating models.

The meeting closed at 7.12 pm