

At a meeting of the Allerdale Waste Services Shareholder Committee held in Council Chamber, Allerdale House on Monday 23 August 2021 at 3.00 pm

Members

Councillor Mike Johnson (Chair)
Councillor Marion Fitzgerald

Councillor Jim Lister

Staff Present

B Carlin, G Harrison, L Jardine, C Nicholson and A Seekings

Also Present

J Fisher and C Holmes (Director of Allerdale Waste Services)

141. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 May 2021 were agreed as a correct record.

142. Declaration of interests

None declared.

143. Service Delivery Plan, Financial Update and Health and Safety Report

The Managing Director/Operations Manager of Allerdale Waste Services presented to the Committee a quarterly progress report of the company for the period April to June 2021.

The Committee noted a comparison of the amount of tonnage of waste and recycling that was collected against the same quarter in the previous year and the number of missed containers during that period.

The report also highlighted the main health and safety activities that had been undertaken.

Members asked questions in relation to taxi testing, missed container collections and recycling opportunities .

Debate ensued in relation to staff absence; officers advised that Covid 19 was a major contributing factor but that six staff were also on long term sickness absence. Members discussed the financial costs of sickness absence, which are increased by the additional weekend working hours required to cover missed scheduled collections.

Resolved

That the quarterly progress report be noted.

144. Stakeholder Management and Community Engagement (Local Government Reorganisation)

The Operations Manager (Waste) provided an update to members, advising that formal negotiations with Copeland Borough Council and Carlisle City Council had begun.

Members were provided with the Cumbria Strategic Waste Partnership (CSWP) Baseline Position Statement. Hani Cox (CSWP) was in attendance at the meeting, advising that the partnership is meeting fortnightly and current key topics are household collection and disposal and whether they can become one service. The CSWP are looking at data and best practice from all Cumbrian Councils to understand the opportunities available to shape the new service(s).

Members acknowledged that Local Government Reorganisation will provide opportunities to improve collections in both the West and East of the County.

Members asked questions of both CSWP and AWS officers in relation to potential new collection options.

Resolved

That the update be noted.

145. Core Business Development Opportunities (Waste & Recycling)

The Managing Director of Allerdale Waste Services provided an update to members, including the delivery of containers, MOT/Taxi Testing, Bulky Collections and Trade Waste.

Members were advised that the demand for bulky collection is outstripping supply and they have reallocated resources to create additional capacity. AWS are also exploring opportunities to increase the number of trade waste customers and will report to members at future meetings.

Resolved

That the update be noted.

146. Non-Core Business Development Opportunities

The Managing Director of AWS explained that they are looking at several non-core opportunities including Facilities Management, Fleet Management, Grounds Maintenance and Building Cleaning.

A site visit has been arranged to East Cheshire Council, who also operate a Local Authority Trading Company (LATCO) to understand and explore further opportunities.

Resolved

That the update be noted.

The meeting closed at 3.55 pm