

Alliance Environmental Services Ltd (AES)
Minutes of Board Meeting
Friday 24th March 2023, 10am, Via Microsoft Teams

Present:

Cllr Arthur Moran, Chairman	AM
Kevin Melling, Managing Director	KM
Jane Thomason, Deputy Managing Director	JT
Melanie Henniker, Director HR & Corporate Services	MH
Mark Trillo, Executive Director AES	MT
Andrew Stokes, Chief Exec SM&HP/Director AES	AS

Other:

Jade Barber (Minutes)	JB
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Apologies Received:

Tracy Baldwin, Group Finance Manager	TB
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Agenda Item	Notes	Action
1.	<p>AM chaired the meeting throughout</p> <p>AM reported that due notice of the meeting had been given and that a quorum was present. Accordingly, he declared the meeting open.</p>	
2.	<p>Declaration of Conflict of Interest</p> <p>No conflicts of interest were declared</p>	
3.	<p>Minutes of meeting held on 28th February 2023 and Matters arising</p> <p>The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting. All outstanding actions were completed.</p> <p>MT has discussed the HVO options with finance colleagues. The general thought is to postpone the introduction of HVO until costs stabilise. . Further analysis is being undertaken before confirming this course of action. AS advised, they will ensure this is discussed offline in the first instance once confirmed.</p>	
4.	<p>Operational Update</p> <p>March has been a challenging time in Staffordshire Moorlands due to inclement weather and availability of vehicles, mostly due to manufacturer recalls and access to parts needed. However, all collections are up to date.</p> <p>Street Cleansing have commenced the annual litter pick on main and rural roads and should be completed by Easter. The team are also currently looking at sweeper demonstrations in order to start a procurement exercise in the new financial year.</p> <p>Parks work on the St Johns roundabout in Biddulph has now been completed, which included repairs to the stone walls and planting. Seasonal recruitment for the team is underway but is proving challenging.</p> <p>In High Peak, Waste operations also experienced a difficult time due to the weather and vehicle issues. Collections however are still up to date.</p>	

	<p>The Operations Manager is due to retire on the 30th of April, the recruitment process to replace him is being arranged.</p> <p>Street Cleansing litter picked the Chapel Bypass last week as part of the annual litter picking schedule; the remaining roads will be completed in the next few weeks.</p> <p>The first apprentice for Parks is due to start in April, and the search is on for an additional apprentice for the Business service team to start in the first/second quarter of 2023/24.</p> <p>In Alliance, a trial has started with community litter picking groups in which they are provided with clear sacks in order to separate clean recyclable materials whilst litter picking. This will be assessed and monitored to ensure it is making a difference.</p> <p>PickFit is being relaunched this month after the council's leisure provider stated they were keen to continue the partnership.</p> <p>'Recycling on the go' litter bins will be installed at Brook and Manor Parks before Easter. These will be monitored, and the results will be presented to the Commissioning Board in June.</p> <p>AES have been assisting the Council with the cemetery service.</p>	
5.	<p>Waste and Strategy Update</p> <p>There is currently a lot of press coverage around the Waste and Strategy Update. DEFRA have said that we will get the consistency response this week, however, we have not received this yet.</p> <p>MT asked if all criteria for TEEP would be changing as part of this proposed strategy. JT assumed this is correct and would be much stricter, but they have not defined this as yet.</p> <p>AS what the end recycling market was for separate food waste, and whether there was a proactive market for this. JT said she would imagine there was but highlighted the need to fully understand the local disposal authorities wishes, and which approach they want to take across the districts. JT advised this will have to be discussed with them sooner rather than later.</p>	
6.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>No other business was raised in this meeting.</p>	

The Meeting closed at 11.15
Next Meeting Thursday 27th April 2023 at 10.00