

Alliance Environmental Services Ltd (AES)
Minutes of Board Meeting
Wednesday, 28TH June 2023, 2pm, 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
Tracy Baldwin, Group Finance Manager	TB
Mark Trillo, Executive Director AES	MT

Other:

Jade Barber (Minutes)	JB
Martin Sollis, Operational Manager (Item 4)	MS
Dave Kearton, Transport Manager (Item 4)	DK

Apologies Received:

Andrew Stokes, Chief Exec SM&HP/Director AES	AS
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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>3.1 Minutes of meeting held on 30th May 2023</p> <p>The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.</p> <p>3.2 Matters arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JT was asked to arrange for the Transport Managers to attend this meeting and give a presentation – this was completed, see item 4. • In light of emerging financial pressures, it was agreed that we should arrange a series of workshops to focus on the Councils’ service objectives, which are likely to be on growth of commercial income rather than reduction in services – this is a large project and will be ongoing. 	
4.	<p>Transport Managers Update</p> <p>MS and DK gave a presentation on Fleet Compliance. This included an overview of both workshops (in Leek and Buxton), with a list of how many vehicles they are responsible for maintaining, as well as details on how MS/DK ensure compliance across both of these locations.</p> <p>KM thanked both for attending to give this presentation and asked them to attend future meetings to continue similar updates. As AS sent his apologies for this meeting, the next meeting MS/DK will attend will be the September Board Meeting to give a presentation for his benefit.</p>	

<p>5.</p>	<p>Operational Update</p> <p>The new regional operation manager for Waste in High Peak will be starting next week. Her name is Lisa Selby and has a wealth of experience and is highly qualified and has worked for a number of local authorities and private companies in the past.</p> <p>There has been a mini reorganisation of the rural van round in Staffordshire Moorlands, moving residents from off the van round and into a normal collection route, providing them with the three-bin system.</p> <p>Over in High Peak, we are working with the Commissioning team on rebalancing the rounds associated with the closure of Melandra, and also to accommodate the large quantity of new builds.</p> <p>In Streets there are no real issues, work is concentrating on weed spraying in car parks and other Council owned alleyways.</p> <p>In Grounds, summer bedding and floral displays have now all been planted and installed. Watering has been a challenge in the last few weeks but has been regular, keeping the displays in good condition. The team are providing ongoing support to cemeteries, there is a meeting with the Commissioning team to finalise this support in the next week.</p> <p>Fleet are still having ongoing challenges with replacement parts, especially for the older vehicles, but work is ongoing to continue sourcing these.</p> <p>MT advised that AS and himself had met with County Council officers this morning to discuss potential issues with the Waste Transfer Station in Leek. The County are looking into improving this Waste Transfer Station but there is currently no talk of closing it. This considerable work is currently planned for September/October 2023 and means they will have to close for 6 weeks. This does propose a big challenge for AES, and separate discussions will continue around this.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Waste and Resource Strategy Update</p> <p>JT advised the only update available this month was for those authorities who run Household Waste Recycling Centres which is not applicable to AES.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>KM asked if Cllr Charlotte Atkins and Cllr Matt Swindlehurst still wanted to arrange an introductory meeting with AES. MT advised this is the case, and his PA is sorting a date for the diary. This meeting has now been booked for Friday 7th July.</p>	

The Meeting closed at 15.40
Next Meeting 26th July 2023 at 10am