

Alliance Environmental Services Ltd (AES)
Minutes of Board Meeting
Friday 3rd December at 10.00am
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
Andrew Stokes, Chief Exec SM&HP/Director AES	AS
Mark Trillo, Executive Director AES	MT

Other:

Michael Lowe, Grant Thornton	ML
Nivi Muthukumar, Grant Thornton	NM
Jade Barber (Minutes)	JB

Apologies Received:

None

Agenda Item	Notes	Action
1.	Cllr Arthur Moran chaired the meeting throughout. The Chairman reported that due notice of the meeting had been given and that a quorum was present. Accordingly, he declared the meeting open.	
2.	Declaration of Conflict of Interest KM declared that he was also the Managing Director of Ansa Environmental Services Ltd, a company wholly owned by Cheshire East Council.	
3.	Minutes of meeting held on 24th October 2021 and Matters arising KM advised that the UPM contract continues to be business as usual. The minutes were moved and agreed as an accurate account of the meeting.	
4.	Auditors Findings Report and Approval of Financial Accounts 2020/21 Redacted due to commercial sensitivity.	
5.	Financial Update Redacted due to commercial sensitivity.	
6.	Waste and Resource Strategy Update JT attended a Chartered Institute of Waste Management event a few weeks ago where the Head of Recycling gave a presentation. They were told the consultation update will now be released in Spring 2022 but could not offer a more specific date. The consultation on TEEP is due to be issued Mid 2022. JT did receive confirmation that the collection of comingled dry recycle will be	

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	<p>permissible under the Environmental Act using an exemption, as will the mix of Garden and Food Waste. However, it was confirmed that the collection of food waste was to be made mandatory on a weekly basis, and there will be no exemptions from this rule.</p> <p>KM advised that this would need some work in the future to decide how best to proceed with food waste collection, and whether it will need to be a separate service. JT did ask whether there would be funding should a depot be too small, or additional vehicles were needed, but no answer was given to this.</p> <p>AS queried what the timescales would be in order to make this happen – KM advised that pending the announcement, it appears the timelines in place will now be longer which is positive.</p> <p>This will continue to be an agenda item for the foreseeable future, in order to track any changes and announcements that may be made.</p>	
7.	<p>Operational Update</p> <p>Storm Arwen hit Waterswallows particularly hard on Monday 29th November; the team have now managed to catch up on all waste collections aside from one days' worth in rural areas which will be completed by Monday 6th December. The team have worked hard in order to achieve this and done very well. The weather has had less impact in Leek and was mostly rural when it did. JT is confident all collections will be caught up with by the afternoon of Friday 3rd December in this area.</p> <p>Covid measures currently in place appear to be working well, but there is still some stress and strain around staffing numbers, mainly in High Peak. JT did note however, that the measures put in place by the board previously have helped retain some employees.</p> <p>Scrutiny meetings have now been held with both authorities, with both being well received with some good questions to follow up on. MT advised that he thought the comments received were positive, and that it was clear there was a lot of appreciation from the members.</p> <p>Preparations were underway to begin to ease Covid restrictions, however, since the announcement of the Omicron variant it has been decided that all rules regarding Covid and Isolation will stay in place until further notice. MH and her team will continue to monitor this closely.</p>	
8.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>No other business reported at this meeting.</p>	

The Meeting closed at 11.00am.