

Alliance Environmental Services Ltd (AES)
Minutes of Board Meeting
Wednesday 18th May at 14.00, Via Microsoft Teams

Present:

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:

Jade Barber (Minutes)	JB
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Apologies Received:

Cllr Arthur Moran, Chairman	AM
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Agenda Item	Notes	Action
1.	Kevin Melling chaired the meeting throughout in the absence of Cllr Arthur Moran. KM 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 No conflicts of interest were declared	
3.	Minutes of meeting held on 30TH March 2022 and Matters arising The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting. KM noted that the donation to the Disaster Emergency Committee Fund had been made as agreed.	
4.	Financial Update – redacted due to commercial sensitivity.	
5.	Operational Update Operationally things are going well, but recruitment for key vacancies continues to be a struggle. This appears to be a national issue rather than specific to AES. Work will continue into looking into other creative ways in which we can recruit. The ‘No Mow May’ initiative is going well and has had minimal negative feedback thus far. Interments and burials appear to have now reached their peak and are declining to normal levels. Waste and Grounds operations are going well, aside from the recruitment issues. A number of Grounds members of staff have been recruited, but numbers are still short. Weed spraying in the High Peak area has commenced, and the team are preparing for the Jubilee events in support of the Council.	

	<p>Supply chain issues continue with vehicle parts, particularly for the sweepers, Again, this is a national issue rather than specific to AES.</p> <p>MT asked whether the weed spraying was for the county council, JT confirmed that it was part of the historic contract and was to their specification.</p>	
6.	<p>Waste and Resource Strategy Update</p> <p>At the end of March, DEFRA published their extended producer responsibility packaging consultation results, which has revealed local authorities will be paid to collect packaging in household waste, and packaging from waste in litter bins but not litter itself from the floor. Payments will start in a phased way from April 2024, with a full implementation of payments from 2025. Glass will not be included in the deposit return scheme and will stay within recycle stream.</p> <p>A scheme administrator will be appointed to distribute the payments based on ‘an efficient and effective process’. That definition has not been given to us yet. It will mean a lot of data will be required to be sent to the system administrator. We are expecting more feedback in the next few weeks.</p> <p>KM noted that glass will be retained in the collection mix and other key products will be removed; he queried whether this means the back of the hoppers we will have a more abrasive environment that needs greater maintenance requirements, and whether the payment scheme will consider this. JT confirmed this would be the case and will need to be considered. JT advised she is not yet sure whether the maintenance will be considered in the payment.</p>	
7.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>AS advised there had been leadership changes at Staffordshire Moorlands. Cllr Ralphs is no longer the leader of the council and has been replaced by Cllr Roberts. This means the Stakeholder board details in the articles of association will need to be amended to reflect this. MT advised this may mean we will need another Stakeholder Board meeting at some point.</p>	

The Meeting closed at 13.30