
MEETING	COMMERCIAL SERVICES SCRUTINY BOARD
DATE	7 MARCH 2006
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS LIVESLEY (in the Chair), FAIRCLOUGH, KING, LANCELOTT and SMALLWOOD (substituting for Cllr Jones, present for part of agenda item 4 only – Minute 22 refers)
APOLOGIES	COUNCILLOR JONES COUNCILLORS D'AGORNE and M WAUDBY (Co-opted Members)
IN ATTENDANCE	MRS BOWES (DPAG)

19. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were invited to declare at this point in the meeting any personal or prejudicial interests they might have in the business on the agenda. No interests were declared.

20. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Commercial Services Scrutiny Board held on 7 February 2006 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

21. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak at the meeting under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

22. WASTE SEPARATION PRIOR TO INCINERATION

Members considered a report which presented key information gathered in connection with their scrutiny of methods to remove larger items from the waste stream and encourage recycling and re-use.

As requested at the last meeting, the report provided details of:

- The "Waste Chapter" information provided to the Planning and Transport Scrutiny Board in respect of their sustainable development topic (Annex A)
- Terms operated by councils currently running a Re-use Credits scheme (Annex B)
- Information on waste incineration, and the Environment Agency's Waste Incineration in Waste Management Strategy (Annex C).

As reported to the last meeting, there was currently no mechanism at City of York Council to pay Re-Use Credits. Members were invited to consider agreeing a provisional recommendation that such a scheme be introduced, after further work to determine best practice and potential costs. It was recognised that proportional waste recovery through incineration was a highly contentious issue and it was suggested that the Board visit the nearest incineration plant, at Kirklees, as part of a fuller investigation into this matter.

RESOLVED: (i) That the content of the “Waste Chapter” information at Annex A to the report, be noted.

(ii) That the following “provisional recommendation”, as set out in paragraph 14 of the report, be included in the Board’s final report on this topic:

“That the City of York Council be recommended to pay Re-use Credits. That prior to the introduction of a scheme, Waste Strategy Officers at the City of York Council prepare a report for Member approval detailing:

- *Best practice schemes already running at other Local Authorities including information about the effectiveness of the North Yorkshire County Council scheme*
- *The terms of an appropriate scheme*
- *The likely cost impact of credits upon the authority.”*

(iii) That the issues surrounding incineration be more fully considered by the Board, through the provision of additional data on methods and integration into a holistic recovery cycle, and a visit to the Kirklees incinerator site.

COUNCILLOR D LIVESLEY (Chair)

The meeting started at 4:00 pm and finished at 4:35 pm