
Report to
Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

25th October, 2006

Report of
Cllr Kevin Foster Cabinet Member (City Services)

Title
Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies - Coventry and Solihull Waste Disposal Company Shareholders Panel

1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 At their meeting on 10th May 2005, the Cabinet approved a process of reporting back to the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee on the work of those outside bodies appointed to by the City Council. This reports sets out details of the work of Coventry and Solihull Waste Disposal Company Shareholders Panel over the preceding twelve months and details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Council Members of the Shareholders Panel must be elected members and therefore the Council should continue to appoint members to the Panel.
- 2.2 Scrutiny Co-Ordination Cttee notes the forthcoming work to be done on the Waste Strategy and that as part of that work the structure of Coventry and Solihull Waste Disposal Company LTD will be reviewed.

3 Information on Work of Outside Body

- 3.1 The Coventry and Solihull Waste Disposal Company Shareholders Panel is a joint panel between Coventry City Council and Solihull MBC. The Panel monitors and reviews the work of the Coventry and Solihull Waste Disposal Company LTD. This is the company that manages and operates the London Road Waste to Energy Plant and the attached Civic Amenity Site.
- 3.2 The company is jointly owned by the two Councils and the shares are divided two thirds Coventry City Council, one third Solihull MBC.
- 3.3 The membership comprises three Councillors from Solihull and three from Coventry. The membership is balanced on the basis of two from the controlling group and one representative of the main opposition party from each authority. Substitutes are allowed where a member cannot attend a meeting.
- 3.4 The Chairmanship of the Panel rotates between Coventry and Solihull each municipal year. The current Chair of the Panel is Cllr Foster.

- 3.5 The Waste Disposal Company handles approximately 220,000 tonnes of waste each year and in 2005/2006 had a turnover of £10.9m. The waste is mostly from Coventry and Solihull, although the company sells spare capacity to other councils/companies on a commercial basis. Major items of expenditure require the specific approval of the panel as does the company business plan.
- 3.6 In 2005/06 the Waste to Energy Plant exported 69,000 megawatt hours of surplus Electricity to the National Grid and 23,000 megawatt hours of thermal heat energy to the Peugeot site in Humber Road. The electricity exported to the National Grid is equivalent to that used by approximately 20,000 homes.
- 3.7 As part of developing the future waste strategy for the city the current structure of the company will be reviewed and discussed as part of this. It is expected that the Waste Strategy will be discussed in the next six months and will involve wider public consultation as well as going through the political process.

4 Benefits to the City Council of the Appointment

- 4.1 The successful operation of the Waste to Energy Plant is key to the Councils waste disposal and the involvement of elected members is a key part of the process.

5 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment

- 5.1 The City Council's representatives are Councillors Foster, O'Neill and Townshend. In the last twelve months there have been 4 meetings held, of which Councillor Foster has attended 3, and Councillors O'Neill and Townsend have both attend 2 of the meetings.
- 5.2 Members receive no remuneration for the appointment.

List of background papers

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