



**SOUTH WESSEX WASTE MINIMISATION GROUP: 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017, Merley House, Wimborne**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**1. Present**

(see attached)

**2. Legal Update (TB)**

Tessa provided an update

- ✓ Strategic Review of Charges
- ✓ Waste Crime Consultation
- ✓ Exemptions Review
- ✓ Waste Import ban to China
- ✓ Wood Waste

Strategic Review of Charges:

To reform our charging schemes for 2018 – 2023 so that they are financially sustainable and work better for business and the environment

- We charge for our regulatory work but the income from charges does not cover our regulatory costs.
- Treasury Managing Public Money rules require businesses to pay for the cost of regulation.
- We are undertaking a wide ranging review of our regulation and associated charging regimes.
- We aim to be as efficient as we can be by the end of the review.
- We want a charging scheme which is fair, transparent and simple
- We are seeking full cost recovery for all legitimate costs of regulation and for some non-regulatory activities
- We will offer new chargeable services

## Permitting application Stage:

- New charge is based on how long it takes us to produce the permit – including input from all those involved in determining the permit
- Clear line of sight between service and charge
- Retains the link between risk, applications that need extra assessment because there is a greater risk are charged more
- Flat fees
- Application charges are grouped into approximately 160 different application categories (waste, installations, water quality)

## The Basics:

- Sector specific baseline charge takes account of what we do every time we determine a given permit type in that sector
- Additional component charge for things that don't always need to happen e.g. sensitive location, noise management plan
- There will be a charge for each activity on site but there will be fee reductions where we can make efficiencies
- Variation and surrender charges based on a percentage of the new charge
- Flat fees for transfers and option for bulk transfer discount
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## What's New?

- Small amount of pre-app included in the application fee
- Retain a part of the fee for poor applications that are sent back
- Flat fee for additional requests for information, amendments to application during determination
- Time and Materials charging for extra pre-application, Sites of High Public Interest, novel technologies, new assessments brought to notice during appeals

**Waste Crime Consultation:** Focuses on measures to tackle waste crime and poor performance within the waste management industry.

Proposals to amend elements of operator competence:

1. Past Performance
2. Management systems
3. Technical Competence
4. Financial Competence

Also proposes amendments which affect 10 waste exemptions

**Technical competence draft proposals** - focused on strengthening the requirement for permitted waste operators to demonstrate appropriate technical knowledge of their operation and provide details of the TCM

- An explicit requirement in regulations for operators of relevant waste operations to be technically competent through a scheme approved by government
- Operators shall be required to inform the regulator of the TCM / corporate competence scheme for their waste site. The regulator may specify how that information can be submitted.
- Introduce a TCM 'licence to practice' system to enable sanctions to be taken against TCMs that fail to fulfil their responsibilities

**Exemptions Review:**

- Reducing crime and illegal activity
- Focus on waste management business exemptions
- Prevent operators using hiding behind exemptions for illegal activities
- Permitted sites = no exemptions

**Waste Import Ban to China:**

In July 2017 China contacted the World Trade Organisation stating that 24 types of solid waste will be banned by the end of 2017 (including various plastics and metals and paper). Revised import standard of 0.3% contamination (currently 1.5% for paper). Very short timescales for the consultation and the UK government also stated that in the circular economy China should be responsible for the products they place on the market. From 2018 we could see UK companies lose export contracts which could lead to poorer quality waste streams being stock piled or disposed of illegally as markets disappear. The UK export around 0.4m tonnes of plastic to China/pa. In recent months there has been an increase in the quantity exported to Turkey, Vietnam and Malaysia.

The ban of 24 types of waste and the revised export standards could mean that the packaging and WEEE recovery targets are not met.

**Wood Waste:**

Concern over final destination of items of treated waste wood in mixed waste wood and processed mixed waste wood (wood fuel and fines)

Particular concern if material is destined for spreading on land (e.g. fines), animal bedding, composting or use of fuel at an unpermitted facility of a type that does not require abatement

This material should only be destined to a Chapter IV (under IED) compliant permitted incinerator of panel board manufacture.

- Regulatory position statement issued RPS 207 28/11/17 (Classifying waste wood from mixed wood sources – <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/classifying-waste-wood-from-mixed-waste-wood-sources-rps-207/classifying-waste-wood-from-mixed-waste-wood-sources-rps-207>)
  - Any waste wood, or processed wood waste fraction that contains any quantity of treated waste wood must either:
    - Move an unassessed or unknown status, using a non-hazardous code, to Chapter IV compliant facilities or panel board manufacture until November 2018 OR
    - Be properly classified and assessed for hazardous properties, following WM3, if it is to be sent to any other destination
  - The Wood Recycling Association (WRA) are developing a plan for a study to collect evidence on the chemical composition of different items of wood from different sources to see if visual categorisation can be reliably used to determine haz/non-haz.
  - Intention to produce and implement a code of practice on wood classification and segregation by the end of 2018

The presentation can be found on [www.swwmg.co.uk](http://www.swwmg.co.uk)

### **3. Recycled Rubber Bollards – The Bendy Bollard Company (Lucie Hobbs)**

Lucie provided details in regard to the company and the rubber bollards they manufacture. The bollards are made from 60% recycled rubber from vulcanised rubber offcuts which are granulated and then mixed with the 40% uncured rubber.

The bollards are manufactured in Denmark.

They are designed to bend and at low speed will leave practically no damage to the bollard or the vehicle.

There are various types of bollard available:

Standard – 25kg recovered rubber

Diamond – 17kg

Universal – 14kg

Konus – 9kg

Lucie showed a video demonstrating how the bollards bend and do not break. One bollard in particular lasted 11 years with repeated impact and was replaced at the cost of £157.

For further details go to: [www.bendybollards.co.uk](http://www.bendybollards.co.uk)

#### **4. Seabin (Ben Fredriksen – Pipefix) Innovative waste removal from our seas**

The Seabin unit is a floating debris interception device designed to be installed in the water of marinas, Yacht Clubs, ports and any water body with a calm environment and services available.

The Seabin can catch an estimated 1.5 Kgs of floating debris per day (depending on weather and debris volumes) including micro plastics up to 2 mm small.

Water is sucked in from the surface and passes through a catch bag inside the Seabin, with a submersible water pump capable of displacing 25.000 Lph (liters per hour), plugged directly into 110/220 V outlet. The water is then pumped back into the marina leaving litter and debris trapped in the catch bag.

The catch bag can hold up to 20 Kgs of debris and it is advised to be checked twice a day and emptied as needed. The Seabin needs to be cleaned at least once per month and to be checked.

There is currently a project in France being undertaken to make the Seabin from recycled plastic – 40% from sea plastics.

For further details go to: <http://seabinproject.com/>

#### **5. And Keep (Natasha Ray) – Plastic isn't the only option**

Natasha explained the company encourage mindful purchases. &Keep provides a range of mindfully selected, eco- friendly, reusable & sustainable products. Customers can make informed ethical purchases to protect our planet.

In 1950 there was 1.7 million tonnes of plastic, in 2017 there was 322 million tonnes.

Most plastic is still in existence and is a global and local issue.

The ocean contains 50% of plastic – a lot being single use.

Bottles, cups, straws and bags are the main culprits. There are 35 million plastic bottles thrown away each year with 44% not being recycled.

Further details can be found at: <https://andkeep.com/>

#### **6. AOB**

- Wimborne War on Waste: are a group of Wimborne residents who share a passion for reducing the amount of rubbish we produce in our town, especially single use plastic items such as disposable coffee cups and lids. Each minute 5,000 single use cups are thrown away in the UK which amounts to 7 million cups each day and 2.5 billion each year. Most of these cups are not recycled. What can we do?? – Reduce (don't use the takeaway option), re-use (reusable coffee cup), refuse and recycle. We would like Wimborne to become disposable coffee cup free. We would like to launch a reusable

coffee cup deposit scheme like the German Town of Freiburg. The cup is a reusable cup made from dishwasher-proof plastic that can be obtained from participating outlets in exchange for a small deposit. Please share any ideas at [wimbornewaronwaste@gmail.com](mailto:wimbornewaronwaste@gmail.com) on facebook and twitter pages.

- The Dorset Scrapstore are in desperate need of a new van. A funding bid has been put in for £20k with Aviva Community Fund and the way it works is that we need to maximise Dorset Scrapstore's votes to be selected as a finalist. Full details can be found at:

[www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/voting/project/view/17-6106](http://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/voting/project/view/17-6106)

- 2018 meeting dates:
  - Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March, Blandford Brewery Visitors Centre
  - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June, RNLI, Poole
  - Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June, Merley House
  - Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December, The Crown Hotel, Blandford

#### **7. Festive Quiz:**

The usual festive quiz took place – prizes kindly donated by Hall & Woodhouse Brewery, Addo Food Group and Southern Sustainability Partnership.

#### **8. Date and Venue of next meeting:**

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018, The Visitor Centre, Blandford Brewery