

**ADEPT Waste Group Meeting**

**21 March 2018**

**Attendees:**

Simon Aries, Hertfordshire

Hannah Bartram, Adept

David Beaver, Kent

Nick Bethel, EA

Claire Brailsford, Derbyshire

Gemma Clinton, Dorset

Mickey Green, Somerset

Kate Hand, London Councils

Joel Hull, Norfolk

Wayne Lewis, Gloucestershire

Steve Palfrey, Suffolk

Andrew Pau, Oxfordshire (Chair)

Sonika Sidhu, LGA

Robert Vaughan, DEFRA (part meeting)

**Apologies for meeting:**

Gurbaksh Badhan, Bucks

Wendy Barratt & Annette Dentith, Devon

Tina Benfield & Chris Murphy, CIWM

Tracy Carter, Wiltshire (Chair)

Ian Fielding, North Yorkshire

Ian Hartley, Torbay

Paula Hewitt & Kevin Nacey, Somerset

Verity Palk, Cornwall

Steve Read, West Sussex

Adam Smith, Cambridgeshire

Hilary Tanner, LGA

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| **Item** |  |
| **1** | **Welcome**  AP welcomed everyone to the meeting. |
| **2**  **2A**  **2B**  **2C** | **ADEPT ITEMS:**  **ADEPT Annual Conference - 22-23 Nov 2018, Radison Blue Hotel, Manchester Airport**  HB proposed a Waste Workshop at this year's conference - 2 x 1hr slots.  Audience = Place Directors, Portfolio Holders, private sector, some civil servants.  The meeting was keen to take up the suggestion and thought the new focus on waste and publication of the new Resource and Waste Strategy meant the timing could work well. Will need resourcing - volunteer(s) to organise theme, speakers etc.  **ADEPT Annual Awards - 3 May 2018**  Looking for entries for awards: 3 x themes - creating places; digital innovation; environment. Deadline = 29 March. **HB** to circulate details.    **Potential for ADEPT Secondee to DEFRA**  To help write Resources & Waste Strategy for Government. 6 months. Will be sending out details shortly. Post will be senior - Principal officer grade? c. 5yrs experience. **All** ADEPT waste members to circulate to teams. (Post meeting note – the secondee has now been found so no need to action. Announcement expected soon.) |
| **3**  **3A** | **Ministerial Round Table - Urban Recycling - 22/3/18**  Mickey Green to represent ADEPT at tomorrow's meeting.   1. Planning, housing & space - bin storage space needs to be a 'must have'. DEFRA needs to champion with DCLG. 2. Commercial collections- LAs need to be able to make a profit on these collections. This is potentially an important future income stream for authorities. 3. Capturing 'on the go' recycling - deposit return schemes. Need to be careful about unintended consequences and impacts on LAs.   **MG** to circulate feedback from meeting.  **Deposit Return Schemes discussion**  LA view on DRS is being championed by LGA.  CIWM/INCPEN Packaging workshop on Friday - NAWDO – Gurbaksh Badhan attending |
| **4**  **4A**  **4B**  **4C**  **4D** | **Stakeholder Updates**  **LGA** - Feedback from discussion with Thérèse Coffey MP: i) Authorities achieving <30% recycling are a big focus. LGA response is that we know what the problems are and that fixing it will cost money which Local Govt can’t afford; ii) Commitment to EU targets post Brexit is fully expected; iii) China - Minister's view is the market will rectify itself; iv) a major focus of the Minister is Air Quality - another part of her remit. Some LAs finding this gets clustered with waste in local political management.  **4B - Environment Agency** - Comprehensive update sent out; note TEEP continues to be raised by Govt; Wood - continues to be a priority material and area of performance and financial risk; need to discuss further at EA/LGA/ADEPT meeting, and members noted the significance and urgency of this issue.  **Norfolk** - Moved to a measure of residual kg/hh/wk and interesting work on data capture and targeting improvement effort.  **China** - Shared views of the issues - impacts on price coming through and fear of future ability to find outlets for materials that people are used to recycling. Real reputational risks both locally and nationally. |
| **5** | **Minutes of meeting 27 September 2017**  Agreed.  Actions: Workplan updates - roll all actions forward to next meeting. Other actions were completed, no longer relevant or rolled forward as appropriate. |
| **6** | **DEFRA - Resources & Waste Strategy**  Robert Vaughan attended the meeting to present this item. Extended Producer Responsibility is the 'meat and potatoes' of what is going to come out in the new strategy. Expectations are high: Aim - to be a world leader in resource management. Lots of Ministerial ambition.  1 - Using resources more efficiently/sustainably  2 - Minimising waste  Zero avoidable waste by 2050  Zero avoidable waste by plastics 2042  Meeting all existing targets  Eliminating waste crime  Tackling marine plastics  Structure – product life cycle analysis - i) production (packaging rationalisation); ii) consumption (increased production efficiency and clearer labelling/public messaging round recyclability); iii) end of life (maximising collection efficiency and improving impacts of treatment/disposal).  Also sections on producer responsibility; waste crime; food waste. Accelerate work on consistency of what materials are collected for recycling.  NB: Keep track of Michael Gove's speeches for pointers - recent one ref Producer Responsibility talked about better sharing of costs.    LA questions/issues:  1 - Ambition. Government are serious about pushing the agenda forward and keeping to timescales for development and production of the new strategy  2 - Increasing quality/quantity/consistency/engagement - now is the time for LAs to articulate what they want new systems to look like  3 - Food capture – recognise this as a development area but how can it be funded?  4 - Messaging to public. Clear role here for national government to drive this forward  5 - C&I waste - how to increase recycling? Recognition that LAs only manage some C&I waste    Process - expect to publish in the Autumn (Oct/Nov); lots of meetings and engagement between now and then. **ADEPT** to ensure that opportunities to engage are fully taken. |
| **7**  **7A**  **7B**  **7C** | **Any Other Business**  Dorset - local move to compostable plastics - SS suggested asking DEFRA for any guidance.  Future chairmanship - Tracy stepping down as Chair. The meeting thanked Tracy for her outstanding contribution over many years of service. Process to elect the new chairman will be clarified and started. Ian Fielding has acted as deputy chair and will chair next meeting. At the next meeting we will also discuss the role of chair and contributions that others can make too. |
| **8** | **Date of Next Meeting**  27 June 2018 – LGA Office, 18 Smith Square, Westminster, London, SW1P 3HZ |
|  | **Meeting close**  AP thanked everyone for attending and their contributions. |