

ADEPT Waste Group

17 June 2020

Attendees

IGF – North Yorkshire
Dimitra Rappou – LED Net
Joel Hull – Norfolk
Steve Read – West Sussex
Wendy Barrett – Devon
Hannah Bartram – ADEPT
Matt King - Hertfordshire
Tina Benfield – CIWM
Claire Brailsford - Derbyshire
Steve Burdis - Oxfordshire
James Potter - Hampshire
Hilary Tanner – LGA
Kofi Adu-Gyamfi – West Berkshire
Andrew Pau - Warwickshire
Steve Palfrey – Suffolk
John Coates – Lincolnshire
Gurbaksh Badham - Buckinghamshire
Robert Vaughan - DEFRA

	Actions
<p>1. Welcome and apologies Dimitra Rappou – LED Net Anita Walls – NYCC minutes</p>	
<p>2. RWS</p> <p><u>UPDATE FROM DEFRA</u> Robert Vaughan attended the meeting to provide and update from Defra.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Main reforms on EPR and DRS, looking at starting reengagement. Invitations to events for dry materials have already gone out with further meetings in July and August. Aim is to gather views from LAs on recycling credits.• Food and garden waste – two hour workshops mid-August. Dates will be circulated.• Timetable going forward – intense engagement over the summer. Draft document towards the end of summer. Challenge is when consultation can happen – end of 2020 or early 2021.• Will hold a stakeholder event and have timescale then.• EPR and DRS will be a challenge on timing but will support jobs and recovery.• Developing implementation plan – workshop was in March. Spoken to ADEPT and other authorities and will explore going forward. <p><u>Questions</u> Steve R – DRW – there are questions about whether it would go forward verses EPR and consistency?</p>	

RV – working toward the assumption it will happen. There is lots of support from Ministers.

IGF – IT – is this all in?

RV – unknown but the ambition is all in but needs to be fleshed out in the document.

Steve B – has the timetable slipped for implementation or is it still as it was?

RV – still looking at 2023. Food collection to start 2023. Appreciate that contracts will need to be worked through and systems for treatment but in place. Defra is working with LAs on what plans can be delivery from 2023. Funding is available through the process. The challenge is more EPR and DRS, infrastructure and time need to work through the process. Need to get a rolling programme if implementation from 2023. Funding from 2023 will definitely be there. There is still a lot that is up in the air.

Steve P – Government is keen to kick start the economy post C19 and looking for public sector infrastructure projects. There is a risk that people will wait to see what Government will do before implementing projects on infrastructure. Put areas for investment forward and LA projects underway and prepare for 2023 implementation.

RV – there are discussion on recovery happening. Very helpful to hear that LAs want to get on with things and make a start sooner. This will help with arguments and support.

Tina B – trying to move food collections forward, how much industry engagement has there been. Will this be AD digestate and composting or is there a push from ministers and Defra to move this on, a landbank will be a big issue with food?

RV - looking at but not much movement at the moment. Recognise there is a challenge around digestate etc and contamination. Need to looking at how to address this with industry and LAs to manage the issue. Haven't explored with ESA yet or PBI. Happy to talk with Tina outside the meeting.

RECYCLING CREDITS

IGF is keen and welcomes the opportunity to get involved. Pre C19 in March there had been discussions with LARAC and others about the potential for reviewing recycling credits.

There appear to be three options

1. Leave things alone;
2. Remove credits; or
3. Something in between

IGF and Andrew bird have been talking with WRAP to better understand what potential implications might be nationally. Initial thoughts would be appreciated from those with interest or observations.

A full discussion was had both on the call and within the IM section of the meeting which will be circulated with the minutes.

	<p><u>TWO TIER WORKING – RECYCLING CREDITS UNDER EPR AND DRS</u></p> <p>Robert Vaughan lead the discussion. Not about putting separate materials in to incinerations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper, plastic, glass and metal where separately collected, no organics. • 19 or 51 incinerators do not have a permit to take separate materials. • 32 take separately collected recycles. • No landfills are effected • Need to revise the regulations to restrict that option <p>Wendy B – what is driving this? What can we do with materials that can't be processed, don't want to put recyclables through incinerator? IGF – amends through permit regulation is a light tough approach. It will only do if we have to there will be an additional cost.</p> <p>Joel H – we are possible in this situation with textiles due to C19. Need a treatment process to allow disposal. IGF – textiles may not be included.</p> <p>John Coates – there needs to be flexibility and challenge of where to send them if haven't procured another intermediate treatment process. It will be hard to procure or write in to an existing contract.</p> <p>James Potter – How does this work where material is heavily contaminated at point of delivery to a MRF that is needs to be rejected?</p> <p>Further points made in the IM and all will be fed back by IGF.</p> <p>Steve R will circulate a note on discussions and workshops that have been happening on DRS.</p> <p>Joel H – plastic tax – second consolation deadline has been extended to the 21 August. Please be aware of this. Currently working on a response to be submitted and will share with the group who had initially responded.</p>	
<p>3.</p>	<p>COVID 19 - operations</p> <p>HWRC – latest survey suggests all but 1% are not currently operating any HWRC. Everyone else is providing a service that works for our area. Experiences and questions.</p> <p>Is there a need to do a formal session on good practice?</p> <p>Offtake contracts and MRFs – Track and trace experience – to be shared when there are experiences.</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p>COVID 19 – financial</p> <p>Defra would like this covered in the ADEPT survey to gather information on costs and recovery.</p>	

	<p>IGF - analysis needs to be robust and withstand challenge – S151 officers need to be involved. Doesn't feel this is appropriate to be included in the weekly survey.</p> <p>What evidence/thoughts is there on how to capture this information if we chose to? The LGA are doing work on costs related to C19.</p> <p>IGF would welcome any thoughts on how to capture this information if it was decided to do so.</p> <p>Joel H- suggest using the WDF information. Can do a year on year comparison both regional and national.</p> <p>Matt King – NAWDO capture a broad picture on total residual and kerb side.</p> <p>IGF – is there a need for any further analysis and how best is that done? Does ADEPT need to do more?</p> <p>Joel H – there is a lack of reflection through S151. Need to ensure this is being done internally and flowing in to the service.</p> <p>IGF – what are the cost of giving relief to operators - Is anyone waiving deduction payments?</p> <p>Gurbaksh B – these seem to have been parked to be reconciled later. The emerging picture is for claims on HWRC and loss of income. Lots of claims coming from contractors.</p> <p>IGF – it is going to take a while for everything to be realised and linked with C19 so will be difficult to calculate.</p> <p>Wendy B – district can no longer run a service charge this autumn with a £200k saving not being realised.</p> <p>Steve R – suggestion that this all needs to be captured separately.</p> <p>Hannah B – secretariat can help with this.</p> <p>IGF asked for volunteers to with him – WB, HT, SR, GB all happy to volunteer. MHCLG will need to be in the loop too.</p> <p>Hilary T – need to ensure that councils are financially stable going forward. This isn't going away. Need to identify the hidden costs as well as the obvious ones. What are the consequences on waste industry, districts/county councils?</p>	
<p>5. STAKEHOLDER UPDATES</p>	<p>5.1 Environment Board – this is meeting more regularly and also still have the usual meetings. Paula Hewitt is now the Vice Chair stepping down as Chair. Steve Read is the new chair and this has been approved by Leadership team.</p> <p>SR will now be stepping back from the ADEPT support but has someone to take his place.</p>	

	<p>5.2 ADEPT newsletter – things are very busy and thanks for all the work on the survey. Darryl Evers has now stepped down as President and is replaced by Nigel Riglar.</p> <p>5.3 Defra – RV has already given an in-depth update.</p> <p>5.4 Environment Agency – attached</p> <p>5.5 LGA – the Environment Bill was at committee stage before shut down and should be coming back soon to be looked at after C19. It covers a lot of areas but will be specific to EPR and DRS.</p> <p>The annual conference will be a virtual event this year and will be a big piece of work – re thinking local. Keir Starmer will be on a webinar. Later in the year there will be trade talks with the EU. Issues still need to be resolved and what will the relationship be with the EU.</p> <p>Conference date is from the 1 July and links will be circulated. There is no charge.</p> <p>5.6 WRAP – no update</p> <p>5.7 CIWM – update to be circulated. CIWM is raising this issue of infrastructure in light of the NIC report that did not mention waste at all.</p>	
6.	<p>NOTES OF LAST MINUTES</p> <p>These were notes and agreed.</p>	
7.	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>IGF – Waste Sector Covid 19 card – came out yesterday for comments back by COP today. Comments in chat box please.</p> <p>IGF requested help in research on crime relating to C19. IGF will circulate any details that come through. All to be aware and think about what information might be useful over a period of 6 – 10 months</p>	
8.	<p>NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Wednesday 9 September 2020, 10:30</p>	
	<p>FORWARD PLAN</p> <p>Brexit</p>	