

Environment, Recycling and Waste Policy Development Advisory Group
11 JANUARY 2021

Present: Councillors: Philip Circus (Chairman), Matthew Allen, John Blackall, Toni Bradnum, Michael Croker, Ruth Fletcher, Richard Landeryou, Tim Lloyd, Christian Mitchell, Louise Potter and Diana van der Klugt

Apologies: Councillors: None

Also Present: Councillor Roger Noel

16 **NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The notes from the previous meeting on 16 November 2020 were received.

17 **ELECTRICAL AND TEXTILES**

The Waste & Recycling Strategy Manager proposed plans to trial WEEE, Textiles & Battery Collections. The eight month trial was to begin in May and would have an online booking system via the existing Large Item form. The service would be available to all households in the district.

The trial was an opportunity to increase the recycling rate and act as a platform to engage residents, whilst reinforcing positive messages about responsible recycling.

Communications was a priority for this project and a monthly project board would report on its progress going forward.

18 **FOOD WASTE**

The Waste & Recycling Strategy Manager presented an overview of the options modelling carried out by Ricardo. They were commissioned to undertake this in preparation for food waste collections to begin in 2023.

The project identified potential benefits, drawbacks, carbon impacts and costs for various collection models. A number of service options were modelled for residual waste, food waste and recycling, including three-weekly, fortnightly & weekly collections.

Ricardo would benchmark HDC's performance against other collection methodologies and best practice, including other local authorities which have similar demographics to the Horsham District.

19 **COMMUNITY CLIMATE CHANGE GRANTS**

The Environmental Coordination Manager updated the group on the outcome of the first round of applications for the Council's Community Climate Change Grants.

The fund was for new environmental projects led by local voluntary and community groups, as well as Parish and Neighbourhood Councils. To receive funding groups would need to show the long term and tangible benefits of their project, to provide positive change and to encourage wider community action.

There had been 14 applications in total, with five successfully securing the funding. Applications for the fund had reopened on the 4 January for the next round.

20 **HVO BIOFUEL**

The Head of Parking & Waste proposed the usage of an alternative fuel the Council's Waste Vehicles – Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO.) Replacing diesel with HVO would offer a 90% reduction in CO₂, with no need to modify existing engines. The team had considered a number of proposals in order to move away from Diesel, this included the temporary trialling HVO, or transferring to HVO straight away; the latter was the preferred model. Transferring to HVO was set to go live in April.

21 **FORWARD PLAN EXTRACT FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, WASTE AND RECYCLING PORTFOLIO**

There were no items for noting.

The meeting closed at 4.55 pm having commenced at 3.00 pm

CHAIRMAN