

EXCERPT OF MINUTES FROM ENVIRONMENT O & S- 14 SEPTEMBER 2011

Agenda item 10 : Joint Environmental Services Commissioning Report

The Cabinet Member Sustainability referred to the Member seminar held the previous evening and outlined the background to the commissioning project. Significant management and operational savings were projected by setting up a Local Authority Company, a non-profit making body which would deliver waste and other environmental services including park management. A Cabinet working group comprising Cllrs Thornton, Fisher, Hall, Stewart and Whyborn, was due to meet that week to discuss the proposals and comments from the committee would be fed into this group.

Members requested that the presentation from the recent member seminar and all relevant paperwork relating to the project be circulated to all members. This should include extracts of relevant information from the confidential reports which at the time were confidential due to the commercial sensitivity of the information. It was confirmed that the answers to the points raised at the seminar, including on value added tax and pension fund issues, would be circulated to all members.

In response to a question on the trade union view of the project the Director of Operations explained that the trade unions had been engaged at the start of the process and formal meetings were held with them on a regular basis. They were broadly supportive of the process and appreciated the difficult financial position the authority faced.

The Chair thanked the Cabinet Member for the update and reminded Members that the report would be considered by Cabinet at a special meeting on 13 October. She requested that the minutes of this meeting be forwarded to Cabinet for their information.