

23 June 2009

## **NEWS RELEASE**



### **Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority**

#### **GMWDA - CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR UNANIMOUSLY REAPPOINTED**

Councillor Neil Swannick and Councillor Michael Young have both been unanimously re-elected as Chair and Vice Chair of Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority (GMWDA), this took place at the Annual General Meeting on the 19 June 2009.

The appointments of Councillor Swannick (a Labour councillor for Manchester council) and Councillor Young (a Conservative councillor for Trafford council) shows a strong partnership and a consensus of support from all parties. GMWDA and the 9 district councils are aiming to expand on their recycling success from 7% of Greater Manchester's municipal waste in 2002/03 to 33% today.

GMWDA recently signed a 25 year Private Finance Initiative (PFI) waste and recycling contract with Viridor Laing (Greater Manchester) Limited. Both councillors were heavily involved in the procurement of the contract which will provide waste services for the next 25 years to deal with 1.3 million tonnes of municipal waste which is generated each year in the conurbation. The PFI contract will create outstanding services for the people of Greater Manchester by building state-of-the-art facilities as well as upgrading household waste recycling centres.

Councillor Neil Swannick was elected Chair of GMWDA eight years ago and has been a councillor since 1998. During this time Councillor Swannick has brought significant changes to Greater Manchester including raising the profile of the Waste Disposal Authority and working with the partnership to attract funding from the Waste Resources Action Programme (WRAP) to increase recycling and composting rates.

Councillor Neil Swannick, Chair of GMWDA said "I am thrilled to be re-appointed as Chair, we have now signed the waste and recycling PFI contract and we are working towards implementing a world class waste management system for Greater Manchester. We are aiming to continue with the progress we have made with a target of zero growth in the waste we produce, and increasing our recycling rates".

Michael Young has been a councillor and member of GMWDA for four years. Councillor Young was first appointed Vice Chair to the Authority in 2007. Councillor Young also has a role as Executive Member for Adult Services in Trafford.

Councillor Michael Young, Vice Chair of GMWDA said "I am extremely pleased to continue in my role as Vice Chair to the authority and I am

23 June 2009



## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority**

looking forward to working with Authority members and officers to promote waste awareness in Greater Manchester”.

#### **NOTES FOR EDITORS**

GMWDA is the largest of six English waste disposal authorities that were created under the local Government Act 1985. GMWDA provides waste disposal services for 973,000 households in Bolton, Bury, Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale, Salford, Stockport, Tameside and Trafford. It handles around 5% of National Municipal waste.

GMWDA recently signed a 25 year Private Finance Initiative waste and recycling contract with Viridor Laing (Greater Manchester) Limited. The waste management project will provide a revolutionary integrated solution for the 1.3 million tonnes of municipal waste which the Authority handles each year.

For further information please contact Pamela Taylor Communications Manager on 0161 770 1721 or 0161 770 1717, or email [pamela.taylor@gmwda.gov.uk](mailto:pamela.taylor@gmwda.gov.uk)