

NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY

At a meeting of the **NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY** held on **THURSDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY, 2017** at 2.30 pm in the Committee Room 1, Town Hall, Judd Street, London WC1H 9JE

MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY PRESENT

Councillors, Anderson, Apak, Demirci (Vice Chair), Greening, Lemonides, Limbajee, Loakes (Chair), Mitchell, Taylor, Webbe and Zinkin.

MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY ABSENT

Councillors Ahmet, Blackwell and Cohen

The minutes should be read in conjunction with the agenda for the meeting. They are subject to approval and signature at the next meeting of the North London Waste Authority.

MINUTES

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillors Ahmet, Blackwell and Cohen

Apologies for lateness were submitted by Councillor Greening.

2. DECLARATIONS BY MEMBERS OF PECUNIARY, NON-PECUNIARY AND ANY OTHER INTERESTS IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

Councillor Mitchell declared that in respect of Item 9 he was a Member of the London Borough of Haringey's Planning Committee and would not participate in discussion of that item.

Councillor Zinkin declared a non-pecuniary interest in respect of business relating to the Hendon Transfer Station as a member of the London Borough of Barnet.

Councillor Demirci declared a non-pecuniary interest in respect of any relevant business as a member of the London Waste and Recycling Board.

3. DEPUTATIONS (IF ANY)

There were no deputations.

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED –

THAT the public minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 7th December 2016 be approved and signed as a correct record.

5. REVENUE BUDGET AND LEVY 2017/18

Consideration was given to a report of the Financial Adviser.

The Head of Finance introduced the report and invited Members to comment. The Chair thanked Members and officers from each constituent borough for the hard work in getting the budget to this stage. Councillor Taylor stated that the Member Finance Working Group (MFWG) had looked at the assumptions made in the budget in great detail, and had spent a considerable amount of time focussing on the menu pricing mechanism. Councillor Taylor added that copies of reports and information considered by the MFWG were available on request to Members not part of that group.

Members noted the possible levy increase of 18.42% in 2018/19 shown in table 5, and requested that regular updates on forecast tonnage and costs as well as the effect of variances on the levy for individual boroughs be given to Members at future meetings. The Chair agreed, and stated that this would be at the forefront of budget discussions at future meetings.

RESOLVED –

THAT the Authority:

1. Agrees the 2017/18 budget;
2. Agrees to use the revenue balance of £7.217m to support the 2017/18 budget;
3. Agrees the levy be determined as set out in the report;
4. Authorises the Financial Adviser to make arrangements for collection of the levy and charges for non-household and household waste;
5. Approves the Prudential Indicators and the basis for calculating the Minimum Revenue Provision as laid out in sections 6 and 7;
6. Approves the per tonne charge for non-household and chargeable household residual and recyclable waste as follows:
 - a. Residual - £78.83
 - b. Dry Recyclable - £41.66
 - c. Food - £66.32
 - d. Green - £50.97

7. Notes the medium term budget forecasts for 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21.

6. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITOR

Consideration was given to a report of the Financial Adviser.

RESOLVED

THAT the Authority:

1. Accepts Public Sector Audit Appointments' (PSAA) Invitation to 'opt-in' to the sector led option for the appointment of external auditors for five financial years by PSAA commencing 1 April 2018.
2. Waives the requirement under Contract Standing Order (CSO) for 3 quotations to be sought due to the nature of the services being such that a departure from the CSO is justifiable and in the Authority's overall interest as detailed in sections 2.4 and 4.2 of the report.

7. OPERATIONS REPORT

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Operations.

The Head of Operations introduced the report and invited Members to comment on the report. The Chair praised the residual waste performance at Barrowell Green, where a 50% reduction in collection had been achieved.

RESOLVED

THAT the Authority:

1. Notes the report
2. Approves the continuation of the existing arrangements for the Second Time Around re-use centre, and that a further review of performance for 2017/18 is undertaken early in 2018/19; and
3. Notes the publication of the 2015/16 Annual Monitoring Report of the North London Joint Waste Strategy.

8. THIRD PARTY REUSE AND RECYCLING CREDITS REGISTRATIONS

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Operations.

The Head of Operations introduced the report and noted that an additional application to be registered for third party re-use and recycling credits had been

received from Bright Sparks since the deadline had passed. The additional bid would add around £7,215 to the total expenditure, and officers advised that the additional bid was recommended for approval.

The Chair stated that governance arrangements for the companies involved should be exemplary and urged officers to satisfy themselves that arrangements for organisations in receipt of funds were adequate.

RESOLVED

THAT the Authority:

1. Accepts the late application from Bright Sparks and that it be added to the table at Appendix 2 of the report.
2. Approves the applications from all the organisations listed at Appendix 2 (as amended) for registration for re-use and recycling credits payments during the financial year 2017/18.

9. CONSULTATIONS AND POLICY UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Operations.

The Head of Operations introduced the report and invited Members to comment.

Members sought clarity on whether the changes to the Pinkham Way site had offered increased protection to the Authority's position at all. The response was given that the Authority was still looking at the issue but it was felt that some progress was being made. The Director of Planning at Haringey was due to write to the Authority to provide clarity on the situation.

Members also queried whether there was a genuine business need for retaining the current amount of parking at Berol House, and asked whether the Authority should be encouraging the use of public transport rather than car ownership. The response was given that there was a genuine operational need to have access to cars and the removal of parking facilities at Berol House could significantly restrict the ability of officers to travel across the sites used by the Authority in a timely manner. The Chair stated that he felt it was fair for Members to question the need for parking spaces at a site next to a transport hub, and that officers should bear this in mind as discussions with the local planning authority progress.

RESOLVED

1. THAT the Authority approves the following draft responses:
 - i.) The Haringey Local Plan Consultation on Main Modifications to Strategic Policies (Appendix 1 to the report);
 - ii.) The Haringey Local Plan Consultation on Main Modifications to the Development Management DPD (Appendix 2 to the report);

- iii.) The Haringey Local Plan Consultation on Main Modifications to the Site Allocations DPD (Appendix 3 to the report);
 - iv.) The Haringey Consultation on Main Modifications to the Tottenham Area Action Plan (Appendix 4 to the report)
2. THAT the Authority notes the officer response to the planning application and redevelopment of the Cannon Factory and Ashley House on Ashley Road adjacent to the Authority's Office in Berol House (Appendix 5 to the report) and that and that officers should bear this in mind as discussions with the local planning authority progress.

10. WASTE PREVENTION PROGRESS REVIEW

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Legal and Governance

The External Relations Manager introduced the report and invited Members to comment.

Members requested that an evaluation report on grants packages be provided to the Authority in Autumn 2017.

Members enquired whether the subsidy for use of reusable nappies should be larger to encourage take-up. Officers responded that the amount offered was based on previous evidence but that an evaluation could be undertaken to see if a change was justified. This evaluation could be brought back to a future meeting. The Chair added that incorrectly disposed of nappies represented a large proportion of contaminated recycling waste. A request was made for an update to be provided to Members on take-up rates for the scheme across the seven boroughs. Members also requested that information regarding where the scheme was being advertised be provided as part of the forthcoming update.

RESOLVED

THAT the Authority:

1. Notes the progress on the implementation of the Waste Prevention Plan 2016-18;
2. Notes the feedback from Members and Officers from borough bilateral meetings and actions resultings
3. Approves the proposal to establish a community waste prevention project funding programme for 2017-18 on a trial basis as set out in Section 4 of this report;
4. Requests an update on the reusable nappy scheme as detailed above be provided at a future meeting.

11. FORWARD PLAN OF DECISIONS

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Legal and Governance

RESOLVED

THAT the report be noted

12. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - ACCESS TO INFORMATION

RESOLVED –

THAT the press and public be excluded from the proceedings of the North London Waste Authority on 9 February 2017 during consideration of the following items on Part II of the agenda, on the basis that, were Members of the public to be present, there would be disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended.

Specifically:

Exempt Information Category 1 - Information which relates to an individual: the reason why the public interest favours withholding the information is that the release of such information could constitute or facilitate an unwarranted interference with the individual's privacy.

Exempt Information Category 3 - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person, including the authority holding that information, and not required to be registered under various statutes: the reasons why the public interest favours withholding the information are that the release of such information would prejudice the Authority's conduct of a commercial operation OR because the disclosure of the information is likely to prejudice the commercial interests of the Authority and organisations engaged in commercial activities as the information related to commercial activities that are conducted in a competitive environment.

Exempt Information Category 5 - Information in respect of which there is a claim to legal professional privilege: the reasons why the public interest favours withholding the information are that the release of such information could prejudice the safeguarding of openness in all communications between client and lawyer and the Authority's ability to ensure access to full and frank legal advice.

13. PRIVATE MINUTES

RESOLVED

THAT the private minutes of the meeting held on 7 December 2016 be signed and agreed as a correct record.

14. GOVERNANCE OF LONDONWASTE LTD

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Operations

RESOLVED

THAT the recommendations as amended be agreed.

15. FUTURE RESIDUAL WASTE MANAGEMENT

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Legal and Governance

RESOLVED

THAT the recommendations be agreed as amended.

16. BRENT CROSS CRICKLEWOOD REGENERATION – HENDON TRANSFER STATION

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Operations

RESOLVED

THAT the recommendations as set out in the report be agreed.

17. WEEE (WASTE ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT) CONTRACT AND MRF SERVICES UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Operations.

RESOLVED

THAT the recommendations as set out in the report be agreed.

18. ANY OTHER ITEMS THE CHAIR DECIDES TO TAKE AS URGENT

There was no urgent business.

The meeting ended at 15:35

CHAIR

North London Waste Authority - Thursday, 9th February, 2017

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