

NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY

At a meeting of the **NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY** held on **TUESDAY, 16TH APRIL, 2013** at 10.00 am in the Committee Room 1, Camden Town Hall, Judd Street, London, WC1H 9JE

MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY PRESENT

Councillors Loakes (Chair), Meehan (Vice-Chair), Blackwell, Bond, Cohen, Demirci, Greening, Jones, Smith and Rusling

MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY ABSENT

Councillors Canver, Lloyd, Stafford and Thomas

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 were received from Councillors Canver, Lloyd, Stafford and Thomas.

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

Councillor Meehan declared a non-pecuniary interest in all relevant business as a Member of the London Borough of Haringey, which was the planning authority for the Pinkham Way site, specifically in connection with the London Borough of Haringey DPD consultation.

Councillor Cohen declared a non-pecuniary interest as a Member of the London Borough of Barnet, which had sold part of the Pinkham Way site to the Authority.

Councillor Loakes declared a non-pecuniary interest in all relevant business as a Member of the London Waste and Recycling Board.

3. DEPUTATIONS (IF ANY)

There were none.

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED –

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on 12th February 2013 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

5. EXTERNAL AUDIT PLAN FOR 2012/13 ACCOUNTS

Consideration was given to the report of the Financial Adviser.

Rich Clarke, Manager KPMG, informed the meeting that the report provides the authority with the Audit Plan for 2012/13 as prepared by KPMG in its capacity as the Authority's auditor. The plan sets out the responsibilities of the external auditor and outlines its approach to the forthcoming audit. A similar approach was being followed as had been undertaken in previous years. He informed the meeting that following initial discussions with the Head of Finance he was not expecting any matters of concern to arise. He also mentioned that the fee for the service was 40% lower than for the previous year's audit.

RESOLVED –

THAT the report be noted.

ACTION BY – Financial Adviser

6. THIRD PARTY RE-USE AND RECYCLING CREDITS - BUSINESS CASE

Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Waste Strategy and Contracts.

The Head of Waste Strategy and Contracts noted that at the Authority Meeting in February 2013, Members considered a report on the registration of a number of organisations for the receipt of third party re-use and recycling credits during 2013/14. The report had set out the statutory basis for the scheme and the method for calculating the amount to be paid per tonne, the relevant policies in the North London Joint Waste Strategy, and the Authority's locally agreed eligibility criteria. The report on the current agenda provided Members with the requested information regarding the detail on the business case for the Authority to pay third party re-use and recycling credits to qualifying organisations.

He informed the meeting that the Authority's business case for the scheme was predominantly financial, in that each tonne of waste diverted from the Authority's waste stream by third parties for re-use or recycling saves the Authority the cost of disposing or diverting that waste. And the cost of each credit was nearly £6 per tonne less than the budgeted average cost per tonne for the disposal of residual waste.

The scheme also made a very small, but positive contribution to the Authority's recycling rate of 0.34%.

He also reported that there were reputational benefits in that the Authority was actively using this power to support re-use and recycling at a much lower community level, so as to maximise the spread of a re-use and recycling culture in North London.

RESOLVED –

THAT the report be noted.

7. DEFRA WASTE PREVENTION CALL FOR EVIDENCE

Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Waste Strategy and Contracts.

The Head of Waste Strategy and Contracts advised the Authority that the report sought delegated authority to enable a response to be provided to DEFRA's Call for Evidence in relation to waste prevention by the end of April 2013. DEFRA had issued this Call for Evidence on waste prevention so that, in developing the first ever Waste Prevention Programme for England (a requirement of the Waste Framework Directive), it could do so on as complete and reliable an evidence base as possible.

DEFRA's Call was too late to prepare a full draft response for this meeting, but the preparation of a response was already underway, and it was recommended that authority to finalise and issue the response was delegated to officers in consultation with the Chair.

He informed the Members of the Authority that in DEFRA's section on local government, the Authority's work on waste prevention was highlighted as one of two case studies.

He advised Members that the draft response would set out the local policy framework and practice of a two-yearly review of key priorities and an annual review of main implementation areas. Also, it would focus mainly on the 2011-12 activities that had already been summarised in an over-view report, and that the various, more detailed project reports on furniture re-use, food waste prevention programmes, textile repair and re-use, give and take days, stuff for free events, junk mail campaigns, and WEEE re-use would be submitted as a further layer of evidence.

RESOLVED-

THAT authority is delegated to the Head of Waste Strategy and Contracts, in consultation with the Chair, to submit a response to DEFRA's Call for evidence on waste prevention.

ACTION BY – Head of Waste Strategy and Contracts

8. PINKHAM WAY - TOWN OR VILLAGE GREEN APPLICATION

Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Waste Strategy and Contracts.

The Head of Waste Strategy and Contracts advised the meeting that the report provided an update on the application to register the Pinkham Way site as a 'Town or Village Green', made by a resident living close to the site. The report also summarised the main issues identified at a formal hearing before Phillip Petchey of Counsel, just over a month ago at a community centre in Wood Green. Mr Petchey was appointed by the London Borough of Haringey in its capacity as the Commons Registration Authority for its area, to act as an Independent Assessor and to prepare recommendations that would then be considered and decided upon by a Haringey committee.

Mr Petchey's report had still not been received, so no further update could be provided.

RESOLVED-

THAT the report be noted.

9. STRATEGY UPDATE

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Procurement.

The Director of Procurement informed that meeting that the report provided an update on policy and strategy issues that were relevant to the Authority's operations and its current procurement exercise.

Following questions from Members, the Director of Procurement advised the meeting, that officers from the Authority had met with colleagues at the London Borough of Barnet and had agreed to continue discussion regarding the response to the Haringey consultation on its draft Development Management Policies. He would circulate a copy of the draft response to Haringey's consultation on a draft set of Development Management Policies to all Members of the Authority.

RESOLVED-

1. THAT approval be given to the draft Authority response to the consultation on the Draft Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) Regulations attached at Appendix 1.
2. THAT authority be delegated to the Director of Procurement to respond to LB Haringey's Draft Development Management Policies Consultation in accordance with section 4 of the report, and in consultation with Members of the Planning Sub-Group.
3. THAT the other updates on Waste Strategy matters be noted.

ACTION BY – Director of Procurement

10. FORWARD PLAN

Consideration was given to the report of the Managing Director.

RESOLVED –

THAT the report be noted.

11. 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 16th April 2013 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 are 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.

12. PRIVATE MINUTES

RESOLVED –

THAT the private Minutes of the meeting held on 12th February 2013 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

13. GOVERNANCE OF LONDONWASTE LTD

Consideration was given to the report of the Managing Director.

RESOLVED –

THAT the recommendations contained in the report be agreed.

14. PROCUREMENT UPDATE

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Procurement.

RESOLVED –

THAT the recommendations contained within the report be agreed.

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

The Chair of the Authority agreed to accept the report relating to a Councillor's absence as being late and urgent for the reasons set out in paragraph 2 of the report.

Consideration was given to the report of the Managing Director.

The Managing Director informed the meeting that the report sought authority to an extension of Councillor absence for Councillor Daniel Thomas, in relation to the six month non-attendance requirement of the NLWA Constitution.

RESOLVED-

THAT approval be given by the North London Waste Authority, to Councillor Daniel Thomas non-disqualification due to non-attendance at Authority meetings for a period of 6 consecutive months, for the reasons as outlined in paragraph 1.3 of the report.

The meeting ended at 10.30 am

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