

## **THE NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY**

At an extraordinary meeting of the **NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY** held on **TUESDAY 5 AUGUST 2008** at 1.00pm in Committee Room 2, Camden Town Hall, Judd Street, London, WC1H 9JE

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Councillor Robert Belam - London Borough of Waltham Forest  
Councillor Jamie Carswell – London Borough of Hackney  
Councillor Andrew Cornwell – London Borough of Islington  
Councillor Greg Foxsmith – London Borough of Islington  
Councillor Andrew Harper – London Borough of Barnet  
Councillor Ertan Hurer – London Borough of Enfield  
Councillor Alan Laing – London Borough of Hackney  
Councillor Michael Lavender – London Borough of Enfield (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor Clyde Loakes – London Borough of Waltham Forest (Chair)  
Councillor Keith Moffitt – London Borough of Camden (Vice-Chair)

**The minutes should be read in conjunction with the agenda for the meeting.**

### **1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were reported from Councillor Mike Freer, Councillor Mike Green, Councillor Brian Haley and Councillor George Meehan.

### **2. DEPUTATIONS**

There were no deputations.

### **3. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

### **4. DECLARATIONS BY MEMBERS OF PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA**

Councillor Laing declared a personal non prejudicial interest that he was a Member of the North London Waste Plan Planning Members' Group.

Councillor Belam declared a personal non prejudicial interest that he was an Observer on the North London Waste Plan Planning Members' Group.

Councillor Loakes declared a personal non prejudicial interest that he was a Member of the London Waste and Recycling Board.

## **5. TIMETABLE TO OUTLINE BUSINESS CASE SUBMISSION**

Members considered a report of the Director of Procurement.

The Authority were updated on the timetable including on the dates of constituent Borough Cabinet meetings where the affordability assessments were due to be agreed. It was noted that many of these were after the next scheduled meeting of this Authority on 26 September, where the final draft Business Case was due to be considered. The Authority noted the deadline for submission of the Outline Business Case to Government at the end of October and the need to keep to this timetable but emphasised the importance for relevant issues to be given as thorough consideration by the constituent Boroughs as possible before its submission. With this in mind it was agreed to move the next scheduled meeting to October. It was noted however, that the Authority's audited accounts needed to be formally approved by the end of September and to this end a separate meeting may have to take place for this item on the originally scheduled date. The Deputy Clerk and Legal Adviser would consider what means were available for this latter decision to be taken.

Under this item, Members asked about the possibility of circulating papers electronically as they were concerned about the time available for reading reports following the receipt of the papers by post. The Director of Procurement explained concerns about lack of security of email systems in relation to the circulation of highly sensitive material. The Acting Clerk reported that the Clerk would be submitting a report to the next meeting on options for the electronic distribution of agendas.

**ACTION BY: Clerk/Deputy Clerk/Head of Legal Services**

### **RESOLVED –**

- i) that the report be noted;
- ii) that the ordinary meeting of the Authority scheduled for September be rescheduled if possible to mid October, to allow the outcome of consideration by constituent authorities of issues related to the Outline Business Case, to be taken into account;
- iii) that the Deputy Clerk and Legal Adviser consider the options for securing approval of the Authority's audited 2007/08 Accounts, which was required before 30 September 2008

**ACTION BY: Deputy Clerk/Head of Legal Services**

## **6. 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 5 August 2008 during consideration of Item 7 on part 2 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:

Publicity in respect of Item 7 would be likely to lead to disclosure of information relating to 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 disclosure of the information was likely to prejudice the commercial interests of the Authority and organisations engaged in commercial activities as the information relates to commercial activities that are conducted in a competitive environment.

## **7. WASTE SERVICES PROCUREMENT: DRAFT OUTLINE BUSINESS CASE**

Members considered a report of the Director of Procurement and received a presentation on the key issues, options available, recommendations and reasons for each recommendation. The Authority discussed each issue and agreed further actions.

**The full minute of this item is considered to contain exempt information within the meaning of Category 3 of Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), '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 Council's conduct of a commercial operation OR because the disclosure of the information is likely to prejudice the commercial interests of the Council and organisations engaged in commercial activities as the information relates to commercial activities that are conducted in a competitive environment.**

**The Proper Officer has considered all the circumstances of the report and is of the view that on balance the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.**

## **8. CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting ended at 3.00pm

Chair

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**END OF PART I MINUTES**